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HISTORY NEWS

Annual Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Orlando, May 9-11, 1991. The Florida Historical Confederation will also hold its workshops at that same time. The theme for the 1991 annual meeting will be "Florida Culture." The program committee invites proposals for papers and sessions. Those wishing to read a paper should submit an outline and a resume to Dr. Robert E. Snyder (American Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620), chairman of the program committee. Other members of the committee are Bailey Thompson (*Orlando Sentinel*, 633 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801), and Dr. Thomas Greenhaw (Department of History, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816). Sara Van Arsdel of the Orange County Historical Society is the chairperson for local arrangements, and her organization will serve as host for the convention.

Tri-State Historical Societies Meeting

The Florida Historical Society will be hosts for a Tri-State Historical Societies meeting in St. Augustine, October 4-6, 1990. Also participating will be the Alabama Historical Association, the Georgia Historical Society, and the *Gulf Coast Historical Review*. The theme is "Palmetto Country: A Regional Heritage." Among those presenting papers and serving as chairs for the sessions are Harvey H. Jackson, Jacksonville State University; Raymond O. Arsenault, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg; and George E. Pozzetta, University of Florida. The Ponce de Leon Resort and Convention Center is the conference hotel. For information or registration, write Dr. Nick Wynne, Florida Historical Society, Library, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

Prizes and Awards

The Florida Historical Society's Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize in Florida History was awarded to George Klos, a Ph.D. student at the University of Texas at Austin, for his article, "Blacks and the Seminole Removal Debate, 1821-1835," that appeared in the July 1989 issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The judges were Dr. Robert Ingalls, Department of History, University of South Florida, Tampa; Dr. Jane Landers, Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville; and Dr. Patricia Griffin, St. Augustine. The prize is a memorial to Professor Thompson, Florida and southern historian, who was a member of the history faculty, University of Florida. His family established the endowment that supports the annual award.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award went to Dr. James W. Button, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, for his book, *Blacks and Social Change: Impact of the Civil Rights Movement in Southern Communities*, that was published by Princeton University Press. The judges for 1989 were Dr. Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Department of History, University of Florida; Dr. Joe M. Richardson, Department of History, Florida State University; and Dr. George F. Pearce, Department of History, University of West Florida. Dr. Patrick was secretary of the Florida Historical Society and editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. He was a noted Florida and southern historian and served as president of the Southern Historical Association.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award was presented to Dr. Raymond O. Arsenault, Department of History, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, for his book, *St. Petersburg and the Florida Dream, 1885-1950*. Dr. Arsenault's volume was published by Donning Company. The judges for the Tebeau Book Award were Kyle VanLandingham, Savannah, GA; Rodney E. Dillon, Broward County Historical Commission, Fort Lauderdale; and Dr. Robert L. Gold, St. Augustine. Dr. Tebeau is professor emeritus of history, University of Miami, author of *A History of Florida*, and editor of *Tequesta*.

The Florida Historical Society also recognizes outstanding essays in Florida history submitted by graduate and undergraduate students. The LeRoy Collins Prize named for the

former governor of Florida, went to Canter Brown, Jr., a graduate student at the University of Florida, for his paper, "The Life and Times of Robert Meacham." Mr. Brown's essay is published in this issue of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. His book, *The River of Peace: The Nineteenth Century*, is being published by the University of Central Florida Press. The winner of the Caroline Mays Brevard Prize was Lawrence Cottrell, an undergraduate student at the University of South Florida, for his paper, "Development of the Roebing 'Alligator.'" Mrs. Brevard was a Florida historian and the author of the two-volume *A History of Florida*.

The Pensacola Historical Society awarded its 1989 Heritage Award to Colonel James McHenry Jones in recognition of his leadership role in organizing the 1959 Quadricentennial Celebration in Pensacola and his many other activities in the Society and in the community. Colonel Jones is a Pensacola attorney. His grandfather, Colonel Thomas Jones, was the commanding officer in charge of the Confederate troops' retreat from Pensacola in May 1862.

The Georgia Historical Society presented the E. Merton Coulter Award to Dr. Theda Perdue, University of Kentucky, for her article, "The Conflict Within: The Cherokee Power Structure and Removal," that appeared in the fall 1989 issue of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. The William Bacon Steven's Award was given to Caroline Ziemke, now at the Institute for Defense Analysis, for her article, "Senator Richard B. Russell and the Single 'Lost Cause' in Vietnam, 1954-1968." The Steven's Award is for the best article by a graduate student published over a two-year period in the *Quarterly*. When Dr. Ziemke's article appeared, she was a Ph.D. candidate in history at Ohio State University.

Gulf Coast Historical Review

The Gulf Coast Historical Review focuses on the history of the coastal region from the Florida Panhandle to Louisiana. It is sponsored by the Department of History, University of South Alabama in Mobile, and is published twice a year. In addition to articles on subjects from colonial times to the twentieth century, the *Review* also publishes book reviews, articles on historical

landmarks in the region, descriptions of archival resources, and examples of documents available for scholarly research. The annual subscription (two issues) is \$14; a two-year subscription (four issues) is \$25. To subscribe, write to *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*, Department of History, Humanities Building 344, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688.

Announcements and Activities

The Southern Association for Women Historians announces a new round of competition for the Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize in Southern Women's History. The \$500 prize is awarded every two years for the best published book in southern women's history. Authors, publishers, and third-parties may submit entries. To be eligible, the work must be written in English, but the competition is not restricted to books published in the United States. The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize will include works published between January 1, 1989, and December 31, 1990. One copy of each entry must be sent to each of the committee members no later than March 1, 1991: Martha Swain, Department of History and Government, Texas Women's University, Denton, TX 76204; Catherine Clinton, 12 Hancock Street, Winchester, MA 01890; and Wayne Flynt, Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849. All entries must be marked "Spruill Prize Entry." The winners of the 1989 prize were Elizabeth Fox-Genovese for her *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South*, and David Garrow (ed.) and JoAnn Gibson Robinson for *The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Woman Who Started It: JoAnn Gibson Robinson*.

The Southern Association for Women is also announcing a new round of competition for the Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize in Southern History. This prize is also awarded every two years for the best book in southern history authored by a woman. The prize is \$750. Authors, publishers, and third-parties may submit manuscripts that must be written in English. No type of historical publication is excluded from consideration. Works published between January 1, 1989, and December 31, 1991, will be eligible. The judges for the Spruill Prize will also serve as judges for the Willie Lee Rose Prize. One copy of each

entry must be sent to each of the committee members no later than March 1, 1991. Entries must be marked "Rose Prize Entry." The 1989 winner of the Willie Lee Rose Prize was Jean H. Baker for her book, *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography*.

The Forest History Society has established the Alfred D. Bell, Jr., Visiting Scholars Program. Those wishing to make use of the Society's library and archives may apply for a travel grant up to \$750. The Society's archives holds the records of the American Forest Council, American Forestry Association, National Forest Products Association, Society of American Foresters, Western Timber Association, and several smaller collections. The Forest History Society is affiliated with Duke University and publishes the quarterly journal *Forest & Conservation History* through the auspices of Duke University Press.

The Southern Jewish Historical Society invites grant proposals for completion of books on the southern Jewish experience and works in other media— exhibits, films, or video cassettes. Grant proposals may not exceed \$2,500 per year. They will be announced at the Society's annual conference, November 3-4, 1990, in Jackson, Mississippi. For information about proposals, write Rachel Heimovics, president, 20 Old Post Road, Longwood, FL 32779, or call 407-333-0532. The purpose of the Southern Jewish Historical Society is to support, collect, preserve, and popularize the history of Jews in the South.

A nationwide symposium is scheduled for November 8-10, 1990, on The Origins of the Spanish Missions and Their Influence in the New World. Scholars in the fields of archaeology, architecture, and history will discuss the foundings of the missions, the interaction between the Indians and Europeans, and the role of missions in Spanish colonial society. The National Park Service at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park and Los Compadres de San en Missions National Park are co-sponsors of this event. For registration information, write to the Quincentenary Committee, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, 2202 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78210, or call Rascinda Meno or Dr. Art Gomez at 512-229-5701.

The Missouri History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 14-16, 1991. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Send proposals, accompanied by abstracts and vitae, by November 1, 1990, to Professor William C. Pratt, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism is sponsoring a conference at the University of Notre Dame on "American Catholicism in the Twentieth Century," November 3, 1990. For information, contact the Center for Continuing Education, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Obituary

Dr. Cooper Clifford Kirk, one of south Florida's best-known historians, died August 30, 1989. A native of Missouri, Kirk moved with his family to Fort Lauderdale in 1926 shortly after the devastating hurricane that so badly damaged that area of the state. He received all of his degrees in history— bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D.— from the University of Miami. Kirk's dissertation was a history of the Presbyterian church in Florida. In 1972, Dr. Kirk became Broward County's first official historian, and he began his work with the newly created Broward County Historical Commission. His book, *William Lauderdale: General Andrew Jackson's Warrior*, was published in 1948. He played a leading role in creating Pioneer Days as an annual Fort Lauderdale event. Dr. Kirk helped organize the Black Historical Society in Fort Lauderdale. In 1976, Dr. Kirk also helped establish *Broward Legacy*, the journal devoted to the county's history, and he served as editor for thirteen years. Throughout his life, Dr. Kirk was recognized as a popular speaker and lecturer, and his advice and help were sought on matters relating to the history of his community and the state of Florida.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

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Aug. 30- Sept. 3	Society of American Archivists	Seattle, WA
Sept. 5-8	American Association for State and Local History	Washington, DC
Oct. 4-6	Tri-State Historical Societies Meeting	St. Augustine, FL
Oct. 17-21	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Charleston, SC
Oct. 31- Nov. 3	Southern Historical Association	New Orleans, LA
Nov. 2-4	Southern Jewish Historical Association	Jackson, MS
Nov. 8-11	Oral History Association	Cambridge, MA
Dec. 27-30	American Historical Association	New York, NY

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May9-11	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY- 89th MEETING	Orlando, FL
May 9	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Orlando, FL
Oct. 3-5	Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference	Pensacola, FL

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