

Congratulations to **Dr. Louis Haas**, associate professor and new graduate director for the History Department! Dr. Haas became the director of graduate studies this past May. Dr. Haas can be contacted at 615-898-5828 or by email [lhaas@mtsu.edu](mailto:lhaas@mtsu.edu). Many thanks to Dr. Susan Myers-Shirk who was the graduate director for the past two years and is now on a departmental non-instructional assignment.

Congratulations to Summer 2005 Graduates—Michael Agee, Tammy Allison, Perky Beisel, Jennifer Burney, Erin Byrne, Kevin Cason, Taffey Hall, Lindsey Hinds, Robin Kirby, Andra Kowalczyk, Rachel Martin!

Welcome to the following graduate students who entered the department's Master of Arts program this fall: Donna Baldwin, Dorothy Davis, Robert Dunn, Gary Ferguson, Heather Greenemeier, Heather Gregg, Benjamin Hayes, Sarah Hickman, Ricky Hollis, Janine Hunter, Andrew Kerperien, Elizabeth Lambert, Julie Lenger, Scarlett Miles, Lauren Nickas, Kimberly O'Donnell, John Perkins, Rachel Shaver, Elizabeth Snowden, Ashley Tate, and Dirk Wendtorf.

The History Department's Ph.D. Program in Public History kicks off its first year with the following graduate students: Kevin Cason, Brian Dempsey, Brian Hackett, Steven Hoskins, Thomas Kanon, Harry Klinkhamer, Tara Mielnik, Uzoma Miller, William Nelligan, Gwynn Thayer, A. Jane Townes, and Tara White.

#### Graduate Assistants for Fall 2005 were awarded as follows:

Donna Baldwin – County Archives  
Dorothy Davis  
Brian Dempsey - CHP  
David Fletcher – Fellowship  
Heather Greenemeier – Gore  
Brian Hackett  
Steve Hoskins – residency fellow  
Janine Hunter – County Archives  
Harry Klinkhamer  
Kristen Leutkemeier – CHP  
Ross Mailhiot  
Lauren Nickas – CHP  
Jennifer Nickeson  
Carrie Northington  
Kimberly O'Donnell - Gore  
Amanda Quackenbush  
Tara White - TAH

### Admission Requirements for Graduate Programs

#### All applicants MUST:

Submit items 1 through 3 directly to this address: College of Graduate Studies, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

1. Application form (found on-line or in the back of the MTSU Graduate Catalog)
2. Official GRE scores
3. Official transcripts from all schools attended

Submit items 4 through 7 directly to this address: Doctoral Admissions Committee, History Department, P.O. Box 23, 1301 E. Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

4. Letter of intent
5. 500-word writing sample (M.A.) or a professional portfolio (Ph.D.)
6. Three letters of recommendation
7. For those wishing to be considered for a teaching or research assistantship, an application (found on-line [downloadable form] or in the back of the MTSU Graduate Catalog)

#### Application deadlines:

Spring 2006 admission - September 15, 2005

Fall 2006 admission – February 15, 2006

For more information on the application requirements for the PhD in Public History, please visit:

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~pubhist/phd.htm>

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*Teaching American History ~ Summer 2005*

This fall, the History Department enters its fourth year as the academic partner for two Teaching American History grant projects. During the summer, teachers from Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) and the

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, hosted the summer institute on the early nineteenth century. Prof. David Rowe served as the lead instructor, assisted by MNPS master teachers and several guest speakers.



Cumberland River Valley Consortium (CRVC, comprising Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Marshall, Maury, Warren counties) participated in three week-long institutes aligned with Tennessee state curriculum standards for social studies and history.

Prof. Amy Staples led the second institute, on the post-World War II period. Highlights included panel discussions with participants in the Civil Rights Movement and School Desegregation in Tennessee and field trips to Ft. Campbell and The Farm.



Master teachers in the CRVC project studied Colonial Era history with Prof. Jim Williams during a week-long field trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Bacon's Castle, and Monticello.



We also said good-bye to Perky Beisel, our project assistant for the past three years, who received her doctorate in August and began teaching at Stephen F. Austin University this fall.

Scheduled activities for the fall semester include a History Day workshop, the Tennessee Council for Social Studies conference (in conjunction with the Legacy of Stones River Symposium), and a workshop with Carol Hurst on history and literature in the classroom.

For more information about the activities and work products of this important departmental initiative, visit [www.mtsu.edu/~tah](http://www.mtsu.edu/~tah).

Dr. Rebecca Conard  
Teaching American History Academic Director

### From the Director of Public History

Public History at MTSU enters a new stage this fall with the admission of our first PhD class! Eight new students start their coursework, and four candidates who are matriculating from the D.A. program begin their professional residency assignments. Steven Hoskins is in residency at the Center for Historic Preservation, Tara Mielnik at the Metro Historical Commission, Bill Nelligan at Gateway National Recreation Area, and Gwynn Thayer at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

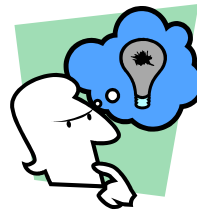
The committee responsible for designing the PhD program is extremely proud of the creative partnership forged between the History Department and three campus research centers—the Center for Historic Preservation, a TBR Center of Excellence; the Center for Popular Music, also a TBR Center of Excellence; and the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center. Together, we are working to raise the bar for graduate education in Public History. Inasmuch as this is the fourth PhD program to be approved at MTSU, the History Department joins elite company on campus. Additionally, we remain in the vanguard of universities nationwide offering advanced degrees in Public History.

Without question, the strength of our master's program, which turns thirty-three this year, justified this new venture into doctoral education. A total of nine students received their M.A. in History/Public History during the 2004-2005 academic year, an outstanding turnout. This fall, the program welcomes a large incoming class. All of us on the Public History faculty—Drs. Ellen Garrison, Bren Martin, Lorne McWatters, Van West, and myself—wish you a successful first year.

Rebecca Conard  
Director of Public History

### CALENDAR

8/29/05	First Day of Classes
9/05/05	Labor Day - University Holiday
10/15-18	Fall Break
11/24-26	Thanksgiving - University Holiday
12/17/05 - 1/16/06	Christmas New Year's Semester Break



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