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Corinna Zeltsman received a summer research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a Scholarly Pursuit Award from the Faculty Research Council, and a Bibliographical Society of America/Pine Tree Foundation Fellowship in Hispanic Bibliography to support research for her current book project about printers and politics in nineteenth-century Mexico. She also received an award for Best Dissertation from the Nineteenth Century Section of the Latin American Studies Association.

Kathleen Comerford presented the paper “Jesuits as Global Citizens: Geography and World History in European Jesuit Libraries” at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America (March 22-24, New Orleans, LA). She was also the organizer and convener of the second Jesuit Studies Roundtable, held at Loyola University New Orleans on March 21.

Brian K. Feltman published ‘We Don’t Want Any German Off-Spring After These Prisoners Left Here’: German Military Prisoners and British Women in the First World War” in Gender & History (March 2018), pp. 110-130 and presented “Heraus mit unseren Gefangenen!: The German Home Front and Prisoner of War Repatriation, 1918-1919,” at the conference Captivity in War: A Global Perspective, in Bern, Switzerland.

Paul Rodell’s chapter “A Syncretic Culture” appeared in the Routledge Handbook of the Contemporary Philippines (2018) co-edited by Mark Thompson and Eric Batalla. On April 7 he presented a paper “The Historical Roots of Philippine Illiberalism” at the annual conference of the International Studies Association in San Francisco. And finally, the week before that he co-directed a teaching workshop on Teaching Islam in Asia: Faith, Ethnicity & Conflict for University System Faculty held at the Clarkson campus of Georgia Perimeter College of Georgia State University. At the workshop he spoke on “Islam in Island Southeast Asia: Patterns of Conversion, Beliefs and Controversies,” and participated in a roundtable session discussing approaches to teaching about the current Rohingya tragedy in Myanmar (former Burma).

Dr. Jonathan Bryant gave a Presentation on the Antelope Case to the Georgia Legal History Foundation Meeting in Brunswick, Georgia in March. In April he served on a National Endowment for the Humanities Referee Panel for American Landmark Grants and delivered the Keynote Address for the Middle Georgia State University Undergraduate Research Conference.

Student News:

Jessica Forsee won the Paper of Excellence award at the Phi Alpha Theta Georgia Regional Conference this Spring as well as International Model African Union Best Delegate Award for her work in Social Matters. Ms. Forsee completed her award-winning paper in a Historical Methods class with Deborah Timmons-Hill and worked with Dr. Saba Jallow at the Model African Union in Washington.

Kaylah Morgan, (2016 B.A., History) was awarded the prestigious and highly competitive Lynn Fellowship in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, American Studies Program at Purdue University. The fellowship provides a full tuition scholarship and stipend for five years as Kaylah continues her studies in African American history and culture in the American Studies Ph.D. program at Purdue University.

Michelina Restaino, senior Honors History major, presented her thesis “The 1492 Jewish Expulsion from Spain: How Identity Politics and Economics Converged” at the CURIO Symposium (April 14) and the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference (April 5, in Washington, DC). Her mentor was Dr. Kathleen Comerford. Other History Honors graduating seniors who presented their work at the Honors Research
Symposium included Kadien Hill on Chinese martial arts (wushu); Shelby Georges on Navy recruitment posters in WWII; and Victoria Barrett on modern biological warfare

On Thursday, April 12th Phi Alpha Theta initiated new members from the Statesboro campus: Joshua Gee, Samantha Hammack, Cassandra Hankin, Haley Osborne, Nicholas Parr, Narayan Saviskas, Zachary Schulz, Alyssa Austin–Marie Watrous, and Nesha Wright. The 2018-2019 Phi Alpha Theta Officers are Anna McIntyre, Jessica Forsee, and Jacob Ward. Special thanks to Dr. Corinna Zeltsman for her interesting and informative talk and to Dr. Jon Bryant for graciously hosting the initiation.

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