2009-2010 Wachovia Distinguished Public Lecture Series
Deliver Us from Evil:
The Slavery Question in the Old South
Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:00 pm
Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Center, 96 Wentworth Street
Dr. Ford is a professor of history and chair of the department at the University of South Carolina. A major contribution to our understanding of slavery in the early republic, Deliver Us from Evil illuminates the white South's twisted and tortured efforts to justify slavery, focusing on the period from the drafting of the federal constitution in 1787 through the age of Jackson. He also shows that there was not one antebellum South but many, and not one Southern white mindset but several, with the debates over slavery in the upper South quite different in substance from those in the deep South.

Faculty Seminar Series
Friday, January 29, 2010
Dr. Sandra Slater, Department of History and Women's and Gender Studies, College of Charleston, "Godly Carriage and Christian Behavior: God's Masculinity in Puritan New England, 1620-1650." Addlestone Library, Room 227, 205 Calhoun Street, Corner of Coming and Calhoun, 3:15 pm.

Conference
2010 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850
Charleston, SC
February 25-27, 2010
The Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 (CRE) provides a venue for the presentation of original research on not only the revolutionary history of Europe in this era, but also the Atlantic World and beyond. The 2010 conference will be held February 25-27 at the College of Charleston and the Francis Marion Hotel located in the center of Charleston’s historic district.

Featured speakers for the 2010 conference include:
Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, Alice Drysdale Sheffield Professor of History at the University of Texas
David S. Shields, McClintock Professor of Southern Letters at the University of South Carolina
Leora Auslander, Professor of Modern European History at the University of Chicago.
For more information contact the conference chair Dr. Carol Harrison (University of South Carolina) at ceharrison@mailbox.sc.edu. Look for the full program at www.revolutionaryera.org

Lowcountry Digital Library Collection
Thanks to recent grants and enthusiastic staff the Lowcountry Digital Library Collection under the direction of Dr. John White, Special Collections Librarian in the Addlestone Library, has been adding significant new collections to its site at http://lowcountrydigital.library.cofc.edu.

We encourage our readers to browse this site for your own interest and to incorporate the site in classes.

(Lisa B. Randle)
Message from the Director continued—

Planning is also well under way for the next four or five years as we near the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. As with the commemoration of the banning of the international slave trade, the CLAW program is working with a host of local sites to find appropriate ways to commemorate this most devastating event of American history. Fifty years ago, with contemporary struggles for civil rights anything but settled, Charleston was the site of exacerbated divisions between North and South as centennial commemorations at the local and national level stumbled into the hornet's nest of contested memory. Opening with a CLAW conference in March 2011 addressing the war from a global perspective and moving toward inclusive ceremonies in May 2015 mourning the terrible losses of the war, we aim to follow Shelby Foote’s injunction that “mourning the terrible losses of the war, we toward inclusive ceremonies in May 2015.”

No doubt our progress in regard to this commemoration will dominate the next few years.

Simon Lewis
Interim Director-Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World
Professor of English

“The Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World” Book Series

Comprising 16 essays from the 2002 conference, David Shields’s collection of essays Material Culture in Anglo-America: Regional Identity and Urbanity in the Tidewater, Lowcountry, and Caribbean has recently appeared as the 15th title already in print in the program’s book series. Rich Bodek and Simon Lewis’s edited volume from the 2004 Jewish intellectual émigré conference is scheduled to appear early in 2010, while collections from the 2003 cuisines conference, the 2007 Irish Atlantic conference, and the 2008 abolition bicentenary conference are all also in various stages of production.


Women in the Ibero-American Atlantic (1500-1800)

Thursday, February 18, 2010
Alumni Center, 86 Wentworth Street

6:15-7:00 pm   Registration and Reception
7:00-7:15 pm   Welcome
Sarah OWENS, College of Charleston
and Conference Host
7:15-8:00 pm   Keynote Address
Lisa VOLLENDORF (California State University at Long Beach)
“Navigating the Atlantic Divide: Women’s Literacy and Education in Iberia and the Americas”

8:00-8:15 pm   Q & A
8:15-8:30 pm   Reception

Friday, February 19, 2010
Stern Center

8:15-9:15 am   Registration

9:15-10:30 am   Session Block I: Healing Across Oceans and Centuries
Stern Center, 201
Timothy WALKER (University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth),
Hugh Glenn CAGLE (Rutgers University),
Martha FEW (University of Arizona),
Respondent: Jed BILINKOFF (University of North Carolina, Greensboro)

10:45-11:45 am   Session Block II: Voices from Africa and Indigenous Cultures
Stern Center, 201
Matt CHILDS (University of South Carolina),
Ras Michael BROWN (Southern Illinois University Carbondale),
Carla GERONA (Georgia Tech),
Respondent: Bianca PREMO (Florida International University)

11:45-1:30 pm   Lunch on your own

1:30-2:45 pm   Session Block III: The Intersection of Gender and the Conquest
Stern Center 201
Donna CHAMBERS (Franklin and Marshall College),
Emiro F. MARTÍNEZ-OSORIO (University of the University of the South),
Sara Victoria GUENGERICH (Texas Tech University)

2:45-3:00 pm   Coffee Break

3:00-4:15 pm   Session Block IV: A Re-Reading of Agency in the Atlantic World
Stern Center, 206
Sonia PÉREZ VILLANUEVA (Williams College),
Honacito SIERRA (University of Florida),
Katie MACLEAN (Kalamazoo College),
Chair: Susan SMITH (Hampden-Sydney College),
Respondent: Lisa VOLLENDORF (California State University at Long Beach)

6:30-7:30 pm   Banquet Dinner (included)
Francis Marion Hotel

7:30-8:15 pm   Keynote Address
Francis Marion Hotel
Allyson POSKA (University of Mary Washington)
“An Ocean Apart? Reframing Gender in the Spanish Empire”

8:15-8:30 pm   Q & A

Saturday, February 20, 2010
Stern Center

8:30-9:15 am   Coffee and Pastries

9:15-10:15 am   Session Block V: Legendary Aristocratic Women in the Spanish Empire
Stern Center, 201
Shannon LALOR (University of North Carolina-Charlotte),
David A. BORUCHOFF (McGill University),
Chair: Emily BECK (College of Charleston),
Respondent: Albert RABIL (Editor, The Other Voice In Early Modern Europe)

10:30-11:45 am   Session Block VI: Cross-cultural Roles of Women and Family
Stern Center, 201
Anne-Marie VIE-WOHRER (l’Ecole du Louvre and l’Ecole Pratique des Hautes Études, la Sorbonne),
ida ALTMAN (University of Florida),
Jane MANGAN (Davidson College),
Chair: Susan SMITH (University of Mary Washington)
Respondent: Allyson POSKA

12:00-12:45 pm   Conference Lunch (included)
Stern Center Ballroom

12:45-1:30 pm   Keynote Address
Stern Center Ballroom
Bianca PREMO (Florida International University)
“Whatever’s Got to Do with It: Love, Gender and Judges in the Spanish Atlantic”

1:30-1:45 pm   Q & A

1:45-2:00 pm   Clausura

For more information, contact the conference coordinator,
Dr. Sarah E. Owens (College of Charleston) at Owenss@cofc.edu.
Race, Labor, and Citizenship in the Post Emancipation South

March 11-13, 2010

- Contextualizing Reconstruction-Era Racial Violence: New Approaches to Interpreting the Rise, Popularity, and Representation of Vigilantism
- Creating a Free Labor Regime: Violence and the State in the Post-Emancipation South
- Freedom on Trial: The Role of the Courts in Protecting African American Rights, 1870-1900
- From the Border & Beyond: Rewriting Southern and African American History From Outside the Confederacy
- Policing the Lives and Labors of Migrants and Poor Women in the Reconstruction Era
- Reconstructing Race in North Carolina, 1865-1872
- Solving the South’s “Negro Problem”: Southern Whites and Immigrant Labor in the Early Twentieth Century
- Southern Populism and the Color Line: New Research and Interpretations
- Reconsidering the Black Military Experience
- New Religious and Political Communities in the Reconstruction South
- Vision, Agency, and Constraint: The Parameters of Political Mobilization in the Reconstruction South
- Race, Working Class Activism, and Repression in the Free Labor South
- Taking the Measure of Grassroots Resistance to the Klan and White Paramilitaries
- False Dawn in the Lowcountry: Continuity and Change in Coastal Georgia and South Carolina
- The “Feasible Limits” of Resistance: Black Politics at the Nadir
- “Land enough to lay our Fathers’ bones upon”: Land Ownership and Property Accumulation after Emancipation
- Up Against It: Race Polarization and the Labor Question in the Post-“Redemption” South
- Political Economy and Historical Possibility after the End of Slavery
- Upheaval and Change in the Piedmont and Upcountry South

Evening and Saturday Sessions

Thursday Evening Session:
Race and Public Memory in Post-Emancipation Charleston

Friday Evening Keynote
Steven Hahn (Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor in American History at University of Pennsylvania), Co-Chairs Ken Riley (ILA Local 1422) and Brian Kelly (After Slavery Project)

Saturday Sessions
Teachers’ Workshop: Reconstructing Lives, 1865 and Beyond: Using Primary Sources to Explore Race, Labor, and Political Change after Slavery

Civil Rights Unionism in the South Carolina Lowcountry

Emancipation, Memory, and Commemorative Landscape in the New New South

Roundtable: Forced Labor in the South after Slavery: the Longue Durée (Sponsored by the Southern Labor Studies Association and the Labor and Working Class History Association)

For more information contact the conference chair Dr. Brian Kelly (Queen’s University Belfast) at b.kelly@qub.ac.uk. The full schedule of the conference will be published on our website.

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Civil War — Global Conflict

March 3 – 5, 2011

In 2011, the United States will observe the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. To mark this important anniversary the Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World at the College of Charleston will host an international conference examining the war as an event of global significance. Considering the causes, passage, and consequences of the war in an international context breaks away from the typically narrow focus on the conflict as a purely American one with no ramifications beyond the borders of the United/Confederate States. We invite scholars to submit proposals for individual papers and panels that address such issues as:

1. international currents of thought (political, racial, ethical, religious), international economic pressures, and international political alignments leading to the war;
2. international support and opposition, as well as diplomatic efforts during the war;
3. international consequences both during and after the war;
4. how the war has come to be remembered around the world (in political movements, in fictional representations, in popular culture, etc.).

Confirmed keynote speakers are professors Richard Blackett (Vanderbilt University), Joan Cashin (Ohio State University), James McPherson (Princeton University), and Professor E.B. Rugemer (Yale University).

Please visit our website for details on how to submit proposals for presentations and panels.

Crisis and Conflict in the Early Carolinas

October 11-12, 2010

CLAW will host a symposium on the two Carolinas during the first two decades of the Eighteenth Century. About a dozen scholars will present work related to various topics, including the Yamasee War, the Tuscarora War, the “Revolution of 1719”, the slave trade, the plantation economy, and piracy.

For more information, contact the conference conveners Brad Wood at braunwood@ku.edu or Michelle LeMaster at mil206@lehigh.edu or the local organizer Sandy Slater at slaters@cofc.edu.

The Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World is a keystone initiative in the College’s on-going effort to internationalize and broaden its curriculum.