



Department of Geography, Government and History

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2007 Greetings from the Chair

This past semester, Dr. **Yvonne Baldwin** was granted a sabbatical leave to complete several of her ongoing projects. We know that she had a productive semester, and we welcomed her back to her regular duties in January 2007. In addition, congratulations must be extended to Dr. **Adrian Mandzy**, who was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for the 2006-2007 academic year. He will be in the Ukraine until July 2007. While we will certainly miss him we know he is completing some important work in battlefield archaeology. The department recommended that Dr. **Gary O'Dell** be tenured and promoted to associate professor, and we anticipate that the rest of his tenure process will move smoothly and so offer him early congratulations as well.

The department has been very involved with the preparation for the move to the new Datatel information system. We hope that this new system will integrate various technological features on the campus and prove helpful for faculty, staff, and students.

If you are a GGH alumnus, please stay in contact with us and share your news with us. We would love to announce your activities in the GGH newsletter.

Alana Cain Scott, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of History and Interim Chair



Kentucky Almanac

The second edition of the *Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts* has just been released to bookstores and other outlets. In addition to essays by MSU faculty **Gary O'Dell**, **Royal Berglee**, **Christine McMichael**, **Zack Bortolot**, and **Tom Kiffmeyer** that appeared in the 2006 volume and again this year, the Department has contributed several new essays. For the 2007 edition, **O'Dell** wrote about "Wildlife Past and Present" and a biography of Cassius Marcellus Clay; Chair **Yvonne Baldwin** contributed a biography of educator Cora Wilson Stewart, and **William C. Green** provided essays on "The Struggle for Racial Equality" and "The Assassination of Governor William Goebel."

Master of Arts in Teaching Program

If you are a GGH alumnus who has pondered teaching middle school or high school social studies, please investigate our Master of Arts in Teaching Program. This program provides an alternative certification route for students who already have a Bachelor of Arts degree in their teaching area. Former students with degrees in Social Studies, History, Government, and Geography, may be eligible for certification in secondary social studies and all former students may be eligible for the program in middle grades certification. Please contact Dr. Alana Cain Scott at (606) 783-2540 for information about this program.

Welcome to the Department of Geography, Government, and History

Our theme is "Time, Place, and Power," and we offer students exciting programs of study that enable them to better understand the social, political, economic, and geographic world they inhabit. Located in the department are the following degree programs:

Geography Major and Minor

Legal Studies Minor

Government Major and Minor

Paralegal Studies Major

History Major and Minor

Social Studies Area of Concentration (for 8-12 teacher certification)

The Pre-Law program is also housed in this department; however it is not a degree program. Students who plan to attend law school choose an academic major like Government or History, or any other field in which they have an interest. Some Pre-Law students take the Legal Studies Minor. The department also supports the Master of Arts in Teaching in Social Studies, and the MA in Secondary Education, Social Studies, although it does not currently offer an MA in any of the disciplines housed in the unit.

Our Web site provides information on our faculty, our degree programs, and our courses, and offers links to various types of career information. We welcome your e-mail inquiries and would be happy to talk with you about our programs. The office phone is (606) 783-2655. We are located in Rader 350, and office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

MSU "Year of Conscience"

GGH has been engaged in a series of campus events, called the "Year of Conscience." The series has a twofold purpose:

- (1) To increase campus and community awareness and inspire student activism around humanitarian and human rights issues such as genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.
- (2) To build name recognition for the newly installed MSU Model International Criminal Court - a course that helps students learn about human rights and global justice by engaging the concepts of international justice through simulation. The course culminates with the trial of an individual charged with committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The *Year of Conscience* included the following events:

Die-In

April 12, 2006. In commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994 and of other countries where crimes against humanity and genocide have occurred, students wore signs denoting countries, and simulated death by lying on the green spaces surrounding the Campus Little Bell Tower. MSU President **Wayne Andrews** delivered brief remarks about the necessity of student engagement in matters of conscience. Nearly 50 students "died" and at least 50 other students, faculty and staff attended the event. The Die-In was replicated later that summer during the MSU Governor's Scholars program.

Lost Boys of Sudan

September 11, 2006. Principe Productions granted \$300 to purchase and screen this documentary on Sudanese youth who left the refugee camps of Kenya and moved to the United States in search of greater opportunity. Approximately 100 people attended the screening.

Invisible Children

September 18, 2006. The documentary, *Invisible Children*, about child soldiering in Northern Uganda, Africa, was screened during a session of the MSU Model International Criminal Court. After the screening, several students presented information in their communications classes. In addition, a group of students set up a table in ADUC, and raised nearly \$1,500 to send to charitable relief organizations involved with this issue.



Peace Within Reach: Northern Uganda Lobby Day

October 9-10, 2006. Twenty-one students from MSU traveled to Washington D.C. for two days of grassroots activism, during which they lobbied legislative aides regarding the humanitarian crisis in Northern Uganda. The Office of the Provost, IRAPP and the Student Government Association provided funding to cover the cost of student conference registration, housing accommodations and travel. The students met with foreign policy aides for each of the members of the Kentucky and Ohio Congressional delegations.

Speaker: Immaculee Ilibagiza:

Finding God Amidst the Rwandan Genocide

October 18, 2006. Ms. Ilibagiza, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994, spoke of her journey to reconciliation and forgiveness on October 18, 2006, in historic Button Auditorium. The event was made possible through sponsorship from 15 University departments, programs, and offices, and from Morehead-area community and faith-based organizations. Dr. Ernst helped increase visibility for this speaker by including her event on a poster entitled "Matters of Conscience: Conversations on Genocide and Human Rights" which also promoted a dialogue with Nick Clooney on the crisis in Darfur.

Poster Series

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum provided informational posters about the genocide occurring in the Darfur region of Sudan. These posters are displayed on the second floor of Rader Hall. Students in the summer Governor's Scholars program used the posters as a discussion tool in their international studies course.

These events have inspired several student-driven initiatives, including calls for increased student activism in the MSU *Trailblazer*, a newly-formed student organization against sweatshop labor, and a cadre of student activists involved in raising money and awareness to end child-soldiering and provide humanitarian aid in Northern Uganda, Africa.

I have received many emails, telephone calls and office visits from students who are happy to have an outlet for their passions in this regard. I am happy to continue to help them identify, refine and pursue these passions. It is also very rewarding to have the constant support of the department and the highest levels of the administration as we seek to engage students in these higher purposes.

Noelle N'Diaye



Southern Lewis County project

Southern Lewis County, Kentucky, is a rural Appalachian community with very little recorded history. Historical accounts have generally focused on the northern part of the county along the Ohio River, primarily around the city of Vanceburg.

Michael Sammons, a MSU graduate and resident of the southernmost section of the county, was interested in recording oral histories from many residents of his community. Michael recruited geography professor **Royal Berglee** to assist in organizing and managing the project. Little did Michael realize how much of his time would be required for the next few years as they revisited, revealed and documented the culture and history of southern Lewis County.

Over one hundred senior residents of the region provided audio interviews, written material or photographs. The project's objective was to document, record and preserve for future generations the Appalachian culture of southern Lewis County, that covered the era from post-Civil War times to mid-twentieth century. The project emphasized cultural aspects more than historical facts. Isolated and rural, the southern section was among the last parts of the county to receive public services, adequate roads, or law enforcement. This reality was reflected in many stories about moonshine, unsolved crimes, home remedies, and the status of women and children of the past. One of the more entertaining sections is about "haints," in which residents recalled many ghost stories and mysterious events said to have taken place in the area.

Royal received a \$3,500 grant from the Kentucky Oral History Commission to assist with transcription of the many hours of audio tapes. Mary Berglee, a former court reporter, provided professional transcription services. Project materials, including photographs, published in a limited edition volume titled *Backwoods Protasis: Southern Lewis County, Kentucky*. The book is available at the MSU bookstore, CoffeeTree Books and various other local outlets. The audio tapes are copyrighted and archived in the special collections of the MSU Camden-Carroll Library along with a copy of the book. The project proved to be timely, as a number of the individuals who volunteered valuable information have since passed away.

Thanks and Appreciation!

It has been over a year now since I returned home from the hospital after my bizarre accident in Cincinnati forced me to miss almost all of the fall 2005 semester. I want to say thank you again to the people at Morehead State University for their unconditional help and support last year. I was the benefactor of many, many wonderful deeds. From the faculty who took on the extra work of covering my classes to financial support to assistance given my family to visits at the hospital, I cannot thank everyone enough. During the last year I have recovered wonderfully and am back to my usual business in GGH. Have a wonderful new year everyone!

Jason Holcomb

MYSTERY PACHYDERM! While engaged in a GPS "treasure hunt" for Dr. Gary O'Dell's Map Interpretation & Analysis course, **Brittany Moody** and **Rollie Hatfield** came across this concrete elephant in a remote woodland corner of Rowan Co.

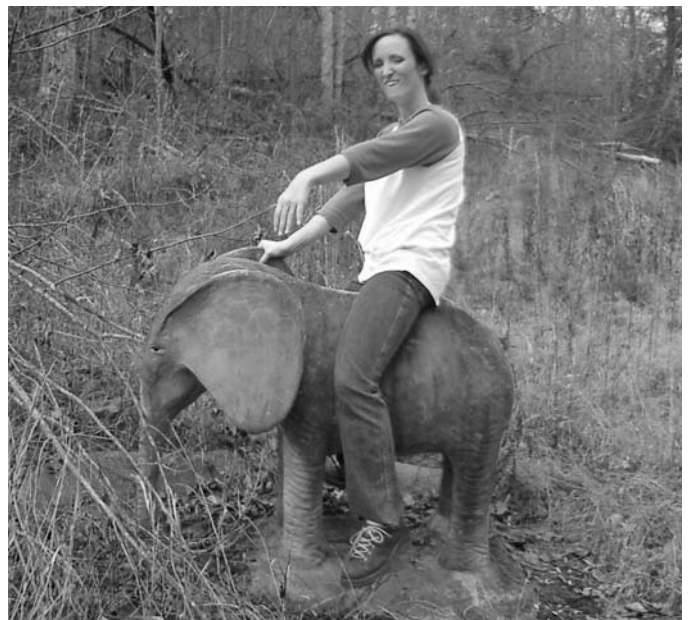
Just the basics!

Because of the rising costs of college textbooks, geography professor **Royal Berglee** wanted to provide a low-cost alternative for students in his World Geography course. The textbook edition for his course was outdated after only two years in publication and would no longer be stocked by the MSU bookstore or bought back from students. Rather than change to an expensive new edition of the same textbook, Royal set out to write his own textbook that would complement current teaching trends. His first edition of *Basic Lessons in World Geography* was ready in time for the 2006 fall semester. Since current affairs and other material are covered in the classroom, his *Basic Lessons* textbook, which covers the most critical points, has proved to be both appropriate and effective.

The textbook retails to students for the low price of just \$25. According to Royal, the first edition was a lot of work but he plans to continually update it so students will have access to a low-cost quality textbook. Several mainline textbook companies have inquired about publishing his book. When he told them that he wanted the textbook available to students for \$25 or less he found they were not as interested. Imagine that.

Caribbean travel opportunity

During spring 2007, the geography program is offering a new three-credit course, GEO 399: *Tourism and the Caribbean*, taught by Dr. **Royal Berglee**. This semester-long course offers a unique academic opportunity to **not only study the dynamics of tourism and cruise ships but to travel to the Caribbean during Spring Break on the Carnival cruise ship Victory!** The cruise coincides with course objectives and provides MSU students the opportunity to visit Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Dutch/French island of St. Martin. One of the main objectives of this arrangement is to provide MSU students the opportunity to travel outside the country within an academic atmosphere in a relatively safe and structured manner.



Morehead State Geographical Society

MSGGS Sponsors Geography Awareness Week

The MSGGS student organization and GGH faculty promoted geography, geographic education, and had a little fun during Geography Awareness Week, November 13 – 17. We had two wonderful guest speakers, a movie night, and the annual students vs. faculty trivia night.

We kicked off the week with a showing of *The Memoirs of a Geisha*, a fascinating movie about the lives of Geisha women in Japan before World War II. We chose the movie because of its geographic content and because, well, it's a good movie.

Tuesday, **Esther Long**, visiting assistant professor of geography, provided us with a stimulating narration of her remarkable work in Afghanistan while working for an NGO that was involved in civic education prior to elections in 2004 and 2005. The title of her talk was *Adventures in Afghanistan: Bombs, Burqas, and Civic Education*. We feel fortunate to have Dr. Long's international experience in our department! On Thursday, **Jessica McCarty** presented her doctoral research that relies upon use of remote sensing to analyze the contribution of agricultural burning to greenhouse gasses. The title of her talk was *Remotely Sensed Measurements of Cropland Burning and Related Greenhouse Gas and Air Quality Emissions*. Jessica is an alumna of MSU and working on her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. Jessica's work will be an important contribution to geographic research, and she has already published some of her research, with more to follow. We thank Dr. Long and (soon to be) Dr. McCarty for their participation.

Wednesday was the big showdown. Following a systematic thrashing by our brainiac students last year, the faculty were ready for revenge. Tension was in the air, but thanks to pizza we avoided fisticuffs one more year. The faculty did reclaim the Trivia Title Trophy after a spirited, competitive battle. We invite all to join us next year during Geography Awareness Week, always the third week of November.

2006 Caving Club trip to Murder Branch Cave, Menifee County, KY. From left: **Katherine Tapp**, **Dr. Gary O'Dell**, **Carrie Stevens**, **Jamie Hogge**, **Monte Rivers**.

Morehead State Historical Society

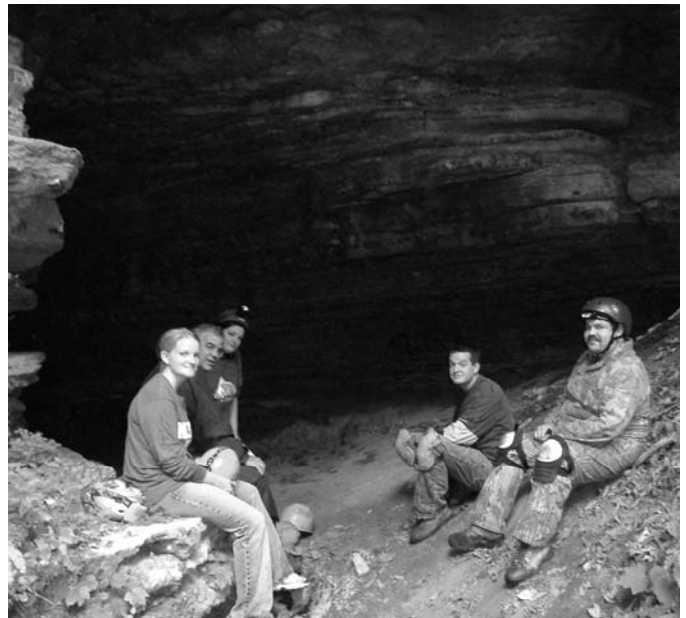
This fall saw the formation the MSU Historical Society, informally known as the history club. This group is open to all students and faculty. The club, sponsored by Dr. **Kris Wilson**, promotes interest in history, offers social activities, and pursues academic activities related to history. Current officers include President **Matt Pugh**, Vice President **Kris King**, Secretary **Brett Barber**, and Treasurer **Sarah Roberts**. In the fall, the history club participated in a book and donut sale and the Renaissance Fair trip with Phi Alpha Theta.

MSU Caving Club



The MSU cave exploration club, now in its fourth year, is more active than ever. The club sponsors one or more trips to local and regional "wild" caves every month during the spring and fall semesters. These trips are designed to be of interest to both neophytes and more experienced cavers. Recent trips have been to caves in Carter County, in and near Carter Caves State Park, and to Rockcastle County in southeastern Kentucky. Currently, the club is planning an overnight trip to Mammoth

Cave National Park for the spring 2007 semester. The club's faculty sponsor is Dr. **Gary O'Dell**, an avid cave explorer for more than 35 years.



In October, the Historical Society was approached to create an activity to celebrate national archives week. The students decided to present short vignettes about materials found in archives, titled "Come Learn About Historical MSU!"

Speakers included Dr. **Yvonne Baldwin**, Dr. **Thomas Kiffmeyer**, Dr. **John Hennen**, **Matt Pugh**, **Matt Hurley**, **Erik Hale**, and **Jordon Maynard**. Topics included Cora Wilson Stewart, mining scrip, a 19th century real estate scam, a drunken well digging poet, the old MSU *Trailblazer*, and the 1971 MSU game against Marshall. The MSU Historical Society is currently focused on organizing a trip to the east coast to either Washington D.C., or New York City, as well as trips to historical events in the area such as the Reenactment of the Battle of Mill Springs. We are also working to create our own Web site and looking to recruit more enthusiastic people to join.

Phi Alpha Theta



This year the history honors society, Phi Alpha Theta, has elected **Matt Hurley** as President. Other officers are:

Vice President: **R. Morgan Salisbury**, Secretary: **Brett Barber**, Treasurer: **Alena Nichols**, and Historian, **Erik Hale**. Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is limited to students who have a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.0 GPA in History after taking 12 credit hours. For the fall of 2006, Phi Alpha Theta organized a book fundraiser in conjunction with a Krispy Kreme® donut sale and co-organized a second book and donut sale with the MSU Historical Society. Phi Alpha Theta also traveled to the Ohio Renaissance Fair, one of the largest in the country. For the holiday season, Phi Alpha Theta worked with D.O.V.E.S. the Domestic Violence Education and Services group to raise much needed donations for the holiday season. Phi Alpha Theta is currently pursuing creating a historical experience at Benham, Kentucky, bringing in student and professional speakers to discuss job opportunities for GGH majors, and creating more opportunities for service activities within our local community.

Paralegal students at statewide convention

On November 9-10, 2006, ten students in the Paralegal Studies Program at MSU attended the 18th Annual Kentucky Paralegal Association Conference, held in Lexington. Established in Louisville in 1990, the Kentucky Paralegal Association (KPA) organizes paralegals statewide, and promotes the paralegal profession throughout the state.

The conference, "Striving for Excellence" was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lexington. The conference featured numerous legal seminars for the attendees, including topics on real estate, Westlaw/electronic discovery and e-filing for federal court, bankruptcy, litigation, immigration, and an ethics session presented by our own professor **Dianna Murphy**, J.D. Other presenters included judges and practicing lawyers throughout Kentucky. Our students met with other paralegal students and approximately 130 working paralegals from around the state, including MSU graduates working in the field like **Mary Spittler**, and gained valuable insights into the job market and future growth of the profession.

The trip was funded by GGH (Thank you Dr. Baldwin!), and the Alpha Lambda Pi organization, open to all majors. To become a member, contact Professor **Stephen Herzog** or **Vanessa Miles**, president of the organization.

Mindy McElfresh, **Jessica Salisbury**, **Phillip Ratliff**, and **Michael Bowling** are among some of the 2006 Paralegal/Legal Studies graduates who are attending law schools in Kentucky, Virginia, and Ohio. Congratulations to **Jennifer Thompson** who just graduated from Cooley Law School in Michigan.

This fall the GGH faculty and students gathered at Twin Knobs for the fall picnic. While playing baseball, horseshoes, and board games, participants munched on hotdogs, delicious homemade snacks, and made Smores!

Canadian Parliamentary Interns

Three MSU students served as interns in the Parliament of Canada in the Summer 2006: **Stefanie Caudill**, **Linda Docter-Herzog**, and **Joshua Horn**; and one MSU student, **Ashley Netherton**, served in the Quebec National Assembly in Quebec City. Dr. **William Green** prepared them for their internships with a course on Canadian Politics and then awarded each of them a \$1,000 Canadian Studies Scholarship funded by Office of Financial Aid and our department.

Stefanie Caudill saw the social side of parliamentary life when she attended a garden party for Conservative MPs and their spouses held at Prime Minister Stephen Harper's official residence. For Ms. Caudill, a staunch conservative, the party was a highlight of her internship. She met Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety, Rob Nicholson, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Prime Minister Harper.

Canadian Studies Roundtable

The 2006 Kentucky Canadian Studies Roundtable meeting at the Georgetown College Conference Center was the most successful in the roundtable's 11 year history. Sixty-six faculty, and graduate and undergraduate students, attended the Friday, September 29 meeting organized by **William Green**, professor of Government at Morehead State University.

The Hon. Dr. Keith Martin, a Liberal Party Member of Parliament from British Columbia and a humanitarian activist, was the special guest. In his well-received keynote speech, Dr. Martin addressed the opportunities for Canadian and United States cooperation at home and abroad. He also facilitated two well-attended discussion sessions on health care and on cross-border economic and security issues.

After the roundtable, Professor Green and Dennis Moore, Public Affairs Officer at the Consulate General of Canada in Detroit, took Dr. Martin on a Bourbon distillery and Horse Farm Tour.



Dr. William Green (left) and Keith Martin at Georgetown

From Rader Hall to Virginia's Capitol Square

Gena Boyle writes: "It seems like just yesterday I was sitting in Rader Hall, discussing elements of political theory with Dr. Caric or a principle of constitutional law with Dr. Green. Today, however, I spend my days in the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond, Virginia, which houses the Office of the Governor and the General Assembly. When I think back to my days at MSU, I realize there are so many professors and GGH staff I need to thank for being here.

"Soon after graduating from MSU, I became a political organizer for congressional candidate Nick Clooney who ran in Kentucky's 4th district (he was defeated). Although defeat was hard, I discovered during Nick's race that I loved politics and wanted to get involved in another campaign. Virginia and New Jersey both had gubernatorial races in 2005 and I began applying for jobs right away. I was informed that Virginia's Lt. Governor, Timothy M. Kaine, would be hiring soon for his gubernatorial campaign. I found a temporary job as a legislative assistant for a local lobbying firm that would allow me to establish some political contacts in Richmond. Soon after the session ended, I was hired as an assistant to the campaign manager. The hours were long, but this campaign was victorious. I stayed on as staff through the transition and inauguration and was hired as a policy advisor in January 2006.

"In my current position as a policy advisor for Virginia's Governor, I have many duties. During the General Assembly Session, I oversee the bill review process, through which the Governor reviews and acts on pieces of legislation. I secure recommendations from the Governor's chief advisors on the legislation and keep track of the scheduled time that the legislation has to be returned to the General Assembly. In the last regular session, our office reviewed over 900 pieces of legislation in 30 days.

"During the rest of the year, I review and make recommendations on regulations for the Governor's signature. I'm also in charge of responses to letters that come to the Governor from VIPs, a list which includes elected officials and his personal friends. I work closely with the Governor's counselors on issues concerning extraditions, pardons, restoration of rights, and settlements. I prepare policy background briefings for events and meetings on the Governor's schedule. Then there are the little "all-hands-on-deck" issues that come up. Once, I had to help set up the bar at the Governor's mansion when the head cook had gone home for the day and the Governor invited legislators over for a reception (a skill I learned as a waitress at Cutter's Roadhouse).

"There is never a dull day in the Governor's office. I use the skills I learned as a GGH student at MSU to adapt to so many different roles. In Rader Hall, I learned to ask hard questions when dealing with issues of government and public policy. In Dr. Goldey's "Methods and Research" course, I learned to seek out reliable sources of information that I use in my briefings for the Governor. Concepts and principles that I learned from Dr. Herzog, Murphy, and Green come up over and over again. The knowledge of legislative issues I acquired as an intern in the Canadian Parliament are valuable to me now more than ever. I owe so much to Rader Hall's professors and staff and hope that other GGH students find their experience to be as challenging and fulfilling as mine."

Not your everyday Parliamentary intern

Linda Docter-Herzog, who served as an intern in the Canadian Parliament last summer, was featured in a lengthy article in the *Ottawa Citizen* on 13 June. "[Linda] fell in love with Canada and its peaceful, accommodating nature during a trip to Montreal eight years ago....Ms. Docter, who recently celebrated her 56th birthday, has been working in Hedy Fry's office for the past six weeks while living in the dorms at the University of Ottawa. She is here because of a deep curiosity about Canada -- and the fact that a group of Kentucky colleges, including hers, happens to be part of a Canadian studies internship program. She is here even more so because of a determination to lose no more opportunities in life."



Gena with Virginia Governor Tim Kaine

Scholarship fund needs your support!

The faculty of GGH is raising money for a scholarship fund to help deserving GGH students participate in study abroad programs, such as those offered by the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS). The goal is to establish a permanent scholarship fund to award \$1,000 each year to help one GGH student per year defray the costs of participating in the study abroad program of his/her choice. If you would like to offer a donation to help make this dream become a reality, please contact either Ms. Mindy Highley of the MSU Foundation at (606)783-2033 or e-mail her at m.highley@moreheadstate.edu, or Dr. Christopher Diaz of GGH at (606)783-2590 (e-mail: c.diaz@morehead-st.edu).

Forthcoming Appalachian conference

The Appalachian Studies program, housed in GGH, is sponsoring a conference April 2-5 on Service Learning, Participatory Research, and Regional Stewardship on the MSU campus. Workshops will be held in ADUC, led by Appalachian Studies scholars with a long history of community activism and service learning in the region. They include Stephen Fisher and Tal Stanley, former and current director of the Appalachian Center for Community Service at Emory & Henry College in Emory, VA; Anne-Marie Turnage, of Mountainserve: Center for Rural Community Service and Learning at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania; Alan Banks, director of the Center for Appalachian Studies at Eastern Kentucky University; and Helen M. Lewis of Morganton, Georgia, one of the founders of the Appalachian Studies movement and a formative influence in community-based research and service learning in the region. In addition to her workshop, Dr. Lewis will present the First President's Lecture in Appalachian Studies on Tuesday evening April 3. The title of her address will be "Appalachian Studies: Telling the Truth of Preserving the Myths?"

Conference information is available on campus and on the MSU Web site. For more information contact John Hennen at: j.hennen@moreheadstate.edu.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 1: Presenters arrive, will be housed in Guest House and dinner provided by Appalachian Studies Council

Monday, April 2: (ADUC) General session at 8 or 9 a.m. with welcome by a representative of Campus Compact. Workshops from 10:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and 1:50 to 3:50 p.m. There will be a reception for presenters at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., with music by Sarah Wood.

Tuesday, April 3: (ADUC) Workshops again from 10:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and 1:50 to 3:50 p.m. Helen Lewis (location TBA) will deliver the First Annual President's Lecture in Appalachian Studies at 7 or 8 p.m., "Appalachian Studies: Telling the Truth of Preserving the Myths?"

Wednesday, April 4: (ADUC) Wrap session and breakout sessions, from 10:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and 1:50 to 3:50 p.m. In the evening, Robert Gipe and his students from Southeastern Community College will present a short play about their experiences in service learning projects. Music will be provided by the Clack Mountain String Band.

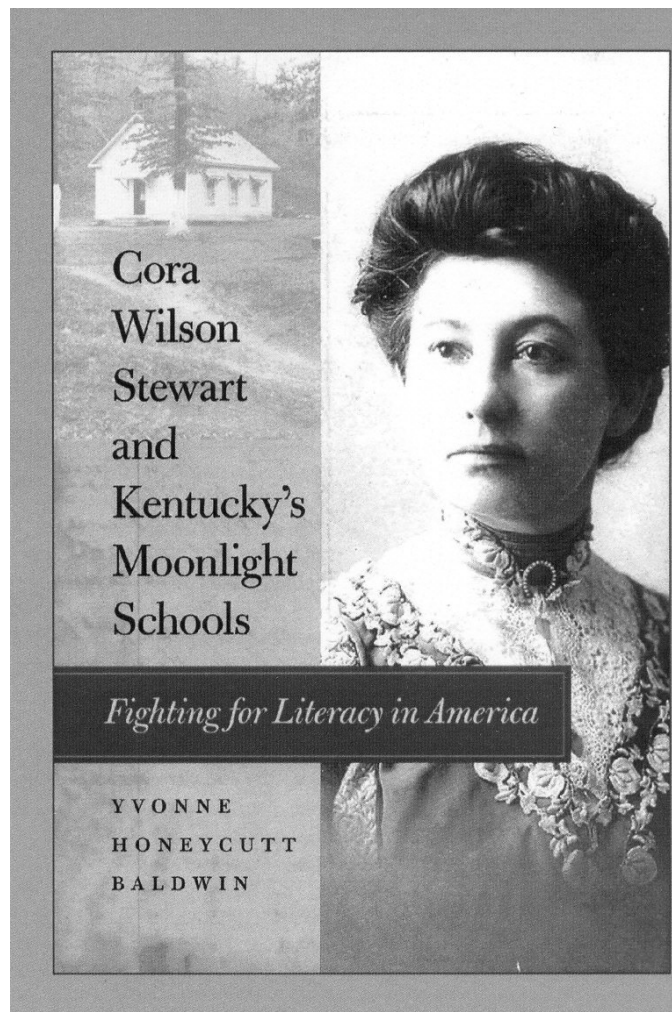
Thursday, April 5: (Crager Room, ADUC) Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome by MSU President Wayne Andrews, and end at 1:50 p.m. This final day of the conference provides opportunities for students, faculty and staff to discuss service learning experiences, including those of Spring Break/Spring Back participants. Several organizations and companies will have displays and be available to talk with attendees, including Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Jobs with Justice, CREEK (Community-based Research Education in Eastern Kentucky), ACORN, Kentucky Fairness Alliance, Mountain Area Community Economic Development (MACED). Each will make a brief presentation on their organization and then join us for a big lunch and informal meetings with students and faculty for discussion of apprenticeships, internships, program designs, and career options.

Faculty book published by University Press

Cora Wilson Stewart and Kentucky's Moonlight Schools: Fighting for Literacy in America, by GGH Department Chair Yvonne Honeycutt Baldwin, examines the life and work of a local hero who led a national campaign to eradicate illiteracy. The Moonlight School building now located on First Street was dedicated in her honor and in memory of the now legendary attempt to educate rural adults in the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The book examines Stewart in the context of the Progressive Era reform movements, including woman suffrage, and highlights her organizational prowess, political acumen, and remarkable gifts as a rhetorician and stump speaker. It also reevaluates her alleged "failure" to eliminate illiteracy from Kentucky and the nation by highlighting the many links between current literacy practice and her pioneering techniques.

Although the literacy crusade began in Morehead, it reached national and even international proportions. Stewart forged alliances with state and national education organizations including the NEA and PTA, and with other civic organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, and the American Red Cross. A review of Baldwin's book appears in the November 2006 *Journal of American History*.



Alumni Notes

Mindy McElfresh (B.A. 2005) continues to amaze! She was selected from 2,000 applicants to attend an Institute for Humane Studies summer seminar at Loyola University in Chicago. Mindy writes: "I made it through one week and two days of [UK] law school. It has been quite a shock to the system; a seemingly endless amount of reading, but all interesting enough to keep my attention. I must admit my criminal professor is not up to snuff with Morehead's faculty, haha. I really have appreciated my Black's Law Dictionary-- it accompanies me everywhere! I can't imagine coming to law school without the basic overview knowledge I gained in the Paralegal program; this last week would have been even more daunting.

On the first day of orientation, Dean Bakert announced some of the accomplishments of our 1L class. I was amazed at some of the things my fellow students had accomplished. Among her remarks: "One of your classmates has first-hand international government experience, as she worked in the Canadian Parliament." I felt really proud, it made me feel like I belong here with all the Harvard, Yale, Brown and other alum in this class. Baker also noted that I was one of fourteen students who came in with a 4.0. Thank goodness for such a motivating mentor and law advisor! What an experience this will be!"

Mindy can be contacted at: mindy_mcelfresh@hotmail.com

Shawn Moore (M.A. 2004) was selected as one of 50 individuals to participate in the Fulbright Scholar program in Japan for the coming school year. Shawn can be reached at: Shawn.Moore@RussellInd.kyschools.us

Lee Remington (B.A. 1999), who has a J.D. from University of Louisville, has passed her qualifying exams for her Ph.D. in political science at the University of Kentucky. Yeah! Lee says, "Thanks again for everything you've done and I can't ever tell you how much it means to me!! Lee can be contacted at: leeremington@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Second Lieutenant **Larry Sue Deel** (B.A. 2006), a Geography major who also received her commission this past spring, for her recent marriage to Carlos Diaz. Larry is currently stationed in Hawaii, where the ceremony was performed. She goes next to Australia for a 45-day tour, followed by a 45-day stint in Korea. Well-wishers can contact Larry at: larry_deel@hotmail.com



Larry Sue Deel and Carlos Diaz: A Hawaiian wedding!



Jason and Janet Boudret

Can a Canadian Parliamentary Internship lead to marriage? Yes, says one of the ten single women who have served as parliamentary interns. **Janette Stidham** (B.A. 2005), was married this past September 30 to Jason Boudrot, a Nova Scotia lawyer and Liberal Party member, whom she met in Ottawa when she was an intern in 2003. Janette writes:

"[I] have submitted my immigration packet. I'm back and forth very often, to visit family and friends, but, I've settled in Nova Scotia, on Cape Breton Island. For now, I'm stuck waiting on a work visa, which should take around four months. But, once that's in I'm looking to work for one of the many different development boards in the area. I will most likely be attending the Liberal Party Leadership Convention this December, as my husband (Jason) has been elected a delegate for Michael Ignatieff (first round at least)...I won't take any more of your time. Just wanted to let you know the news. Perhaps that can be another pitch when recruiting new interns... "Learn all about the Canadian government and meet your spouse."

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Grant Sorrell (B.A. 2005) returned to MSU in fall 2006, pursuing an MPA (Master of Public Administration). He was recently promoted to case manager at the Bath County Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Families and Health Services. Grant spends quite a bit of his time involved in various sports activities, from co-operator of a professional wrestling organization that puts on "family clean, fun wrestling fund raising shows for school organizations, Lion's Clubs, Girl Scouts, etc." as well as coaching the Menifee County Youth (under 12) soccer team. Last summer he coached the Menifee County Little League Dodgers to a tournament championship. Grant is also active in the Menifee County Lions Club, is a member of the Gateway Community Action Committee representative for the Bath County Private Sector, Gateway Inter-agency Committee, and is a Bath County Adult Education board member. As if this were not enough, Grant also helps to run a family farm business located primarily in Menifee County, tending to around 100 cows and calves (including bottle feeding the orphan calves), hay, and vegetables.

Mandzy in Ukraine



During the academic year of 2006/7, Dr. **Adrian O. Mandzy** is continuing his study of the 17th century Battle of Zboriv in Ukraine. Fought in the summer of 1649, the battle pitted an army of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth against a combined Cossack-Tatar force. After a two-day fight, the combatants signed the Treaty of Zboriv. While further military actions relegated the Treaty to the dustbin of history, Hetman Philip Orlyk referred to Zboriv as the place where "Ukraine became a sovereign principality." As it was not in the interests of either the Austrian-Hungarian, Polish, Nazi, or Soviet regimes to focus on Ukrainian statehood, the battlefield of Zboriv received only passing mention. On the eve of independence, Ukrainians raised a commemorative knoll on the foundations of the old alleged Cossack burial mound and a huge white cross was erected on its summit. The actual location of the field of battle where the modern Ukrainian state began remained lost.

In 2002, a joint American/Ukrainian program, made possible by a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Fellowship, began an archaeological survey of the battlefield area. Using a contemporary 1649 map of the battlefield as a starting point, the survey team, which included both Ukrainian and Polish students, located a section of the battlefield that had not yet been threatened by urban development. Additional work on the battlefield in 2004 identified the area as a section of the Polish defense line. Further work conducted in the fall of 2006, made possible by a second Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Fellowship along with support from MSU, located additional areas of the Polish defensive line, the Cossack main battery, the Tatar camp, the location of an independent Polish redoubt and the location of the Cossack camp.

As a result of this survey, it is possible to create a preservation and interpretive plan for the battlefield that follows the guidelines set forth in the Vimy Declaration for Conservation of Historical Battlefield Terrain. Based on an initial study, the battlefield has significant historical tourism potential. Location along a major highway linking L'viv and Ternopil allows for easy access, while the town of Zboriv has a supportive infrastructure of restaurants and camping facilities. Local authorities recognized the economic benefits

of developing the battlefield area and are interested in pursuing this matter further. Currently, plans are in motion to host a yearly reenactment on the anniversary of the battle.

To support the growing interest in the battle, three additional locations were selected for the interpretation of the battlefield. Using the reconstructed Cossack mound as a starting point, the first new battlefield area is at the Cossack battery and the Tatar camp. This site, located near the regional hospital, is ideal, as it overlooks the entire town of Zboriv and the Polish field camp from across the river. The second new location is a bit further from the main road in an open field. At this spot, modern housing has not yet affected the landscape and visitors can get a good idea of how the area looked in previous centuries. A small section of the earthworks may be recreated to provide visitors with a better understanding of the defenses. This low maintenance site would give visitors an impression of the probable historic appearance of the defensive line. The third new location is the area of the Cossack camp. To accommodate all types of visitors, signage at these three locations would be in Ukrainian, Polish and English.

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NEWS FLASH!

There is a new little one in the Mandzy household. Athena Sophia Mandzy was born on the morning of 16 January at 5:40 a.m., weighing in at 7 pounds 7 oz. and 50 centimeters long.

New Faces

Esther Long (GGH) joined our department last semester as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Geography. She is a broadly trained cultural geographer who received her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Kentucky in 2005. Esther received Fulbright funding to study transnationalism and religion in Ukraine. Her dissertation focused on the interactions of local Protestant Christians with churches and individuals from the West.

Esther previously worked as a humanitarian NGO, traveling extensively to Afghanistan for a civic education project related to the Afghan elections of 2004 and 2005. She is actively writing and publishing analyses of the Afghanistan project. Her U.S.-based research activities include a new project about religious aspects of political culture in Kentucky. At MSU this year, Esther is teaching a variety of human geography courses, including a new online version of the Geography of the U.S. and Canada.



Faculty Notes

Chris Diaz (Government) taught courses on Mexican politics in the KIIS program in Morelia, Mexico this past summer. Given the immigration debate in the U.S. and the contentious presidential election in Mexico – the timing was perfect!

William Green (Government) received his seventh Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant. The \$6,500 Canadian Embassy grant supports course development and program expansion. The grant will also allow him to extend to graduate education students consortium-wide CSOP courses currently available at MSU and Georgetown College. This past summer, he wrote 11 essays: four for *The Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*, five for *The Encyclopedia for the U.S. Constitution* and two for the *Kentucky Almanac and Book of Facts*. He is revising two manuscripts for publication which he presented this summer at the Law and Society conference: “The Supreme Court and State Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages” and “Quebec Anglophones, Ethnic Conflict, and Linguistic Peace.”

Timothy S. Hare (IRAPP) has a new article and a book chapter. “Captive Olive Baboon Maternal Time Budgets and GIS Technology: Adding a Spatial Context,” (with Vicki Bentley-Condit, Grinnell College) appeared in the *Journal of Mathematical and Physical Sciences*. “The Regeneration of Maya Society During the Late Postclassic Period,” (with Marilyn Masson, SUNY Albany and C. Peraza Lope, INAH, Mexico) appeared in *After Collapse: The Regeneration of Complex Societies*. Timothy demonstrated a space-time information system at the Kentucky GIS Conference in July, and presented “Geographical Accessibility and Kentucky’s Heart-Related Hospital Services” at the ESRI Homeland Security GIS Summit & Health Conference in Denver. Timothy, Daikwon Han and Kevin Calhoun produced a workshop for MSU faculty and staff through the Center for Teaching and Learning: “Introduction to Geographical Information Systems.”

Noelle N'Diaye (Government) joined the MSU Task Force on Student Success, formed in response to student concerns about the elimination of Reading Day from the Spring Examination schedule. The task force will examine the Reading Day policy and other student academic success issues, including: construction of a final exam week schedule, based on best practices at other institutions in today’s academic environment, to maximize student success; feasibility and utility of an academic “dead week;” a fall break; and final examination schedules for regional campus and online classes. The task force will present final recommendations before Spring Break.

Christi McMichael (IRAPP) had a productive year in 2006. “Distributed hydrological modeling in semi-arid shrublands: MIKE SHE model calibration and uncertainty estimation” (with A.S. Hope and H.A. Loaiciga) appeared in the *Journal of Hydrology*; “Predicting streamflow response to fire-induced landcover change: implications of parameter uncertainty in the MIKE SHE model” (with A.S. Hope), is in press with the *Journal of Environmental Management*; and she contributed “Physical Geography” to the online *Encyclopedia of Earth*, a project of the Environmental Information Coalition, National Council for Science and the Environment. Christi also serves as Co-Director of Kentucky View, Kentucky's Remote Sensing Consortium: www.kentuckyview.org

Zack Bortolot and **Christi McMichael**, with undergraduates **Matt Faust**, **Nick Rose**, and **Bryan Postalwait**, are using historical aerial photographs to map changes in areas of urban forest and impervious surfaces in Morehead, research sponsored by the Kentucky Division of Forestry and MSU. Urban forests have many benefits, including removing atmospheric pollutants, reducing need for air conditioning and heating, and reducing surface runoff. Impervious surfaces tend to increase flooding and erosion, and reduce water quality in rivers and streams. The project will improve understanding of contributing factors and help raise awareness of this issue among city officials.

This is the first study using computer-processed historic aerial photographs for mapping urban forest and impervious surface area. Aerial photographs have been collected for many cities since the 1920s. Such photographs provide a far longer record of changes in urban forest cover and impervious surface area than other types of data, such as satellite imagery.

Verdie Craig (Geography), with her Canadian colleague Dr. Doug Ramsey, was invited to present a comparative policy analysis of tobacco restructuring in Canada and the United States at Brandon University in Manitoba, Canada. The lecture was part of the Institute for Comparative Rural Policy Studies Summer Institute. This intensive summer institute brings together graduate students from around the world to examine rural policy from an interdisciplinary perspective, sponsored by a consortium of universities in Europe and Canada.

Ric N. Caric (Government) has had two articles accepted for publication. “Hideous Monsters Before the Eye: Delirium Tremens and Manhood in Ante-Bellum Philadelphia,” will appear either in a collection on medical history and popular culture at the Ohio State University Press or in the Canadian *Bulletin of Medical History*. “The Man with the Poker Enters the Room: Delirium Tremens in Philadelphia, 1828-1850,” will appear Fall 2007 in *Pennsylvania History*. Ric is collaborating with Bernadette Barton (Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology), researching the relation between Jesus and masculinity. They presented their paper, “Which Sex Killed Jesus?” at meetings of the Kentucky Honors Roundtable, The Kentucky Political Science Association, and the National Women’s Studies Association. The Lexington *Herald-Leader* published two of Ric’s op-ed pieces in 2006, “9/11, Iraq: Two wrongs don't make anything right: U.S. Troops, Iraqis shouldn't die for Bin Laden's crime” on Sept. 25, 2006, and “Jolly Santa has more appeal than Jesus,” on December 24, 2006. Ric also presented “Mania a potu at the Philadelphia Alms House” at the Ohio Valley History Association, has given several public talks at various forums and debates, and has established an everyday blog, “Red State Impressions,” at <http://red-state.blogspot.com>

Daikwon Han’s (IRAPP) epidemiologic study evaluating the associations of lifetime weight change and breast cancer was published in the December issue of the *International Journal of Cancer*, one of the premier international journals in cancer research. He also made a presentation on “Using Birth Certificate Data to Reconstruct and Validate Self-reported Birth Address in a Study of Breast Cancer and Environment” at the Congress of Epidemiology in Seattle. Daikwon also presented a spatial analysis of lifetime environmental exposures and breast cancer risk at the 2006 CDC - National Environmental Public Health Conference in Atlanta: “GIS-based spatial analysis of lifetime environmental exposures and breast cancer risk.”



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