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HISTORY NEWS

Awards and Honors

Dr. Leon J. Weinberger, University of Alabama research professor in religious studies and, since 1969, general editor of the Judaic studies series of the University of Alabama Press has received the prestigious Friedman Prize, a \$5,000 cash award made by the National Hebrew Language and Culture Foundation (Histadrut Ivrit). The presentation was made on November 5 in New York City.

Meetings and Calls For Papers

The Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, originally scheduled for early October, was canceled because of Hurricane Opal. It will be rescheduled for January or February 1996. For additional information, contact Dr. Glen Costen at (904) 484-1449 or (904) 484-1425.

The Florida Folklore Society will hold its annual meeting in Cassadaga on February 10-11, 1996. Cassadaga, now over 100 years old, is a Spiritualist Camp which has been designated as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Resident spiritualists and scholars will explore Cassadaga's history, religion, and folklife. Panels, presentations, and a walking tour will be on the program. For more information, call Dr. Kristin Congdon at (407) 823-2195.

The Oral History Association invites applications for three awards to be presented in 1996 that will recognize outstanding work in the field. Awards will be given for a *published article or essay* that uses oral history to advance an important historical interpretation or addresses significant theoretical or methodological issues; for a *completed oral history project* that addresses a significant historical subject or theme and exemplifies excellence in oral history methodology; and to a *postsecondary educator* involved in undergraduate, graduate, continuing, or professional education who has made outstanding use of oral history in the classroom. In all cases, awards will be given for work published or completed between January 1, 1995 and March 30, 1996.

Awards are honorific and will be announced at the Association's annual meeting, to be held October 10-13, 1996, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Association welcomes entries and nominations from all who practice oral history, including academic scholars and educators, public history institutions and practitioners, independent professionals, libraries and archives, community-based groups and individuals, and others.

For guidelines and submission information, write Rebecca Sharpless, Executive Secretary, Oral History Association, Baylor University, P. O. Box 97234, Waco, TX 76798-7234. Deadline for receipt of all nomination materials is April 1, 1996.

The 1996 conference of the International Society for Comparative Study of Civilizations will be held at the Kellogg West Conference Center of California State Polytechnic University, Pomono, June 21-23, 1996. The major theme of the conference is *Science and Technology in World History*. Subthemes include: Globalization, Comparative Religion, Comparative Literature, The UN, and other World System Networks, Theory and Methods for Comparative Study of Civilizations, and What Makes a Civilization. For inquiries and additional information, contact: Michael Andregg, University of St. Thomas, 1976 Field Ave., St. Paul, MN 55166.

News

The University of Oklahoma Libraries' Western History Collections, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Historical Society, has completed filming the Cherokee Nation Papers. The Collection contains nearly 100 linear feet of official records and publications of the Cherokee Nation, as well as the personal papers of James Madison Bell, Stand Watie, John Rollins Ridge, and Elias C. Boudinot. For information about purchasing all or part of this microfilm set, contact the Curator, Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma Libraries, Rm. 452, Monnet Hall, Norman, Oklahoma 73019.

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida will host "Tobacco Art: Cigar and Cigarette Labels from Cuba and Florida," until January 7, 1996. The museum is open seven days of the week. For more information about specific times, contact the museum at (305) 375-1492.

Gail Buckland, an author for Random House, is searching for photographs that depict America's great engineering achievements. She is interested in finding pictures that are "powerful, evocative, significant, lovely, and memorable images of construction and the growth of the infrastructure." If you have any such pictures, please send a photocopy to Gail Buckland, 626 Boulevard, Westfield, NJ 07090 or call her at (908) 233-3227.

Dorothy Hinn, a doctoral student at the University of Central Florida, is seeking information about the small town of Midway, Florida. Anyone with information about Midway should contact Ms. Hinn at 1666 Fife Court, Titusville, FL 32796.

The Boca Raton Historical Society is offering weekly guided tours of that city. The tour will include many buildings/residences that are the work of renowned architect, Addison Mizner. For more information, contact Kristen Hamre at (407) 359-6766.

A new historical society, the Historical Society of Melbourne's Beaches, is now in business. The society publishes a news letter, *The Beach Historian*, and conducts regular quarterly meetings. For more information, contact Frank Thomas at (407) 723-2655.

The Presidio de San Augustin Commission has a new news letter *Las Noticias*, which keeps interested persons up to date on activities for Historic St. Augustine. To get on the mailing list, contact the Presidio Commission, P.O. Box 1987, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

The Tampa and Ybor City Street Railway Society, Inc., has persuaded the Hillsborough County Commission and the Hillsborough Area Rapid Transit authority to inaugurate electrical street car service again from downtown Tampa to the Ybor City Historic District. The new service is expected to begin as soon as new cars (replicas of the 1923 Birney) can be made. For more information, contact the TYBCRS at (813) 622-3912 or (813) 247-3545.

The Mount Dora Historical Society is preparing a historical display at its Royellou Museum featuring the citrus industry of Mount Dora. It is soliciting donations or loans of artifacts, photographs, and general citrus-oriented memorabilia. For more information call Don Copeland, display project coordinator, at (904) 735-1842.

The Tampa Historical Society announces the availability of "Tampa Times," a 55-minute video of the history of the Tampa Bay area from earliest recorded time to the present. Material was provided by Dr. Gary Mormino of the University of South Florida and narration is by Mr. Bob Hite. The video may be ordered from the Tampa Historical Society, 245 S. Hyde Park Ave., Tampa, FL 33606. The price is \$13.00. The Society has also recently published *The Bayshore Boulevard of Dreams*, encompassing the 105 year history of the boulevard. Coauthored by Mary Judy Brown and Charles A. Brown and illustrated by over 125 photographs, it may be ordered by mail from the same address for \$13.50.

The Jacksonville Historic Center, on the Southbank Riverwalk, announces a change in its operating hours. Beginning on Monday, October 16, the center will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Dr. Madelaine Burnside, executive director of the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society of Key West, has been elected to the board of the Florida Association of Museums. She will chair the organization's History Affinity Group. A member of the Florida Association of Museums for the past ten years, the not-for-profit Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society was founded in 1982. Its Key West museum is believed to hold the richest single collection of 17th-century maritime and shipwreck antiquities in the Western Hemisphere.

The Citrus County Historical Society held an official Citrus County Sesquicentennial Committee event on October 7, 1995. The symposium featured David Yulee, and Florida Becomes A State. Dr. Samuel Proctor, distinguished service professor of history and Julien C. Yonge professor of Florida history at the University of Florida, was the keynote speaker. Other featured speakers were Canter Brown, Jr., James M. Denham, and Robert McNeil.

On November 18, 1995, the Florida Historical Society sponsored a workshop at the Historic Roesch House Education Annex at its new headquarters in Melbourne. Entitled "Practical Conservation of Metal Artifacts: Layman's Hope for Corroded Heirlooms," the workshop was conducted by Doug Armstrong.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS . . .

1996

Mar. 28-31	Organization of American Historians	Chicago, IL
April 10-12	Florida Anthropological Society	Sarasota, FL
May 23	FLORIDA HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION	Cocoa Beach, FL
May 23-25	FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 94TH MEETING	Cocoa Beach, FL
Sept. 7-10	American Association for State and Local History	Nashville, TN
Oct. 10-13	Oral History Association	Philadelphia, PA
Oct. 25-27	Southern Jewish Historical Association	Miami, FL
Oct. 30- Nov. 3	Southern Historical Association	Little Rock, AR
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Jan. 2-5	American Historical Association	New York, NY