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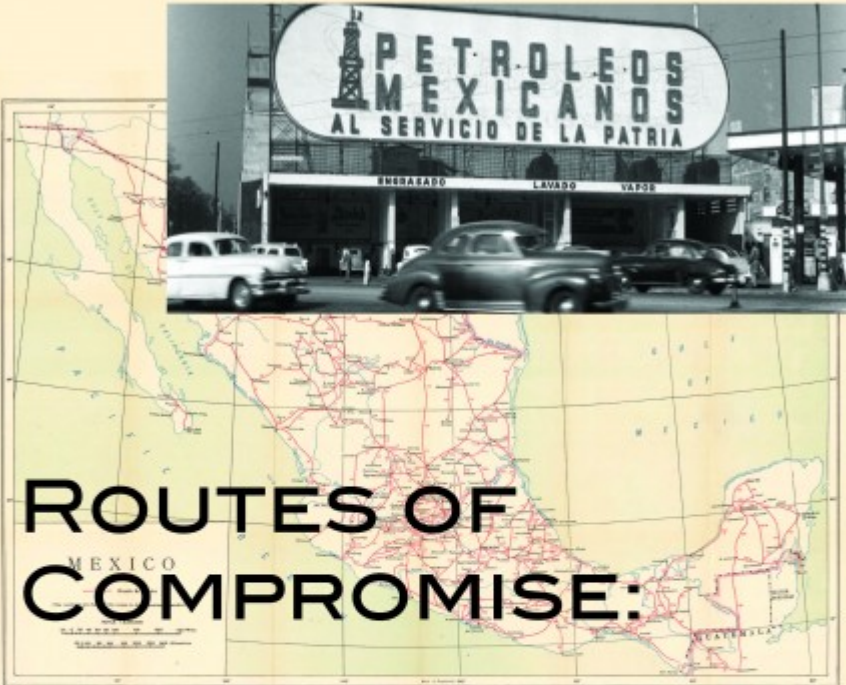
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TALK: Mike Bess “Routes of Compromise: The Mexican Highway System”

December 3, 2013

This Wednesday, December 4, at noon, Michael Bess will be giving a talk about his dissertation work, “Routes of Compromise: Road Building and Motor Transportation in Modern Mexico, 1920-1952.” Mike is a former Georgia Southern MA student who has recently finished his PhD at the University of Texas, El Paso. His groundbreaking work on the emergence of the modern highway system in Mexico has earned him the John Scholes Transport History Prize. He will offer a preview of new material being presented at this year’s American Historical Association conference.

The talk is sponsored by the history department and will be held in the Forest Drive Building, 1231. Georgia Southern University.



**ROUTES OF
MEXICO
COMPROMISE:**

**ROADS, TRANSPORTATION
AND THE MAKING OF MODERN MEXICO**

MICHAEL BESS
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, EL PASO

A TALK FOR THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12:00
FOREST DRIVE BUILDING, ROOM 1231

Upcoming Events in the History Department

December 3, 2013

One of our MA graduates has been featured by the Department of History at the University of South Carolina, where he is pursuing a PhD. : http://www.sc.edu/uofsc/stories/2013/_11_history_student_blog_.php#.Uo0V1cSsh8H

Jeffrey D. Burson published his thirteenth article, entitled, "Buddhism as Caricature: China and the Legitimation of Natural Religion in the Enlightenment," *Religion in the Age of Enlightenment* 4, Fall 2013. On November 18, he also delivered remarks on "Papal Bull Unigenitus & Enlightenment Catholicism" at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Eric Hall published "Co-Learners and Core: Education Reform at Saint Joseph's College," *International Social Science Review*, Fall/Winter 2013.

Brian K. Feltman presented "Reassessing Anglo-German 'Relations': Wartime Relationships between German Military Prisoners and British Women during the First World War" at the annual meeting of the German Studies Association in Denver, CO.

Christina Abreu presented a paper at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association on November 1, titled "'It's a Mulatto Music:' Mario Bauzá, Marco Rizo, and Racialized Discourses of 'Latin' Musical Innovation."

Jonathan Bryant, in conjunction with the Garden of the Coastal Plain at Georgia Southern University, began leading teacher workshops November 14th and 15th. The Workshops, funded by a Federal Title II grant, are part of Places to People, a program to enhance teacher content-knowledge in history and to support field trips to the Garden as a social studies learning location for children. Workshops will continue in January.

Ahmet Akturk presented "A Historical Background of the Syrian Crisis" in a panel discussion entitled "Crisis in Syria: What Should the U.S. Do?," organized by the Center for International Studies and the Department of Political Science at Georgia Southern University in September. Also on the GSU campus he presented "Between Nostalgia and Hope: Religious Diversity in the Middle East" in a panel discussion entitled "Religious Journeys: A Quest for Harmony," organized by Henderson Library and its community partners as part of a grant for "Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys," a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, November 14, 2013. At the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting, New Orleans, October 10-13, 2013 he presented "Kurdish Nationalists Respond to Kemalism in Syria and Lebanon: Rival Nationalisms and Similar Visions," and chaired a panel entitled "Revisiting Arab Theater: The Construction of Resistance." Finally, he reviewed *The Young Ataturk: From Ottoman Soldier to Statesman of Turkey* by George W. Gawrych (London: I. B. Tauris, 2013) in *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* (2014) [Forthcoming].

James Woods has recently published two book reviews in *The Journal of Southern Religion* 15 (Fall, 2013): <http://jsr.fes.edu/issues/vol15.html>, reviewing Frank Marotti, *The Cana Sancturay: History, Diplomacy, and Black Catholic Marriage in Antebellum St. Augustine, Florida* and in *The Journal of Southern History* 79 (Nov. 2013): 933-934, reviewing Emmett Curran, S.J., *Shaping American Catholicism: Maryland and New York, 1805-1915*.

Johnathan O'Neill published a co-edited volume (with Joseph Postell, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs), *Toward an American Conservatism: Constitutional Conservatism during the Progressive Era* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). In November he also gave a lecture at the Political Theory Institute, American University, Washington, DC on "The South and American Constitutionalism after the Civil War."

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