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Call for Papers: EHS/SHA/WHA meeting at St. Pete Beach, FL, November 5-8, 2025

PREFERRED TOPICS

The EHS welcomes papers, panels and roundtables that consider European history from *all thematic fields, methodological perspectives, and time periods*. This includes not just research focused exclusively on Europe and its overseas empires, but also research which examines European history from a *colonial, comparative, or global* perspective. Additionally, we welcome scholarly presentations which thematize or challenge the definition and conceptualization of “Europe” over time. Finally, we welcome submissions on *pedagogy* and the *teaching* of European history. This includes not only *classroom pedagogy*, but also extends to *museum and digital pedagogy, archival practices, exhibition curation, and other forms of Public History*.

SUBMISSION FORMATS

- **Individual Paper** proposal submissions are accepted and, when possible, will be matched into panels by the Program Committee. Paper proposals require a title, 250-word abstract, and brief presenter C.V.
- **Complete Panel** proposals should be composed of three 15-minute formal papers, a chair, and a commentator. Panel proposals require a Panel Title, Panel Abstract as well as Presenter information from each panelist. Panels may not be comprised entirely of graduate students and must represent more than one institution.
- **Roundtables** should be cohesive, organized discussions with three to four discussants who respond to questions from a designated moderator. Discussants focus on a specific field or topic in informal 8-minute remarks, but do not read a formal paper. The moderator asks questions to which they respond, leaving ample time for questions from the audience.

SUBMISSIONS

Proposals are welcome from faculty, graduate students, museum professionals, historical site stewards, archivists, and independent scholars. The EHS values diversity and the program committee encourages the submission of proposals which reflect diversity and inclusive scholarship with respect to both the composition of panels and topics considered. Graduate students are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Nathan Wood (ndwood@ku.edu), the EHS 2024 Program Chair, with any questions about eligibility and the submission process.

Proposals including title, 250-word abstract, and brief c.v. should be submitted via email to ndwood@ku.edu; epropes@tntech.edu; pzander@ggc.edu

PROPOSAL DEADLINE DECEMBER 6, 2024.

Panelists must be current members of the EHS at the time of the 2025 Conference.

SEND INQUIRIES TO:

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE (2025)

**Dr. Nathaniel Wood, University of Kansas
Dr. Elizabeth Propes, Tennessee Tech University
Dr. Patrick Zander, Georgia Gwinnett College**

Call for nominations for the Nancy Rupprecht Memorial Graduate Student Prize in Women's History

AWARDED FOR BEST GRADUATE PAPER IN EUROPEAN WOMEN'S HISTORY

The European History Section is pleased to announce the annual Nancy Rupprecht Memorial Graduate Student Prize for best paper on European Women's history, generously endowed by the late Nancy Rupprecht. Dr. Rupprecht (BA and MA, University of Missouri—Columbia; PhD, University of Michigan) was a professor of History, Chair of the Holocaust Studies Program, and a founder of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Middle Tennessee State University. She wrote and published extensively on the Holocaust, World War II, and the Hitler Youth. She was a recipient of MTSU's King-Hampton Award for outstanding service to women and the Ayne Cantrell Award for service to the Women's Studies Program. Dr. Rupprecht was a life member of the European History Section, and served twice as its Chair, among other leadership roles.

This award recognizes Dr. Rupprecht's commitment to supporting and promoting European Women's History, graduate studies, and the European History Section. The Nancy Rupprecht Memorial Graduate Student Prize will be awarded annually by the EHS for the best graduate student paper in the field of European Women's History. Submissions may be PhD or Master's thesis chapters (no complete theses/dissertations), seminar papers, or other original research papers of any nature in European Women's History (not Gender Studies). Only submissions written during the academic year preceding the granting of the prize, including summer 2024, are acceptable.

The prize winner will be honored at the annual meeting of the EHS in Kansas City, MO, on October 26. The prize carries a stipend of **\$1,000**.

Send submissions to each of the following committee members by September 1, 2024:

Dr. Jeffery Hankins, Chair Palo Alto College
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Dr. Nancy Rupprecht

Call for nominations for the Snell Prize

AWARDED FOR BEST GRADUATE SEMINAR PAPER IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

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 who submits the best seminar research paper in European history, written within the past year. "European" is defined as encompassing the entire continent, including Russia, from pre-history to the present.

The Prize winner will be honored at the annual lunch meeting of the Section in conjunction with the Southern Historical Association meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, in October 2024. 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. The competition is open to graduate students of any member of the Section or

of a program at a Southern college or university.

All papers must meet the following criteria:

1. Students may submit only one paper.
2. Only papers written during the academic year immediately preceding the granting of the award, including summer 2024, are acceptable.
3. 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).
4. A letter of endorsement from the supervising faculty member or adviser must accompany the submission. The letter should confirm that paper was written during the academic year immediately preceding the granting of the award, including summer 2024.
5. The competition is open only to seminar papers, the length of which shall not exceed 50 pages, including footnotes or endnotes (the bibliography does not count toward this limit).

6. While seminar papers may be related to prospective theses or dissertations, they may not be edited-down versions of completed theses or dissertations.

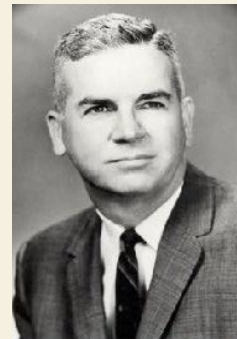
7. Manuscripts must be typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on all sides, and include a bibliography and the customary documentation.

One copy must be sent to all of the following three judges by 1 September 2024:

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*Dr. John Snell,
courtesy Tulane University*

Call for nominations for the Parker-Schmitt Dissertation Award

AWARDED FOR THE BEST PAPER PRESENTED AT AN EHS PANEL

The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce the biennial competition for the 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 Kansas City, Missouri, this October. Eligible dissertations must have been defended between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2024. 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 chair of the committee, Kelly Kolar (kelly.kolar@mtsu.edu), by September 1, 2024.

One copy of each submission should be sent to each of the committee members listed below.

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Professor Harold Parker
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Call for nominations for the Smith Award

BEST BOOK IN EUROPEAN HISTORY IN THE SOUTH

The Baker-Burton-Smith Prize Committee of the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association is currently accepting nominations for the Charles E. Smith Prize. The submissions must be in by August 1. The prize will be awarded at the SHA meeting October 24-27, 2024, in Kansas City, Missouri. Books published between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2024, from authors who meet the criteria below, are eligible for the award this year.

The Smith Award is 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 of the year the award was previously given and July 31 of the year the award is to be given 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 1 of the year the award is given.

Interested authors or presses should submit hard or electronic copies of their book, with an accompanying note as to their intention to be considered for the prize, by August 1, to each of the committee members listed below:

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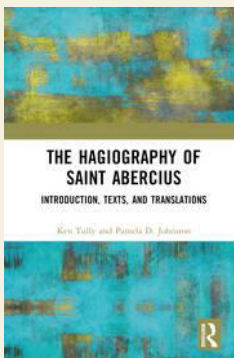
TRAVEL, BOOKS AND ARTICLES, NEW POSTS, RETIREMENTS, AWARDS

Sharon A. Kowalsky has been promoted to Professor of History at Texas A&M University-Commerce. She is also the new secretary for the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies.



Sharon Kowalsky (Texas A&M-Commerce)

Pamela Johnston (Fresno Pacific University) and **Ken Tully** (Villanova University) published a new translation of the hagiography of Saint Abercius with Routledge (2023). The new edition of these texts is the first modern translation and includes a scholarly introduction to these works, as well commentary on the original texts.



Matthew G. Stanard (Berry College) was elected president of

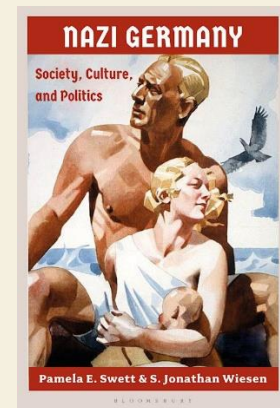
the French Colonial Historical Society/Société d'Histoire coloniale française for 2024-26. He recently published "Remembering Belgium's Colonial Past in the Congo" in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Cultural Heritage and Conflict*, edited by Ihab Saloul and Britt Baillie; "Colonial Propaganda: The Awakening of a Belgian Colonial Consciousness?" in *Colonial Congo: A History in Questions*, edited by Idesbald Goddeeris, Amandine Lauro, and Guy Vanthemsche (Brepols, 2024); and a second revised edition of "Belgian Colonial Rule" in *Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies*, edited by Chima Korieh (Oxford University Press, 2024). This August, his essay "The Belgian Colonial Empire" will appear as a chapter in *The Routledge History of the First World War*, edited by Paul Bartrop.



Matthew Standard (Berry College)

Jonathan Wiesen (University of Alabama, Birmingham) has published a new book that provides an overview of the Nazi dictatorship, incorporating cultural, social and political history into the narrative. He coauthored the book, *Nazi Germany: Society, Culture,*

and Politics, with Pamela E. Swett. Routledge will publish the book in early August 2024.



Elisabeth Cawthon was named Dean Emerita at the University of Texas at Arlington. She was a faculty member at UTA from 1988 to 2022, serving as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts for seven years before her retirement.



Elisabeth Cawthon (University of Texas at Arlington)

Nathan N. Orgill was recently appointed interim Associate Dean for Faculty Concerns at Georgia Gwinnett College. He was previously serving as the chair of the Department of History and Geography.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the European History Section November 11, 2023 Charlotte, NC

The annual business meeting of the EHS was called to order at 12:00pm and presided over by David Redles, vice chair of the EHS and the incoming chair. Stephen Stillwell was not able to attend due to an unexpected illness. The meeting lasted until 2:00 pm, including the annual address. During the course of the business meeting the following items were addressed.

Minutes: The membership in attendance approved the minutes of the 2022 executive and business meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Jeffrey Hankins gave a brief presentation to the members about expenditures, revenue from annual memberships and the available balance in operational funds. As was the case in the previous year, membership dues continued to be down with many members and participants failing to pay annual dues.

Nominating Committee Report: The chair of the Nominating Committee, Tiffany Ziegler, presented nominations for leadership, open positions on the executive committee and new members for standing committees.

The membership then proceeded to approve Christopher Ward as the new

incoming Vice Chair. The members also approved Nathan Orgill's appointment as the newsletter editor. They approved the new committee memberships as well: including Patrick Zander on the Program Committee; Kyra Sanchez Clapper on the Membership Committee; Samuel Huneke on the Baker-Burton-Smith Prize Committee; Alyssa Culp on the Parker-Schmitt-Simpson Committee; and Joanne Rao Sanchez on the Nancy Rupprecht Memorial Prize Committee.

Awards:

- The **John L. Snell Award** for best graduate seminar paper was awarded to Jarrett Patrick, a student from the North Carolina Central University, for his paper "Clerico-Fascism from Below: Mobilizing the Italian Parishioner for War."

- The **Simpson Award** for the best paper read in European history at the SHA was awarded to a Ph.D. student at Mississippi State University, Rachel Banks, for her paper, "The Science of Cookery: Victorian Cookbooks and the Search for 'Modernity.'" She presented that paper at the virtual meeting in November 2021, which was originally scheduled to take place in New Orleans before it was moved online during the pandemic.

- The **Baker-Burton Award** was awarded to Zachary Austin Doleshal, for his book, *In the Kingdom of Shoes: Bata, Zlín, Globalization, 1894–1945* (University of Toronto Press, 2021). The Baker-

Burton Award recognizes the best first book on European history published by a member of the EHS or a faculty member or graduate student from a Southern college or university, or by a Southern press.

- The **Nancy Rupprecht Memorial Award** for the best paper in European Women's History was awarded to Nikki Vietz, a graduate student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, for her paper "Putting on the Posh": Retail Crime, Gender, Class and the Forty Elephants in 19th and 20th Century London."

Program Committee Report:

Heather Perry, the current Program Committee Chair, provided an overview of the proposals received for the 2024 conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The committee received enough proposals to put together seven panels on a variety of topics focused on different national contexts, sports history, the history of the media, the First World War, as well as early modern topics again.

Dr. Perry and the committee recommended that the EHS and SHA should consider pushing back the due date for proposals to align better with what faculty experience in submitting proposals to other conferences (where the due dates are usually within the same year as the conference). Another recommendation was to avoid scheduling EHS panels in the same time slot.

(Report on the Business Meeting continues on the next page.)

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the European History Section November 11, 2023 Charlotte, NC (cont.)

The Mathews-Weinberg Luncheon Talk: This year’s Mathews-Weinberg Address was presented by EHS member Ella Frantantuono, University of North Carolina, Charlotte. The talk was entitled “Governing Migration in the Ottoman Empire” and was based upon a book Dr. Frantantuono recently published on the same topic. The talk was well received and occasioned many interesting questions and discussion among the members present.



Dr. Ella Frantantuono (UNC-Charlotte)

The Business Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

News from the European History Section Program in Charlotte:

The 2023 program of European history panels at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association included presentations and discussion of a variety of topics. There were panels on many modern topics, including national identity in Eastern Europe during the World War I period, culture and dictatorship in the 20th century, the immediate postwar period in Europe, varieties of fascism in the 1930s and 1940s, and comparative genocide.

The EHS also hosted panels on the medieval and early modern period this year, including one on empire in the age of discovery, and another focused on religion and identify in the medieval and early modern periods.

The latter of these panels, held in the last panel block Sunday morning, was disrupted by a fire

Alarm, but participants continued their discussion on the street outside of the hotel. Other panels persisted over construction going on in the hotel and unexpected technological difficulties.



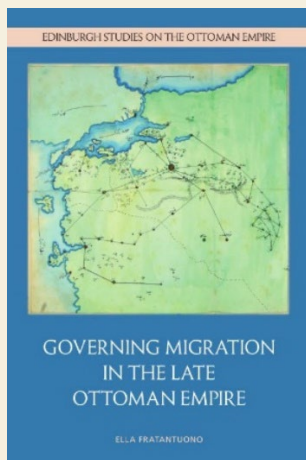
Participants in “Mindset and Identity in Medieval and Early Modern Europe” panel discussing outside the conference hotel

Finally, the program included two pedagogy roundtables dealing with issues related to teaching European history, as in previous years. The first of those focused on digital innovations in the European history classroom. The second looked at incorporating marginalized voices into European history curriculum, assessment and student success.



The panel for “Bridging the European Knowledge Gap” in Charlotte 2023

The 2023 Program Committee (Nate Orgill, Heather Perry, and Nathan Wood) would like to thank all the presenters, as well as members who stepped up to chair a panel or act as a discussant.



Dr. Frantantuono’s book on migration to the late Ottoman Empire

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