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HISTORY NEWS

Awards and Recognitions

The St. Augustine Historical Society announces the establishment of Awards for Excellence in the fields of St. Augustine and Florida history. Four categories of awards have been identified: outstanding volunteer work in the St. Augustine historical community; outstanding professional work in the St. Augustine historical community; an outstanding scholarly contribution; and extraordinary contributions to the St. Augustine historical community. Awards will be presented at the Society's annual meeting, January 14, 1991.

X. L. Pellicer of St. Augustine was awarded the 1991 Florida Folk Heritage Award "for his untiring efforts to foster the awareness of Minorcan culture." This posthumous presentation was held in the Flagler College Auditorium, September 19, 1991. Sponsors for the ceremony were the St. Augustine Historical Society, Flagler College, the St. Augustine Archaeological Association, and the Florida Folk Council.

Stetson Kennedy was named a co-winner of the 1991 Cavallo Prize. The award was created by Michael Cavallo of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to recognize individuals "whose acts of moral courage for the public benefit resulted in personal suffering and sacrifice rather than applause and gratitude . . . [and] who fight against social ills at their own peril." Mr. Kennedy was recognized for his efforts to illuminate the activities of the Ku Klux Klan as an undermining force in American life. He shared the \$10,000 prize with Elizabeth Rickey of Louisiana. The awards were made in Washington on June 20, 1991.

The Kentucky Historical Society recently presented two awards to recognize distinguished research and writing in the field of Kentucky history. Professor George C. Wright of the University of Texas received the Governor's Award for his book, *Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings"* (LSU Press, 1990). Professor Robert M. Ireland

of the University of Kentucky received the Society's annual Richard H. Collins Award for his article, "The Judicial Murder of Abner Baker, 1844-1845," which appeared in the Winter 1990 issue of *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.

Announcements and Activities

The thirteenth Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference was held in Pensacola, October 3-5, 1991. The theme for the conference was "Discovery and Exploration on the Gulf Coast." There were seven sessions: Early Explorations and Encounters; Exploration, Fortification, and Transportation; Conquistadors; Indians, Botanists, and Governors; The Search for a Perfect Political and Social System; Archaeological Sites and Aboriginal Habitation; and Buffalo, Historians, and Explorers. Program participants included William S. Coker, University of West Florida; Dean Debolt, University of West Florida; Robert S. Weddle, Bonham, Texas; Robin F. A. Fabel, Auburn University; John H. Napier III, Ramer, Alabama; Ethan Grant, Auburn University; Jesus Frank de la Teja, Texas General Land Office, Austin; Glen Coston, Pensacola Junior College; Thomas Muir, Jr., Historic Pensacola Preservation Board; George Daniels, University of South Alabama; John H. Winslow, Florida Atlantic University; Hampton Dunn, Tampa; Thomas M. Longton, Mississippi University for Women; Dennis Golladay, Pensacola Junior College; James M. Denham, Florida Southern College; James H. O'Donnell III, Marietta College; Edward J. Cashin, Augusta College; Mabry M. O'Donnell, Marietta College; Marion C. Carter, Alabama Humanities Foundation; J. Larry Allums, Mobile College; Betje Klier, Auburn University; Richard Bedics, Pensacola Junior College; Caleb Curren, Pensacola Junior College; Pamela Corey, Pensacola Junior College; Keith J. Little, Pensacola Junior College; Diana Jarvis Godwin, Navarre, Florida; Daniel E. Miller, University of West Florida; Brian Rucker, Milton; Patricia Galloway, Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Kit C. Carter III, Mississippi University for Women; and Jerry C. Oldshue, University of Alabama. A tour of Pensacola's historic district was offered for conference participants, and Dr. Roger C. Smith, Underwater Archaeologist, Florida Department of State, was the featured speaker at the banquet. His subject was "Early Spanish Ships of Exploration

and Discovery.” Sponsors were the University of West Florida, University of South Alabama, Pensacola Junior College, Florida Historical Society, Pensacola Historical Society, and Pensacola Columbus Quincentennial Commission. The Pensacola Hilton was the conference hotel.

A symposium on military history and a joint meeting of interested participants for reactivating the Florida Department of CAMP will be held at St. Leo's College, St. Leo, Florida, on Saturday, October 26, 1991. The Master's Economy Inn (formerly Days Inn) at the interchange of I-75 and SR 54 will be the conference hotel (813-973-0155). For additional information contact Vince Murray (904-687-2318) or Joy Mitchell (813-360-4682). Ms. Mitchell's address is 12405 5th Street East, Treasure Island, FL 33706-2915.

“North, South, East, West— A Place for Everyone” is the theme of the fifteenth annual Florida State Genealogical Society's conference. It will be held November 1-2, 1991, at the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel (two miles west of I-4 and I-75 interchange). The \$45 registration fee includes two days of lectures, a banquet, and a luncheon.

The Second Southern Conference on Women's History was held June 7-8, 1991, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The conference participants examined recent scholarship in women's history, the diversity of women's experiences, and the history of women from a variety of racial, class, and ethnic backgrounds. The Florida scholars who participated in the conference included: Steven Nell, University of Florida; M. Sherry Johnson, University of Florida; Susan R. Parker, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board and the University of Florida; Jane Dysart, University of West Florida; Jane Landers, University of Florida; Chan Kai Lee, University of Florida; Heather T. Frazer, Florida Atlantic University; and Nancy Hewitt, University of South Florida.

The St. Augustine/St. Johns County Columbus Commission, the St. Augustine Historical Society, and the National Park Service announce a conference “American Indians in La Florida,” January 23-25, 1992, at the Ponce de Leon Resort, St. Augustine.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael V. Gannon, University of Florida. Scholars will explore the first Florida Indians, events and results of contact with Europeans, and current interests of the Seminole, Miccosukee, and Poarch Creek peoples in Florida. For further information contact Robert A. Fliegel, Quincentenary Events Coordinator (904-824-2188), or write the National Park Service, 1 Castillo Drive East, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The 35th annual Missouri Valley History Conference will convene in Omaha, Nebraska, March 12-14, 1992. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Proposals, accompanied with one-page abstracts and vitae, should be sent by November 1, 1991, to William C. Pratt, MVHC Coordinator, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

The twelfth annual National Genealogical Conference will be held in Jacksonville at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, April 29-May 2, 1992. The theme, "A New Voyage of Discovery," will mark recognition of the first recorded contact of Europeans with America. The conference will also include the Second International Congress on Family History. For information write to the National Genealogical Society, 4527 Seventeenth Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.