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HISTORY NEWS

Call for Papers/Conferences

2000 FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

“Florida 2000: Past, Present and Future”

May 18-20, 2000
Pensacola Grand Hotel

Please send a 500-word paper proposal, any audio-visual requirements, and the preferred date for your presentation to:

Dr. Lewis N. Wynne, Executive Director
Florida Historical Society
1320 Highland Ave.
Melbourne, Fl 32935

The College of Charleston's **Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World** will host an international conference during October 5-8, 2000 on manumission in the Atlantic world. Direct proposals for papers to Professor Rosemary Brana-Shute, Department of History, College of Charleston, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424. Phone: (843) 953-5563 or Fax (843) 766-7929. E-mail: brana-shuter@cofc.edu. The deadline for proposals is **March 1, 2000**.

The **Center for the Study of War and Society** announces a conference examining “The Veteran and American Society” to be held November 12-13, 2000 at Knoxville, Tennessee. The Center solicits paper proposals from a variety of disciplinary perspectives that examine the history of the American veteran from the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf. They are especially interested in scholarship which examines the political participation of ex-servicemen/women through veteran's organizations and other societies; the development of state and federal pension programs, hospitals, homes, and educational benefits for veterans and their dependents; and the images of veterans in literature, art, and film. For more information, contact: G. Kurt Piehler, Center for the Study of War and Society, 220 Hoskins Library, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0411. E-mail: gpiehler@utk.edu.

Essay Competition

The Department of History of the **University of Texas-Arlington** announces the 2000 Webb-Smith Essay Competition in conjunction with the Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures **March 9, 2000**. A \$500 prize is being offered for the best essay on "Beyond Black and White: Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the U.S. South and Southwest." This volume seeks to interrogate how histories of nonblack people of color within the South, or social relations on the "edge of the South"—with emphasis on its multicultural southwestern border—have reoriented, or should reorient, southern history. In addition to these topics, entries may also examine theoretically how gender and ethnicity can enhance biracial analyses of southern society.

The winning essay will be published in Volume 35 of the Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lecture Series, published by Texas A&M University Press, along with essays by Sarah Deutsch, Laura Edwards, Neil Foley, Nancy Hewitt, and Stephanie Cole. Manuscripts must be submitted by **February 1, 2000**. Additional information may be obtained from Stephanie Cole or the Webb Memorial Lectures Committee, Department of History, Box 19529, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX 76019-0529, scole@uta.edu.

Exhibits & Tours

Historical Museum of Southern Florida's
Special Exhibitions and Festivals

Diversity and Progress: A Millennial Exhibition Celebrating the Cultural Achievements of the New World, October 1999-January 2000. This exhibit, which focuses primarily on Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula, and the Caribbean will explore the broad range of cultures and foreign influences that comprise American culture in Florida.

Honors and Awards

The Florida Historical Society annually awards three prizes for original work in Florida history. Those for 1998-1999 were announced at the annual meeting in Daytona Beach, April 29-May 1, 1999. The Arthur W. Thompson Memorial Prize for the best article in the *Quarterly* was awarded to Florida Gulf Coast University's Irvin D. Solomon and Grace Erhart for "Race and Civil War in South Florida," which appeared in the winter 1999 issue. The prize memorializes Professor Thompson, a long-time member of the history

faculty at the University of Florida. His family established an endowment that supports the annual grant.

The Rembert W. Patrick Memorial Book Award was given to John F. Worth for his two-volume work, *Timucuan Chiefdoms*, published by the University Press of Florida. Long-time editor of the *Quarterly* and secretary of the Society, Rembert Patrick was also chairman of the history department at the University of Florida and past president of the Southern Historical Association.

The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award for the best book in Florida history for young readers went to Jay Barnes for *Florida's Hurricane History*, published by the University of North Carolina Press. Dr. Tebeau is professor emeritus of history at the University of Miami.

Other prizes awarded at the Society's annual meeting included the Patrick D. Smith Literary Award presented to Kevin M. McCarthy for his edited book, *River in Flood and Other Florida Stories by Marjory Stoneman Douglas*, published by the University Press of Florida.

The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Award for the best book in social and ethnographic history of Florida was awarded to Patsy West for *Enduring Seminoles* published by the University Press of Florida.

In recognition of more than four decades of service to a variety of local historical organizations in Alachua County and to the Society, Marinus H. Latour, immediate past president, was presented with the Dorothy Dodd Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Society also recognizes outstanding essays in Florida history submitted by students. The 1998-99 Leroy Collins Prize for the best essay by a graduate student went to Robert E. Lee Irby of the University of South Florida for his work entitled "The Big Ditch: The Rise and Fall of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal."

The Carolyn Mays Brevard Prize for the best essay by an undergraduate student was awarded to Alan J. Bliss of the University of Florida for his essay, "An Expressway Runs Through It: The Interstate Highways and Tampa, Florida, 1940s-1960s." The 1999 recipient of the Florida Pioneer Award went to Alto "Bud" Adams Jr. of Fort Pierce in recognition of his efforts to protect the environment of Florida, for his educational activities, and for his award-winning nature photographs of Florida wildlife. A fifth-generation Floridian, Adams is the son of former supreme court justice Alto Adams Sr.

The Florida Historical Society is currently accepting nominees for book and essay prizes to be awarded at the 2000 Annual Meeting. The Rembert W. Patrick Book Prize is awarded by the Society to the author of the best scholarly book in Florida history. The Charlton W. Tebeau Book Award is given to the author of the best book in Florida history for young readers. The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Award is awarded to the author of the best book in social and ethnographic history. Books published during 1999 are eligible for the award. Those interested in submitting nominees should send six (6) copies of the book by January 1, 2000, to Dr. Nick Wynne, Executive Director, Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32935. Please indicate for which award you are applying.

The Leroy Collins Graduate Essay competition is open to all graduate students in all universities. Eligible are papers written on Florida history topics that are the result of in-class assignments. The papers must be properly footnoted, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed in the calendar year prior to the submission date. The award for this category is \$200 and a plaque.

The Carolyn Mays Brevard Undergraduate Essay competition is open to all undergraduate students in all universities, colleges, and community colleges. Papers are to be written on Florida history topics, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed within the calendar year prior to the submission date. The prize consists of a \$200 stipend and a plaque.

The Frederick Cubberly High School Essay competition is open to all high school students in Florida in grades 8-12. The papers are to be written on Florida history topics, be the results of in-class assignments, be properly footnoted, show evidence of substantial scholarship, and be completed within the calendar year prior to the submission date. The Cubberly award carries a \$250 stipend and a plaque.

The procedures for submitting papers for consideration are the same in all three above categories. Applicants should send five (5) copies of their paper, along with a cover letter detailing the class for which it was written, and a resume. A valid telephone number and address should be included. The awards will be made at

the Society's annual banquet in May 2000 in Pensacola and the winner is expected to attend. Entries should be mailed to: The Florida Historical Society, 1320 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, Florida, 32935, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2000.

Samuel Proctor Oral History Prize

This prize will be awarded for the best work on/in oral history in Florida during 1999-2000 by the Florida Historical Society in cooperation with the Florida Oral History Association. The award is named in honor of Dr. Samuel Proctor, founder of the first and largest oral history program at the University of Florida and editor emeritus of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. The award will be presented at the Society's Annual Meeting. Interviews used should meet the ethical guidelines and professional standards of the national Oral History Association. The leading interviewer may be from out-of-state, but the content of the oral history project must be substantially on Florida. The project should have some lasting value in fostering a better knowledge and appreciation for the State of Florida. The oral history interviews must be transcribed with appropriate release forms and can be either a published article or a book done primarily through oral history methods; a video; a documentary; a paper given at a conference; a web site; or the organization of a conference centered around oral history. Four copies of all nominations should be sent to: Executive Director, Florida Historical Society, 435 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922 by March 15, 2000. Entries should be accompanied by a vitae and a description of the project. All questions should be addressed to Dr. Julian Pleasants, Box 115215, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611 or by email at jpleasan@history.ufl.edu.

Patrick D. Smith, author of the award-winning historical novel *A Land Remembered*, was inducted into the Florida Artists Hall of Fame on June 11, 1999. Smith, who resides in Merritt Island, is the author of five other novels, as well as numerous short stories, essays, and articles.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, proudly announces that Canter Brown Jr. is the recipient of an AASLH Certificate of Commendation for his book, *Ossian Bingley Hart, Florida's Loyalist Reconstruction Governor*.