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Wallace Named First Richard J. Stockham Jr. Chair of Western Intellectual History

Samford University's board of trustees executive committee announced at its March 6 meeting that Dr. William Jason Wallace will be the first professor to hold the Richard J. Stockham Jr. Chair of Western Intellectual History.

The chair is named in honor of Mr. Richard Stockham, Jr., a Birmingham native and Princeton University graduate who cared deeply about the educational value of the Western and Christian intellectual traditions.

As outlined by the board, the holder of the Stockham Chair provides administrative oversight of the university's Core Texts Program. For Wallace, these duties include managing the Cultural Perspectives (UCCP) curriculum, defining the needs of the curriculum, and assessing and revising the program as needed.



Wallace, who joined Samford's history faculty in 2002, specializes in religious and intellectual history and researches the relationship between religion and political thought.

In addition to a number of articles and review essays, he is the author of *Catholics, Slaveholders, and the Dilemma of American Evangelicalism, 1835-1860* (Notre Dame, 2010). His latest book, *Collapse of the Covenant: The Transformation of the Puritan Ideal*, is forthcoming from The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Among his other professional honors, Wallace earned the 2011 Howard College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher award.

Fulbright Grant Awarded to History Graduate for Second Consecutive Year



For the second time in as many years, a graduating history major has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

History major and University Fellows honors student Zach Brown of Franklin, Tenn. received a grant from the Fulbright program to study abroad for one year.

Brown will be living in Tajikistan as a Fulbright scholar and English teaching assistant. Tajikistan is a small Central Asian country bordered by Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and China.

Brown said Samford history professor Jim Brown's Modern Russia course sparked his interest in the central Asian region that was once a part of the Soviet Union.

"I want to see how those different countries developed in the post-Cold War era, and am so excited to get the opportunity to do so," Brown said.

In addition to his Russian history professor, Brown praised the support of University Fellows faculty Shannon Flynt, Bryan Johnson, Chris Metress and Jason Wallace.

Having served as Editor-in-Chief of the Samford *Crimson* student newspaper his senior year, he also hopes to explore Tajik media during his assistantship.

"I hope to soak up my time in Tajikistan and see possibilities while I am there. The Fulbright Program has

given me a great opportunity, and I hope to make good on it in the future," Brown said.

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Students in Oral History Class Travel to Black Belt, Undertake 'Food Project'



This year, several students got a unique hands-on opportunity in Dr. Jonathan Bass's Oral History class. The small class had the privilege of interviewing almost one hundred individuals, recording their memories of everything from life in a small town to their favorite recipes.

Early in the fall semester, the class traveled to Marion, Alabama, birthplace of Howard College, to interview residents of the town about their memories of growing up in the Black Belt. Later in the semester, as the nation remembered the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination, they interviewed Samford faculty, alumni, and friends about their recollections of the event. All of these interviews were crafted into narratives and published as a series on the *Bull Pup* blog at samfordhistory.wordpress.com. They also worked at the Samford Memories booth at Samford's Homecoming, collecting short stories from Samford alumni.

During the spring semester, the class turned to a new assignment: The Samford Food Project. The students interviewed Samford faculty, alumni, and friends, asking for their favorite recipes and the stories behind them. They hope to release the interviews and recipes in printed form in the near future.



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Mauldin Successfully Defends Dissertation



This summer, Erin Stewart Mauldin successfully defended her dissertation titled, "Unredeemed Land: The U.S. Civil War, Changing Land Use Practices, and the Environmental Limitations of Agriculture in the South, 1840-1880."

Directed by renowned environmental historian John McNeil at Georgetown University, Erin's dissertation drew from a wide range of sources to thoughtfully revisit important questions historians have regarding the "destructiveness" of the Civil War, the impoverishing nature of postwar cotton production, and the periodization of nineteenth-century southern history.

In her two years as a member of the faculty in the department of history, Dr. Mauldin has edited a published volume on environmental history (with John McNeil), spearheaded the development of a new Environmental Studies minor, and, most importantly, received excellent teaching evaluations in her communication arts and history classes. She is a fine colleague and has provided invaluable support to the university history project.

Congratulations, Dr. Mauldin (Samford B.A., '07) in reaching this important milestone.

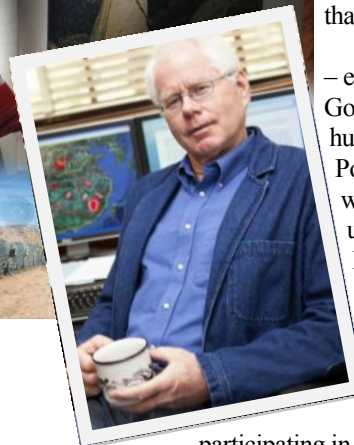
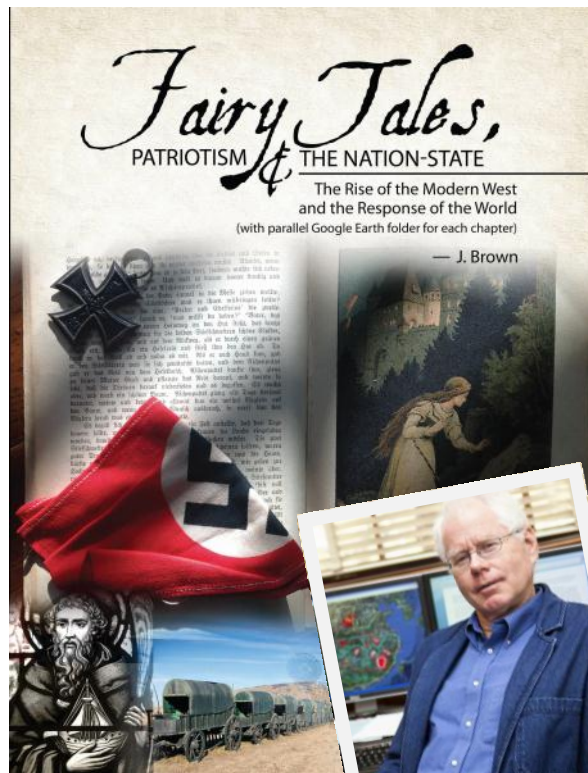
Veteran History Professor Completes Modern World History Textbook

It has been a long road for Dr. Jim Brown, whose modern world history text, *Fairy Tales, Patriotism, and the Nation-State: The Rise of the Modern West and the Response of the World*, came out in July from Kendall Hunt Publishers. Says Brown, “Looking at it from this end of the process, it’s clear that the book mostly grew out of a dialogue with Samford history students over the past forty-some years.” Following is a brief history of the department related by Dr. Brown in describing the process of writing and publishing this definitive text.

Towards the end of grad school I had begun to be aware of a folk consciousness-to-nationalism pattern of modern state creation. Just before I started teaching here (fall 1971) Samford had just instituted the January term for creative, experimental courses, and my second Jan term here (1973), I offered a course in “German history from the Brothers Grimm to Hitler.” A nucleus of students from that class won a Youth grant in the Humanities to study regional folklore, with me and Wayne Flynt as faculty advisors. I wound up getting involved in a major Ford Foundation grant to replicate the popular “Foxfire” student-done magazine nationwide and that helped launch the *Journal of Experiential Education*, and I eventually took a post-graduate semester in Intercultural and Folk Studies on my first Sabbatical leave.

My beginning assignment at Samford was as one of two European historians to cover all of Europe from the Stone Age up, plus helping establish courses in modern China and Japan. However, the world scope of the textbook really dates from the 1980’s and the beginnings of some travel/study classes, usually team-taught with Biology faculty members on a “culture and environment” theme, that took us to a couple dozen countries on five continents. The first of these was to the Peruvian Amazon in 1981, and then in 1984 Samford set up the Daniel House in London where my family and 14 Samford students spent the first spring semester it was open in 1985, plus regular returns ever since. Samford’s partnership with a Chinese university in the late 1980’s, and the fascination that the unraveling of the Soviet Union had for a Russian historian, made possible several trips as far afield as Xian and Uzbekistan and Kiev and Finland. All that travel in turn made for some teaching forays into Latin America, Africa and the Mideast in addition to my usual modern European and Asian history course offerings.

The corridor approach of the second half of the text – treating one important transportation corridor of each major region of the world in detail instead of trying to survey the whole region – began to take shape in the 1990’s in the innovative Cultural Legacies sequence of the experimental new general education curriculum called Cornerstone. As current head of the university’s Honors Program, I was invited to be on its design team. The six-semester Legacies



sequence (Classical Europe, Modern Europe, Africa and the Mideast, Monsoon Asia, Latin America, and finally the U.S.) combined history, literature, religion and the arts, with professors from three of those disciplines in every class. Open to about 10% of the student body, who had to volunteer for this untested new program, it was an Honors program in all but name. It attracted some very brave and very bright students, and remains the single most educationally energizing experience of my career at Samford, and probably did more to shape the textbook than any other single factor.

The GIS angle of the new textbook – each of 14 chapters has a parallel Google Earth chapter of literally hundreds of Placemarks, Paths, Polygons and Image Overlays – began with my participation in the university’s push towards Problem-Based Learning. Eventually I patented an interactive 3-D topography map for use with history classes (though failed to find a manufacturer for it!). But the real turning point for me was

participating in the AEGIS grant of 2001-2005. Two geographers, two biologists, and me, the one historian, won this \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant to integrate GIS in the gen ed curriculum, using ArcGIS/ArcMap as our platform. The grant work was successful enough that we took some of our teaching models on the road, as far afield as the International Cartographic Conference in Spain and the South African Historical Association’s annual meeting. Closer to home, one of the geographers and I were invited to give a one-day seminar for the Arts and Sciences faculty at Ohio State University, where one persistent questioner kept asking “What can ArcGIS do that [the then fairly new] Google Earth can’t?” Unable to answer the question fully, I spent the summer of 2006 mastering some of the intricacies of Google Earth. It turned out that although indeed there are many things that ArcGIS can do more precisely, as a visual instructional tool Google Earth is, in its freeware, far superior. I feel as if its use has revolutionized my classes, which are now mostly conducted with the lights half-dimmed, laptop on the podium, and the ceiling-mounted projector up and running showing Google Earth to illustrate the lectures. In the past seven years, mainly working with HIST 200, The West in Global Perspective students and more recently the HISE 531, World History Seminar students from the First Year New Teacher program, I’ve finally finished up the matching Google Earth folders for each chapter.

Thanks to all those who suffered through J. Brown classes as I tried to learn how to teach. My appreciation for the dialogue with you all over the years is genuine and far-reaching.

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Latin American Studies Scholars Tour Ecuador during Summer Term 2014



Dr. Carlos Alemán took his first group of Latin American Studies (LAS) Scholars to Ecuador this summer. They spent 16 days exploring the nation and learning about its history, its rich indigenous and mestizo culture, its beautiful landscapes, its unique and tasty cuisine and the generous spirit of Ecuadorians. They visited beautiful churches, hiked volcanoes, explored the Amazon rainforest, rode horses, ate grubs and guinea pigs, and shopped for handmade textiles. It was an amazing experience and wonderful capstone for the LAS Scholars and their professor.

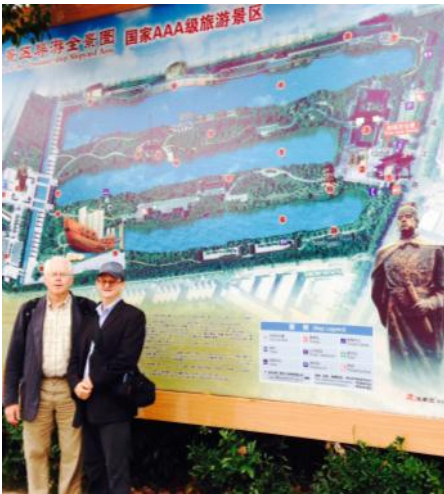


Congratulations Dr. Alemán

Dr. Carlos E. Alemán, shown here with wife Mercedes and daughter, Amelia, officially became a citizen of the United States at the Naturalization Oath Ceremony in Atlanta, Ga., on June 27, 2014. Dr. Alemán was born in Nicaragua, but grew up in San Francisco. He is an assistant professor in the department and director of the Latin American Studies Scholars program.

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Carlos Alemán chaired a session at the 22nd annual Latin American Studies Symposium, held at Birmingham-Southern College in April. Latin American Studies students Joshua Lay, Greg Peranich and Elizabeth Robinson read papers at the conference, which showcases undergraduate research. He was also invited to be a motivational speaker for Latino students by the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (HICA!) in March.



Jim Brown, at the invitation of history alumnus Walter Hutchens ('90), visited China in June for the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre. Prof. Hutchens, Endowed Chair, Global Business, University of Redlands (Calif.) was a student on the ill-fated travel/study trip to China led by Profs. Brown and Bob Stiles (biology) in May/June 1989. Working up the Yangtze River from Shanghai to Nanjing to Chongqing to Le Shan to Chengdu, Brown and Hutchens rode trains and drove interstates which make those in the U.S. look Third World. Professor-student roles were reversed for this trip. "This is always what you hope will happen with your former students," says Brown. "There's some disappointment that you, the former teacher, have been left far behind in the field, but it's far outweighed by the pride that you were part of whatever triggered that interest!"

Paul Cha gave two presentations this year: "Culture, Power and Christianity in Korea, 1884-1903" to the Association for Asian Studies' Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., in March and "The P'yongyang Great

Revival of 1907" at Emory University's Korean Culture Week in April. He also presented at the "Rising Stars of Korean Studies" Workshop at the University of Southern California in October.

Ginger Frost (University Research Professor) took three trips abroad in 2013. In June, she gave a paper titled "'Your Mother has Never Forgotten You': Reclaiming Children from the London Foundling Hospital" at the University of Nottingham for the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth. In September, she spoke at Vilnius University in Lithuania on "Cohabitation and Community: Evidence from the English Criminal Courts, 1855-1900." In October, she traveled to London as professor-in-residence with a group of students at Daniel House. She had three articles published, including: "Claiming Justice: Paternity Affiliation in South Wales, 1870-1900," in *Rural History* and "The Kindness of Strangers Revisited: Fostering, Adoption, and Illegitimacy in England, 1860-1930," in *Cohabitation and Non-Marital Births in England, 1600 to 2012*. She reviewed three books for the *Journal of British Studies* and the *American Historical Review*. In spring 2014, she chaired a panel at the Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies in New York, and gave a paper at the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Association meeting in Houston. In June 2014, she gave a paper in Lincoln at a conference on "Crime and Deviance in Twentieth-Century England."

John Mayfield is currently editing a new volume of essays on Southern honor in collaboration with Todd Hagstette of the University of South Carolina. The book is tentatively titled *Matters of Honor: Southern Identity and American Character* and is under contract with USC Press. He has also contracted with Johns Hopkins University Press to do a book on secession. He was one of three referees nationally for the Southern Historical Association's F.O. Owsley Award for the best book in Southern history for 2012.

Erin Mauldin gave a talk titled "Unredeemed Land: Exploring the Ecological Legacies of the Civil War in Southern Agriculture" at a symposium on

southern environmental history at the Center for the History of Agriculture, Science, and the Environment of the South (CHASES) at Mississippi State University in May. Participants in the symposium were chosen based on their contributions to the field of southern environmental history and their reputation as being on the cutting edge of research. She presented a paper called, "The Stockman's War: Hog Cholera, Agricultural Reform, and the Fight to Maintain the Commons during the Civil War Era" at the Society for Civil War Historians annual meeting in Baltimore, Md. in June. The paper discusses how hog cholera, spread through the South during the Civil War by Army wagon trains, provided agricultural reformers with a "medical" reason for advocating the closing of the open range in the South, contributing to the postwar assault on a key subsistence practice for southern farmers.

John C. Mitcham served as a Visiting Fellow for the Australian Department of Defence's History Unit during summer 2013, conducting research in Canberra and Melbourne. He presented papers and guest lectures at the Midwest Conference on British Studies in Chicago, the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and the University of Alabama's European History Roundtable. Mitcham published the book chapter "Navalism and Greater Britain" in Duncan Redford's *Maritime History and Identity: The Sea and Culture in the Modern World*.

LeeAnn G. Reynolds continued her work this year on the companion film Samford is producing about the 1961 CBS Reports documentary, "Who Speaks for Birmingham?," portions of which were filmed on campus. She began serving as chair of the Southern Historical Association's Committee on Women and, in that capacity, organized a panel on mentoring women for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Atlanta this November. Reynolds also served as chair of Samford's Faculty Senate Diversity Committee. This past summer, Reynolds took research trips to Louisville and Montgomery to complete research for an article she is writing on white women who were involved in the civil rights movement.

2014 Department Awards Banquet



1. Sarah Grace Buckley receives the first Christina Mosley Award from Christina's dad, Ronnie, and Dr. Jonathan Bass

2. Alumni Haley Aaron ('10) and Meredith McDonough McLemore ('05) with Liz Wells

4. Ronnie Mosley and Caroline Williams stand beside memorial plaque placed in O'Henry's in Samford's Foodcourt by Christina's friends and classmates



3. 2014 Award Recipients: Lydia Nace (Dale Award), Emily Wood (Alumni Award), Maggie Johnson (Wells Award), Abby Morgan (Rikard Award), Darren Gray (Vess Award) and Zach Brown (Phi Alpha Theta Award)

5. Abby Morgan with Dr. Marlene Rikard, professor emeritus



6. Award Recipients Joshua Lay and Emily Wood (Alumni Award) with Dr. Erin Mauldin, Dr. Delane Tew and Dr. Jonathan Bass





Christina Mosley Award (Inaugural)

Given annually to a senior who exhibits a passion for history and a zest for life.

A history major from 2004 to 2008, Christina Mosely (Furr) was an inspiration in kindness and generosity while a student at Samford. Although she died from cancer in 2013, this annual award will honor her zest for life, deep Christian faith, passion for history and affection for coffee (while a student at Samford, she worked at the O'Henry's coffee shop).



Elizabeth C. Wells Award (Inaugural)

Given annually to a student who is a passionate learner engaged in the highest caliber of service to the University and/or the community.

Mrs. Elizabeth Crabtree Wells, who joined Samford in 1974, has provided generations of students wise counsel, expert instruction and unending support in her many years as head of Samford's Special Collection and the University Archives. She continues to "provide the 'highest caliber' of service and edification to the university and community" through her work as Samford's Processing Archivist and her involvement in numerous genealogical and archival organizations. Mrs. Wells is a published author and has received recognition for her significant service contributions.



Marlene Rikard Award

Given annually to a senior who exhibits determination, intellectual curiosity and outstanding scholarship.

Dr. Marlene Hunt Rikard, a noted scholar of Birmingham, the New South and Southern Women, served as a faculty member in the department from 1972 until her retirement in 2008. Her determination and intellectual curiosity led her to pursue her Ph.D. while serving as a full-time faculty member and raising a family. She continues to leave an indelible mark on her colleagues and students through her involvement on campus and beyond. "Dr. Rikard," as one colleague recalled, "wanted to teach her students how to learn, to broaden their understanding of the world and to have them appreciate that history was important to their lives beyond the university gates."



Phi Alpha Theta Award (In honor of George V. Irons, pictured)

Given annually to the graduating senior with the highest GPA.

Dr. George Vernon Irons, Sr. joined the Howard College faculty in 1933 and served as department chair for over 25 years. Seventeen of his students became university presidents and his innovations in curriculum became a model for higher education across the South. In 1956, Dr. Irons founded the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta at Samford University. A former student wrote: "Dr. Irons was more than a teacher; he was an architect of the human mind. When he looked out to teach a class, he did not see simply students; he saw the mirror image of God."



David M. Vess Award

Given annually to a senior who exhibits Christian character, civic virtue and steadfast compassion.

Dr. David Marshall Vess served on the history faculty at Samford for 40 years (15 as department chair). A 1948 graduate of Howard College, Vess was a European intellectual historian and an authority on the French Revolution. He taught students and colleagues to work hard and to care passionately about history and each other. He was a fine example of a Christian scholar and servant whose achievements live on to inspire future generations of historians.



William Pratt Dale II Award

Given annually to a senior who shows strength of mind, hard work and Christian service.

Dr. William Pratt Dale II was a faculty member in the department from 1941 until his death in 1971 and one of the most beloved figures in Samford history. Stricken with polio in the 1920s, he overcame the debilitating disease, but was left dependent on leg braces and a cane. Students remembered Dale as a rare individual who was able to capture the hearts of those who knew him.



Mitchell B. Garrett Alumni Award

Given annually to a junior who exhibits independence, leadership and initiative.

An Alabama native, Dr. Mitchell Bennett Garrett earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in history at Howard College at the turn of the 20th century. He joined the Howard College faculty as a professor of history in 1904, where he taught for the next 23 years. Although History faculty were long part of Howard College, Garrett earned the distinction of serving as the first chair of a separate "Department of History." In 1927, he became a professor of Modern European History at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) where he spent the rest of his career.

Phi Alpha Theta News

The Epsilon Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, had a busy year under the leadership of president Lauren Ziemer and vice president Matt Sessions, inducting fifteen new members this year. Fall inductees included Joshua Lay, Ian Ledgerwood, Clay Mapp, Grace McSween, Haley Rester, Emily Wood, and Ben Woodall. At the spring awards banquet, the chapter inducted James Brimm, Patrick Burglass, Katie Dover, Mary Katherine Fawcett, Holly Howell, Thomas Jenkins, Jonah Johnson, and Franklin Lowe.

The officers, along with faculty advisor Dr. LeeAnn Reynolds, organized a number of events this year, including a fall hike at Red Mountain Park and a spring outing to a baseball game at the new Birmingham Barons stadium. In the fall, Phi Alpha Theta also sponsored a Faculty Meet and Greet during which students sat down with faculty members in an informal setting to learn about their

research and to ask questions about graduate school. The chapter sponsored two campus-wide history movie nights. The fall event featured the film *Invictus*, and students learned about the role of Nelson Mandela in post-apartheid South Africa from Dr. John Mitcham. In the spring, Phi Alpha Theta showed the film *Valkyrie*, about the plot to kill Adolf Hitler in the waning days of Nazi Germany, and Dr. Reynolds led students in a discussion of the nature of moral choices during wartime.

Phi Alpha Theta members Zach Brown, Darren Gray, and Lauren Ziemer represented Samford by presenting their research at the National Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in January. In April, Brown, Gray, and Ziemer, along with Joshua Lay, presented their research at the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference at Auburn University. Brown and Lay won two of the three awards given for the best papers presented at the conference.



Top: Phi Alpha Theta members on an outing to Red Mountain Park.

Middle (left to right): Zach Brown, Darren Gray and Lauren Ziemer at National Convention in Albuquerque, N.M. | Members celebrate finding a “lucky” horseshoe at Red Mountain Park.

Bottom (left to right): Darren Gray, Josh Lay, Zach Brown and Lauren Ziemer represent Samford at Regional Conference at Auburn University. | New members are recognized during annual History Department Awards Ceremony in April.

Samford Alumni Attend Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting

by Marlene Rikard

The 2014 annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association was held in Scottsboro, Ala. in April. Those in attendance enjoyed tours to historic and scenic sites of Jackson County, including the Stevenson Railroad Depot Museum, Ft. Harker, Russell Cave National Monument, the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center in the Brown-Proctor House, the Skyline Farms Rock Store Museum, and The Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center.

History alumnus and former faculty member Dr. Wayne Flynt, was one of the program participants, delivering a paper titled “The Wounded Elephant Loose in the Land: The Tax Burden of the 1901 Constitution on Alabama’s Future.”

History alumni attending the meeting included Flynt, Marlene Rikard, Becky and John Thomas, Marty and Helon Everse, Haley Aaron, Chriss and Harriet Doss, and Richard Neeley. Samford Provost Brad Creed, who serves on the AHA Board, attended with wife Kathy. Randall Williams, a Samford graduate, was present with a display from New South Books.

In addition to the annual meeting, the AHA publishes the scholarly journal, *The Alabama Review*, and the *AHA Newsletter* and sponsors a fall pilgrimage. In October members will be visiting historic sites in Montevallo and Columbiana.

Founded in 1947, the Association is the oldest statewide historical society in Alabama. Members share a common interest in Alabama history. Information on the association may be found at www.alabamahistory.net.



Left to right: J. Wayne Flynt with Becky and John Thomas at Skyline Rock Store in Skyline, Ala. (The community store, which is now the focal point of the Skyline Farms Heritage Association's restoration effort, is being used as a museum.); Harriet and Chriss Doss; Brad and Kathy Creed; Marty Everse with wife Helon. (Marty is former director of Briarfield and Tannehill Parks.)

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Bill Nunnelley '63, director of public relations and senior editor, Samford University, received the 2013 President's Award, given annually to a non-faculty employee whose "service regularly and consistently exceeds expectations and has reflected a high level of service, trustworthiness and respect. Nunnelley first joined the staff in 1964 and has served in a variety of public relations-related capacities. In 1984, he developed and implemented the concepts for *Seasons*, the university's quarterly news magazine, and has served as the publication's only editor. Nunnelley has won numerous national awards for his work, including two major national awards in 2013 from the Religion Communicators Council.

Gene C. Armistead '69, has joined the ranks of Samford history graduates with a published history. McFarland & Company, Publishers, Jefferson, NC, released his book *Horses and Mules in the Civil War* in October 2013. Gene's book is one of the most complete published studies of all aspects of the topic and includes a name roster of over 700 war horses along with information on their wartime owners, their descriptions and incidents of their service. Gene is retired from management in the electronics component manufacturing industry and resides in Escondido, Calif.

Walter Hutchens '90, who was a student on the Samford-in-China trip led by Dr. Jim Brown in May/June 1989, joined the faculty of the University of Redlands in January 2013 as the inaugural holder of the University Endowed Chair in Global Business. He earned the J.D. and M.A. in East Asian Studies from Washington University, St. Louis. He is fluent in Chinese and a specialist in Chinese commercial law. He and Dr. Brown, his former professor on the 1989 China trip, recently returned from a trip to China during the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square incident.

Liesl Ward Harris '91, earned an M.A. in English from the University of Alabama at Huntsville in 1994 and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2000. She began teaching English at Jefferson State Community College in 2000 and became chair of the English department in 2004. She currently serves as Associate Dean for Transfer and General Studies, Shelby Campus. She also sponsors Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor

Society of Two-Year Schools. Her chapter has twice placed first internationally out of over 1,200 chapters and has placed as a top ten chapter numerous times. Her chapter is currently studying the idea of American freedom from both ideological and practical viewpoints.

Melody Harper '95, who was a History major in the first class of Cornerstone, is finishing her first year at Liberty University where she is an Assistant Professor and new department chair for the undergraduate Global Studies program. She graduated from Samford with a B.A. in Human Development and Family Studies and History and has a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama and an M.A. in Intercultural Studies from Union University. She will soon start work on the Ph.D. in International Development.

Kitty Rogers Brown '01, has been recognized as a talented up-and-comer on the Birmingham business scene. Brown joins an elite roster of honorees on the *Birmingham Business Journal's* Top 40 Under 40 list for 2014. The honor is one of the most coveted distinctions for young professionals in Birmingham. Brown, a shareholder with White Arnold & Dowd, P.C., was cited as being a dynamic attorney with a commitment to social justice and an active community leader in organizations such as the YWCA of Central Alabama. She was Samford's Outstanding Young Alumna of the Year in 2011. A history major while at Samford, Brown is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

Josh Bearden '04, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Maryland - College Park, is completing his dissertation and is an instructor of American history at Gadsden State Community College.

Dusty Folds '04, is a librarian at Gadsden State Community College.

Stephanie Snyder Rogers '06, is the executive director for The Monroe County Museum which maintains and operates six historic sites in Monroe County, Ala., including the Old Courthouse Museum which, according to their website, is "now one of the most recognized courtrooms in America because of the popular film version of the

book" [*To Kill a Mockingbird*]. Stephanie is featured in the article, "Monroeville: Small town ascends to cultural icon" in the publication *Mosaic* (Spring 2013).

Haley Aaron '10, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies in December 2013. She started work as an Archivist at the Alabama Department of Archives and History earlier this year where she processes manuscript collections in the Public Services Division.

Ellen Davis '10, is a history teacher at Cornerstone School in Woodlawn. She took 20th-century American history and civil rights courses at Samford and had a historical internship with Red Mountain Park. "Interviewing retired iron ore miners and their families, some just months before they passed away, gave me a strong sense of connection to the history of the city, and thus, the city itself," she says. "These people were, and are, very special to me. Their pictures hang in my classroom right up there with Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln."

Bryan Kessler '10, graduated Virginia Commonwealth University with an M.A. in History and is currently a first-year doctoral/Ph.D. student at the University of Mississippi.

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Chad Chitty '10, is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Education through the Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education at Samford University.

Lindsey Duncan '12, is pursuing her Master's degree in Education through Samford's School of Education, with dual concentrations in History and English.

Alex McLure '12, is a Ph.D. student at Auburn University, where she is studying Early American and Native American history under Dr. Kathryn Braund. Alex has also served as the President of Auburn's Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta this year.

Paul Martini '12, is currently in the Fifth-Year Non-Traditional Master's of Education Program at Samford University. He plans on teaching history and social studies at the middle and high school level.

Chase Trautwein '13, just wrapped up the school year in Germany, where he had been

working as an English teaching assistant in a vocational school as part of the Fulbright program and is now working as a Research Assistant with the Office of the University Historian at Samford.

Kyle Young '13, is a high school studies teacher at Highlands International School in La Paz, Bolivia. The school is part of the Network of International Christian Schools.

Shantel Waters '13, is engaged to be married and is studying to become a certified social studies teacher. After her wedding, she plans on returning to school to get her Master's degree in geography.

Jay Malone '13, is in law school at the University of Alabama. He spent the first half of the summer working for the law firm of Huie, Fermanbuq & Stewart and will finish the summer studying abroad in Australia.

Evan Musgraves '13, is currently working as a Graduate Research Assistant for the Office of

the University Historian at Samford while pursuing a degree from Beeson Divinity School. He and Anna Truitt were married in March.

Lauren Ziemer '13, has served as a Graduate Research Assistant for the Office of the University Historian at Samford while pursuing her Master's in Education from Samford. She will start work at Cornerstone Schools of Alabama teaching middle and high school social studies this fall.

Jenae Steele '13, is pursuing a law degree at the University of Texas at Austin.

Meghan Laury '13, works at Burritt on the Mountain Historic Park, a living museum in Huntsville, Ala.

Jimmy Ramey '13, is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Education through Samford's School of Education.

Alumni Provide Over \$25,000 in Scholarships

Each year, the Department of History provides students with over \$25,000 in scholarships, funded primarily through alumni donations.

The department has several endowed funds, including: the *Dr. George V. Irons Scholarship*, the *Nancy Lipham Scholarship* and the *Evelyn Adams Meadow Scholarship*. Unendowed scholarships include the *David M. Vess Scholarship* and the *Mary Washington Scholarship*, which are made up of donations from history alumni.

In addition to annual scholarships, students have the opportunity to be recognized with awards at the annual awards banquet at the end of each Spring semester. One special award this year is the *Christina Mosley (Furr) Award* which was established in Christina's memory Spring 2014. Christina graduated in 2008 with a degree in History. She lost her battle with cancer in November 2013. This award will be given annually to a student who best reflects the values which made Christina such a special person. The student will receive a handcrafted coffee mug from a Tennessee potter, a gift card from O'Henry's, a custom bookmark and, if funds allow, a cash award.

There are several ways to make a financial contribution to the department:

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Colonial Dames Recognize Students for Historical Essays

by Mary Wimberley



From left, Baker Ellis, Franklin Lowe, Clay Mapp, Sarah Grace Buckley and Matt Sessions

Five Samford University students received cash awards from the Birmingham Center of Colonial Dames of America for outstanding papers written in Samford history classes. The papers were submitted in the Colonial Dames' American Independence essay contest.

James Franklin Lowe, a junior history major from Fayetteville, Ga., won first place for his paper, "Albion's Abolition: The Moral and Public Campaigns that Ended Slavery and the Slave Trade in Britain and British North America." He received a \$1,000 cash prize.

Clay Mapp, a junior history major from Greenwood, Miss., won second place and a \$750 cash award for his paper, "Vigilantes of the Backcountry: the Regulators of South Carolina."

Sarah Grace Buckley, a senior history and journalism and mass communication double major from Florence, Ala., won third place and \$700 for her paper, "The Parsons' Cause and Tactics of the Clergy and Anti-Clerical Groups: 1758-1766."

Matthew Sessions, a senior history major from Monticello, Ga., won fourth place and \$650 for his paper, "The North Carolina Regulators: Motivated Men."

Baker Ellis, a senior history major from Danville, Ky., won fifth place and \$250 for his paper, "The Forgotten Drama: the Burning of the *Gaspee*."

The award winners gave brief overviews of their papers at a luncheon at Mountain Brook Club on April 2. The awards were presented by Samford history department chair Dr. Jonathan Bass. A bound volume containing the papers was dedicated to Birmingham Center awards committee chairman Grace Whatley. It will be housed in the Samford library.