Site of 2006 meeting changed.

Despite hopes that the SHA would be able to meet in New Orleans in 2006, the site of the annual convention has been changed to Birmingham. The meeting will take place at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel November 15-18. For more information see the Web site.

http://www.uga.edu/~sha/meeting/meeting_dates.htm

50th Anniversary Celebration
The fiftieth anniversary celebration was a great success. Some photographs taken by June Burton and Stephen Carls will be posted on the Web site (http://www.utm.edu/staff/accarls/ehs/) soon.

European History in 50 Years: Gerhard Weinberg’s Luncheon Address at the 50th Anniversary

At last year’s luncheon meeting professor Tooley asked me to speculate on the developments in the study of European history over the next 50 years, and explained that this was to be done in ten minutes. Historians predict the past, not the future, but I promised Hunt to try since you, not I will be around to see whether any of these predictions turns out to be correct. Furthermore, the implications of these changes, if they indeed occur, for the European Section of the Southern are even more difficult to imagine, so I will barely engage in that possible speculation.

It seems to me likely that the decline in British, French, and Russian history enrollments of recent years is likely to continue with obvious implications for hiring by colleges and universities. Because of the drastic reduction of US forces in Germany, the swelling of enrollments in German history by those who had spent part of their lives in the Federal Republic when a father or mother was stationed there during the Cold War, is in the process of being reversed.

On the other hand, there is likely to be an increasing interest in issues relating to European unification, whether or not it moves forward. The work pioneered by such individuals from this organization like the late Carl Pegg that looks at the advances, setbacks, and problems of European institutions, the Common Market, the European Union, etc. will be of continuing and growing interest. This trend is likely to affect employment opportunities and hence concerns of the European Section.

The study of European history in the future is almost certainly going to be influenced by two demographic trends. As all of you know, demography is a subordinate branch of astrology.
There are, however, two demographic rules that can be accepted as true, and these will influence the way European history is studied in the years to come. Rule one: Children who are not born are not going to have children themselves. Since Europeans are having fewer and fewer children, they have to import more and more workers along with their families from elsewhere. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the populations of cities in Europe were primarily replenished from the countryside. That is no longer possible, so the new recruits come from the outside. Since a high proportion of them are Muslims, the countries of Europe, beginning with France, are likely to become ever more Islamic in their orientation. This will bring a shift of European history studies toward an increasing focus on the earlier as well as the current inter-action of Europeans with the Muslim world. This trend will surely have implications for the job market and with that, attendance at the European History Section.

Rule 2: Children once born are pretty certain to grow a year older at twelve month intervals. What has this to do with the study of European history? It means that the increasing proportion of young people in the United States who are of Hispanic origin will very likely lead to an increase in interest in and study of Spain, its history, and its expansion into the Western Hemisphere. The history of Spain, once a relatively small portion of the course offerings in American colleges and universities, is rather likely headed for an upswing with further implications for the job market and for the European Section.

One further comment. The growing role of China, India, and the Middle East in world affairs and in the concerns of Americans seems to me almost certain to have one additional impact on the role of European history in colleges and universities, even if an indirect one. With the very probable addition of faculty positions in these areas of study, the proportion of department members whose concentration is one or another six week period of United States history is likely to shrink somewhat over time. In other words, the role of Europeanists in history departments will be within a proportionately larger contingent of non-Americanists than has hitherto generally been the case. It may well be that such a development could lead to a restructuring of the European Section so that in addition to the Latin American portion of the Southern there will be either an extension of the European Section to include other portions of the globe or a still further diversification of the SHA’s program and structure.

The changes likely to take place will call for responses from the Section on the personal all well as organizational side. The membership is likely to have more diverse interests, and it may be more difficult to develop programs for the annual meeting that appeal to a substantial number of members. On the other hand, the use of email and of conference calls is making communication between meetings a lot easier than it was fifty years ago, and that should help to offset any new problems associated with the changes just mentioned.

I will not be around to see these things happen, but many of you will, and I wish you the very best of luck in the process.
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of European History Section
Executive Committee, Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., in
the Boardroom of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Present were Maura Hametz, Don McKale, Wayne Bowen, Hunt Tooley, David Redles,
David Hendon, Georgia Mann, Joanne Rao Sanchez, Nancy Rupprecht, Johnpeter Horst Grill,
and Alice-Catherine Carls. Excused were Sonja Hedgepeth and Curtis Morgan. Absent was
Susan Carrafiello.

The meeting opened promptly with reports by Section officers. Vice Chair Georgia Mann
announced the reception and distributed flyers. She submitted her slate of nominees for 2006,
saying that she had brought a lot of “new blood.” The nominees were Dr. Alfred Mierzejewski of
the University of North Texas, Program Committee; Dr. Jennifer Wynot of Denver Metropolitan,
Membership Committee; Dr. Joel Dark of Tennessee State University, Nominating Committee;
Dr. Richard Byers of North Georgia College and State University, Simpson and Smith Awards
Committee; and Dr. David Longfellow of Baylor University, Snell Prize Committee. Motion was
made and seconded to approve the slate of nominees. The motion carried unanimously.

Officers’ Reports

Secretary-Treasurer Alice-Catherine Carls presented her Secretary’s report. She recommended
that membership be given greater attention this year, especially in terms of retention of Kele
members and graduate student members. Discussion followed and it was suggested to ask long-
time members such as Gerhard Weinberg to write a few words to be included in the membership
renewal letter and also to send the program chair membership dues forms. Motion was made by
Nancy Rupprecht and seconded by Johnpeter Horst Grill to approve the report. The motion
carried unanimously. Alice-Catherine Carls presented her Treasurer’s report. She stated that the
Section’s assets have been diminishing by appr. $ 1,000 per year and expressed her concern as
well as her caution for fiscal conservatism. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report.
The motion carried unanimously

Newsletter Managing Editor David Hendon reported proudly that the Newsletter is not the cause
of the deficit. 90 printed copies are produced twice a year at a cost of under $ 100. Motion was
made and seconded to approve the report. The motion carried unanimously

Section Chair Hunt Tooley thanked the Section officers who were present for their work.
During the past year, he wrote to the book publishers who exhibit at the conference to increase
the number of European history books. Publishers are cutting down on their conference budgets.
Discussion followed. Since there are many Europeanists, including British historians, who attend
the conference, Joanne Rao Sanchez suggested that John Inscoe approach the publishers. The
Section could easily have access to the SHA’s publishers list. She stated that Gerhard Weinberg
had recommended that we attend the SHA presidential address and reception to “show the flag.”
Alice-Catherine Carls shared Don Burns’s suggestion from last year, to have the EHS reception
at the time of the SHA reception. Alice-Catherine Carls suggested that to cut down on the cost of
the reception we meet at someone’s house who lives in the city where the convention is held.
Maura Hametz suggested approaching a Consulate or a museum. For next year we will approach
the D-Day museum in New Orleans. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Chair’s report. The motion carried unanimously.

SHA Executive Council Representative Don McKale confirmed that the 2006 Annual Meeting still plans to hold its conference in New Orleans, at the Fairmont. The Council was quite complimentary of the Section; they liked this year’s and next year’s programs with their comparative sessions. The Executive Council suggested that the Section encourage participants in comparative panels to send their papers to JSH editor John Boles for publication. SHA Secretary Treasurer John Inscoe highlighted our membership increase. He expressed words of appreciation for the work of the Section and its good relationship with SHA. Don McKale thought that it is a good idea for us to try to engage as many US historians into the Section as we can (this was both Gerhard’s and Hunt’s suggestion). We need a strategy to win over the US historians within SHA who are not very happy with EHS taking sessions away from them. Don McKale then discussed the 50th anniversary sessions. He reported that John Boles was complimentary of David Hendon for sending the prize winners regularly for publicizing in JSH. Discussion followed. 95% of JSH submissions are made now through their website. Johnpeter Horst Grill expressed his concern about logistical problems. Maura Hametz thought that electronic submissions would be a way to engage graduate students from the north to submit papers. Indeed Europeanists’ jobs are in the South. Alice-Catherine Carls will look into that. Maura Hametz will send her the “Call for Papers”. The motion carried unanimously.

The Kraehe Distinguished Service Award was discussed. Hunt Tooley reported that he has put together the tribute to Joel Colton. He then called for a name to be put into nomination. Two names were put into nomination.

Standing Committee Chairs Reports

With the absence of Nominating Committee chair Susan Carrafiello, and the lack of her report, the Executive Committee moved to nominate Nancy Rupprecht to the position of Section Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect as default candidate if attempts to reach Susan Carrafiello were unsuccessful and/or if Susan had not been able to secure a name. Hunt Tooley said that he would keep trying to contact her. Wayne Bowen moved, Maura Hametz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Membership Committee Chair Amanda Wood Aucoin reported that her major focus had been on the Max Kele Award. She sent 100 e-mail letters, and we had 50 graduate students nominated. We also had 18 new (professor) members. Discussion followed. We need a database of names at institutions. There exists a list of departments created by Joel Dark and used by Maura Hametz. We need to recruit heavily in the local area of the conference. Another strategy was to seek medieval and ancient historians, because the Section has an overabundance of modern historians. Motion was made and seconded to approve Amanda Aucoin’s report. The motion carried unanimously.
In the absence of Snell Prize Committee Chair Sonja M. Hedgepeth, Committee member Wayne Bowen read her report. There were seven entries. The committee’s unanimous decision was easy to reach. The winner was Wendell Allen Hunnicutt of the University of Texas at Arlington with his graduate seminar paper, nominated by Dr. Elisabeth Cawthon, and entitled, “Visual and Verbal Depictions of Punishment in Tudor and Stuart London.” Motion was made and seconded to approve Sonja Hedgepeth’s report. The motion carried unanimously.

Simpson and Smith Prizes Committee Chair David Redles reported that the Committee last year encouraged electronic submissions for the Amos E. Simpson Award. Forty papers were presented at the annual meetings in 2004 and 2005. The Committee received fourteen submissions, of which one withdrew because the author was serving on the Prize Committee. Dr. Gesine Gerhard, Assistant Professor of History at the University of the Pacific, won with her paper entitled “Food – Nature – War: The Inner History of Nazi Agricultural Politics.” Motion was made and seconded to approve David Redles’s report. The motion carried unanimously.

Program Committee Chair Johnpeter Horst Grill (2006 – New Orleans) reported on the 2006 program’s 4 comparative sessions (2 about the South and 2 about the US in general). This year the submissions were late, but it appears that the SHA had the same problem. He suggested an earlier start in calling for papers. The SHA approved the program unanimously. Discussion followed. Maura Hametz talked about her plans to get an early start. Johnpeter will send Alice-Catherine Carls the final 2006 program for publication on the web. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

The Executive Committee heard Joanne Rao Sanchez’s proposal for the creation of two new awards. This had been discussed in 2004. Joanne proposed to create a Parker-Schmitt Award given in even years for the best Ph.D. dissertation in European history, and a Baker-Burton Award given in odd years for the best first book in European history. Each award would carry a certificate and a cash value of $150, with non-EHS members eligible to compete.

Georgia Mann moved to approve the creation of the Baker-Burton Award to be given in odd years for the best first book in European history by a member of the Section or a faculty member of a Southern college, or university or published by a Southern press. “European” is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present. “Southern” is defined as including the states of the Confederacy plus Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Nancy Rupprecht seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Joanne Rao Sanchez moved to approve the creation of the Parker-Schmitt Award to be given in even years for the best Ph.D. Dissertation in European history by a member of the Section or a graduate student or a faculty member of a Southern college or university. “European” is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present. “Southern” is defined as including the states of the Confederacy plus Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Georgia Mann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
Motion was made by Joanne Rao Sanchez to create the Baker-Burton-Smith Award Committee. The motion was seconded by Johnpeter Horst Grill and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Joanne Rao Sanchez to create the Parker-Schmitt-Simpson Award Committee. The motion was seconded by Nancy Rupprecht and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nancy Rupprecht to lower the value of the Snell Prize to $150 and to make the Simpson, Smith, Baker-Burton, and Parker-Schmitt, each carry a cash value of $150. The motion was seconded by Johnpeter Horst Grill and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nancy Rupprecht to charge the Section Vice Chair to nominate members of the new committee starting in 2006. The motion was seconded by David Redles and carried unanimously.

New Business

Nancy Rupprecht moved to rescind the 2003 decision to pay the SHA’s $5.00 conference registration fees for graduate students as suggested by Alice-Catherine Carls in her e-mails to members of the Executive Committee. Joanne Rao Sanchez seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Details of the reception and business luncheon were discussed. Georgia Mann stated that she would decorate the reception room with flowers, ribbons, and the large anniversary banner that she had made. The tables would also be decorated with bowls filled with anniversary, “EHS”-monogrammed M&Ms. Alice-Catherine Carls displayed a sample “gift bag” to be given at the luncheon, filled with a copy of June Burton’s History of the Section, an anniversary dues reminder form, a luncheon program, a book mark, an anniversary pin marked “European History Section SHA 1955-2005” and a pen donated by the Women’s Studies Program at MTSU.

Alice-Catherine Carls suggested creating the position of Section Historian as a Life position with the duties to canvass each year’s committee chairs for the documentation pertinent to their work, in order to update the Section’s history; and to send at appropriate intervals all archival documents to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also suggested naming June Burton the first Section Historian. Amanda Wood Aucoin moved to create the position. Nancy Rupprecht seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Amanda Wood Aucoin moved to name June Burton the first Section Historian. Nancy Rupprecht seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn, and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice-Catherine Carls
13 November 2005
The European History Section’s 50th anniversary luncheon opened on Friday, November 4, 2005 at noon in the Atlanta A room of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, GA. Approximately 82 guests were in attendance. After the guests were seated, gift bags prepared by Alice-Catherine Carls were distributed to the guests.

Section Chair Hunt Tooley opened the meeting by calling on the Kele Members, graduate students, and pre-1970 members to stand up to be recognized. He recognized the following guests: SHA Immediate Past President President Charles Joyner, SHA President Pete Daniel, SCBS President Charles Perry, and Phi Alpha Theta Executive Director Jack Tunstall. He then gave the podium to SHA Secretary-Treasurer John Inscoe who brought greetings from the SHA.

Next came the reports by Section officers Alice-Catherine Carls (Secretary-Treasurer) and David Hendon (Newsletter Editor). In the absence of Nominating Committee Chair Susan Carrafiello, Hunt Tooley announced the nomination of Nancy Rupprecht as Vice-Chair. She was elected unanimously. After recognizing the 2004 Section officers, Hunt Tooley moved to approve the slate of 2006 Section officers nominated by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. SHA Executive Council Representative Don McKale also gave a brief and uplifting report about the Section’s relationship with its parent organization.

Hunt Tooley moved to approve the creation of the Baker-Burton Award to be given in odd years for the best first book in European history by a member of the Section or a graduate student or a faculty member of a Southern college or university and the creation of the Parker-Schmitt Award to be given in even years for the best Ph.D. Dissertation in European history by a member of the Section or a faculty member of a Southern college or university or published by a Southern press. He further moved to approve the creation of the Baker-Burton-Smith Award Committee and the Parker-Schmitt-Simpson Award Committee. [Inadvertently omitted from the announcements was the Executive Committee decision to create the position of Section Historian and to nominate June Burton to that position]. The motion on the floor was seconded by Karl Roider and passed unanimously. Hunt Tooley then called on June Burton to come forward and be recognized for her researching and writing the history of the Section. June Burton was presented with a monogrammed clock.

The Amos Simpson Award for best conference paper was presented by David Redles. The 2005 Committee consisted of Dr. Sara Sohmer, Texas Christian University, Dr. Eric Kurlander, Stetson University, and Dr. David Redles of Cuyahoga Community College, who chaired the committee. Thirteen papers were submitted and judged by the committee. The award was
presented to Dr. Gesine Gerhard, Assistant Professor of History at the University of the Pacific, for her paper entitled “Food—Nature—War: The Inner History of Nazi Agricultural Politics.”

The John L. Snell Memorial Prize for best graduate seminar paper was presented by Hunt Tooley who filled in for Wayne Bowen who had been called away temporarily to interview a candidate at his institution. The committee, comprised of Wayne Bowen, Ouachita Baptist University, Frank Buscher, Christian Brothers University, and Committee Chair Sonja Hedgepeth, Middle Tennessee State University, carefully read and discussed the seven paper submissions. The selection for the best paper was unanimous and the winner was Wendell Allen (Alex) Hunnicutt (UTexas-Arlington) for his paper, “Visual and Verbal Depictions of Punishment in Tudor and Stuart London.” Dr. Elisabeth Cawthon accepted on his behalf.

A highlight of the meeting was Hunt Tooley’s presentation of the Enno E. Kraehe Distinguished Service Award for outstanding lifetime service to the European History Section to Duke University Professor Emeritus Joel Colton who received a standing ovation. Enno E. Kraehe was present and had his picture taken with Joel Colton and Hunt Tooley after Joel Colton shared his remarks.

The Mathews-Weinberg Address was dedicated to remembering and honoring the two scholars for whom the Address is named. After opening remarks by Section Chair Hunt Tooley, Martha Keber remembered John Mathews and Nancy Rupprecht and Johnpeter Horst Grill honored Gerhard Weinberg, concluding their presentation with a most funny “roast” of Weinberg, which was illustrated with photographs of her husband obtained by Janet Weinberg. The honoree then came to the podium to share his brief but poignant remarks about the future direction of the European History Section.

After Gerhard Weinberg received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his presentation, Hunt Tooley introduced 2006 Section Chair Georgia Mann who presented concluding remarks and dismissed the audience. The Luncheon concluded at 2:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice-Catherine Carls
November 13, 2005
Hans A. Schmitt (1921-2006)

Professor Hans A. Schmitt, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Virginia, died after a brief illness on February 15, 2006. He was 84. Professor Schmitt was associated with the European History Section of the SHA from its inception and served it in many capacities.

Hans Schmitt was born just after World War I in Frankfurt am Main and raised in Frankfurt and Berlin. His father, a chemical engineer, was Gentile, his mother Jewish. When his father died shortly after Hitler came to power, Elisabeth Schmitt moved the family to the Netherlands, where Hans attended a Quaker school. He was sent to England and then America, where he started college at Washington and Lee in the late thirties. After graduation, he began graduate study in History at the University of Chicago, where he studied with Louis Gottschalk, Samuel William Halperin, and Hans Rothfels. After receiving his AM at Chicago in 1943, he gained American citizenship, joined the army, and served in Europe in army intelligence. He continued his studies after the war at Chicago, earning his Ph.D. in 1953. He had meanwhile married Florence Arlene Brandow, with whom he would be married for sixty-one years.

Schmitt’s first academic job was at the University of Oklahoma, where the transplanted European began a teaching career which would span more than forty years. With interruptions for research years in Europe, as well as a stint as cultural attaché in the American Embassy in Luxembourg, Hans Schmitt went on to teach at Tulane, New York University, and (from the early seventies) at the University of Virginia until his retirement in 1991.

Schmitt authored six books and edited three substantial collections. His first book, The Path to European Union: From the Marshall Plan to the Common Market, won the George Louis Beer Prize from the American Historical Association. Among Schmitt’s books was a memoir of his unusual early life: Lucky Victim: An Ordinary Life in Extraordinary Times. His last book, Quakers and Nazis: Inner Light in Outer Darkness (1997) is still in print, as is a short overview, European Union: From Hitler to de Gaulle (1969). Hans was working on a monograph on German constitutional history when he died. He wrote dozens of articles and reviews in historical journals and literary reviews.
Hans viewed Europe as an entity, and his works on European Union, German constitutional history, French intellectual history, and the political history of the democratic movement all emphasized in some way his insistence that Europe was connected, from one end to the other. This fundamental insight informed his teaching, as did his own experiences as a refugee from Nazi Germany. Two of his books--his memoir, *Lucky Victim*, and his book on the Quakers and Nazis--reflected his own experience, and his class lectures were often enlivened with episodes from his fascinating experiences as a child in Hitler’s Germany, as an American soldier interrogating Luftwaffe officers, and more.

A devoted and penetrating undergraduate teacher, Schmitt constantly integrated new information from recent articles and from little known primary sources right into his courses. His insights into modern history, delivered with verve and precision, were legendary. As a graduate mentor and dissertation director, Schmitt was a strong and guiding presence. He was extremely concerned to help his students choose dissertation topics that were both doable and productive of further research questions. The breadth of his own interests was enormous, a real rarity in an age of increasing specialization in historical studies. His breadth also applied to his students: in addition to training them broadly, he helped his graduate students find important topics that also corresponded to their interests. The list of resulting dissertations displays wide variations in field, period, and approach: from the French Revolution to Italy after World War II. One of Schmitt’s doctoral students commented in the days after his death: “He was brilliant, demanding, wise, and always generous with his time. He was the embodiment of the historian as teacher/scholar.”

Hans Schmitt was involved in the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association from its inception to its fiftieth anniversary meeting in Atlanta in November 2005. Since he was unable to attend the meeting last fall, he sent his paper in which he, one of the founders of the Section, commented on another founder in a paper entitled “Remembering a European History Section Founding Father: John Snell.” In the interval separating the Section’s first meeting and Hans Schmitt’s last meeting, a period of fifty years, Hans served as chair of the Committee on Publications, as Section Representative to the SHA Membership Committee, as member of the SHA Council, as Mathews Luncheon speaker, as Vice-Chair, and as Chair (1980-81). In 1990, the Section conferred on him the Enno Kraehe Distinguished Service Award. At the November 2005 meeting, in the midst of celebrations of the Section’s fiftieth anniversary, the EHS Executive Committee established a new prize named in part after Hans Schmitt.

Hans is survived by his wife, Florence, his daughter and two sons, and four grandchildren.

For a bibliography of Schmitt’s books and a partial bibliography of his articles, see the webpage devoted to this at:

[http://artemis.austincollege.edu/acad/history/htooley/SchmittBib.html](http://artemis.austincollege.edu/acad/history/htooley/SchmittBib.html)

T. Hunt Tooley
22 March 2006
Austin College
With the passing of Professor Gerard Silberstein in May 2005, the European History Section lost the support of a loyal member who in the mid-1980s had provided both the leadership as well as the élan for the revitalization of our organization. Most of us remember the European diplomatic historian from Lexington, Kentucky, as being a highly-cultured gentleman, a charming comrade bubbling over with *joi de vivre*, a very elegant speaker and a perfectionist. His biography illustrates the history of his time.

“Jerry,” as he was known to his friends, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Although his working-class parents (who actually were cousins) were American-born, his Jewish grandparents had immigrated from Austria-Hungary. Jerry’s blonde and green-eyed mother was a wonderful seamstress who as a young teenager worked in the New York garment industry making collars, and even earned the distinction of being the union shop steward for the collar makers. At the age of seventeen she entered an arranged marriage with his father, a more worldly Pennsylvanian, but still a self-educated man. The tightly-knit, inter-generational, business-oriented Silberstein family struggled through the depressions of the 1920s (in small banking with East European currencies) and early 1920s (in dry goods) in the Allentown, Pennsylvania, before finally, his dad found work in Cleveland, where Jerry was born. Soon thereafter, they returned East, and after the outbreak of World War II, his dad worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard while Jerry’s older sister Sylvia worked in an airplane factory. The Silbersteins remained in New York until seventeen-year-old Jerry graduated from high school in June 1944. Then the family followed Sylvia, who had already gone ahead to California to work in another airplane factory, making the family’s exciting exodus cross-country via Greyhound Bus. Arriving in California, that summer Jerry worked at two different jobs: vulcanizing fire hoses and welding “Liberty Ships.” Having turned eighteen, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, Infantry. He was still at Fort Meade when the war in Europe ended; consequently, he was retrained for warfare in the Pacific theatre; however, while he was en route, the war there also ended. He was reassigned to the medical core—and transferred to the 29th General Hospital in Korea where he worked as a lab technician.

After his military service ended, Jerry took advantage of the G.I. Bill. He returned to his family and entered University of California, Berkeley, which was crowded with G.I.s. He minored in speech and became a teaching assistant in that department. He also became a history major, a junior Phi Beta Kappa, and one of only three “Summa Cum Laude” graduates with in the “Class of 1951.” Harvard was his next destination, where he earned his M. A. in 1952. He went back to Berkeley again to continue course work toward the Ph.D., but eventually decided that he preferred the teaching style as well as the faculty at Harvard, after all. Hence, he returned to Cambridge definitively in 1955, and became the teaching assistant of the noted European diplomatic historian William L. Langer [editor of the paperback *The Rise of Modern Europe Series*, which we all read during our youth]. Jerry was not required to take any more classes at Harvard--just to prepare for his comprehensive exams and write his dissertation.
Jerry met his future wife, Dr. Ruth Grun, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1957, where with her new Harvard Ph.D. degree in hand; she was already working on revising her dissertation about William Howard, Lord Stafford (1612-1680) for publication in book form. Five years older than Jerry, the war had greatly altered her life-story, too. Originating from northeastern Pennsylvania, after graduating from Wellesley, she had gone to Washington, D.C. to work at the Department of Defense Map Service where she made target plan maps, including the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After the bombings, in September 1945, she left the Map Service and started training with the Red Cross and spent one year in Japan nursing. When her mother became ill, she had to return home and soon returned to the Map Service, but was laid off in order to cede her position to a returning veteran. This turn of events led her to work on campus and study for the M.A. in Tudor-Stuart English history at Bryn Mawr College near Philadelphia. She went on to teach briefly at the University of North Carolina’s Woman’s College at Greensboro [1953-57], Madison College (now James Madison University) [1957-61], and SUNY-Binghamton [1961-62]. Ruth and Jerry married in 1961; and their only child, Dr. Marian E. Silberstein, and her husband reside in Portland, Oregon.

Jerry finished the requirements for his Harvard Ph.D. degree in 1962 (conferred 1963) under the direction of William Langer and took a teaching job at SUNY, Cortland. In 1964, he moved to the University of Kentucky where he climbed the ladder from Assistant to full Professor in 1973, teaching European diplomatic and German history. He received the award of “Hallam Professor” in 1981, and was elected to the honorary society of Omicron Delta Kappa. He retired in 1991, as Professor Emeritus of History.

Jerry did substantial research abroad (a Fulbright to University of Vienna in 1958-59, and two sabbaticals: 1972 and 1979 to Paris and London, which eventually resulted in the publication of five articles in prestigious journals and one book--The Troubled Alliance: German-Austrian Relations, 1914-1917 (University of Kentucky Press, 1970). For this he was awarded the Best First Book of the Year National Award, 1970-71, by Phi Alpha Theta. In 1967-68, he had also won the Hallam Award for Best Article. Ever the perfectionist, from 1971 on, Silberstein worked on another manuscript about the pre-World War I Moroccan Crisis, but never completed it. He served on many committees, refereed manuscripts for the UK press, and wrote many reviews.

Jerry filled several slots in the European History Section. In 1975, he chaired the John L. Snell Prize Committee; in 1981-82, he chaired the Nominating Committee; in 1983, he prepared the European history program as official SHA “Vice-Chairman for European History Sessions”; in 1984-85, Jerry Chaired the EHS; and for three more years--1986-89, he fulfilled his commitment on the Executive Committee. Jerry also chaired a session at the 1973 SHA on the German SS. Nevertheless, his enduring contribution to the EHS was his idea to name the Snell Prize, create additional prizes, and spend more of our money--but in more constructive ways--to increase membership, the quality of the program, and the endowments, thereby getting more of the membership actively involved and enthused. At our 50th anniversary celebration in Atlanta in 2005, the current members of our executive committee carried forward the ideas about organization building once championed by Jerry Silberstein.

June K. Burton
Akron, OH
25 January 2006

NEWS

New Members

Lee Baker, University of Cincinnati
Donna Bohanan, Auburn University
Astrid Eckert, Emory University
Robert E. James, University of Tennessee at Martin (graduate student)
Jeffrey R. Hankins, Louisiana Tech University (also SCBS member)
W. Brown Patterson, University of the South (also SCBS member)
Graydon Tunstall, University of South Florida

New Life Member

Nupur Chaudhuri, Texas Southern University

Gifts

Philip Boucher, $10.00 toward student participation
Alice-Catherine Carls $7.00
J. Glenn Grayson, $8.00
Katharine Kennedy, $50.00 toward the 2005 EHS anniversary reception
Hans A. Schmitt, $100.00
Gerhard Weinberg, $65.00

Member News

Morena Carter, an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she earned the M.A. in History in 2005, the 2004 winner of the Snell Prize, and the recipient of a 2005 Kele Award, is currently Exhibition Associate at the Cleveland Museum of Art in Cleveland, Ohio.

Light T. Cummins of Austin College, has a forthcoming article in the Spanish review “Revista de la Historia de Espana.” His article is based on the paper which he presented at the Annual SHA Meeting in 2005, and which was entitled: “Power and Policy at the Spanish Court: Internal Factions and the Response to the American Revolution in Louisiana.”

Nathan Howard completed his Ph.D. in the Summer of 2005 at the University of Arkansas. His dissertation was entitled “Christianity, Patronage, and Accommodation: The Classicizing of the Episcopacy in 4th Century Cappadocia.” Dr. Howard is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Wake Forest University.


Robert D. James, graduate student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, won first place in the graduate category for his paper entitled “Of Memory and Mastery: Landmark, Language, and Law in the Reshaping of English Public Memory, 1660-1685.” He presented his paper at the regional meeting of the national History Honor Society at David Lipscomb University in Nashville on February 25, 2006.

Call for Papers – SHA 2007
If you would like to present a paper at the 2007 meeting, you will next to act early because the program will be set this fall, a year in advance. Contact Maura Hametz at Old Dominion University (mhametz@odu.edu).

The 2006 meeting of the Florida Conference of Historians will be held May 4-6 in Miami Beach at The Wolfsonian-Florida International University, a museum and research center devoted to modern material culture. The keynote address “The People Who Met Ponce de Leon--the Tequesta in Florida History” will be delivered by Ryan J. Wheeler, Florida’s State Archaeologist and Chief of the Bureau of Archaeological Research.

Following the conference, delivered papers may be submitted for possible publication in Volume 14 of the Selected Proceedings of the Florida Conference of Historians. Accepted contributions are eligible for the Thomas M. Campbell Award.

For more information on the Wolfsonian-FIU, consult the institution’s website at www.wolfsonian.org. Conference participants will stay at nearby hotels located in the heart of the world-famous South Beach Art Deco Historic Preservation District: the Blue Moon Hotel is an historic Mediterranean-style Boutique hotel, and the Essex House Hotel is an Art Deco Hotel which won the Barbara Baer Capitan Award for best historic preservation and restoration. The nightly price is $135.00. Call 1-800-553-7739 and mention the Florida Conference of Historians in order to receive this special conference rate. For more information see www.essexhotel.com and www.bluemoonhotel.com.

For further information contact:
Joseph F. Patrouch, President-Elect, Florida Conference of Historians, Department of History, Florida International University, University Park, Miami 33141 or email the same to patrouch@fiu.edu.

Registration deadline is April 4, 2006. The registration fees are: Full-time employed professionals: $100.00; Graduate students and adjuncts: $90.00; Undergraduate students: $80.00; Guests of registered attendees $40.00. Checks made payable to “Florida Conference of Historians” should be mailed to: Steven MacIsaac, Treasurer, FCH, Division of Social Sciences, Jacksonville University, 2800 University Boulevard N., Jacksonville, Florida 32211
FCH 06: Miami Beach
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The 2006 FCH Conference Registration Rates are as follows:
Registration before April 4, 2006
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Guests of registered attendees $ 40.00

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Full-time employed professionals $110.00
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Graduate Studies in History Directors Please Note:

The European History Section encourages you to select three of your best graduate students in European history, who will be recognized by the Section as 2006 Kele Award recipients. This award carries a free one-year membership in the Section. Membership benefits include the Spring and Fall issues of the European History Section Newsletter, a SHA program, free SHA annual meeting registration fees, the opportunity to present a paper on one of the European History Section panels at the annual SHA meeting, and professional visibility through the European History Section online directory.

Please fill the form below and return to the Secretary Treasurer, Alice-Catherine Carls, no later than May 11, 2006. To further familiarize your students with the European History Section activities, please encourage them to consult our web page at http://www/utm.edu/~accarls/ehs/.

After this one year free membership, graduate students will be invited to renew their student membership at $8.00 a year. Naturally, if there are other graduate students in your department who would like to join the Section in addition to the three you nominate, we invite them to do so at the $8.00 student membership rate. You may re-nominate students selected last year if you wish.

Max Kele Award

The award was created in 1996 following Max Kele’s offer to donate $80 on a matching basis for new graduate student memberships. The award was named in 1997 for Max Kele of Bradley University, a longtime and active member of the Section and a dedicated patron of the profession of history in the South. Professor Kele (1936-1996) earned the Ph.D. from Tulane University and taught at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Bradley University.

In 2001, Max Kele’s widow, Mrs. Myrna Gallagher, increased the gift amount to $100 annually. Eligible students include M.A. students, Ph.D. candidates, new Ph.Ds, and post-doctoral fellows from Southern colleges and universities. Each university may nominate up to three candidates. Nominations are sought from graduate studies directors through the Newsletter and by mail from the Secretary-Treasurer and/or the Membership Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer approves the nominations in the limits of available monies.

Initially, five nominations were sought. The award offers a one-year Section and affiliate membership to superior graduate students. As of 2003, a total of 131 Kele Awards had been granted.

John Snell Prize for the Best Seminar Paper in European History at a Southern Graduate School

This award is given annually to the graduate student with the best seminar research paper in European history. The Prize winner will be honored at the annual meeting of the Section in November 2006. The award carries a stipend of $250. The Snell Award winner also receives one free year of student membership in the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association.
Rules are as follows:

1. Only resident graduate students in Southern universities and colleges are eligible to compete. (For the purposes of this competition, "Southern" will be defined as extending from Maryland to Texas)

2. Only papers written during the academic year immediately preceding the granting of the award, including summer 2005, are acceptable. The supervising faculty member or adviser who must also endorse the submission must attest this fact.

3. The competition is open only to seminar papers, the length of which shall not exceed 50 pages (endnotes and bibliography do not count toward this limit). Seminar papers may be related to prospective theses or dissertations.

4. Contestants must submit three copies of their papers, sending one copy to each member of the committee. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, and include a bibliography and the customary documentation. If contestants wish to have copies returned, they must include stamped, self-addressed envelopes. A letter of endorsement from the supervising faculty member or adviser must accompany the submission.

5. The deadline for receipt of the submission is **July 15, 2006**.

One copy should be sent to each of the following three judges:

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410 Ouachita Street  
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312 Angelus Street  
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Charles E. Smith Award for 2006
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The Charles E. Smith Award is granted in even years for the best book in European history authored by a member of the Section or a faculty member of a Southern college or university.* “Southern” includes the states of the Confederacy plus Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, and Oklahoma. All books on European history
(encompassing the entire continent including Russia, as well as Ireland and the United Kingdom, from pre-history to the present) are eligible. Besides the distinction, the winner is given a plaque and a stipend of $100. All books published between August 1, 2004 and July 31, 2006 are eligible for consideration. Submissions may be made by individuals or presses. To enter, copies should be sent directly to each of the three members of the 2006 Reading Committee. The absolute deadline for entries is 1 August, but earlier submissions will be much appreciated.

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Dues Renewal

If you are receiving this Newsletter, you are either a member in good standing, a Life Member who has not renewed his/her affiliate dues in a while, or a delinquent member. If you are a member in good standing, please disregard this message. If you have not yet renewed your affiliate membership, we would like to encourage you to do so by filling the form below and returning it to the Secretary Treasurer, Alice-Catherine Carls. The deadline for 2006 renewal is May 11, 2006.

The Section offers many benefits to its members including registration discounts, opportunity to present papers at the annual SHA meetings, visibility through our online directory, and a dynamic, friendly, and supportive environment for European historians throughout all the stages of their career. The Section recently added two new prizes, and celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Section played a critical role after World War II in shaping and developing the teaching of European history at Southern universities and schools. Today its reach extends well beyond the South. We hope that you will help us continue its work in the new millennium.

For more information about the section please visit our web site at http://www.utm.edu/staff/accarls/ehs

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