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Call for papers for the EHS/SHA meeting in New Orleans, LA: November 3-6, 2021

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels for presentations at its annual meeting in New Orleans, LA., November 3-6, 2021.

PREFERRED TOPICS

Papers on any aspect and any period of European history or European history in a global context are welcome, including panels exploring transnational connections and comparisons between Europe and other regions. Complete-panel proposals are preferred. The committee especially encourages diversity and inclusion with respect to the composition of panels.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Individual paper submissions must include an abstract of approximately 250 words for each paper and a short (1-2 page) c.v. Panels should consist of three papers, a commentator, and a chair. Doctoral students, as well as faculty members and independent scholars, are welcome to submit individual papers or panels, although a panel should not consist exclusively of graduate students.

Submissions for full panels should include a 250 word abstract of each paper, a short c.v. for each participant, and a short (i.e. 250-500 words) description of the overarching topic or theme of the panel with a working panel title. Please provide the full name, affiliation, and e-mail address of each participant and indicate who is serving as panel organizer. Proposals are due by September 1, 2020 to be considered for the 2021 program. Panelists must be current members of the EHS at the time of the 2021 Conference.

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Proposals should be sent via email to:

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Other Committee Members:

Molly Johnson, University of Alabama-Huntsville

Nathan Orgill, Georgia Gwinnett College



Call for nominations for the Snell Prize

AWARDED FOR BEST GRADUATE SEMINAR PAPER IN EUROPEAN HISTORY BY THE EUROPEAN HISTORY SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The John L. Snell Memorial Prize is named for Professor John L. Snell (1923-1972) who was a distinguished scholar and diplomatic historian and a founder of the European History Section. A bomber pilot during World War II, he taught at Tulane University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his Ph.D. in 1950. The Snell Prize is given annually to the graduate student with the best seminar research paper in European history, written within the past year. Papers on any aspect and any period of European history or European history in a global context are welcome.

The Prize winner will be honored at the annual meeting of the Section in Memphis, Tennessee in November 2020. The award carries a stipend of \$100. The Snell Award winner also receives one complimentary year of student membership in the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association. Occasionally, the Committee will also give an Honorable Mention to a second or third outstanding submission.

The competition is open to graduate students of any member of the Section or of a program at a Southern college or university. Students may submit only one paper. Only papers written

during the academic year immediately preceding the granting of the award, including summer 2020, are acceptable. The content of the paper must focus on European history ("European" is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present). A letter of endorsement from the supervising faculty member or advisor must accompany the submission. The letter should confirm that the paper was written during the academic year immediately preceding the granting of the award, in summer 2020.

The competition is open *only* to seminar papers, the length of which shall not exceed 50 pages, including footnotes or endnotes (bibliography does not count toward this limit). Seminar papers may be related to prospective theses or dissertations, but they may *not* be edited-down versions of theses or dissertations.

Manuscripts must be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides, and include a bibliography and the customary documentation.

One copy should be sent to *each* of the following three judges (either a hard copy or preferably via email) by August 1, 2020:

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Dr. John Snell, courtesy Tulane University Archive

Call for nominations for the Parker-Schmitt Dissertation Award

AWARDED FOR THE BEST DISSERTATION IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce the biennial competition for Parker-Schmitt Dissertation Award. Named for Harold Parker, long-time professor of French history at Duke University, and Hans Schmitt, who taught German history at several institutions before completing his career at the University of Virginia, the Award is given in even-numbered years to the best Ph.D. dissertation in European history nominated by a faculty member at a Southern university (the term "Southern" should be broadly construed) or by a member of the European History Section.

The award of \$250 will be presented at the EHS luncheon at the SHA meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, this November. Eligible dissertations must have been defended between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2020. Criteria for selection include quality and originality of research, new and stimulating interpretations and insights, and literary quality.

Recommendations of eligible dissertations should be sent to the committee chair by August 1, 2020.

Recommenders are also responsible for ensuring that each committee member receives the dissertation itself via email by that date.

One copy must be sent to each of the following three judges **via email**, by August 1, 2020.

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Professor Hans Schmitt, who retired from the faculty at the University of Virginia, was a founder of the European History Section



Professor Harold Parker, specialist in French history at Duke University.

Call for nominations for the Smith Award

AWARDED FOR THE BEST BOOK IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce the biennial competition for the THE SMITH AWARD

The Smith Award, named for Professor Charles E. Smith (1906-1959), who taught ancient, medieval, English History, and Renaissance and Reformation at Louisiana State University and served as Dean from 1934 until his untimely death in 1959. The Award is given by the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association for the best book published in European history by a member of the Section or a faculty member of a Southern college or university, or by a Southern press. "European" is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present.

The award is given in even years and carries a cash value of \$250.

Books published between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2020 are eligible for consideration. Criteria for selection include quality and originality of research, new and stimulating interpretations and insights, and literary quality.

Eligible books may be recommended to the chair of the Baker-Burton-Smith Committee by their authors or publishers or by any member of the Section. The person making the recommendation is responsible for ensuring that each committee member receives a copy by August 15, 2020.

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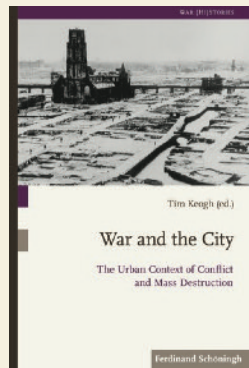
TRAVEL, BOOKS AND ARTICLES, NEW POSTS, RETIREMENTS, AWARDS

Andrew Demshuk, American University, recently published “The People’s Bowling Palace: Building Underground in Late Communist Leipzig,” *Contemporary European History* (forthcoming, 2020); “A Polish Approach for German Cities? Cement Old Towns and the Search for Rootedness in Postwar Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main,” *European History Quarterly* 50 no. 1 (2020): 88-127; “Rebuilding after the Reich:

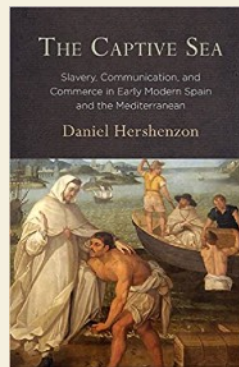
Sacred Sites in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1945-149,” in *War and the City: The Urban Context of Conflict and Mass Destruction*, ed. Tim Keogh (Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2019): 167-193; and the forthcoming monograph, *Bowling for Communism: Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany* (Cornell University Press, 2020).

Nathan Orgill, Georgia Gwinnett College, published *Rumors of the Great War: The British Press and Anglo-German Relations during the July Crisis* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020).

Roger Reese, Texas A&M, won the 2019 Norman B. Tomlinson Jr. award for best work of history in English on World War One for *The Imperial Russian Army in Peace, War, and Revolution, 1856-1917* (University Press of Kansas, 2019).



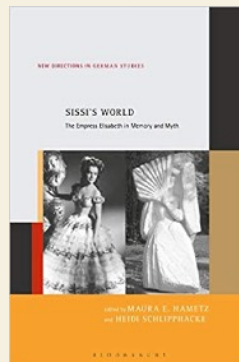
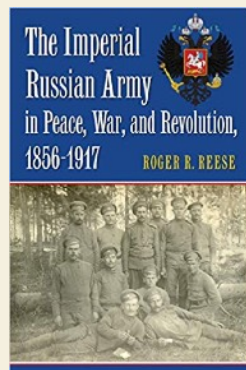
Dean Kostantaras, Northwestern State University, published *Nationalism and Revolution in Europe, 1763-1848* (Amsterdam University Press, 2020).



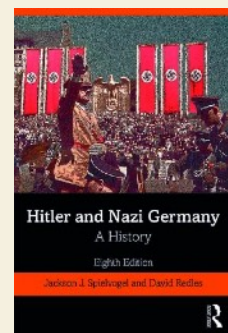
Daniel Hershenzon, University of Connecticut, was awarded Best First Book on Iberian History Prize by the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies for *The Captive Sea: Slavery, Communication, and Commerce in Early Modern Spain and the Mediterranean* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018).



Maura Hametz, James Madison University, published in paperback, co-edited with Heidi Schlipphacke, *Sissi's World: The Empress Elisabeth in Myth and Memory* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020).



David Redles, Cuyahoga Community College, with Jackson Spielvogel, completed the 8th edition of *Hitler and Nazi Germany: A History* (Routledge, 2020). Exam copies available for preorder as an e-book from routledge.com



News from EHS members

TRAVEL, BOOKS AND ARTICLES, NEW POSTS, RETIREMENTS, AWARDS

Rebecca Boehling, EHS President for 2020, has retired from the University of Maryland—Baltimore, and is now Director of the National Institute for Holocaust Documentation at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.



Gerhard Weinberg, Emeritus, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was the keynote speaker at two international conferences in 2019. The first was at “The Future of Holocaust Testimonies V” at Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel on March 13, 2019. The second was at “Five Days in December: From Pearl Harbour to Hitler’s Declaration of War on the United States,” presented at Cambridge University on September 28, 2019.



Wendy Koenig, Long Beach City College, received the 2019 League for Innovation in the Community College Excellence Award and is a finalist (one of four) for Faculty Innovation, American Association of Community Colleges Awards for Excellence.



Call For Proposals

The North Carolina German Studies Seminar and Workshop Series is proud to announce the second annual **Konrad Jarausch Essay Prize Competition for Advanced Graduate Students**. In recognition of the longstanding commitment to graduate education of **Konrad H. Jarausch**, who is Lurey Professor of European Civilization at the History Department of the University of North Carolina and a long-time EHS member, this prize serves to celebrate and cultivate outstanding new talent in the field of Central European History.



The prize will award the best article or chapter-length piece of writing by a current graduate student working in the field of Central European history. The recipient of this prize will receive an honorarium of \$500 and an invitation to present their dissertation work with a lecture at the first North Carolina German Studies Seminar (NCGS) in September 2020, which will held on a Friday afternoon at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. In addition, they will be invited to a writing workshop for graduate students in history on the same day, in which the submitted chapter will be discussed by accomplished scholars, who will make suggestions on how to revise and prepare it for submission to a first-rate academic journal. Both events will provide an opportunity for the winner to receive feedback from an interdisciplinary group of experts. Prizewinners will be encouraged, but not required to submit their revised essay for publication. We will cover the costs for travel (economy class flight) to and from Chapel Hill, hotel accommodation and dinner following the lecture.

Eligibility requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD program at a North American university.
- 2) They must not have defended dissertation before 30 April 2020
- 3) They must plan to be resident in North America in fall 2020

Requirement for the proposal:

- 1) A two-page statement describing the outlines of your project, its state of completion, and what you hope to gain by presenting at the seminar
- 2) A copy of your CV
- 3) A writing sample, ideally a chapter of a dissertation, of between 8,000 and 10,000 words (not including notes)

Sent Applications by April 30, 2020 to:

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**Minutes of the Business Meeting
European History Section
November 19, 2019
Louisville, Kentucky**

The annual business meeting of the EHS was called to order at 11:30 am and presided over by Lois Huneycutt, president of the EHS. During the course of the business meeting the following items were addressed.

Nominating Committee Report:

Presentation and approval of new officers:

- EHS Nominating Committee Chair
Joanne Rao Sanchez,
St. Edwards University
- EHS Executive Committee Vice Chair
Sharon Kowalsky,
Texas A&M Commerce
- EHS Representative to the SHA
Maura Hametz,
James Madison University

Membership Committee Report:

The committee constructed a list-serve that incorporated the Treasurer's "master list" with new members, 2019 conference attendees, and previous Kele Award winners from 2018. The list-serve should provide an easy way to maintain the master list in the future, allowing members to interact in a variety of ways. The committee also encouraged that the EHS increase its social media presence. As a result, the executive committee established a Social Media Sub-Committee to begin this process. As a result committee member Stephen J. Stillwell created a Facebook page at:

European History Section/Southern Historical Association

Treasurer's Report:

A separate report, detailing the specific finances of the EHS was given to the Executive Committee. During the the course of 2018-2019 the EHS received \$1,775 in dues, with \$295 gifted to the Kele Award and another \$285 gifted to the EHS. Total assets for the year were \$6,797.41.

Awards:

The following awards were presented by the European History Section.

The **Simpson Award** for best paper read at an EHS session at the preceding two years was awarded to Anthony Minnema, Samford University, for "Squire to the Moor King: Christian Agents for Muslim Magnates in Late Medieval Spain."

Honorable Mention: Erin Hochman, Southern Methodist University for "The Stahlhelm Abroad: Veterans and Weimar Politics among the German Diaspora."

The **Baker-Burton Award** for best first book in European history by a member of the Section or a graduate student or a faculty member of a Southern college or university was awarded to Sarah R. Hamilton, Auburn University, for *Cultivating Nature: The Conservation of a Valencian Working Landscape* (University of Washington Press, 2018).

The **Snell Award** for best graduate seminar paper was awarded to John Gillespie of Vanderbilt University for, "Imbibing the Future: Alcohol Moderation and Modernity in 1960s and 1970s East German Audiovisual Culture"

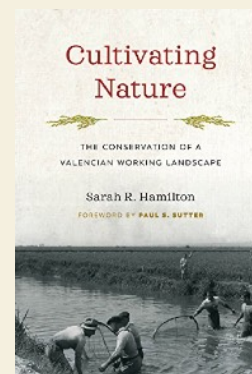
The **Kele Award** for Graduate Students, offering a one-year Section and affiliate membership, was presented to Abby E. Gibbons (University of Alabama), Andrew Deaton (University of Alabama), Blake McKinney (University of Alabama), Jordan Cleveland (Ole Miss University), and Alexander Compton (Emory University).



The Mathews-Weinberg Luncheon Talk:

This year's Mathews-Weinberg Address was presented by Christian Raffensperger (above), Wittenberg University, on the topic "What is a King? What is a Kingdom? Rus in Medieval Europe." The talk was followed by a lively question and answer session.

The business meeting was officially adjourned at 1:32 pm.



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*New EHS Chair, Rebecca Boehling
Speaking at the the 2019 Business Meeting*

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