

Doing it one more time . . .



Our Graduating Seniors on Research Day - practicing their craft as budding historians, and seen here with some of their thesis advisors and mentors. We have incorporated paper presentations at Research Day as one of the requirements for the senior thesis sequence. Our students enjoy the experience.

From L to R: Prof. Natasha McPherson, Adelia Wilder, Dr. Donna Akiba Harper, Alysha Griffin, Danielle Stallings, Dr. Dalila de Sousa Sheppard, Alison Chaney, and Elizabeth Sawyer.

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STUDENT HONOR ROLL : The Taste of Triumph



LEFT: Graduating Seniors who also completed senior theses. **From L to R:** Adelia Wilder (Teach for America—Houston), Alysha Griffin (Phd. English program University of Kansas), Danielle Stallings (Fulbright Finalist 2011 and UCLA Law School), Alison Chaney, Elizabeth Sawyer (Phd. History program UNC Chapel Hill).

BELOW: Alysha Griffin won 1st place —Research Day History Panel. She also won Outstanding Graduating History Major Prize.

Sweat, the Tears, the Midnight Oil . . .

- **DEPARTMENTAL HONORS:** Alysha Griffin, Elizabeth Sawyer, Danielle Stallings, Adelia Wilder.
- **Class of 2011:** Jessica Beazer (major), Ivory Clark (major), Alison Chaney (major), Adrianna Ebron (major), Alysha Griffin (major), Elizabeth Sawyer (major), Candance Scruggs (major), Danielle Stallings (major), Raisa Tuzo (minor), Adelia Wilder (major).



Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2011!

ALSO CONGRATULATIONS to those Graduating Seniors from other departments and from other AUC colleges who were also students in our courses.

From Spelman College: Maia Ve'lyn Sheets (IS), Angela Hardaway (IS), Ashtin Jones (IS), Alyssa Martin (Soc), Britley Williams (Psych), Marikaa Nixon (IS), Kadria Scott (Pol Sci), Shenelle Opoku, Michelle Fench (HS), April Caddell (CWS), Florence Adibu (IS), Malikat Rufai (IS), Samrawit Ephraim (Pol Sci), Kristina Herring (Eng), Shanice Graham (Econ), Alysia Lewis (Econ), Sephora Fortune (Econ), Shameeka Robles (Econ), Dermued Mondesir (Econ). **From Morehouse College:** Elijah Zehyoue, Bakary Seckan, Chris Spivey, Sean Carter, Timothy Jones, Justin Bryant, Brandon Crosby, Evan Lefft, Da'ood Amin, Rameik Johnson. **From CAU:** Faren Kennedy (CAU).

PHI ALPHA THETA Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter — 2011 Inductees

This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. Phi Alpha Theta was founded at The University of Arkansas on March 17, 1921 by Professor Nels Cleven. The organization is dedicated to the study, research, teaching, writing, publication and exchange of ideas in history.

As noted on the official website (www.phialphatheta.org) the organization now boasts over 350,000 members and 860 chapters throughout America. Phi Alpha Theta initiates about 9,500 new members each year, holds 35 regional meetings each spring and is a charter member of ACHS — The Association of College Honor Societies. Its publication, *The Historian*, can be found in over 1,000 libraries and has a subscription of over 12,500. It also publishes a newsletter The News Letter three times each year.

Our students must complete 12 credit hours in History and have a GPA of 3.1 or above in their history courses and an overall GPA of 3.0 or better to qualify for membership. As members they are eligible to apply for over 25 scholarships, awards and prizes. We are proud to belong to this distinguished organization.



ABOVE: 2011 Inductees of the Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society: L to R Back: Gabrielle Horton C'12, Kendra Robinson C'13, Brooke Thomas C'13 (UNCF/Mellon Undergraduate Fellow), Elizabeth Sawyer C'11 (UNCF/Mellon Undergraduate Fellow), Amber Hicks C'12, Bianca Girault C'12 (both Bianca and Amber are International Studies majors. Amber is also a History minor). **L to R Front:** Arielle Magee C'12, Shaleisa Brewer C'12. Arielle will be studying in Turkey this summer and Shaleisa will be an intern in the University of West Georgia Summer Research Internship Program. Gabrielle received a Charles B Rangel summer Internship but will accept instead an internship with the Congressional Black Caucus in DC. Bianca is a PPIA summer fellow.



Some of our graduating seniors with their Phi Alpha Theta Honor cords. L to R: Elizabeth Sawyer (UNC Chapel Hill), Danielle Stallings (UCLA Law School), Adelia Wilder (Teach for America Houston TX), and Adrianna Ebron (NYU Silver School and Woodrow Wilson Fellow). Adrianna also served as our department's work study student for two years.

BELOW: Dr. Gillam and his Vietnam Seminar students, Candance Scruggs, Gabrielle Horton, Ivory Clark, and Adelia Wilder at the POW-MIA Museum in Andersonville, GA.



FACULTY UPDATES:

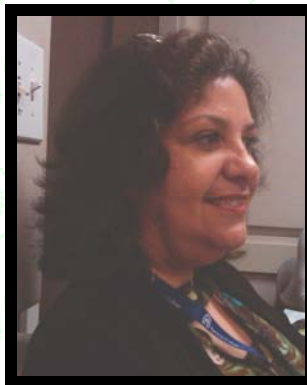
Congratulations to **Dr. James Gillam (Below Left)**, our Asianist, who was promoted to Full professorship this academic year. Dr. Gillam is seen below delivering the feature address at the 2011 Induction Ceremony of our Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. He serves as faculty advisor for the chapter. This year, Dr. Gillam also served as a member of the Gordon-Zeto Dean Search Committee. Dr. Gillam's Booksigning of *Life and Death in the Central Highlands* took place on November 16, 2010 in the Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts. He gave the following presentations during the year: 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies" October 7-9 "Brigadier General William Potts and Medical Causes of Non-Effectiveness Among VC/NVA Troops" (Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA); 50th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference/Association for Asian Studies (UNC Chapel Hill), January 14-16, 2011, "Regional Politics and Diplomacy before the Cambodian Invasion of 1970;" Faculty Research Day, October 29, 2010 "Global Research: Transcending Disciplinary and Cross-Cultural Boundaries" - "Medical Care for Americans and their Enemies During the Vietnam War." He was also the main presenter on May 21, 2011, at Lockheed Martin for "Diversity Day." He also chaired the History students panel at Research Day, and was inducted into Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society.



Dr. C. Azaria Mbughuni (Above Right), our Africanist, was away on Junior Sabbatical leave in the Fall of 2010 and on a UNCF/Mellon Scholar in Residence Fellowship at Emory University in the Spring of 2011. During this time he traveled to Tanzania and London conducting research for his book project. He also attended the Third Julius Nyerere Intellectual Festival Week at the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania in April, 2011. He also had a paper entitled, "Slave Trade and the Indian Ocean Diaspora," accepted for presentation at the 2011 ASA (African Studies Association) Conference. Dr Mbughuni's Faculty Research Day presentation, October 29, 2010 (Global Research: Transcending Disciplinary and Cross-Cultural Boundaries) was entitled, "Slave Trade in the Indian Ocean: Involuntary Movement of African People to the Indian Subcontinent." Dr. Mbughuni will teach his new course SHIS 338 Africans in the Indian Ocean in the Fall and the Senior Seminar on Liberation Movements in Tanzania in the Spring.

Dr Margery Ganz served as UNCF/Mellon faculty mentor to sophomore, Brooke Thomas. Dr Ganz is on Sabbatical leave this semester. Dr Ganz spent April in Florence, Italy, doing research in the Archivio di Stato. She advised Sophomore History majors and served as primary advisor for Adelia Wilder's Senior Honors Thesis. She also served as Fulbright Program Advisor, Advisor for Rhodes and Marshall, and Gilman Advisor. Her Book Review of: Caroline Murphy's, *Murder of a Medici Princess*, was published in *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

Dr. Dalila de Sousa Sheppard (Below Left), our Latin Americanist, was the recipient of a prestigious UNCF/Mellon Summer Faculty In Residence Fellowship for conducting archival research in Coimbra, Portugal. During the summer of 2011, she also served as panelist on a panel discussion on Black Brazilian Women in March, 2010. She also lectured at several universities in Brazil in July 2010.



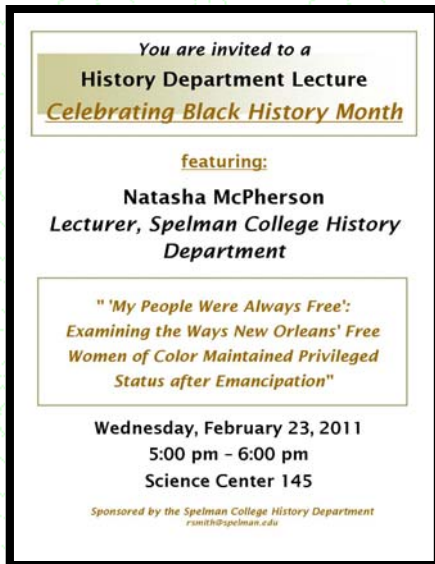
Prof. Natasha L. McPherson C' 00 (Above Right), our American/African Americanist, came to us in a Part-Time adjunct capacity last academic year to teach African American and Latin American History. She stayed with us this academic year as full-time replacement for Dr. Jelani Cobb who was on leave. She will continue with us in that capacity for the 2011-12 academic year as a result of Dr. Cobb's leaving. Prof. McPherson taught four courses per semester, while completing her doctoral dissertation at Emory University. She even found the time and energy to take her New Orleans Seminar class on a NOLA trip. Her dissertation is entitled, "Creole Women of Color and the Making of a Community in Late 19th and early 20th Century New Orleans." She was the feature speaker at our Black History Month Lecture (See page 5). Prof. McPherson was interviewed as a feature in the Spelman Spotlight.

Dr William Jelani Cobb lost his mother in February to cancer. Dr Cobb had a Book signing on October 6, 2010, 6:30pm; Book Title - "the Substance of Hope: Barak Obama and the Paradox of Progress" at and under the auspices of The Spelman College Museum of Fine Art. He also organized and facilitated two workshops at the AUC Library for the benefit of our students and faculty on **November 4, 2010** and **March 24, 2011**. The Workshops were entitled "Texts of Popular Culture: The Tupac Shakur Collection (Cosponsor: Spelman College History Department). The workshops, "Tupac Shakur Writings and Papers for Scholarly Research," utilized the writings, recordings and correspondence of the iconic hip hop artist, actor and poet as an entrée into a number of salient themes. It was designed to highlight the use of primary resource materials as a part of classroom interaction. The workshop was interdisciplinary and showed uses for primary resources in subject areas including black masculinity, political radicalism and black autobiography through the music of Tupac Shakur.

Dr. Cobb's article entitled, "Brown vs. Black" was published as a Chapter 21, pages 264-267 in Elizabeth Clark-Lewis ed., *Synergy: Public History at Howard University* (Washington Dc: Howard University Press, 2010).

Dr. Cobb has accepted a position at Rutgers University, but he will always be part of our family.

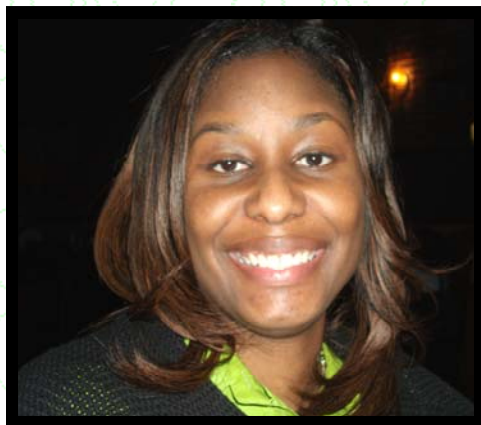
- **Black History Month:**



Prof. Natasha McPherson (See Photo on page 4) was our feature speaker for Black History Month highlight event. Her talk was entitled, "My People Were Always Free: Examining the Ways New Orleans' Free Women of Color Maintained Privileged Status after Emancipation." The focus of Professor McPherson's doctoral dissertation, for which she will receive her PhD from Emory University in July 2011 is Women of Color in New Orleans.

- **Women's History Month:**

Our guest speaker was alumna **Dr. Trichita Chestnut C'01**, whose talk was entitled, "When Gender Didn't Matter: The Lynching of Women in the United States, 1837-1946." The event took place in Giles Hall Room 106 on Thursday March 17, 2010. Dr. Chestnut has published an article with the same title. It can be found as Chapter 2, pages 8-21 in Elizabeth Clark-Lewis ed., *Synergy: Public History at Howard University* (Washington Dc: Howard University Press, 2010).



- **Special Guest Lecture:**

Dr. Darlene Clark Hine, Board of Trustees Professor of African American Studies at Northwestern University and former John Hannah Professor of History at Michigan State University, was our guest speaker April, 21, 2011. Her lecture was entitled, "Rehearsal for Freedom: Black Professional Women's health Care Activism Before Brown." Dr. Clark Hine is a pioneering scholar in African American Women's History. She has written three award-winning books in the field and edited a two-column encyclopedia, *Black Women in America*, the first major encyclopedia on the subject. In her academic work, Dr. Clark Hine seeks not only to explore African American history, but also to redefine the discipline of history itself. It was our department's pleasure to host her at Spelman College.

LEFT TOP: Dr. Gillam at his Book signing. **LEFT BELOW:** Tiara Denson, out illustrious work study student. (She doesn't like pictures).

This Year's Happenings

- Pot-Luck Welcome —September 2010
- Dr. James' Gillam's Book Launching,
- Black History Month Lecture—February, 23, 2011
- Women's History Month Lecture—March 17, 2011
- PAT Inductions—March, 2011
- Special Guest Lecture—April, 21, 2011.
- Year End Get Together— May 2, 2011.

FALL '10 OFFERINGS:

- SHIS 203—Historical Methods
- SHIS 211—US Survey I
- SHIS 221—Survey of Af. Am. History I
- SHIS 231—History of Africa I
- SHIS 241: Survey of Traditional China and Japan
- SHIS 271—Latin America Survey I
- SHIS 303— Making of the Modern World
- SHIS 362—Caribbean Economic History
- SHIS 400— Independent Study
- SHIS 401—Topics in History: Seminar: New Orleans
- SHIS 453— Gender and Family in Medieval Europe
- SHIS 491—Senior Thesis I
- SHIS 491—Senior Honors Thesis



HANGING WITH DR KPL:



Dr KPL. Served as Director of the Spelman College/ University of the West Indies Summer Study Abroad Program in St. Augustine, Trinidad June 2010. She participated as a member of the Spelman Team in the UPenn Engaging Departments Workshop July 2010. Dr KPL also was a member of the Ida b Wells Collaborative and a participant in the faculty Race & Gender at HBCUs Seminar, an initiative of the TRRC. She served also as department Chair, and UNCF/ Mellon faculty mentor to Elizabeth Sawyer C'11 and to Tiara Denson C'13. She was the official driver for the Andersonville field trip for the Viet Nam Seminar, and served on the Faculty Research Day Committee. Dr KPL had one article published this year: "Women in the Trinidad Cocoa Industry 1*870-1945" in Higman, B.W. & Kathleen E. A. Monteith eds., *West Indian Business History: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship* (Kingston, Jamaica: University of the West Indies Press, October, 2010) 73-98. Dr KPL also was accepted to participate in the 2011 summer CIEE IFDS in Bahia, Brazil, but will defer participation until Summer, 2012. She will participate instead, with Dr. Tatum, in the WEW Women in Education Worldwide International Workshop at Smith College in Northampton in June, 2011.



ABOVE LEFT: Dr KPL with the Spelman College student panel, which she chaired, at the 7th Annual International Conference of Caribbean Literature at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, November, 2010. With her L to R: Marikaa Nixon, Shanice Graham, and Alysia Lewis—all C'11 non-history majors who took courses offered by our department. **LEFT:** Her Morehouse mentees hanging out in Dr KPL's office: L to R: Elijah Zehyoue (History major on to graduate school in Divinity at U. Chicago); Bakary Seckan (Economics major on to graduate school at Harvard U in Public Policy, and winner of Graduate Charles Rangel Fellowship); James Cartwright (History major C'12).

***Christina Dickinson C'02** has completed her PhD in History from Vanderbilt University April 2011.

ALUMNAE NEWS

***Tanya Huelett C'00** completed her PhD in History at NYU.

***Brittany Nash C'07** was accepted at U Michigan Law School.

***Christy Melton C'09** was accepted to Georgia State University for a Master of Arts in Teaching History. She will begin this summer.

***Andrea Jackson C'01**, Archivist Woodruff Library at the AUC Library, and history alumna, Taronda Spencer, discussed their work in the AUC "and the salient connections between museums and archives." March 1, 2011, presented by the Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts.

Hanging with Dr KPL in the UWI Trinidad Summer Program, June 2010. Left Amber Hicks (minor) and Sequoia Shields (major alumna) James Cartwright (Morehouse history major) learning to play the steelpan. **Center:** Sequoia Shields, history major **C'10**, who served as our graduate assistant, holding a ripe cocoa pod on the bus from our Lopinot Cocoa Estate field trip. Shaleisa Brewer (junior) is in the background. **Right:** Shaleisa Brewer (junior), James Cartwright (major) and Amber Hicks (minor) learning to do the Kalenda (stickfighting).



HISTORIC BUILDINGS: Can you identify me?



1. CLUE : NATION BUILDER .



2. CLUE: IN OUR HOOD.

AND . . . what is my story?

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 8).

3. CLUE: OFFICIAL LANGUAGE — NOT INGLES.

4. CLUE: MIA. GA.



Authenticating women prisoners at Andersonville is difficult. Records indicate that there were perhaps three or more Northern women imprisoned at Andersonville after capture with their husbands in battle.

The Women POWS of Andersonville



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FEATURING . . . THE BACKBONE OF THE DEPARTMENT: AA, R. NICOLE SMITH

Roslyn Nicole Smith is our ever-smiling Administrative Assistant and our life-line. Really, she is the lynchpin upon which the department hinges. We talk to her daily, are buoyed and cheered by her; she is our sounding board, a friend to us, and a big sister to all our students. But how much do we know about her? So here's a bit of information so you, too, can know who Nicole really is and what she means to us.

Nicole is a Spelman Alumna C'95. She holds a MA in English from Georgia State University and completed the first year of her PhD studies in English Literature and Rhetoric and Composition at Georgia State University. In addition, she was inducted into the Omega Iota Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Ms. Smith also attended the College Language Association conference in April and serves as the volunteer Publicity Director for the Science Fiction Research Association.

And to Nicole — a big Thank You! I don't know how we'll make it through the year, and especially the trying times, without you. Have a Great Summer!



Can you identify these historic buildings? ANSWERS: 1. Kwame Nkrumah's Mausoleum, Accra, Ghana. 2. Sister's Chapel, Spelman College. 3. Moncada Barracks, Santiago de Cuba (showing bullet holes from Castro's failed coup on July 26, 1953). 4. POW-MIA Museum, Andersonville, GA.