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LOOKING FORWARD TO . . .

Whatever happened to the three best reasons for being a teacher . . . June, July and August? The summer is gone and a new semester is about to begin and it still feels like the middle of a semester — any one, fall or spring . . . take your pick. It may not seem like it, but it is the dawning of a brand new semester, a brand new day, and we must turn our faces to greet another academic year, another batch of vibrant young enthusiasts roaming the corridors of Clio in search of illumination, erudition. . . and whatever else.

Doctors in spite of ourselves and, as usual, lacking much-needed summer

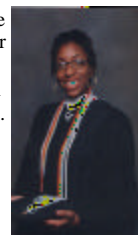
R&R, we are still looking forward to Fall 2004. Another opportunity to make a difference, another opportunity to change a life, another opportunity to up our game, another opportunity neither to be missed nor taken lightly; another opportunity to put our 'courage to teach' into concrete action.

This Fall the Department will begin several new initiatives based on our implementation plan for recommendations arising out of our recently completed departmental external review.

We have streamlined the staffing of our department and fine-tuned our program offerings. We have implemented the following changes

of our major: the history courses that are mandatory for all majors and minors SHIS 203 Historical Methods, and SHIS 303 Making of the Modern World will be taught in rotation and only by tenured or tenure-track faculty. Beginning Fall 2005, all seniors will be required to take a common senior seminar in the fall semester of their senior year. The teaching of the seminar and the senior honors thesis will also rotate.

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Tomiko Ballantyne-Nisbett, 2004 Outstanding History Graduating Senior.

FALL 2004 COURSE OFFERINGS

SHIS 203 Historical Methods (Gillam) MWF 11 am.

SHIS 211 US Survey I (Ouattara) TR 5:05 pm.

SHIS 231 African Civilizations I (Bailey) TR 1:00 pm.

SHIS 241 Trad. China & Japan (Gillam) MWF 9:00

SHIS 251 Europe I (Ganz) TR 2:25 pm.

SHIS 261 Caribbean to 1804 (Phillips Lewis) MWF 1:00 pm.

SHIS 351A Revolutionary France (Phillips Lewis) W 3:00 pm.

SHIS 400 Indep. Study

SHIS 401 Special Topics: American Religious & Secular Missions (Ouattara) M 3:00 pm.

SHIS 471 Seminar: Race Class & Gender in Brazil (de Sousa Sheppard) TR 9:25am.

SHIS 491 Thesis (Phillips Lewis) MW 12 noon.

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IN RETROSPECT...STUDENT A+ AY 2003-2004

And what a year it was! AY 2003-2004. We ran an entire marathon or so it seemed, and with the strains of Chariots of Fire playing in the background, too! But we crossed the finish line none the worse for the wear.

With proud hearts, and loud voices we cheered our 2004 graduates as they strode triumphantly across that stage to receive their diplomas. It was truly a New Birth, a commencement to remember. All tears and fears were forgotten, all immaterial in the ecstasy of victory. All 11 of our 2003-2004 senior graduated successfully, 1 with departmental honors and college wide honors, 6 with Latin honors — 2 summa cum



Above: History Year End Picnic. Congratulations 2004 Seniors cookie.
Front page bottom right: From l. to r. Allyson Smith, Robinette Dowlin, Revae Burton, Sonia Prescott, Jennifer Eaglin (back to camera) at the picnic.

laude, 1 magna cum laude and 3 cum laude. We also had 2 Phi Beta Kappa, 1 Golden Key and 2 Mortar

at Princeton (Tomiko Ballantyne Nisbett, winner of the outstanding History graduate prize), another to U.Penn/Teach for America (Erica de Bardeleben), one to law school (Onya Brinson) . . . And the list goes on.

We had honors and awards throughout the year, too. Two of our students were Atlanta History Center Fellows (Trayce Toles and Onya Brinson) and another (Sonia Prescott) will be a fellow this AY. Tiffany Classie Williams followed the example set by Tomiko and won the Luard. She will be proceeding to Manchester for a year. Robinette Dowlin won the SIT Summer Scholarship and spent eight weeks in Morocco. (cont'd on page 3).

Board inductees. Rising senior, Grace Sanders, was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. This year we inducted 7 new members into Alpha Epsilon Sigma, our chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. One of our graduates is on her way to a full ride

TEACHER-SCHOLARS . . . FACULTY NEWS

- Drs. Egemonye and Frith are no longer with the department. We wish them well in their future ventures.
- Dr. Cobb will be on sabbatical leave this fall. He will be replaced by Adjunct Prof. Albert Ouattara of GSU.
- Dr. de Sousa Sheppard will be returning from her sabbatical in the fall.

- Dr. KPL participated this summer in the Goree Island seminar. She also won the 2004 Silver and Green faculty award from the Pauline S. Drake Scholars Program.
- Dr. Bailey completed her book manuscript. It will appear in published

form in 2005.

- Dr. Gillam is nearing completion of his book on the Viet Nam War.

Breaking News . . .
Beware! Dr. Cobb's got a yet unnamed pit bull puppy, y'all!

- Dr. Ganz presented on African American students and study abroad at the NAFSA conference and evaluated the CIEE program in South Africa.

WATCH OUT FOR . . . IN '04-'05

- History Film Festival
- Guest Lecture Series
- Black History Month Events
- History A+ monthly news bulletin
- Fall Holiday Jump-Off
- Phi Alpha Theta Inductions
- Year End Picnic/Senior Send-off
- Year-End Student Conference
- Student Essay Competition
- The History Scrap Book
- History Opportunities Books
- Come and hear Drs. KPL & Cobb presenting papers (No! not singing) at the Aug 21 '04 Black World Music Series, Atlanta History Center. Stay Tuned!



The men of the History Department at the 2003-2004 academic year end picnic. From l.to r. Dr. Cobb, Dr. Gillam, and Dr. Frith. Dr. Egemonye is in the background.

ALUMNAE UPDATE . . . WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- 2004 convocation speaker, Trichita Chestnut, passed her Ph.D. comprehensive examinations with flying colors at Howard University.
- 2004 convocation speaker, Stephanie Simms (Rutgers U.), has taken up a position as Assistant Professor in American History at the University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia.
- 2004 convocation speaker, Edwina Ashie-Nikoi (NYU), is currently conducting research for her doctoral dissertation in London, UK.
- Tanya Huelett (NYU) returned from her doctoral dissertation research in London, UK. She is in the writing up stage.

- Dr. Kathryn Dundy has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Latin American and Caribbean His-



Our three Black History Month 2004 Convocation speakers, History alumnae (l to r) Trichita Chestnut (Howard U.), Stephanie Simms (Rutgers U.), and Edwina Ashie-Nikoi (NYU).

tory at New College, Sarasota, Florida.

- The Department is organizing an alumnae listserv. If you are an alumna, send us your current e-mail address. Also, please help if you know the current e-mail address of any history department alumna. With your help, soon, we will begin sending out the *NEWSREAL* and the *A+ bulletin* electronically. Keep in touch; we are a family!

LOOKING FORWARD TO . . . (continued from page 1)

The senior seminar will then become truly a common capstone experience and will form the basis for a common exit examination, a tool to help us gauge four-year learning outcomes and program effectiveness in achievement of stated teaching goals and objectives. Beginning this fall, there will be an actual class for the senior thesis and attendance is required of all thesis students. The thesis is

required only of those who wish to read for departmental honors and of majors in the honors program. No students will be allowed to register for thesis before successful completion of SHIS 203 and SHIS 303. With these changes, we have begun the climb to a new and im-

“ . . . we have begun the climb to a new and improved department and program.”

proved department and program. This academic year, we also have a History Film Festival, a Guest Lecture Series, an Essay competition, and an End of Year Student Conference. We will be seeking support from all you ‘family and friends of the history department’ out there. Heads up!

IN RETROSPECT. . . STUDENT A+ AY 2003-2004 (continued from page 2)

She is now almost fluent in Arabic. She will be spending the year in the U.K. and in South Africa. Tomiko is now a published historian. Tomiko, Grace and Rachel Valentin presented outstanding papers at the Défilée and her Daughters Haitian Bicentennial Conference, Robinette shone with her paper presentation at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference in Carrollton, GA., and Onya Brinson participated as a fellow in the

Presidential Scholars Program in Washington DC. Amber Moore received an internship at the Atlanta History Center Archives and Tulani Elisa at the Georgia Humanities Council. Allyson Smith served as assistant to the Spelman College Archivist. Allyson, Tiffany, Robinette and Sonia just returned from attending and having a blast at the annual conference of the Society of American Archivists in Boston, MA. With Dr. KPL

and our dearivist, Taronda Spencer, who funded the dition. Onya Trayce returned from trip to museum in Cali. And . . . Grace is back! :)



Robinette Dowlin, rising junior and recipient of the SIT Morocco summer award.

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SPRING 2005 COURSE OFFERINGS

SHIS 212 US Survey since 1877
(Cobb) MW 6:00 pm.

SHIS 222 Af. Am. Survey II
(Cobb) MWF 2:00 pm.

SHIS 232 African Survey II
(Bailey) MWF 10:00 am.

SHIS 262 Caribbean Survey
since 1804 (Phillips Lewis) TR
3:50 pm.

SHIS 303 Making of the Mod-
ern World (Ganz) TR 2:25 pm.

SHIS 322 African American
Thought since the Civil War

(Cobb) M 3:00 pm.

SHIS 373 Africans in Latin
America (de Sousa Sheppard)
MWF 9:00 am.

SHIS 400 Independent Study

SHIS 441 Seminar: Viet Nam
(Gillam) TR 9:25 am.

SHIS 451 Seminar: Machiavelli
(Ganz) TR 1:00 pm.

SHIS 492 Senior Thesis II
(Phillips Lewis) MW 12 noon.

**GO BACK TO YOUR ROOTS; DIS-
COVER YOUR HISTORY!**

**Dr. KPL IN GORÉE ISLAND AT THE
DOOR OF NO RETURN**

