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New Web Page Launched

Mr. Lenny Hihath, a senior history major, recently completed designing a new web page for the program of history. The project was a summer course assignment that combined all aspects of the humanities with information technology.

The web page assists in providing information to prospective students, interested faculty colleagues at high schools and community colleges, community citizens, alumni, and Park University students, staff and colleagues. An important aspect of communications today is accessibility; the new web page furnishes a means to highlight Park University in general and the program of history in

particular.

The features of the web page include:

- *Park University History*
- *Assessment Measures*
- *Current Majors*
- *Student Profiles*
- *Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants*
- *Alumni Links*
- *Quarterly Newsletter*
- *Courses*
- *Faculty*
- *Tutorials*
- *Archive of historical organizations*
- *Kansas City History and links to area sites*
- *Phi Alpha Theta Chapter news, meetings and members*
- *Calendar of Events*
- *Nisei archives*



Members of the program of history express gratitude to Lyn Harris, Jake Marshall and Kathy Allen for their assistance.

Please visit the web page at www.park.edu/deptofhistory.

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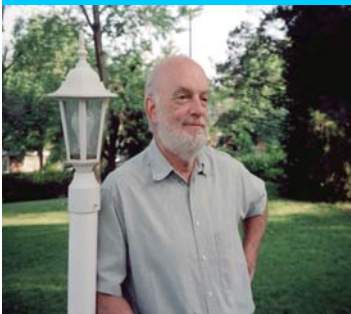
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Dates of Interest

- **Oct 12:** Academic Conversations
- **Oct 16-17:** History and Legal Studies Majors Trip to the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.
- **Oct 17-23:** Fall Break
- **Nov-Dec:** Registration for Spring classes.
- **Nov 11:** Veterans' Day
- **Nov 16:** Academic Conversations.
- **Nov 24-27:** Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 12-15:** Finals Week

Dr. Ronald Miriani Visits Japan



Dr. Ronald Miriani, Professor of History, during the spring 2005 visited Japan.

Dr. Miriani teaches the course "Japan: Modernization of a Traditional People" in which his recent trip provided opportunities to fur-

ther research the culture of Japan. He also teaches the most popular history course at Park University, "Kansas City: The City of the Heartland." He has designed a popular walking tour book of historic Kansas City sites.

History Major Studies in Italy

Senior history major **Ryan Duncan** always desired to travel and meet great people when he selected Park University. This past summer offered Duncan an opportunity to do both by spending five weeks in Italy to research the primary resources concerning the Medici family. The research will furnish Duncan an opportunity to present his research at regional history conferences.

Duncan is currently preparing for graduate school, where he desires to focus on the American Civil War. His first selec-

tion for graduate school is Louisiana State University (LSU), in Baton Rouge. The Civil War program at LSU is one of the most respected in the United States. Duncan has been attracted to the Civil War period due to such leaders as Generals Sterling Price, Robert E. Lee, U.S. Grant, George McClellan, and Thomas J. Jackson. Ultimately, one lifelong dream is for an appearance on the *History Channel*.

Mr. Duncan is a member of Park University's Phi Alpha Theta Chapter *Zeta Omicrom*.



Black History Month Events

The Spencer Cave Black History Month Lectures Series is pleased to celebrate its fifth annual presentation of outstanding historians.

Mr. Paul Finkelman, Chapman Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law will present a lecture titled "Thomas Jefferson, the American Founders, & the Problem of Slavery in a Free Republic" on **Feb 22, 2006** at 7 p.m.

in the McCoy Meetin' House, Parkville Campus.

Finkelman is a leading United States constitutional and legal historian, specializing in race and the law. He has written 24 books and 63 law review publications. He currently serves as Series Editor, Law, Politics, & Society in the Midwest for Ohio University Press. He has

been a recipient of three National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Fellowships; research grants from the American Philosophical Society, Indiana Historical Society, and New York African-American Institute.

See page 4 for entire lecture schedule.

Women's History Month Events

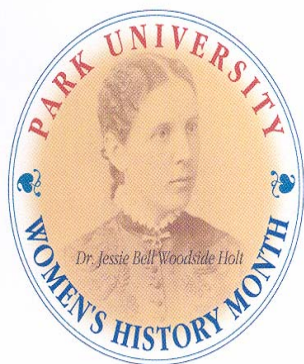
The fourth annual Dr. Jessie Bell Woodside Holt Women's History Month Lecture Series is scheduled for **March 17 and 18, 2006**.

Dr. Holt, a member of Park's second graduating class, was one of the early female physicians in the country and was the University's first medical

missionary. She first learned of Park University. Accordingly, she pursued the customary classical course and graduated from Park in 1880. Medicine was an unpopular calling for a woman at that time. Miss Bell decided upon this career and entered the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, where she graduated in 1884.

Dr. Elizabeth Perry, St. Louis University, will speak on "Women's Political Choices After Suffrage." Additional invitations have been extended to speakers. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Further details will be included in the January-March newsletter and on the web page.



World War I Film Series

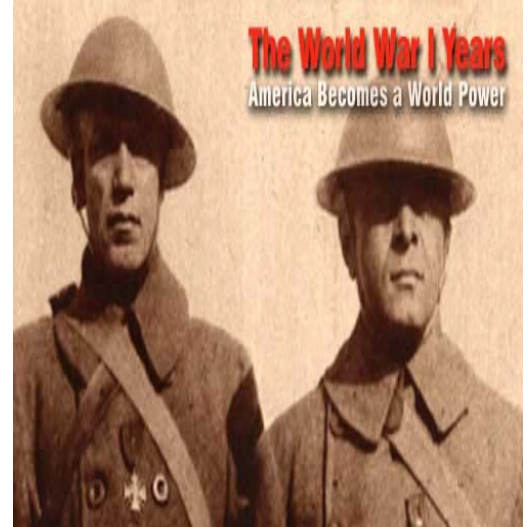
The Kansas City Public Library, Liberty Memorial and Park University are pleased to announce their co-hosting of "The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power." The six-part series is a film and discussion project from the National Video Resources, National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

The six series include:

- *The Road to War* (March 26)
- *Over There* (April 2)
- *Modern War* (April 9)
- *The American People in Wartime* (April 23)
- *Peace Making* (April 30)
- *After the War—The Turbulent Years* (May 7)

The film and discussion begin at **2 p.m.** each Sunday and will be held at the **Nichols Auditorium at the Liberty Memorial**, 100 W. 26th St. Kansas City. **The series is free and open to the public.**

Further details will be included in the January-March History newsletter. The moderator for the series is Dr. Timothy Westcott, Assistant Professor of History. President Byers-Pevitts serves on the Board of Trustees, Liberty Memorial Association.



New Degree: B.A. in Social Studies

The College for Liberal Arts and Science and the School of Education recently announced a new bachelor of arts degree focusing on preparing educators in social studies.

Following a year long review to enhance an already excellent program of preparing students to enter classrooms, faculty and students from both schools

prepared proposals based on classroom observations and experiences.

The foundations to the new degree derive from Park University's Mission Statement, "providing access to academic excellence" and Vision Statement, "providing innovative educational opportunities for students within the global soci-

ety." The educational disciplines within social studies continue to form an interdisciplinary approach and the new degree will engage students in lifelong learning.

The interdisciplinarity includes American and World history, economics, anthropology, behavioral sciences, political science and geography.



Westcott Receives Fellowship

Dr. Timothy Westcott, Assistant Professor of History, recently received notification of a \$1,000 Senior Scholar Gilder Lehrman Fellowship at The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City, New York.

The fellowship will permit Westcott to continue his research on the Moneka

Women's Rights Association active in territorial Kansas during the late 1850s.

Westcott is familiar with the collections of The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. In 2002, he attended a Gilder Lehrman Institute and Council of Independent Colleges Seminar, titled "The Slavery Debates: Problems in

Slavery Studies Today," held at Columbia University, New York City, New York. He has also performed independent research at Gilder Lehrman related to the letters of John Brown's daughter who accompanied her father to Harper's Ferry, Virginia in 1859. For further information on Gilder Lehrman visit www.gilderlehrman.org.



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Calendar of Lecture Series Events

For further information regarding these lecture series presentations, please contact Dr. Timothy Westcott at (816)-584-6364 or tim.westcott@park.edu.

- **Feb 6: Dr. Dylan Penningroth**, Northwestern University, Spencer Cave Black History Month Lecture Series “Comparative Perspectives on the Black Family” 7 p.m., McCoy Meetin’ House, Parkville. **Lecture is free and open to the public.**
- **Feb 13: Dr. Adrienne Davis**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Spencer Cave Black History Month Lecture Series “Reparations” 7 p.m., McCoy Meetin’ House, Parkville. **Lecture is free and open to the public.**
- **Feb 22: Mr. Paul Finkelman**, Chapman Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law, Spencer Cave Black History Month Lecture Series “Thomas Jefferson, the American Founders, & the Problem of Slavery in a ‘Free Republic’”. 7 p.m., McCoy Meetin’ House, Parkville. **Lecture is free and open to the public.**
- **Mar-Apr: World War I Film Series.** Liberty Memorial. **Series is free and open to the public.**
- **Mar 18: Dr. Elizabeth Perry**, St. Louis University “Women’s Political Choices After Suffrage.” Other invitations have been extended for the Dr. Jessie Bell Woodside Holt Women’s History Month Lecture Series. 8:30 a.m., McCoy Meetin’ House, Parkville. Further updates will be included in the January-March newsletter and on the web page. **Lecture is free and open to the public.**

Short Notes

- **History Majors: Road Trip to Arkansas!**

The Programs of History and Legal Studies are planning a graduate college visit to the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville for **October 16-17**. The trip will begin October 16 with a visit to the University of Arkansas on October 17. The trip is open to all history majors (freshmen thru senior). This field trip is an opportunity for junior history majors to investigate the graduate application process early in their educational career. The trip will cost approximately \$100. If you are inter-

ested in going on the field trip, please contact Dr. Timothy Westcott at 816.584-6364 or tim.westcott@park.edu.

- **Pre-Registration for Spring Classes:** Do you need that one class for graduation? Do you need a class for your major? Dr. Miriani and Dr. Westcott suggest pre-registration for spring classes prior to the Thanksgiving holiday break. Each advisor is listed at the top of your degree audit. Please contact your advisor to make an appointment so that you do not miss those courses you need.

Zeta Omicrom Members

The 2006 Phi Alpha Theta Biennial Convention will be held in Philadelphia January 4-6. The convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Penn’s Landing, a short distance from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the new National Constitution Center.

The registration fee is only \$60 and lodging is \$99 per night up to four occupants. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. Timothy Westcott at tim.westcott@park.edu.

