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**Division of Social Science and History Celebrates Constitution Week****Fall 2011**

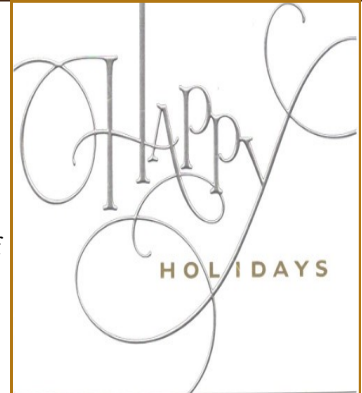
Each year the Madison Center in the Division of Social science and History recognizes Constitution Week by inviting speakers who can help the campus reflect on the importance of the American Constitution, as well as the controversies surrounding its interpretation and implementation. This year's speakers addressed the use of torture at the international level and by the United States government. Anthony Obeagha was a resident of Nigeria and tortured by the Nigerian government. His accounts of torture and those who were victims of the Nigerian governments terror amounted to a power testament against the horrors of unlimited government power used in violation of human rights. Mr. Obeagha appeared along with Patricia Davis at constitution week events.

Patricia Davis is an author, poet and playwright who has worked as a translator, editor, Poet-in-the-Schools and human rights advocate. She co-authored *The Blindfold's Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth*, winning Best First-Time Author and Best Biography awards from the Catholic Press Association of North America and Canada. The book also won a Best Spiritual Book of the Year Award from *Spirituality and Health* magazine. Her poetry has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and her play, *Alternative Methods*, was produced in the Capital Fringe and the New York International Fringe festivals. She is former executive director of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission and current board president of the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition. Both Mr. Obeagha and Ms. Davis appeared on the same panel on the use of torture at the international level on the evening of September 14th in Jobe Auditorium. A diverse group of students, faculty, and community members attend this event.

On 15 September, Mr. Glenn Carle spoke to the Delta State community on the use of terror by the United States government. Mr. Carle was particularly well suited for this discussion as he is a former high-level office in the Central Intelligence Agency. His discussion covered the months following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. In his account, Mr. Carle noted his involvement in interrogation techniques that were commonly used against foreign agents and terrorists, all of which did not use torture. This, of course change within a year's time of the attack on 9/11. Mr. Carle's argument was that the United States contravened every sense of the Constitution's protections, as well as the practical concerns for intelligence gathering. (Continued on page 8).

**Ashley Neal: Cochran Fellowship 2011 Recipient**

Ashley Neal, senior Political Science major, has been chosen for the Cochran Fellowship. This year's field of candidates was very strong, including applicants from across the university. Her fellowship begins on 12 January and will end on 27 April. Along with her duties in Sen. Cochran's office at the Senate Office Building Washington, D.C., Ms. Neal will have the opportunity to learn the process of responding to constituents, to assist in office administration, and to attend Senate committee hearings. The fellowship covers her semester's tuition, housing, a stipend for the semester, and transportation to and from Washington, DC. Ashley is the advisee of Prof. Garry Jennings, Director of the Madison Center.

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## Q & A Session



Dr. Marjon Ames, Assistant Professor of History

What was the first job you ever had?

I worked behind the counter at a 1950s diner.

What were you involved in, in high school?

Too much! Debate, theater, volleyball, basketball, pep club

How long have you been at DSU?

Um, going on 2 months.

Outside of work, what is a current hobby of yours?

I love to bake.

If you were dropped on a flourishing deserted island in charge of re-establishing a society, which 3 occupations would you deem most important to be with you?

Sadly, I don't think early modern European historian would make the top three! I guess the three most important jobs would be finding clean water, growing/preparing food, and watching out of wild animal attacks. I wouldn't mind the food prep job but I would be pretty terrible at the others (note I didn't list girl scout in the list of activities above).

## The Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED)



Dr. Green-Pimentel, Associate Director of the CCED

The Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED) has undergone many positive changes over the past few months. We said good bye to the former Director, John Green, and welcomed a new Director, Paulette Meikle; Associate Director, Leslie Green-Pimentel, and five new faculty associates: Garry Jennings, Mark Bonta, Christopher Bounds, and Debarashmi Mitra from the Division of Social Sciences and History and Lekeitha Morris from the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Also, a new program manager, Pamela Forrest was welcomed to the Developing Personal Wealth program and the Delta Evaluation and Support Institute was created. Each is committed to helping further the mission of the CCED which is to *Build and Empower Relationships that Strengthen Communities*. "Asset Building among Low Income Families" has been designated as the signature project for the CCED for the next three years. To launch this new focus the Federal Reserve Bank of St Louis will host a two-day Asset Building Public Forum and a Workshop with diverse CCED stakeholders in March 2012.

The CCED has many wonderful programs currently underway and more program ideas in the making. Our current programs include: Breast Education and Early Detection program; School Based Asthma Management; America Reads Mississippi; AmeriCorps\*VISTA; Farmer's Market; Mississippi College Savings Account Initiative; and the Developing Personal Wealth program.

There are many ways to help further the economic and community development of the Mississippi Delta so please let us know if you, or any of your students, are interested in participating in any of our programs or if you have ideas for new programming. The director, Dr. Meikle can be contacted via email:

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## Political Science News

### Dr. Leslie Fadiga-Stewart is the New Mississippi Political Science Association President



**Dr. Leslie Fadiga-Stewart**

As the 2011 Conference Program Chair and Vice President of the Mississippi Political Science Association (MSPSA), Dr. Leslie Fadiga-Stewart organized this year's conference, which was hosted by Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi on November 11 - 12, 2011. Last year, Dr. Fadiga-Stewart accompanied two Delta State students: Kevin Edwards and Guilherme Russo to the MSPSA conference held at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. Guilherme Russo graduated in 2010 and is currently a graduate student at Vanderbilt University. Kevin Edwards will graduate in December 2011 and plans to start graduate studies in 2012. Both students returned for the 2011 MSPSA conference to present the following papers:

- Kevin Edwards, "High Rise to Landslide: the Defeats of President Jimmy Carter"
- Guilherme Russo, "Understanding Transitions to Democracy and its Impact on the Quality of Democracy: the Cases of Argentina and Chile"

Guilherme Russo, "Political Participation: Apathy, Awareness, and Undergraduate Students at Delta State University." This paper was co-authored with three other former DSU students: Shannon Crow, Whitney Jones, and Morganne Montgomery. Dr. Paulette Meikle helped these students to conceptualize the paper, pointed them to appropriate theory and research techniques, and critiqued several drafts of the paper.

The following students from Dr. Fadiga-Stewart's PSC 499: Middle East Politics course also participated in this year's conference and presented their research essays on the following topics:

- Kondwani Coleman, "Unsettle Disputes: Riots in Algeria"
- Kevin Edwards, "The Rise and Fall of Hosni Mubarak's Presidency"
- Mansul Hudson, "The Israeli Homosexual: their Beliefs, Challenges, and Ultimate External Effects"
- Emily McCain, "Political Rights and the Suffrage of Women in the MENA Region"
- Kurnesha (Rose) Ross, "Women in the Middle East and Honor Killings"

Ms. Arlene Sanders was the Chair/Discussant for a student panel on Political Participation at the Local Level and Dr. Fadiga-Stewart served as the Chair/Discussant for a faculty panel on International Politics as well as a student panel on Controversies in American Politics. Kevin Edwards and Guilherme Russo were also nominated to serve as undergraduate and graduate student board members, respectively. Dr. Fadiga-Stewart will serve as the 2012 MSPSA President and Conference Location Chair. The Mississippi Political Science Association (MSPSA) conference will be hosted by Delta State University in November 2012.

### Political Science Unit Hosts Guests from Northern Ireland

Malachi O'Doherty and Maureen Boyle visited Delta State University in late October. Mr. O'Doherty is writer-in-residence at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and contributor to the BBC. He offered the John C. Merrill Lecture in Journalism to the DSU campus. Maureen Boyle is an educator and poet. Faculty and students enjoyed her poetry reading on 31 October.

Mr. O'Doherty has collaborated with Prof. Jennings in the Belfast Lectures, a travel-course opportunity offered by the Madison Center every other spring semester. This program was supported by the Madison Center, the College of Arts and Sciences and Graduate and Continuing Studies.

## Tau Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta

### New Members for Tau Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta



Picture: Front row, l to r, Hawkins, Ricks, and Greer; Back row, l to r, Shaman, Lockler, Blankenship, and White (Not pictured, Boettcher, Edwards, Funchess, Kennedy, and Williams)

Tau Delta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society, welcomes the following new members: Joshua Blankenship (Clarksdale, MS), Caleb Boettcher (Southaven, MS), Kevin Edwards (Cleveland, MS), Noel Funchess (Cleveland, MS), Kyla Greer (Bolton, MS), Stella Hawkins (Rosedale, MS), Ben Kennedy (Belmont, MS), James Lockler (Greenville, MS), Ben Shaman (Flowood, MS), Morgan Ricks (Tupelo, MS), Jason White (Meridian, MS), and Martha Williams (Boyle, MS)

### History Awards and Scholarships



L.Q.C. Lamar Phi Alpha Theta History Award recipient James E. Peavy, III (Pelahatchie, MS)

### Awardees

William McKinley Cash Scholarship, Lanardo McCorkle (Clarksdale, MS)

L.Q.C. Lamar Phi Alpha Theta History Award, James E. Peavy III (Pelahatchie, MS)

Sammy O. Cranford History Teacher Award, Joshua Blankenship (Clarksdale, MS)

Judge Ed and Margaret Green History Scholarship, Lanardo

Martha Davis Biles World Civilization History Award, Geoffrey Bryce Jones (?)

William McKinley Cash U.S. History Award, Hend Al-boshaba (Greenville, MS)

Dr. William F. and Jeanne M. LaForge Scholarship, Jonathan Wise (Pontotoc, MS)

## Faculty Highlights



Christopher W. Bounds successfully defended his dissertation on July the 29<sup>th</sup> at Mississippi State University. The title of Dr. Bound's dissertation is 'Testing the Generalizability of Sampson and Laub's Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory: Do Adult Social Bonds Predict the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use Among Various Racial and Gender Subgroups?' His research focuses upon how patterns of illicit substance use are influenced by social bonds such as marriage, parenting, employment, and military service. Dr. Bounds accepted a position at Delta State University in the fall of 2010 as an instructor with the understanding that he would complete his dissertation during the upcoming year. Upon completion of his dissertation, Dr. Bounds was promoted to the position of Assistant Professor of Social Justice and Criminology. At the beginning of the fall semester of 2011, Dr. Bounds began serving as the graduate coordinator of the Social Justice and Criminology Program.

Dr. Christopher W. Bounds presented his research findings to the Delta State University Gender Studies Group on September the 9<sup>th</sup>. The title of Dr. Bound's presentation was "Does Marriage Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use among Females?" Dr. Bounds reviewed the relevant research literature which suggests that marriage tends to decrease the likelihood of future criminal behavior. Although the research finding that marriage reduces future criminal behavior has been studied extensively among males, currently very little research has concentrated upon the effect of marriage upon the illicit substance use patterns of females. Dr. Bounds's research addresses this oversight, by specifically examining patterns of desistance of illicit substance use among female subgroups. His research finds that marriage acts similarly as a turning point in the life course of both males and females.



Dr. Daniel Glenn, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper entitled: "The Fabric of a Commercial Empire: Citizenship, Credit, and the Competition for the Great Lakes, 1815-1837" on July 16th at the 2011 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

# History Unit Focus



**Dr. Marjon Ames**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Marjon Ames (Ph.D. University of Mississippi, 2009) and Dr. Brian Becker (Ph.D. Western Michigan University, 2010) to our division. Dr. Ames specializes in religious dissenters in modern Europe, while



**Dr. Brian Becker**

Dr. Becker's specialty is cultural contact and colonization in the Medieval Mediterranean. Besides offering a range of courses in Medieval, Early Modern, and Modern Europe, both will also teach the Western

Dr. Jerry Dallas, History Professor with Delta State University, published the following paper in 1987:

“Dallas, Jerry W. “The Delta and Providence Farms: A Mississippi Experiment in Cooperative Farming and Racial Cooperation, 1936-1956.” *Mississippi Quarterly* 4 (1987): 283-308.”

Dr. Dallas is pleased to learn that this research helped to direct a recent gift to Delta State University.

Dr. Chuck Westmoreland, Assistant Professor of History, has recently been named News and Notices editor for the *Journal of Mississippi History*.

Also, Dr. Westmoreland was recently appointed to serve on the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning U.S. History Taskforce.

## DSSH 2011 Year of the Student (Continued)



Caleb Calvert-Boettcher

Shannon Lamb, Instructor in Geography and Social Science Education, wishes to announce that Caleb Calvert-Boettcher, a senior Social Science Education major, will be student teaching in the spring of 2012. Caleb has scored a 195 on his Praxis II Social Studies content knowledge exam. The Praxis II serves as the teacher licensure exam for the State of Mississippi and 45 other states across the U.S. A score of 195 is an exceptional score because the highest score you can obtain is 200. Congratulations to Caleb for a job well done!



On November 10, the final Film Night of the semester was hosted by the History Unit and a raffle was held for an iPad. The Alumni Association donated the iPad in honor of History professor Dr. James Robinson for his many years of service to Delta State. The winner of the iPad drawing was Christi Sweeting, an Elementary Education major from DeSoto County.

# Madison Center Presents “Constitution Week 2011 Guest Speakers”



**Anthony Obeaga and Pat Davis speaking on use of torture at the international level and by the United States government, Jobe Hall , September 14, 2011.**

**Anthony Obeaga** is Ibo and was born in Nigeria, where at age 1, he and his family fled to Cameroon from the Nigerian civil war. He returned to Nigeria 19 years later and completed undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Literatures and Business Administration. Anthony ran a foreign radio language and music program in Port Harcourt, which afforded him an opportunity to criticize torture; he also took part in environmental and anti-discrimination activities protesting the brutal military regimes. In 2000, Anthony fled to England where he tutored, mentored and provided “life skills training” to “at-risk” juvenile offenders, and continued speaking out against torture by military regimes. In 2001, Anthony was granted asylum in the U.S.A. Anthony is member of *Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International* and has given presentations on and against world-wide torture at different events including: schools, universities, medical practitioners, social work professionals and conferences throughout the United States and several other countries. In this regard, Anthony has testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, addressed congress on several occasions, addressed senators on torture related issues as well as lobbied congress on appropriations. Together with Amnesty International, Anthony worked assiduously to get the McCain amendment bill on torture passed by visiting and talking to representatives and senators.

**Pat Davis** is an author, poet and playwright who has worked as a translator, editor, Poet-in-the-Schools and human rights advocate. With Dianna Ortiz, she co-authored *The Blindfold’s Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth*, winning Best First-Time Author and Best Biography awards from the Catholic Press Association of North America and Canada. She is former executive director of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission and current board president of the *Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition*.



**Glenn L. Carle speaking on the use of terror by the United States government. Jobe Hall , September 15, 2011.**

Glenn L. Carle served twenty-three years in the Clandestine Services of the Central Intelligence Agency, working in a number of overseas posts on four continents and in Washington, DC. Mr. Carle has worked on terrorism issues at various times since the mid-1980s. He has worked extensively on Balkan, Central American, and European political, security, and economic issues. His last position was as Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, on the National Intelligence Council, where his office was responsible for strategic analysis of terrorism, international organized crime, and narcotics issues. Mr. Carle holds a B.A. in Government from Harvard University, and a M.A. in European Studies and International Economics from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He did additional graduate work in International Relations at the Institut d’études politiques de Paris, France, and studied at the Université de Grenoble, France. Mr. Carle speaks French and Spanish fluently. Mr. Carle is a former hockey player and was elected to his hometown’s Athletic Hall of Fame.



## History Unit Focus: The Aesthetical Preservation of Jobe Hall



The Veteran's Corner, Veteran's Project



Lounging area



Grand foyer



Lounging area



Lounging area



A fresh floral arrangement each week

For over 40 years Professor James Robinson has made outstanding contributions to the History Unit. His vision and dedication to academic excellence has helped to shape the prominence of the unit. Even in retirement, he has a relentless drive for the aesthetical preservation of Jobe Hall. His is currently installing bookcases to house content rich books for the reading pleasure of students and visitors to Jobe Hall.

We admire Professor Robinson's enthusiasm in initiating and executing the Veteran's Project and for working tirelessly and selflessly to secure extramural funds for the History Unit.

## The Madison Center Remembers the Victims of 9/11

For this year's celebration of Constitution Week, the Madison Center was dedicated to remembering the victims of 9/11 who numbered nearly 3000. The perpetrators acted under the guise of a political movement and as pretenders to a religious tradition the central tenet of which is mercy. The attacks left behind friends, lovers, family members, and fellow workers who will never be able to fill the hollowness left by these acts of terrorism which have changed all of us forever.

From another perspective, we were not alone on 9/12, the day after. During those moments of private and public tragedy, the United States was joined by people from across the globe. Exclamations of "we are with you" and "we are you" splashed across the front pages of newspapers and in news casts world-wide. As the list of the lost lengthened, international support deepened.

The commemoration of this terrible act this year was not without its ironies. For example, the ceremonies at ground zero did not include religious leaders. New York Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington expressed it this way:

"This is America, and to have a memorial service where there's no prayer, this appears to be insanity to me. I feel like America has lost its way."

Deputy Mayor Washington's last statement may be correct, especially when we review how the United States has changed as a citizen of the world, as an international actor, and as a nation dedicated to the principles on which the Constitution was built.

As we moved beyond 9/11, this nation turned its attention to the perpetrators. Clearly, bringing al-Qaeda to justice was essential. Some of our responses were proportionate and appropriate; some raised serious doubts about our techniques, sources and methods. Yet, some of these responses to terrorism moved us in directions that were deeply disturbing to many of us. In the end, our journey from 9/11 has expanded our military establishment, broken our budget, resulted in crippling opportunity costs at home, and freighted us with very serious ethical quandaries.

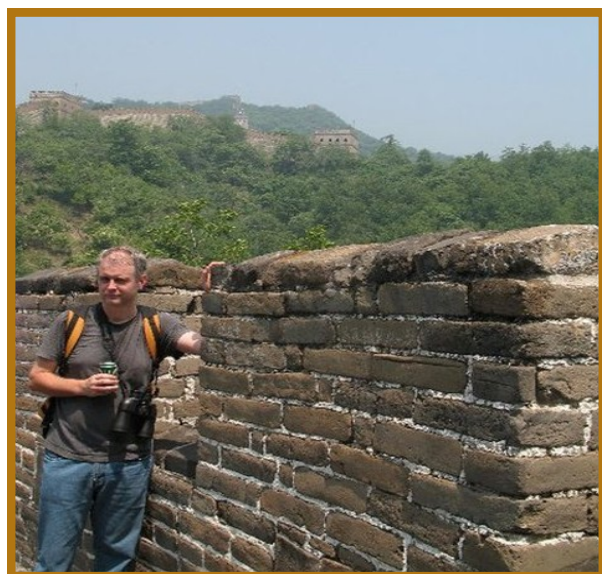
Ten years later, a case can be made for the proposition that we have moved to the "dark side" in pursuing justice for those who died on 9/11. We have unilaterally dismissed the sovereignty of selected nations when pursuing our targets, persecuted our own citizens under laws not unlike those from the Star Chamber in the seventeenth century, and ignored the principles of international conventions. We have violated the Fourth Amendment with sophisticated technology, thereby trampling the principles of privacy and warrants. We have created paramilitary organizations run by government agencies that wage clandestine operations even though our Constitution requires Congress to declare war. And, we have even kidnapped citizens of other countries under the rubrics of extraordinary rendition, sending them to undisclosed locations for what we call "interrogation."

Of all the practices we have adopted, few are as regrettable or reprehensible as the use of torture in interrogating of those we label "persons of interest." This year's discussion revolved around the use of torture as a means for our own protection and whether this practice has changed us as a constitutional republic.

## Faculty Travels



US faculty participants in the CIEE Shanghai seminar, with Szechuan face-changing artist. Justin Jacks, seminar leader, is third from left; Dr. Bonta is second from right.



Dr. Bonta, enjoying a cold one after a adventurous trek up to the Great Wall at Mutiangyu. This photo is dedicated to Dr. John Green - who knows why!

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