

History in the Making

East Carolina University's
Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi
Alpha Theta Yearbook

2016-2017

Chapter of the Year
Scrapbook



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Phi Alpha Theta National Office

Dear Chapter of the Year Award Committee:

The following is for our application for the Nels A. Cleven Award [having received the honor of Chapter of the Year (including an Honorable Mention for 2016) for the past seven years]:

University: East Carolina University

Chapter: Lambda-Eta Chapter

Advisor: Dr. Wade G. Dudley

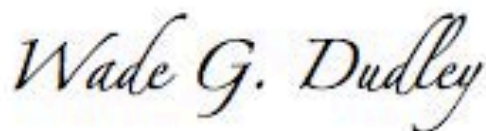
Initiates for 2016-2017: Bennett, Corey Dion; Caldwell, Tyler Martin; Parra, Heather Victoria; Caterinicchio, Emma Lynn; Chandler, Katharine E.; Wilson, Nicholas Eagle; Shuler, Noah Steven; Nolte, Alexandra Michelle; Ball, Tyler W.; Marr, Ryan David; Currin, Brandon (Elizabeth) Gage; Frazier, Mollie B.; Bernard, Samantha J.; Taylor, Jonathan Patrick; Yarbrough, Garrett Sean; Soder, Stephanie Nichole (16 Initiates in total; plus Timothy Alan Smith joined us as a transfer from his undergraduate institution)

Total Student Enrollment: 28,962 (Graduate and Undergraduate as of Census Day, 11 September 2016)

Nels A. Cleven Award received once (2015)

Our sincere thanks for the superb support from the National Office this semester (as always!).

Sincerely,



Dr. Wade G. Dudley

Teaching Professor
Advisor, $\Phi\Lambda\Theta$ History Honor Society
 $\Phi\Lambda\Theta$ Regional Director (Carolinas Region)
 $\Phi\Lambda\Theta$ National Advisory Council

Officers



2016 Officers

President: Olivia Thomas

Vice President: Kristina Fricker

Secretary: Cecilia Horvick

Treasurer: Stuart Powell

Historian: Allyson Ropp



2017 Officers

President: Kristina Fricker

Vice President: Tyler Caldwell

Secretary: Dylan Courtney

Treasurer: Stuart Powell

Historian: Katie Chandler



Chapter Advisor:

Dr. Wade Dudley

Individual Accomplishments of Members 2016-2017

Faculty:

Dudley, Wade G.: Phi Alpha Theta – Lambda-Eta Chapter Advisor, Carolinas Regional Director, National Advisory Board member, National Scholarship Committee member; Department of History – Undergraduate Committee Secretary, Graduate Committee member; Historical Society of North Carolina – Lefler Undergraduate Award Committee Chair; *Explorations: Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina*, Peer Reviewer; published book reviews in *The Historian* and *Journal of Military History*.

Students:

Ball, Tyler W.: Inducted March 2017.

Ballance, Ann Marie: Graduate May 2017 (BS HIED & BA HIST).

Bennett, Corey Dion: Inducted March 2017.

Bernard, Samantha: Inducted March 2017.

Brantley, Kristi P.: Graduated Fall 2016 with MA (Public History concentration).

Caldwell, Tyler Martin: Inducted March 2017; Vice President Lambda-Eta Chapter 2017.

Carr, Kayla Elizabeth: Recipient of Graduate Research Assistantship with History Department at East Carolina University; Best Overall Graduate Paper at Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Francis Marion University with "From one Woman to Another: The Role of Spanish Women in the Catholic Education of indigenous Girls of 16th century Mexico;" Participant in the LeaderShape Catalyst Workshop at East Carolina University; American Libraries Association member.

Caterinicchio, Emma Lynn: Inducted March 2017; Graduate May 2017 (BA History & BA German); presented at Carolina Regional 2017.

Chandler, Katharine E.: Inducted March 2017; Lambda-Eta Chapter Historian (F2016, 2017); Dean's List 2016; Chancellor's list 2017; Global Ambassador for ECU International Education; Summer 2016 Study Abroad to India (Researched Buddhist Holy Sites); 2017 Summer Study Abroad to France (Intensive Foreign Language Program); 2016-2017 Co-Chair of College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Leadership Council; 2016-2017 International Student Association Secretary, 2016-2017 Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society President; Inducted to Sigma Tau Delta on April 21, 2017; Best Student Philosophy Paper Award Winner 2016-2017; Co-authored article on Buddhist Holy Sites (in publication), Summer 2016.

Courtney, Dylan Redwine: Lambda-Eta Chapter Secretary; East Carolina Council, Blackbeard District, Venture Crew 218 President; ECU Habitat for Humanity Chapter Member; Joseph and Catherin Hirsch Memorial Scholarship Recipient.

Currin, Elizabeth Gage: Inducted March 2017.

Frazier, Mollie B.: Inducted March 2017; Graduate May 2017 (BA HIST).

Freitas, Mitchell C.: Graduate May 2017 (MA Maritime History).

Fricker, Kristina Jannette: Lambda-Eta Vice-President (2016) and President (2017); attended field projects in Biscayne Bay National Park Florida (Summer 2016) and Cahuita National Park, Costa Rica (Fall 2016). Presented two papers at the 2017 Society for Historical Archaeology Conference and received 1st Place and the People's Choice Award for best Archaeological Illustration. Invited to join the Marzamemi Maritime Heritage Project, Sicily (Summer 2017).

Hopkins, Tiffany J.: Graduated December 2016.

Horvick, Cecilia Ellen: Lambda-Eta Secretary, 2016; Front Desk Volunteer at the Pirate Academic Success Center; Graduate May 2017 (BA ANTH BA HIST); accepted in the Summer 2017 Term of FEMA Corps in the Atlantic Region and will serve from July 2017 to May 2018.

Kestler, Jessica Rogers: Lambda-Eta Treasurer (Fall 2016); Book Review TBP in *Nautical Research Journal* Summer, 2017; new historian to be born, July 2017!

Marlowe, Elizabeth Pratt: Began work with the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program; volunteer with Virginia German Shepherd Rescue.

Marr, Ryan David: Inducted March 2017.

Menees, Jay Colin: Presented, Carolinas Regional 2017.

Moss, Ashlyn Kate: Graduate May 2017 (BS HIED, BA HIST)

Nolte, Alexandra Michelle: Inducted March 2017.

Parks, Jacob Tyler: Review of Faye M. Kert, *Privateering: Patriots & Profits in the War of 1812*, in *Nautical Research Journal* 61:4 (Winter 2016); presented "Colonial Fundamentalism: Settlement, Society, and Economy in the Albemarle" at Phi Alpha Theta Carolina Regional Conference; Student Member of North Carolina Association of Historians, North Carolina Museum Council, and American Association for State and Local History; graduate assistantships in Preservation/Conservation Department and North Carolina Collection of Joyner Library; summer internship (2017) at the State Archives of North Carolina to process World War I collections.

Parra, Heather Victoria: Inducted into Lambda-Eta Chapter, Marc, 2017; Awarded Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship for 2016-2017; Honor Role, Fall 2016; Study Abroad in India (researched Buddhist Holy Sites), Summer 2016; Co-authored article on Buddhist Holy Sites (in publication); President of the Religious Studies Club, Fall 2016; Ambassador for Religious Studies Program, Fall 2016; Study Abroad in Berlin, Germany (research Holocaust sites), Summer 2017; Graduate May 2017 (BA HIST).

Pearce, Jordan Faith: Awarded Miller-Moore Scholarship for History; published "'Grinding up the Seed Corn of the Confederacy:' The North Carolina Junior Reserves" in *Explorations* (V.11, Fall 2016); Best in session at Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference; selected for and completed Brody School of Medicine Primary Care Physician Shadowing Program; member of the ECU Spanish Club; accepted to the ECU Pre-Medical program.

Piner, Hannah E.: Graduate May 2017 (MA Maritime History).

Powell, Stuart E.: Treasurer, Lambda-Eta Chapter 2016, 2017.

Raynor, Larkin Loede: Graduate May 2017 (BA HIST).

Ropp, Allyson: AmeriCorps Member and Archaeology Educator at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum; Educational Development Contributor for Archaeology in the Community, Washington DC; Summer Intern at Biscayne National Park; Richard C. Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Recipient Fall 2016; Graduated December 2016 (MA Maritime Studies); Published Book Review in *Nautical Research Journal*; In press "The Pirates of the Pamlico: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Investigation of the Pirates of Colonial North Carolina and their Place in the State's Cultural Memory," *ACUA Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2017*; Presented "The Pirates of the Pamlico: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Investigation of the Pirates of Colonial North Carolina and their Place in the State's Cultural Memory" at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference 2017.

Rose, James, III: Inducted March 2017.

Shuler, Noah Steven: Chancellor's List Fall Semester, 2016; Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta March 2017; Completed Practicum at South Central High School as a Teacher Candidate.

Miller-Simonds, Alison N.: Graduate May 2017 (MA Maritime History).

Smith, Timothy Alan: Joined Lambda-Eta Chapter as incoming Graduate Student.

Soder, Stephanie N.: Inducted March 2017.

Taylor, Jonathan Patrick: Inducted March 2017.

Thigpen, Justin Lee: Graduate May 2017 (BS HIED, BA HIST).

Thomas, Olivia Layne: President Lambda-Eta Chapter, 2016; presentation at Carolinas Regional, 2017.

Walls, Eric Andro: Historical Society of North Carolina's Hugh T. Lefler Award for North Carolina History (2016) for "Fractured Legacy: Race, Politics, and Education in North Carolina"; Graduate Summa Cum Laude May 2017 (BS HIED, BA HIST); History Department Outstanding Senior of 2017 Award; member Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society; attended Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Francis Marion University; Chancellor's List Fall 2016/Spring 2017; West Memorial Fund Access Scholarship recipient, Miriam Perry Saunders Education Scholarship recipient; accepted to ECU Department of History MA program; ECU Graduate Scholars Award (2017-2018), including Teaching Assistantship.

Graduate with Honors (Summa Cum Laude) with double major in History and History Education; East Carolina University History Department Outstanding Senior of 2017 Award Winner; member Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society; attended Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Francis Marion University; Chancellor's List Fall 2016/Spring 2017; West Memorial Fund Access Scholarship recipient, Miriam Perry Saunders Education Scholarship recipient; Winner of 2016 Hugh T. Lefler Award for Best Undergraduate History Paper in NC; accepted to East Carolina University Department of History Master's Degree program; recipient of the East Carolina University Graduate Scholars Award; recipient of Graduate Teaching Assistant position

Walker, Rayvon Earl: Graduate May 2017 (BA HIST); accepted into MA at NCSU.

Wilson, Nicholas Eagle: Inducted March 2017.

Wright, Anne Eugenia: President of Maritime Studies Association; scholarship recipient from Society for Underwater Technology; scholarship recipient from Marine Technology Society; Summer internship with Department of Defense POW and Missing in Action Accounting Agency.

Yarbrough, Garrett Sean: Induction into Phi Alpha Theta (March 2017); Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Leadership Council: English Department Representative (2016-2017); Internship at Evolve Inc. [Advertising, Public Relations, and Marketing] (Summer 2017); selected as the inaugural Humanities Scholar (Fall 2016 onwards); short fiction published in *The Rebel* (Fall 2016, print April 2017); inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society (Spring 2017); established the Creative Writing Club at ECU in Fall 2015 and President 2016-2017 (Vice President 2015-2016).

Lambda-Eta Chapter Awards and Student Publications Fall 2016

- The Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society received an Honorable Mention for Best Chapter Award. This marks the seventh consecutive year that the chapter has been recognized as among the top chapters in the nation (950+ chapters nationwide). The award includes a gift of \$250 to Joyner Library to purchase books.
- Allyson Ropp (MA Maritime Studies) received the Nels Andrew Cleven Founder's Prize from the national office of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society for her paper, "Mosquito Raiding Parties: Tropical Diseases as a Form of Predation Through Transatlantic Ships and Sailors." Two of these prizes of \$400 are awarded to applicants each year.
- Eric A. Walls won the Historical Society of North Carolina's Hugh T. Lefler Undergraduate Award for "Fractured Legacy: The Clash of Race, Politics, and Public Education in North Carolina from Reconstruction through the Progressive Era." The award consists of \$200 in cash, a paid student membership in the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association for one year, and Eric will be the guest of the Historical Society at their luncheon and dinner meeting of the Association in Spring 2017.
- Undergraduate Jordan F. Pearce's article, "Grinding up the Seed Corn of the Confederacy: The North Carolina Junior Reserves," has been accepted for publication in the Fall 2016 edition of *Explorations: The Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina*.
- Undergraduate Emma L. Caterinicchio's "Robert H. Jackson and the Nuremburg Trials: Justice and Diplomacy," has been accepted for publication in the Fall 2016 edition of *Explorations: The Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities for the State of North Carolina*.

Chapter Activities

SCHOLARSHIP



EVENTS



CHARITY



PRESENTATIONS



VOLUNTEERS



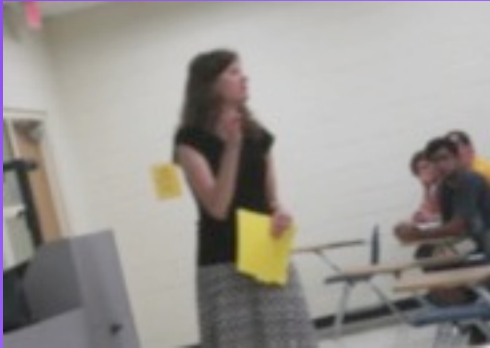
Welcome Back Cookout with Dr. Tilley!



To celebrate the beginning of the academic year, Dr. Tilley hosted his annual cookout. Current members of Phi Alpha Theta as well as Alumni were invited to get together and share some good food and good times with each other.



Effective Speaking Seminar- Fall



Each semester, our chapter hosts a seminar that discusses how to deliver an effective presentation given by Dr. Pamela Hopkins, from the Department of Communications. The seminar is open to all history students at the university. Dr. Hopkins introduces students to the various elements that are necessary to effective speaking. She focuses on organization, appearance and posture, pronunciation and speaking techniques that ensure successful public presentations.



BOO! Bake Sale



In an effort to raise money to fund our members attendance and travel expenses at regionals, we held a bake sale during the week of Halloween. Filled with baked goods provided by our members, all who stopped by were able to fill sweet tooth during the spooky season.



Historical Simulations Group



Every Friday afternoon, starting at 2:00, members of our chapter gather to play various historical simulation games. The game that was most favored by our members was Quarter Master General.



Christmas Party



At the end of Fall Semester, our chapter gathered at the home of Dr. Dudley, our advisor. He and his wife, Sue provided a holiday banquet. Before the night ended, the group gathered around the fire pit outside to enjoy each other's company before returning home for the holidays.



December Commencement



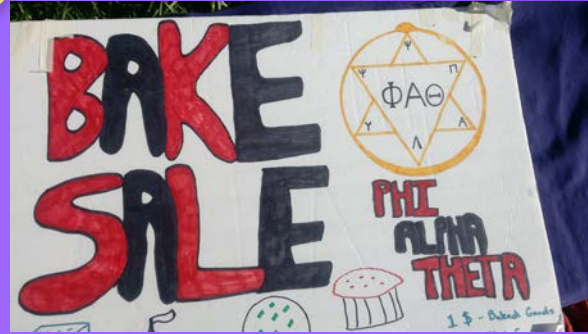
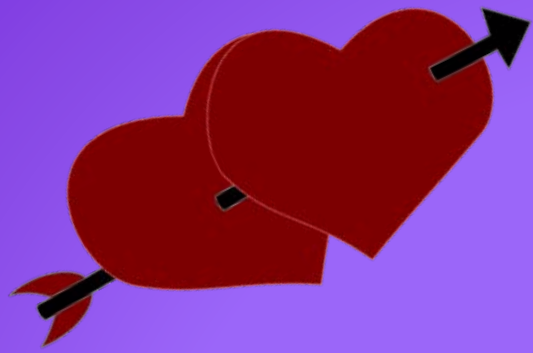
Following the end of the Fall Semester, we said a bittersweet goodbye to some of our beloved history majors and Phi Alpha Theta Members. They will be missed but we wish them the best of luck as they continue on with their careers!

Effective Speaking Seminar-Spring

To kick off the beginning of the Spring Semester and encourage students to become re-engaged with their school work after the holiday break, our chapter asked Dr. Pamela Hopkins to return and give another presentation on effective speaking. Dr. Hopkins, once again, focused on organization, presentation, appearance, and techniques to reduce anxiety and improve public speaking skills.



Sweetie Pie Bake Sale



During the week of Valentine's Day, our chapter held another bake sale to raise funding for our members to attend regionals. Our Vice President, Tyler Caldwell, brought his cat, Luna, to help bring in customers. Luna was a huge hit, and is now an honorary member of our chapter.



Chili and Smore's Night



During the last few weeks of the Spring Semester, our advisor, Dr. Dudley, invited our members to his home for a chili and smore's night. Our chapter successfully beat the cold weather with the warm fire and the delicious chili and smore's that Dr. Dudley provided! Our members also shared good times with each other before the final few weeks of classes and the beginning of finals.

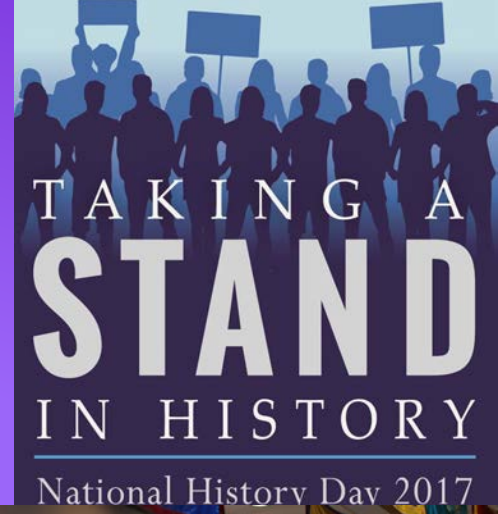


ECU Excels Awards Ceremony

East Carolina University's Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences recognized its high-achieving first-year freshmen and transfer students at the college's annual ECU Excels Awards Ceremony on Feb. 17. Several History students were recognized. Lambda Eta Chapter's Historian, Katie Chandler, spoke on behalf of the history department, giving advice to the freshman students on how to continue to achieve success as they progress through their college careers.



History Day



National History Day is a competition for Junior and High School students. They come to campus to present their projects, and the winners move to state finals. This year's theme was "Taking a Stand in History." Our chapter has numerous members that volunteer their time to help judge the student's projects!



Induction and Recognition Ceremony



During the month of April, our chapter held our annual induction and recognition ceremony. Numerous new members were inducted, and various history professors were recognized for their recent publications. Our members spent quality time with each other and with their professors after the ceremony!

Regional Conference



This year's regional conference was held at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC. Six of our members presented papers. Three of our members won awards for their presentations. Olivia Thomas won second place in graduate papers. Jordan Pearce won first place in undergraduate papers. And Kayla Carr won first place in graduate papers.



Relay For Life



The Lambda-Eta Chapter annually enters our Relay for Life team, "Making Cancer History", in an effort to raise money for cancer research. During the relay, our team held a Raffle. We sold tickets for prizes, including various DVD sets and a handmade ECU themed blanket that was sewn by one of our member's moms! Overall the team raised over \$1,000 to contribute to cancer research.



Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize for

Recognition of Student

Research

Established by Mrs. Ann Schwarzmann, the Rhem/Schwarzmann Prize annually recognizes outstanding research papers written by sophomores, juniors and seniors at East Carolina University. Cash prizes are awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. To qualify for the prize, papers must be based on primary sources drawn from Joyner Special Collections. For 2016, two history students won first and second place. Jeanann Woodard placed first, and Zachary Dale placed second.



Commencement

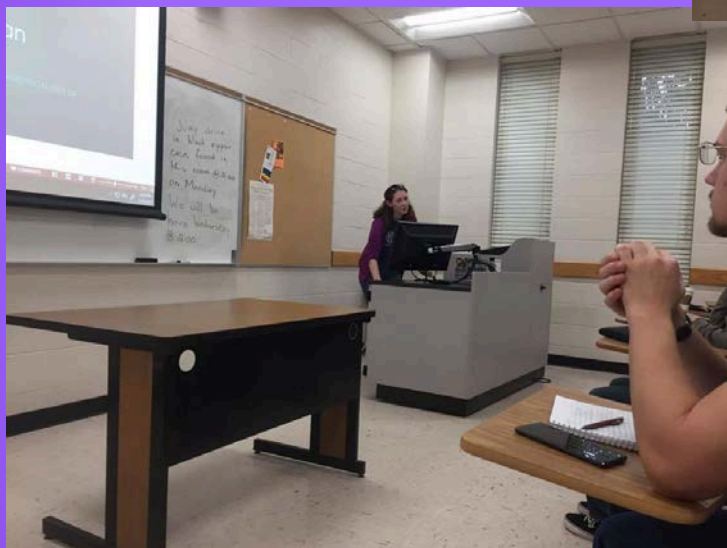
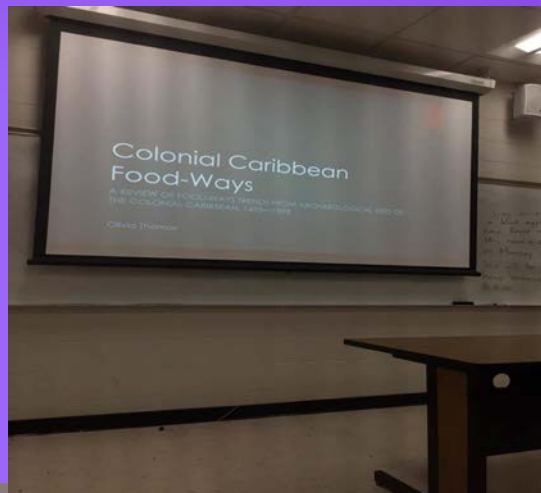


Following the end of the Spring Semester, our chapter said goodbye to numerous members, both undergraduate and graduate. Our members have been prepared to enter the real world through the knowledge and fellowship they gained through the Lambda-Eta Chapter at ECU. While they will be missed, we wish them well as they enter a world filled with new



Presentations

During our chapter's monthly meeting in January, graduate student Olivia Thomas, presented her Master's thesis on Colonial Caribbean Food-Ways.



In March, we held the Atlantic World Lecture, in which Professor Devyn Spence Benson discussed her new book, *Antiracism in Cuba: The Unfinished Revolution*.



2017 Spring Lecture Series in Atlantic World History

Presents

"Race: Cuba's Unfinished Revolution"

By: Dr. Devyn Spence

Dr. Devyn Spence Benson is an Assistant Professor of Africana and Latin American Studies at Davidson College. Benson received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in the field of Latin American History, where her research focused on racial politics during the first three years of the Cuban revolution.




Bate Building 1032 Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

How do racism and antiracism coexist? How do we fight against racism in a racist world? What are the lessons learned from the 1959 Cuban Revolution? Analyzing the ideology and rhetoric around race in Cuba and south Florida during the early years of the Cuban revolution, Dr. Devyn Spence Benson answers these questions in her book *Antiracism in Cuba: The Unfinished Revolution*. She examines how ideas, stereotypes, and discriminatory practices relating to racial difference persisted despite major efforts by the Cuban state to generate social equality. This talk examines 1960s government programs and campaigns against discrimination, showing how such programs frequently negated their efforts by reproducing racist images and idioms in revolutionary propaganda, cartoons, and school materials.

East Carolina University

Co-Sponsors: Department of History; HCAS Program in African & African American Studies

During the month of April, the History Department and Phi Alpha Theta hosted Dr. Anne Whisnant, the 2016-2017 Whichard Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, and her presentation on “Living and Learning with the Legacies: ECU and the National Conversation about Campus Histories.” We also hosted Dr. Keith Wailoo, professor of history at Princeton University, and his presentation on “Pain: A Political History.”



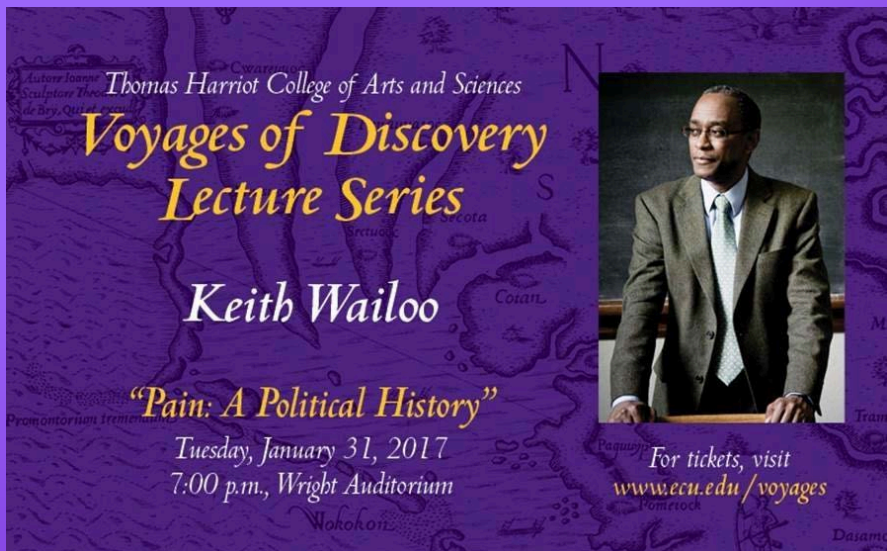
2016-2017 WHICHARD VISITING DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Dr. Anne Mitchell Whisnant
Department of History

“Living and Learning with the Legacies: ECU and the National Conversation about Campus Histories”

Lecture and Reception
April 11, 2017
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Janice Faulkner Gallery
Joyner Library, Second Floor

A reception will precede the lecture starting at 5:00 p.m.; remarks will begin at 5:30 p.m.




Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

**Voyages of Discovery
Lecture Series**

Keith Wailoo

“Pain: A Political History”

Tuesday, January 31, 2017
7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium



For tickets, visit
www.ecu.edu/voyages

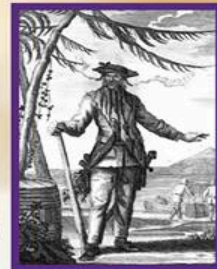
ECU Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

A Night of Piracy at the Museum

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

NATURE RESEARCH CENTER in the MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES
DOWNTOWN RALEIGH, NC



Join the College of Arts and Sciences for an alumni and friends reception celebrating piracy in honor of the 300th Anniversary of Blackbeard's death!

Phi Alpha Theta continued to partner with our History department in an effort to host "A Night of Piracy" at the museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh, NC. We also assisted, along with ECU's program in African and African American Studies, in hosting Dr. Kenneth Janken, Professor of African, African American and African Diaspora Studies at UNC- Chapel Hill, and his presentation on "A Killer Cop, Repression in the Schools, and the Limits of Black Protest."



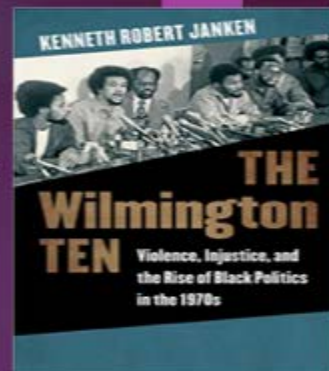
The Program in African & African American Studies

Presents

"Pitt County's Season of Discontent, 1971:
A Killer Cop, Repression in the Schools, and the Limits of
Black Protest."

By

Dr. Kenneth Janken, Professor of African,
African American and African Diaspora Studies, UNC-
UNC-Chapel Hill



Faulkner Gallery, Joyner Library Thursday, February 9, 2017 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Drawing from research conducted in Joyner Library's Special Collections for his recently published book on the case of the Wilmington 10, Dr. Janken will discuss two overlapping events occurring in Pitt County in 1971--the murder of an African American day laborer, William Murphy by State Trooper Billy Day and the conflict over school desegregation at Ayden-Grifton High School which led to the arrest and incarceration of 11 students. Dr. Janken's talk will discuss some of the strategies used by leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to highlight some of the shortcomings of local Black protests during the era of the Wilmington 10.

East Carolina University

Co-Sponsors: Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, Joyner Library, Department of History

ECU Program in Maritime Studies



ECU Program in Maritime Studies, one of our larger graduate sections in the Department of History, comprises a large portion of our chapter. This group of individuals participate heavily in volunteering, public outreach, and independent and original research focused on maritime history and underwater archaeology. These students also participate in various study abroad programs that aid in their fieldwork. Their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm inspire our undergraduate members to continue their education with a master's degree in History.



Summer Study Abroad

During the 2016 Summer session, two of our members, Katie Chandler and Heather Parra, studied abroad to India to study and map the Buddhist holy land. These two spent six weeks travelling around Northern India in order to accurately map and catalog these Buddhist sites. While there, they learned about the history of Buddhism, Hinduism, and European influence within India.



Alumni Sketch

I'm Adam Caldwell and I graduated from East Carolina University in 2015 with a double major in Political Science and History. I was a proud member of ECU's best student organization, the Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. Thankfully, I'm a recovering law school prospect. Thanks to the networking benefit of organizations like Phi Alpha Theta, I was asked to consider an opportunity to work for United States Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC). After careful (i.e., tortuous) consideration, I accepted what has in turn been the job of a lifetime.

As the Eastern North Carolina Regional Representative for Senator Tillis, I serve as his "eyes and ears" on the ground. I'm able to interact with influential and everyday citizens alike on issues such as economic development, agriculture, military affairs, and transportation. This also involves traveling to beautiful destinations and eating really good barbecue. I'm able to show others that their Senator cares, listens, and is ready to lead on issues that matter most to them. I often think back fondly on how Phi Alpha Theta helped me get to where I am today. This past September I married my high school sweetheart Sarah and we live in the small town of Benson, NC with our black lab Annabelle.



Greg Watson

Alumni Sketch-Class of 2013

After working on a Congressional campaign in 2014, I moved to Washington, DC, to take a job at the Energy and Commerce Committee - the oldest standing legislative Committee in the House of Representatives. After more than two years with the Committee, I recently transitioned to the office of Congressman Steve Scalise, who represents Louisiana's First Congressional District.

Working for Congress has been incredibly rewarding, challenging, and eye-opening all at the same time. Being a student of history taught me not just how to think critically, but also why it's so important to do so. These skills are fundamental to my approach in life and have translated into success in my career. It's an honor to represent East Carolina University in our Nation's Capital and I'm proud to carry the values I learned from Phi Alpha Theta Lambda-Eta Chapter with me every day. Go Pirates!



This photo was taken during a subcommittee hearing that I helped put together earlier this year. If you're curious about what I believe can be done to help spur the deployment of broadband infrastructure, you can find my memo and draft legislation I worked on while at the Committee here:

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/broadband-deploying-americas-21st-century-infrastructure>.

This photo is a screengrab from CSPAN (nerd alert!) from the Energy and Commerce Committee markup of the Affordable Care Act repeal and replace bill. In total, the markup lasted 27.5 hours and we went all through the night. As one of the clerks for the Committee, it's my responsibility to file incoming amendments (almost 200 were submitted), distribute them to Members once they are called up for debate, and call out and tally votes on the record.



Historian's Report

This past year has been extremely busy for our members, participating in conferences, presentations, and involvement within their community! Our activities for Fall 2016 included gathering at Dr. John Tilley house for a Cookout, listening to Dr. Pamela Hopkins talk on effective public speaking and presentations, conducting a very successful "Boo Bake Sale," enjoying various historical simulation games with other Phi Alpha Theta members, convening at the Dudley household for "Crockpot Wars," and gaining relief from the final flurry of papers and exams at our Annual Christmas Party, perfect for a quick break from the rigors of scholarship.

Spring 2017 was also a busy time, our members were very engaged in their favorite honor society in addition to their academics! To kick the Spring Semester off our chapter sponsored another Effective Presentations Seminar, led by Dr. Pamela Hopkins of the School of Communications. We also hosted another bake sale in an effort to raise money to fund our Induction Ceremony. This bake sale, "Sweetheart Bake Sale", was themed just for Valentine's Day! Once again, our members gathered at Chez Dudley for Chili and Smore's Night to ward off the cold weather and enjoy each other's company. Additionally, six of our members presented papers at the Regional Conference at Francis Marion University in South Carolina. We also happily inducted new members in our annual Induction Ceremony, and many of our members either donated, volunteered to participate, or both in ECU's Relay for Life. We concluded the semester with Spring Commencement and Graduation, where numerous Phi Alpha Theta members were recognized for scholarships and graduation.

Through the numerous activities that our chapter of Phi Alpha Theta either sponsors or is involved in, we at the Lambda Eta chapter are very proud to be members of this organization. Many of our members brought home individual awards or achieved individual accomplishments through the opportunities that have been presented to them by Phi Alpha Theta, including regional presentations, conference presentations, and community service. These many accomplishments have made us very proud of our members, as well as continuing to bring honor and prestige to our chapter. As an officer, I am honored and proud to be involved with ECU's Lambda-Eta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. It is rare to find an organization that prides itself in academic achievement, community involvement, and places such an emphasis on the importance of not only our field of study, but related fields as well, furthering an appreciation for various departments of academia and their impact on the world. Our members seek to not only better themselves, but also to aid in academic and community growth. This year has truly been successful, and I as well as the other officers look forward to see what lies in store for next year, as we plan for the events for the fall!

Katie Chandler

Historian of ECU's Lambda-Eta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta



2016-2017 Chapter Activities

SEPTEMBER

9/12 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Dudley on Scholarships)

9/16 » Welcome Back Cookout! (Dr. Tilley)

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 9/09, 23, 30

OCTOBER

10/03 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Clay Smith on MAT Program)

10/05 » Effective Speaking Seminar, 1700-1830, BB103

10/21 » Crockpot Wars at Chez Dudley, 1830-?

10/24-28 » BOO! Bake Sale!

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 10/07, 14

NOVEMBER

11/07 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Elections!)

11/18 » Commitment Day for Spring Regional

Friday Afternoon Gaming, History Lab 1400-1730+: 11/04, 11, 18

DECEMBER

12/03 » Christmas Party! (at Chez Dudley) (AAC Championship Game)

12/05 » Monthly Meeting, 1600 in BD 113 (Spring Planning)

12/06 » Officers' Planning Session (Ming Dynasty)

12/16 » Commencement



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