

Historical Administration Symposium on Foodways

This year's symposium, entitled "Food for Thought: Delectables of Museum Knowledge," covered many aspects dealing with food in a museum/historic site setting. The keynote speaker, Dr. Alice Ross, discussed the importance of using period recipes and staying true to our ancestors when portraying foodways in historic sites. Sessions by Bill Matt, Debra Reid, Leo Landis, Rick Riccio, Sarah and Susan Utloff, Bruce Kraig, and David Mueller covered fundraising with food, foodways artifacts and their care, food growth at historic sites, faux food for exhibits, safe food handling at historic sites, Southern Illinois food traditions, and pest management. The evening concluded with a dinner and an exciting auction. Look forward to seeing you all at next year's symposium!

History Club

by Stephanie Johnson

One word to describe the History Club this year would have to be "ambitious." The Club took on a variety of projects, which resulted in a very satisfying two semesters. The History Club sponsored movie screenings: *Raisin in the Sun*, *The Searchers*, and *The Crossing*, as well as a talk by Major David John about technology in the military and how it might be used in the Iraq conflict, and a resumé workshop for history majors (with Career Services). The History Club also volunteered at the annual Eastern Illinois University History Fair. They concluded an active year with a picnic for students and faculty at Charleston's Morton Park. The History Club hopes that even more students will be involved in the club and sponsored events next year. It is open to all history majors and minors. Next year they hope to paint the Greenwood School, an old one-room schoolhouse on Eastern's campus.



History Club Awardees, April 26, 2003, Morton Park (left to right): Stephanie Johnson (President), Rachel Dent (VP), Jason Collins, Nikki Klinger, Linsay Hild

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Historians of American Foreign Relations to be held at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Onaiwu W. Ogbomo, Coordinator of African-American Studies, published *Photographic Images and the History of African Americans in Coles County, Illinois* (Tarble Arts Center, Eastern Illinois University, 2002); and "Military regimes in Africa," in *Contemporary Africa* 5. He gave the following presentations: "Transcending the Boundaries of Culture: Interpreting Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart," at the Teachers Conference on Achebe and Joseph Conrad organized by Eastern's English Department; "Leprosy Settlements: An Aspect of Colonial Medicine in Nigeria," at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association in Washington, D.C. in December; and "Benin: The Evolution of a West African City," at a conference on African Urban Spaces, in Austin in March. He was also re-elected for a two-year term as president of the Nigeria Studies Association, an affiliate organization of the African Studies Association. And he received an Eastern Illinois Achievement and Contribution Award (Research/Creative Activity) in 2002.

Debra A. Reid, in an active publishing schedule, contributed an essay on gender relations to *Interpreting Historic House Museums* (AltaMira Press/American Association for State and Local History), published an article on African American progressive reformers in *Rustica Nova: The New Countryside and Transformations in Operating Environment* (University of Turku, Finland), contributed two essays to the *Encyclopedia of the Midwest* (Indiana University Press, expected 2004), published two articles in the Bulletin of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM), edited the 2001 ALHFAM Conference proceedings, and published book reviews on H-Women and in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. She presented papers at meetings of the

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Rural Women's Studies Association, Pioneer America Society, American Association for State and Local History, and at ALHFAM's annual conference, and she addressed the annual meeting of the Coles County Historical Society. She was reelected treasurer of the Midwest Open Air Museum Coordinating Council, reelected treasurer of the Rural Women's Studies Association, and continues as the Publication Chair for the ALHFAM. She began a three-year term on the Edwards Memorial Award Committee, selecting the best paper by a graduate student in agricultural history or rural studies for the Agricultural History Society. She received a Faculty Achievement and Contribution Award in the "balanced" category (teaching, research, and service) in Fall 2002.

Anita Shelton wrote several articles this year: one to be published as a chapter on "Franciszek Bujak: The Linkage of Scholarship and Life (1875-1953)" for a book on Polish historiography; another in the *Dictionary of Early Modern Europe* on "Czech Language and Literature" in the early modern period; and three biographies (on Roza Luxemburg, Lech Walesa, and Vaclav Havel) for a biographical dictionary. And newsletter editors take pleasure in adding that Dr. Shelton was selected as Chair of the Year by the Provost, Deans, and fellow Chairs.

Michael Shirley contributed articles on W.G. Grace, Cricket, G.W.M. Reynolds, and Thomas Babington Macaulay to the forthcoming *Grolier Encyclopedia of the Victorian Era*, and began working as a program and test reviewer for the Illinois State Board of Education. He continues to serve as the department's academic advisor and as faculty advisor to the Epsilon Mu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Nora Pat Small continues to serve as Historical Administration Graduate Coordinator, as well as UPI departmental and college representative. Her book, *Beauty and Convenience*, currently

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Graduate Students

David Bell (MA, History), co-editor of *Historia*, plans to teach in the Chicagoland area after graduating with a master's degree in May 2004. He hopes to pursue a history or education doctoral degree, perhaps at the University of Chicago.

Amber M. Bevan (MA, Historical Administration) is to become the full-time Historical Educator and Interpreter at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa. Ms. Bevan's review of *Material Culture* by Henry H. Glassie appeared in the ALHFAM Spring 2003 Bulletin.

Douglas W. Bible (MA, History) will return in the fall to complete his M.A. after getting commissioned as a 2nd Lt. United States Army this summer.

Jessica Caracci (MA, HA) is interning at the Joliet Area Historical Museum.

Theresa DePaul (MA, History) will return to EIU in the fall to complete her M.A. Theresa travels to Belgium this summer with Dr. Bailey Young to excavate at Louvain-la-Neuve.

Tim Gerber (MA, HA) will be splitting his internship requirements between the Amherst Museum in upstate New York and the Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park, Colorado.

Dan Grooms (MA, History), a recent addition to the graduate program, plans to continue his studies in the fall. This summer Dan will travel and conduct research.

Nicole Klinger (MA, History) spent this spring, her first semester as a graduate student, focusing on European studies. She is active in the History Club and Student Senate, and plans to graduate next spring.

Jennifer Lancaster (MA, History), as a new graduate assistant, helped update the History Department website. Over the summer she continues an assistantship and attends classes. She will complete her studies in May 2004.

Herb Meeker (MA, History) continues as an Instructor in Journalism. He successfully completed his written and oral exams and was awarded his M.A. in History this spring. He is a co-editor of *Historia*.

Michelle Manfredi (MA, HA) spent this year as a grad assistant at the Coles County Historical Society, and is now organizing the archives of the EIU office of the University Professionals of Illinois. She then heads to St. Louis where she has an internship with the archives at the Jefferson National Expansion Museum.

Rex Nyquist (MA, HA) will be interning at the Des Plaines Historical Society from June through December. He then hopes for an internship with a large museum in early 2004.

Aaron Osborne (MA, History) successfully completed his written and oral M.A. in History examinations in May 2003, and has accepted a teaching position in (cold!) Tuntutuliak, Alaska.

Michael Pollock (MA, History), recipient of the Coleman Scholarship and named Distinguished Graduate Student in History, will be student teaching in Champaign this fall before returning to Eastern to complete his thesis. He is also co-editor of *Historia*.

Robin Smith (MA, HA), Distinguished Graduate Student for the HA Program, heads to Georgia for her three month internship at the Jekyll Island Authority.

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April 2003: Dr. David Smith and Dr. Scott Levi of the History Department direct questions to a representative of the Peoples Republic of China at a panel discussion in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.