Dr. Frank Nickell, director of the Center for Regional History, will retire this December 2012. His contribution to the University and the region are immense. Dr. Wayne Bowen, chair of the Department of History, says, “As a faculty member and director of the Center for Regional History, Dr. Nickell has been a pillar of the historical community for more than 40 years. From teaching generations of students, to publishing extensive works on the history of Missouri and this region, to delivering dozens of lectures and talks to groups across the community, to collaborating on grants and other projects in public schools, he has made a tremendous impact on higher education and knowledge of history.”

Dr. Nickell came to the Department of History in 1969, and from that time until 1976, he held several one year positions in the department and also worked with the administration of the University. In 1976 he became a full-time department member. He was chairman of the department from 1978 to 1983. In 1990, he became the director of the Center for Regional History, a position he has held until the present.

Probably no one knows the region of Southeast Missouri like he does. He came to know the area in the early years when he was working for the University administration, as Southeast planned to take over direction of the Head Start program from the University of Missouri. He worked all summer visiting locations in Southeast Missouri, arranging for the 27 Head Start sites.

“That’s where I learned about Southeast Missouri,” Dr. Nickell says. “I criss-crossed the roads from Puxico to Risco to Braggadocio to Bloomfield and met people all over the region. I had enlightening experiences in that capacity.”

On a cold November day, while Dr. Nickell was teaching at Wardell, a little girl named Lucy showed up with a rotten potato and a note around her neck. The note said, “Tchr Lucy sik. Giv her asbrn.” The girl had a rotten potato wired around her neck because the popular belief was that it would help reduce the fever. “That’s when I realized this was a different kind of job than I had imagined,” Dr. Nickell says.

Dr. Nickell talks about a sense of place. He had been through Lincoln’s Illinois and Willa Cather’s High Plains of New Mexico and felt he understood a sense of place. But as he would travel the roads of Southeast Missouri, he tried to make sense of the region. He would count the birds, the miles, see what people were selling. Mostly he would talk to the people and always ask them, “when did you come here, why did you come?”

He tells the story of once talking to an elderly man. “What was the country like when you came here? “Oh it was tough, there were animals, snakes, they even shot a couple of lions.” Those who follow Dr. Nickell on his award-winning radio show, “Almost Yesterday,” may know the story of those lions and how they were brought from a zoo and were to be released for a hunt.

“The travel, the talking with people taught me a lot about the region. The people here have a strong sense of place and a strong sense of history. They all have stories to tell.”
The Department of History had a good year, with changes in the staff, programs and initiatives. We said goodbye to a colleague, welcomed new faculty members and conducted a successful search, which yielded not one, as we expected, but two new assistant professors.

Last fall began with the arrival of Dr. Erika Hosselkus, an expert on pre-colonial and colonial Mexico, joining us as our departmental Latin Americanist and world historian. In her first year, she increased our number of Latin American surveys, successfully taught online, earned a book contract for her revised dissertation and won a research grant to spend summer 2012 in Mexico. She also worked closely with the Department of Global Cultures and Languages to revive the University minor in Latin American Studies and won a grant to present a festival on Latin American films next spring. We are fortunate to have her in the department and look forward to her future achievements.

At the same time, we were sad to see the retirement of Dr. Bonnie Stepenoff in December 2012, after more than 18 years in the department. Her contributions to the department as former historic preservation coordinator, mentor to students, author of five books and numerous scholarly and popular articles and recipient of multiple awards and honors marked her as a valuable colleague and example within the profession.

With Dr. Stepenoff’s announced retirement, we embarked on a nationwide search for her replacement in U.S. history and historic preservation, with a specialization in archives. After reviewing more than 60 highly qualified applications, conducting preliminary interviews at the AHA conference in Chicago and bringing three finalists to campus, we were delighted to offer the position to Dr. Lily Santoro, who joined us this fall. With the leadership of Dr. Frank Nickell, we were also able to offer a position to Dr. Adam Criblez who in January 2013 will become director of the Center for Regional History. You can read more about these new assistant professors elsewhere in this issue, but they both bring tremendous strengths in teaching, research and public history; we are fortunate to be adding both of them to our ranks. I greatly appreciate the work of the search committee--Steve Hoffman (chair), Katy Beebe, Lisa Speer and Emily Sajdak (graduate student member)--in this effort. We also added another colleague, Shu-Chuan Wang-McGrath, in a shared position with the Department of Global Cultures and Languages and the Office of International Educational Services. She will teach courses in Chinese and Asian history and will advise international students.

The department continues to partner with local and state organizations to promote history in our community. Beginning in spring 2013, Southeast will begin hosting a branch of the State Historical Society of Missouri under the able leadership of Frank Nickell, in a new and exciting position for him. Faculty members Joel Rhodes and Steve Hoffman are also working with the Isle of Capri casino to transform the Reynolds House historic home in Cape Girardeau, an 1857 structure on North Main Street, into a living history site for historic preservation students.

We continue to work closely with the Crader family--Stan and Debbie Crader and Don and Saundra Crader--strong supporters of the department. In collaboration with the Craders, we are happy to create a new book award, the Crader Family Book Prize in American Values. The new prize will recognize a first book, which best exemplifies the values of the Crader Family Endowment for American Values: individual liberty, constitutional principles and civic virtue. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 1, 2012; the winning book will be announced in spring 2013.

The Craders this year also endowed the Crader Fund for American Values, taking the initial steps to make permanent the lecture series in Western Civilization that we began in 2009. On Nov. 3, we hosted a capacity crowd of 400-plus in Rose Theatre for a lecture by Dr. Peter Lillback, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, on “The Faith of George Washington.” Dr. Lillback also discussed his research with students in the Jane Stephens cont. p. 3
Honors Program, met with student and church leaders at a breakfast and paid a courtesy visit to University President Kenneth Dobbins.

This fall, we continued this series with Dr. Daniel Dreisbach, professor in the Department of Law, Justice and Society at American University. Dreisbach lectured on “Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation,” on Sept. 25, in Rose Theatre. He received a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia. An expert on American constitutional law and legal history, he is the author or editor of five books.

The department also hosted our two other annual lectures. I was honored to be invited to deliver the Friends of History Lecture, which I gave on Dec. 8, 2011, discussing my recent book, Spain and the American Civil War, issued last fall by the University of Missouri Press. Last spring, we featured another Civil War talk for our Dugger Lecture, a series inspired by the late Professor Emeritus Harold Holmes Dugger. Dr. Walter Kamphoefner, professor of history at Texas A&M University, presented “The Cause of Union and Freedom: Missouri Germans and the Civil War” on April 11, a timely subject given that we are in the midst of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

The department continued to work with Dr. Lisa Speer of Special Collections and Archives in Kent Library at Southeast on a Civil War digitization project supported by the Missouri State Library. The effort will preserve and provide access to thousands of original materials from the Civil War, with a focus on letters, journals, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks and other artifacts from Southeast Missouri. The team includes Ellen Ryan, an alumna of our M.A. program, and A. J. Medlock, a current M.A. student.

I hope you will consider showing your support for the faculty members and students of the department engaged in these and other exciting activities with a donation to our scholarships, research and public outreach. We’ve made a special effort to support research and experiential activities by our students with the creation of the Graduate Student Development Fund and a similar future endowment for undergraduates.

We also welcome contributions to the Center for Regional History, the historic preservation program, the Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Mulkey-White Preservation Scholarship Fund, the Harold Dugger Lecture Fund, the Crader Humanities Lecture Fund, the Lawrence and Alice Breeze Library Endowment Fund, the Dr. Chris Schnell Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship and the Alberta Macke Dougan Social Studies Scholarship. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law and can be made using the form on page 11 of this newsletter.

At this, the start of my fifth year at Southeast, I continue to be indebted to my colleagues, whose dedication I admire. To our current students, alumni, emeriti faculty members and friends, I also say thank you for your ongoing interest in and support to the Department of History.

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Civil War Goes Digital

In August 2012, Special Collections and Archives in Kent Library at Southeast Missouri received $73,139 to digitize Civil War archives located in the Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois area. The project, entitled “Confluence and Crossroads: the Civil War in the American Heartland” has been, since 2011, and continues to be a collaborative effort between Kent Library’s Special Collections, the Center for Regional History and the Department of History at Southeast, the Cape Girardeau County Archive Center and the Special Collections Research Center at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

In the first phase of the project which took place last year, digital project manager, Ellen Ryan, a Department of History alumnus and A. J. Medlock, a master’s degree candidate in the Department of History contacted more than 165 libraries, historical societies, genealogical societies and history museums in search of materials original to the Civil War era. After looking at these materials and determining which were appropriate for the digital collection, they will now begin the process of digitizing the documents and making them accessible from the Kent Library site (library.semo.edu).

The materials to be digitized include original letters, journals, diaries, photographs and scrapbooks. Indeed some materials are already available on the site because Dr. Daryl Fridley’s Heritage Education class will be working with them this semester to develop educational packets.

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Kathryne Beebe, graduate coordinator, in the fall of 2012, created and taught the interdisciplinary class, UI456 History of the Book, now approved as a new university studies course, where students use traditional methods of historical inquiry, as well as hands-on techniques, to learn the history of the book as a material object. They also made paper and quill pens, learned calligraphy and hand printing and were introduced to basic bookbinding techniques in a series of applied workshops. The entire class gave a public presentation of their final creations to the Kent Library Athenaeum Series in a program entitled “From Gutenberg to Google: Southeast’s History of the Book.” Their final projects were on view in display cases in Kent Library until the end of the semester. Dr. Beebe was also successful in obtaining a grant from the Kent Library Endowment Fund to obtain materials relating to the History of the Book, and she was invited to speak about the subject both to a graduate English class at the University and to the Southeast Missouri Writers Guild. She was also invited to organize a session at the Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting at St. Louis University in March 2012, and the session, “Periculosus: Women and the Negotiation of Devotion,” drew medieval scholars from across the country. Her review of The Itineraries of William Wey, edited and translated by Francis Davey (Bodleian Library, Oxford, 2010), appeared in the Bodleian Library Record 25/1 (2012): 6-9, and she was also asked to be a blind reviewer for an article submitted to the Journal of Medieval History. She continues to work on her monograph, Pilgrim & Preacher: the Audiences and Observant Spirituality of Friar Felix Fabri, for Oxford University Press and expects to submit it to the publisher this autumn.

Wayne H. Bowen, chair, continued to enjoy serving as department chair and making contributions to the fields of European and Mediterranean history. His sixth book, Spain and the American Civil War, was published in late 2011 by the University of Missouri Press, as part of its Blue & Gray Civil War series. Bowen saw three articles published overseas, two in
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France and one in Romania, the most recent being “Les écrivains diplomates espagnols, de l’époque napoléonienne au régime franquist” (“Spanish Writer-Diplomats, from the Napoleonic Era to the Franco Regime”) in *Ecrivains et diplomates* (Writer-Diplomats), Paris: Armond Colin, 2012. Bowen also presented a paper, “Between Empires: Tripoli, Spain and the Ottomans in the Mediterranean, 1580-1911,” at an Italian conference on Libyan history, convened in Rome by Luiss Guido Carli University in December 2011. Having recently completed a battalion command, Bowen, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, accepted a new position as assistant chief of staff (G1--Human Resources) for the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, in Indianapolis, Ind. Most importantly, he served as husband to his lovely wife, Kendra, and resident space alien, monster, dinosaur, drill sergeant and teller of Tolkien tales to his two boys, Sam (6) and Nathan (2).

**David Cameron**, Bachelor of Arts advisor, continues to serve as advisor for all of the Bachelor of Arts majors, in addition to his regular duties in the Department of History. Dr. Cameron’s research interests continue to focus on the relationship between Germany and the Soviet Union during the era of the world wars. Dr. Cameron’s paper “By Our Very Own Neighbors: Local Collaborators and the Holocaust in Galicia, 1941-1944” was presented at the 10th annual Holocaust Studies Conference, held at Middle Tennessee State University in October 2011. He is currently working on turning this paper into an article suitable for publication. Dr. Cameron continues to serve on the executive committee of the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association and is currently a member of the program committee for the 2012 conference, which will be held in Mobile, Ala.

**John Chandler** completed his second full year as the department’s faculty member for the regional campuses, teaching classes in Sikeston, Kennett, Malden and through ITV and online. His courses include a wide range of material, from U.S. and European history surveys, to the First Year Seminar, to the Modern Presidency, to online courses in Ancient Greece and Rome. In an exciting development, he led the initiative to offer the history minor for the first time to students at the regional campuses. Having survived the Great Flood of 2011 in Sikeston, he continued his Pharoah-like suffering, enduring the Great Drought of 2012.

**Eric Clements** spent the last year engaged in teaching, scholarship and service. In the spring of 2012, his students created the exhibit “Cape Girardeau: Development of a River Town” for Cape Girardeau’s Cape River Heritage Museum. He spent seven weeks in the summer of 2011 conducting research for a biography of the English sea captain Arthur Rostron in Liverpool, Bolton, Manchester, Southampton and London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, and he wrote a very rough draft of the manuscript during the fall semester of 2011 and spring semester of 2012. He has also continued his editorship of the Mining History Association’s *Mining History Journal*, producing his 12th annual issue in October 2011. In the spring of 2012, he completed his second year of service as the Department of History’s faculty senator and was graciously awarded the Outstanding Advisor Award by Southeast Missouri State’s Student Life and Leadership Awards Committee for his role as faculty advisor to the University’s Historic Preservation Association.

**Adam Criblez** joined the Department of History in fall 2012. He comes to Southeast by way of Ohio, where he most recently taught at the Mansfield campus of the Ohio State University. His book manuscript, entitled *Parading Patriotism: Independence Day Celebrations in the Urban Midwest, 1826-1876*, is scheduled to be published by Northern Illinois University Press in the spring of 2013 as part of their Early American Places series. His research examines the interplay of patriotic nationalism, historical memory and celebratory actions in the nineteenth-century United States. He earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University in December 2008.

In addition, he developed and taught UI 418 The European mind as an online course for the first time.

Daryl Fridley, social studies program coordinator, was recently granted tenure by the University and promoted to associate professor. In November he will present in Seattle at the annual conference of the College and University Faculty Association of the National Council for the Social Studies on the effects of working with teacher candidates over the course of multiple classes. His activities over the past year have included: 1) teaching a new course on the historical relationship between schools and social change, 2) collaborating on research to assess the perceptions of teacher educator regarding how teacher candidate skills and knowledge are evaluated, and 3) mentoring the founding and initial activities of the new Social Studies Educators Association (including a trip to the state social studies conference and a wiffleball victory at the spring picnic). Of course, his major professional activity continues to be collecting data on the effectiveness of the secondary social studies education program and making alterations to the program based upon that research. Dr. Fridley encourages social studies graduates to share suggestions for improving the social studies program, news of job openings and changes in job status. His email is dfridley@semo.edu. Also, if you’re interested in social studies, he suggests that you “Like” this page in Facebook: Secondary Social Studies Program at Southeast Missouri State University.

Steven Hoffman, coordinator of the historic preservation program, received the Honors Award for Outstanding Teaching from the College of Liberal Arts and the Educator of the Year Award from the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce. He edited a book entitled Teaching the Humanities Online: A Practical Guide to the Virtual Classroom published by M.E. Sharpe and co-authored a paper on “Preparing Scholars of Teaching and Learning Using A Model of Collaborative Peer Consulting and Action Research” with several Southeast Missouri State University colleagues, published in the International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. He successfully listed Cape Girardeau’s Court of Common Pleas Courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places, and he made several professional presentations on historic preservation topics including a presentation on “Heritage Education and the Economic Benefit of Heritage Preservation in the United States,” at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He was elected secretary of the National Council for Preservation Education and remains active in the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Main Street program at the state and local levels. He continues to represent the University on the Main Street program for Cape Girardeau, Old Town Cape and as president of the board of directors of the statewide Main Street organization, Missouri Main Street Connection.

Laurie Hamblin continued teaching three American history surveys and the department’s two sections of the freshman seminar. Her major achievement, however, was successfully directing the Region 9 Missouri History Day Contest at Southeast for the first time in the spring. With 20 schools, 272 entries in 18 different categories and 506 students, she was exceedingly grateful that the day went well and that she had the help of more than 60 history colleagues, students and community members to help judge. In April she was a judge herself at the state contest in Columbia. She is also the editor of Pastscript.

Erika Hosselkus, in the past year, successfully completed her first year in the Department of History at Southeast, teaching a variety of courses including World Civilizations, Latin American Civilization, History of South America and Latin American Colonial History. In addition, she attended two academic conferences. In October 2011 at the American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting in Pasadena, Calif., she presented a paper entitled, “‘On Palm Sunday he beat me, he splattered me with mud’: Simón Diego’s Complaint.” She also attended the Biennial Boston College Conference on Religion and History in April and presented a paper entitled, “Organizing Indigenous Piety: Lay Religious Fellowships in Colonial Puebla, Mexico.”
Dr. Hosselkus worked with Dr. Bowen to reinstitute Southeast’s dormant Latin American studies minor, which is now available to students. Over the summer, she traveled to Mexico on a University GRFC grant where she spent a month in the city of Puebla, working primarily in the archives of the city council on records describing the civic and religious ceremonies performed on the deaths of the Spanish monarchs Philip II, Philip III and Philip IV and during periods of epidemic disease. She completed the final draft of an article entitled “Disposing of the Body and Aiding the Soul: Death, Dying and Testaments in Colonial Huexotzinco,” to be published in an edited collection this year. She also committed to contribute one sample of transcribed, translated Nahuatl-language testaments to an edited compilation to be published by Stanford University and another sample to an online Early Nahuatl Library being developed by faculty at the University of Oregon.

Joel Rhodes conducted grant-funded research at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas, and John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Mass., as part of the ongoing work on a monograph entitled In a Land Called Honalee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children. In public history news, he participated in the American Association for State and Local History’s (AASLH) “Historic House Museums Issues and Operations” workshop in Washington, D.C. His new storytelling and living history class performed the program “Meet Me in 1904 or A Tale of Victorians Bound” at the Glenn House to rave reviews. He was also elected president of the Missouri Conference on History’s steering committee in preparation for Cape Girardeau hosting the 55th annual event in March 2013.

Lily Santoro joined the Department of History in fall 2012. She comes to us from the University of Delaware, where she completed her Ph.D. Her dissertation research looked at how Protestant Christians in the United States used and understood the natural sciences between 1776 and 1840. This past year, she has been working on revising her dissertation into a publishable book manuscript. She also taught introductory U.S. history and western civilization at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In June, she took part in the annual AP U.S. history reading, where history teachers and professors from across the country come to Louisville, Ky., for a week to grade advanced placement exams and take part in professional development. Dr. Santoro is very excited to be joining the faculty at Southeast where she will be teaching courses in early American history, the history of religion and science and historic preservation. She is particularly looking forward to teaching archives and special collections management, which will provide an opportunity to share the experience she gained working for several years in archives and museums.

Shu-Chuan Wang-McGrath is excited about joining the Department of History. She is teaching WH 110 Chinese civilization this fall. She is also teaching a beginning Chinese language course and serves as an advisor in the Office of International Education and Services. Originally from Taiwan, Shu-Chuan received her B.A. in foreign languages and literature at National Cheng-Kung University in Taiwan (1995). She received her M.A. in linguistics at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale (2000). Her Ph.D. was in composition and TESOL at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2009). She had been teaching at National Quemoy University in Taiwan until last year. Last year, she was married and moved from Taiwan to St. Louis. She taught at the University of Missouri in St. Louis before she joined Southeast Missouri State. Her latest article “The Role of Faith in the Power Balance between Christian Native Speakers and Taiwanese Teachers who Team Teach” was published in August 2012. It will appear in the book: Christian Faith and English Language Teaching and Learning: Research on the Interrelationship of Religion and ELT. A habit formed in her family’s popular food stand in Taiwan, Shu-Chuan enjoys cooking during her leisure time. Lately, she has started knitting. She and her cat “Furby” both like to play with yarn. Shu-Chuan’s deep joy is in teaching. The key component of the word “history” is the last five letters in the word: story. She would like to encourage her students to understand their own story. As Socrates said centuries ago: “The unexamined life is the life that is un-lived.” She wants to empower her students to look beyond names and places and dates of past events. She wants to challenge her students to merge their own humanity with the past and create their own history through the education they receive.
Muriel Anderson (M.A. in historic preservation, 2008) worked for three years as curator of the National Orphan Train Museum in Concordia, Kan., before returning to Missouri this past spring to become curator at the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City, Mo.

Megan Atzert (B.S. in historic preservation, 2012) is the new executive director at Main Street Blytheville, Ark.

Kyle Blank (B.A. in history, 2006) received an M.A. in German language and literature from the University of Delaware where, in addition to regular course work, he taught German language courses as a teaching assistant. Currently, he is a Ph.D. student in the Department of History at the University of Mississippi, where he majors in modern European history with minors in Soviet history and modern Middle Eastern history. He also works for the department as a teaching assistant.

Kris Brown (B.S. in education, 2011) is teaching social studies at The Christian Academy in Sikeston, Mo.

Tyler Brown (B.A. in history, 2001) is in his second year of the M.A. program at the University of Mississippi. He has a teaching assistantship with the department and is also currently the vice president of Ole Miss Young Americans for Liberty.

Paul Davidson (B.S. in education, 2011) is teaching social studies at Campbell Senior High School in Campbell, Mo.

Melissa Dirr Gengler (B.S. in historic preservation, 1986; M.A. in historic preservation, 1990) left the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office to start her own cultural resources consulting firm called Historic Resources Group, Inc., (HRG) in Lincoln, Neb. HRG, Inc., is a full service firm providing client support with all aspects of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and with other planning activities.

Travis Eakin (B.A. in history, 2009) graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2011 with an M.A. in history. He is currently studying for his Ph.D. in history at the University of Missouri, with 19th-century Germany as his main emphasis.

Bridgette Epple (B.S. in historic preservation, 2000), executive director of Downtown Washington, Inc., Brian McCutchen (B.S. in historic preservation 1992; M.A. in historic preservation, 1995) and Donna Rausch (B.S. in historic preservation), supervisor and site director, Felix Valle House State Historic Site, supervised interns for the historic preservation program this past summer continuing the tradition of giving back to the program.

David Jackson (B.S. in historic preservation, 1993), director of archives and education at the Jackson County Historical Society, joined us for the historic preservation banquet again last year and invites all historic preservation alumni to return and celebrate with the program next spring.

Garret Kremer-Wright (B.S. in historic preservation, 2005) is employed as an archivist at the Orange County Regional History Center in Orlando, Fla. In November 2011 he received his Certified Archivist certificate from the Academy of Certified Archivists.

M. Chris Manning (B.S. in historic preservation, 2003) graduated from Ball State University with master’s degrees in historic preservation (2010) and anthropology--historical archeology (2012). She works as a historic archeology laboratory analyst and cataloger at the Indiana State Museum where she looks “at bits of broken stuff and writes teeny-tiny numbers on them.”

Melinda McCarthy (M.A. in historic preservation, 2011) is working for URS Corp, a major engineering, construction and technical services company, as a field archeologist.

Brian McCutchen (B.S. in historic preservation, 1992; M.A. in historic preservation, 1995) is the new superintendent of Fort Donelson National Battlefield in Dover, Tenn., which will allow him both to move closer to family and to return to the Civil War circuit.
Lesley McDaniel (B.S. in historic preservation, 2000), site administrator at Bollinger Mill State Historic Site with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, received the Arthur H. Mattingly Award in Historic Preservation in April 2012.

Molly McMurphy (B.S. in historic preservation, 2001) is working as an archivist for the St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Michael Painton (B.S. in historic preservation, 2008) graduated with his master’s degree in landscape architecture from Ball State University in May 2011 and is currently working as a project manager for A2 Design in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lauren Pollien Lucchesi (B.S. in historic preservation, 2010) was hired in June 2012 to be the new design arts curatorial coordinator at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Kaitlin Rapone (B.S. in social studies education, 2012) is teaching social studies at Waynesville Middle School. The Waynesville R-VI School District serves the communities of Waynesville, St. Robert and Ft. Leonard Wood in Pulaski County in south central Missouri.

Dan Schoeneberg (B.S. in historic preservation, 1995) was recently hired as the senior educator for interpretation at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

Emily Speidel (B.S. in social studies education, 2012) was hired to teach social studies at Sikeston Senior High School in Sikeston, Mo.

Whitney Tankersley (B.S. in social studies education, 2012) was recently hired to teach social studies at Scott City Middle School.

by Doug Gasek (M.A. in historic preservation, 2005) and John Hirst.


Ava Marie Ratermann, born Dec. 8, 2011, to Travis and Bella Ratermann.

Hallie Fieser (B.S. in historic preservation, 2009) and David Hearnes (B.S. in historic preservation, 2011) were married April 14, 2012.

Hannah Jokerst (B.S. in education, 2009; M.A. in public history: historic preservation, 2011) and Steve Scanlon were married Sept. 15, 2012.

Lauren Pollien (B.S. in historic preservation, 2010) and Jon Lucchesi were married May 21, 2011.

Sam Sampson (B.S. in historic preservation, 2006) and Scott Kincade were married June 17, 2010.

Kelly Shaner (B.S. in historic preservation, 2011) and Andrew Dean (B.S. in historic preservation, 2010) were married May 25, 2012.

Elizabeth Vandeven (B.S. in historic preservation, 2006) and Mary Werner were married June 2, 2012.

Natalie Wiseman (B.S. in historic preservation, 2010) and Michael Davis were married Dec. 3, 2011.

Traci Ziegler (B.S. in historic preservation, 2003) and Joe Dealey were married Oct. 1, 2011.
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