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Call for papers for the EHS/SHA meeting in

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels for presentations at its annual meeting in Baltimore, MD, November 10-13, 2022.

PREFERRED TOPICS

Papers on any aspect and any period of European history or European history in a global context are welcome. The program committee especially encourages full panel proposals comparing Europe to other regions. Complete-panel proposals are preferred. The committee especially encourages diversity and inclusion with respect to the composition of panels and topics considered. We also invite pedagogical submissions, especially those that present and discuss the wholesale shift to online teaching and remote learning. These could include presentations on teaching methods, sources, assignments, and other remote-learning components with regard to the teaching of European history.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Individual paper submissions must include an abstract of approximately 250 words and a short 1-2 page c.v. Panels should consist of three papers, a commentator, and a chair. Graduate 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. Graduate students are encouraged to reach out to the Program chair with questions about the submission process.

Submissions for full panels should include a 250 word abstract of each paper, a short c.v. for each participant, and a 250-500 word description of the

overarching topic or theme of the panel with a working panel title. Please provide the full name, affiliation, and email address of each participant and indicate who is serving as panel organizer. Participants must be available to present whenever their session is scheduled, as we cannot accommodate special scheduling requests.



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Proposals should be sent via email to:

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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 New Orleans, Louisiana in November 2021. 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 (2020-2021) immediately preceding the granting of the award, including summer 2021, 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). While seminar papers may be related to prospective theses or dissertations, but they may *not* be edited-down versions of theses or dissertations.

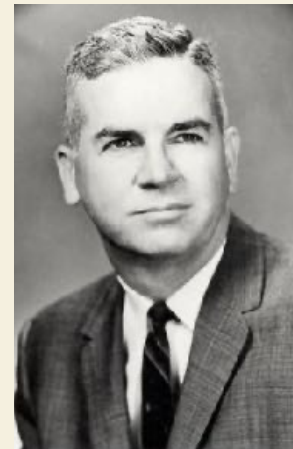
Manuscripts must be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides, and include a bibliography and the customary documentation.

One copy should be sent to each of the following three judges (via email) by August 1, 2021:

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Dr. John Snell, courtesy Tulane University Archive

Call for nominations for the Burton-Baker Award

AWARDED FOR THE BEST FIRST BOOK IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

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

The Baker-Burton Award was created in 2005 and is named for two distinguished scholars, Professor Vaughan Baker Simpson of the University of Louisiana Lafayette, and University of Akron Professor Emerita June K. Burton. The award is given by the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association for the 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. "European" is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present.

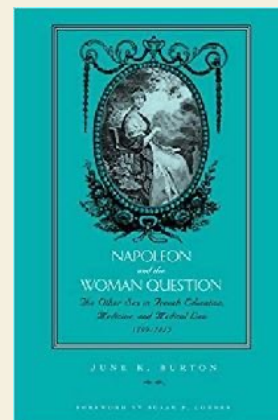
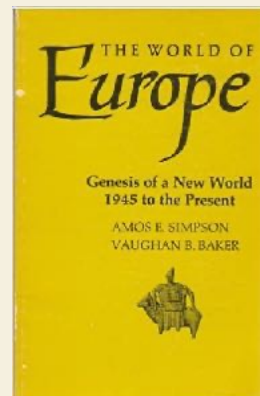
The award is given in odd years and carries a cash value of \$150. Books published between August 1, 2020 and July 31m 2021 are eligible for consideration. Criteria for selection include quality and originality of research, new and stimulating interpretations and insights, and literary quality. Eligible books may be recommended to the chair of the Baker-Burton-Smith Committee by their authors or by any member of the

Section. The person making the recommendation is responsible for ensuring that each committee member receives a copy no later than August 1 of the year the award is given.

Committee members for 2021 are:

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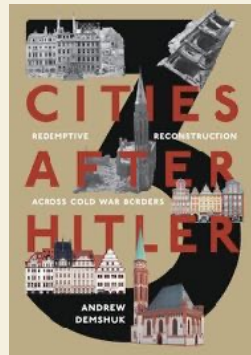


June K. Baker
University of Akron

News from EHS members

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

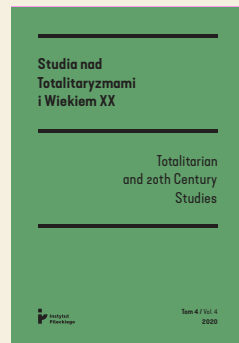
Andrew Demshuk, American University, has announced the forthcoming publication of *Three Cities after Hitler: Redemptive Reconstruction across Cold War Borders* (University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming 2021).



Neal Palmer, Christian Brothers University, was granted a sabbatical for Spring 2022 to work on a book project, “A Rockin’ History of the UK.” It relates the history of the 1950s-1990s UK from a youthful perspective and highlights the themes of equality, sex, drugs, education, technology, and Britishness.

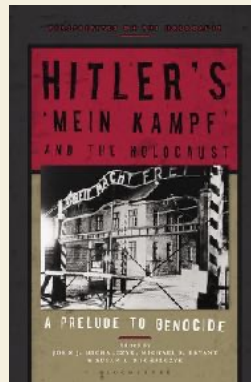


Wayne Bowen, University of Central Florida, signed an advance contract with Routledge Press for his ninth book, *Spain and the Protestant Reformation: Triumphant Failure*, which should come to press in 2022. He also has a forthcoming article, “On the Fringes of the New Order: Spain and Poland, 1939,” in *Totalitarian and 20th Century Studies*, volume 4, to be published in Warsaw by the Pilecki Institute. He also received notice of publication of his revised “Spain Since the Reconquista” in *Oxford Biographies in Military History* online (Oxford University Press).



Gerhard Weinberg, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, emeritus, has published “The Holocaust Seventy-five Years After it Ended: A Panoramic View of Achievements and Challenges in Research and Interpretation,” in Yad Vashem’s series *Search and Research*, volume 30.

A video of Professor Weinberg’s keynote address at the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies Conference at Akko, Israel, which is published above, is available at [Akko Conference](#).



David Redles, Cuyahoga Community College, has a forthcoming essay, “The Apocalypse of Adolf Hitler: *Mein Kampf* and the Eschatological Origins of the Holocaust,” in John J. Michalczyk, Michael S. Bryant and Susan A. Michalczyk, eds., *Hitler’s ‘Mein Kampf’ and the Holocaust: A Prelude to Genocide* (Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, forthcoming). This title is part of the publisher’s Perspectives on the Holocaust series.

Dominique K. Reill, University of Miami, would like to announce the successful defense of three dissertations in European history:

Anna Bennett, “The Magic of Things: Matter, Spirit, and Power in Venice, 1580-1730,” PhD advisor Guido Ruggiero

Nelson Marques, “A League of their Own: Culture and Society in Portugal’s Atlantic Armies, 1624-1668,” PhD advisor Guido Ruggiero

Dale Pappas, “Partners in Pleasure: State and Private Capital in the Making of Modern Mediterranean Tourism,” PhD advisor, Dominique Reill.



Highlights of European History Section Executive Meeting, held virtually, November 19, 2020

The annual business meeting of the EHS was not held due the cancellation of the annual SHA conference. Below are highlights from the virtual executive committee meeting.

Chairs Report:

Due to the pandemic, Chair Rebecca Boehling and Vice Chair Sharon Kowalsky will remain in their positions for 2021, making in unnecessary for the Nominating Committee to announce a new Vice Chair for 2021.

Vice Chair Report:

Sharon Kowalsky reported that as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic all currently serving members of the Executive Committee have agreed to serve an extra year. The prize committee and program committee will change years as normal. The program chair for 2024 (Kansas City) will be Heather Perry, UNC-Charlotte.

2020 Program Chair Report:

Emily Gioielli provided a brief introduction and overview of how the 2020 panels, which will all be held virtually because of Covid-19, would be presented.

2021 Program Chair Report:

Andre Fleche presented the 2021 (New Orleans) conference panels. At the 2021 conference there will be 10 panels rather than the usual 8, with 2 panels rolled over from the 2020 conference due to Covid-19.

Prize Committee Reports:

The following awards were presented by the European History Section.

The **Smith Prize** was awarded to **Astrid Eckert**, Emory University, for her book *West Germany and the Iron Curtain: Economy, Culture & Environment in the Borderlands* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

The **Parker-Schmidt Award** for best dissertation in European history by a graduate student at a Southern college or university was awarded to Danielle Picard, Vanderbilt University, for “Analyzing the Human Factor in British Industrial Psychology (1919-1939).”

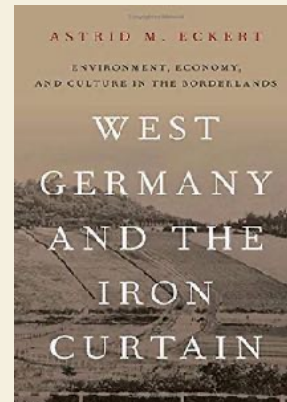
The **Snell Award** for best graduate seminar paper was awarded to Alexander Compton, Emory University, for his paper “Decolonize your Minds! Audre Lourde, Archival Activism, and the Transnational Origins of Black European Consciousness.”

The **Kele Award** was not awarded this year due to the pandemic.

In Memoriam:

The session ended with a tribute by Alice-Catherine Carls to **Nancy Rupprecht** who passed away on August 7, 2020 (see the Fall 2020 Newsletter for more tributes).

Rebecca Boehling added a tribute to long-time member **Marion Deshmukh**, George Mason University, who passed away on April 13, 2019.



Danielle Picard,
Vanderbilt University



Alexander Compton,
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Marion Deshmukh

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