

Dr. Trevor Rubenzer (assistant professor of political science) authored "Campaign Contributions and U.S. Foreign Policy Outcomes: An Analysis of Cuban-American Interests" in the American Journal of Political Science. Rubenzer also authored, together with Steven B. Redd, the "Ethnic Minority Groups and U.S. Foreign Policy: Examining Congressional Decision Making and Economic Sanctions" in International Studies Quarterly.

Dr. Ron Romine (professor emeritus of political science) is now the president of the South Carolina chapter of the ACLU.

Dr. Paul Grady's book, Anglo-Spanish Rivalry in Colonial South-East America, 1650-1725, was published by British publisher Pickering & Chatto in 2010. Grady is an assistant professor of history.

Dr. Qiliang He (assistant professor, East Asian history) recently published two articles:

"Scandal and the New Woman: Identities and Mass Culture in 1920s China," Studies on Asia, Series IV, Volume 1, No. 1, Fall 2010: 1-28, and, "Between Business and Bureaucrats: Pingtan Storytelling in Maoist and Post-Maoist China," Modern China, 36(3), May 2010: 243-268. He also made two presentations:

"Spectacular Death: Sheng Xuanhuai's Funeral Parade in 1917," Shanghai: The Global City Aspiration and the Transformation of the Everyday, Shanghai, China, June 2010, and "The Economics of Cultural Reforms: Chen Yun and Pingtan Storytelling in the

People's Republic of China," The Annual Meeting of Association of Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2010.

Dr. Andrew Myers (associate professor, history) contributed a chapter to an academic book, titled, "An American Professor with the Iraqi Army," in Douglas Higbee, ed., Military Culture and Education, Surrey, United Kingdom: Ashgate Publishing, Ltd., 2010. He also completed a book review for an academic journal: Review of Robert F. Jefferson, Fighting for Hope: African-American Troops of the 93rd Division in World War II and Post-War America, in International Social Science Review, Volume 85, Numbers 1 & 2, Spring/Summer 2010. Myers also had an article published for a nonacademic publication, "0332 MiTT—Hoplite," in Voris W. McBurnette, ed., The 108th Training Command: A History Embracing Innovation & Shaping the Future. Washington: Government Printing Office, 2010.

In addition to being voted "Favorite Faculty" by the women's basketball team this spring, Professor **John Long** (non-profit administration) delivered a presentation on "Marketing for Social Media," at the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Professional Development Conference, in San Diego, Calif. He also had a book review published of Not by Faith Alone—Social Service, Social Justice and Faith-Based Organizations in the United States. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010. Adkins, J., Occhipinti, L., & Hefferan, T. (Eds.).

May and August 2011 Graduates

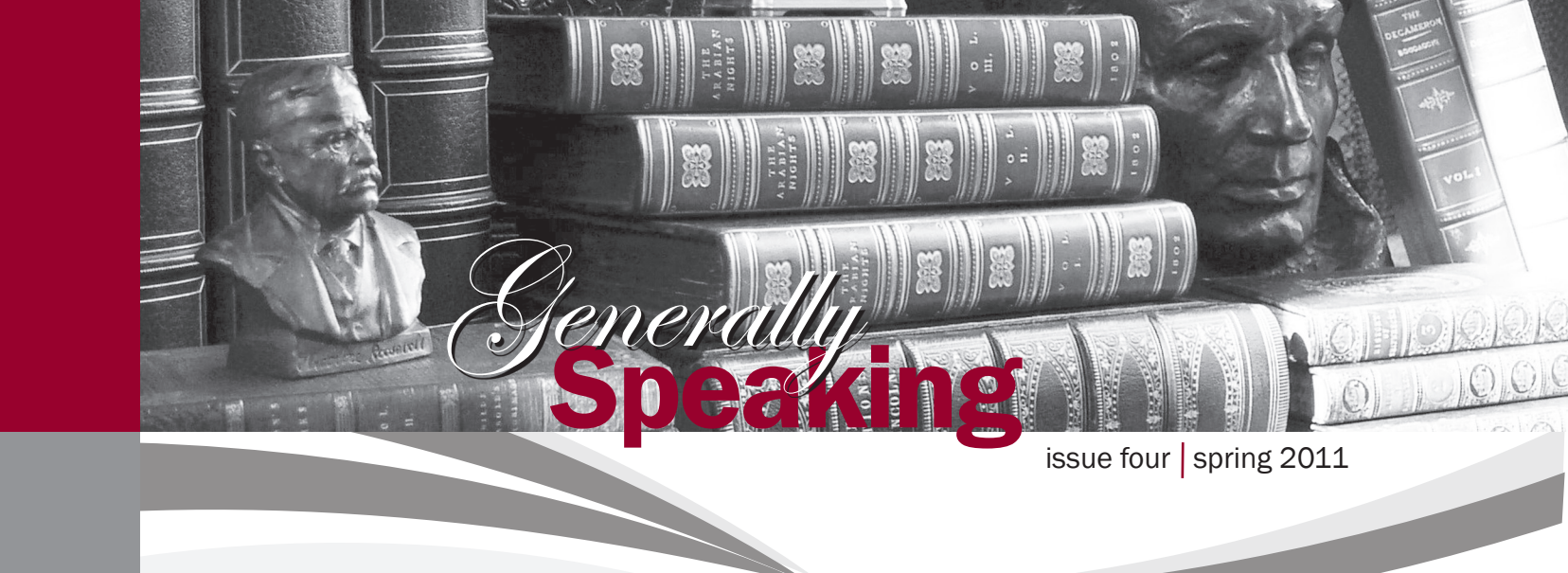
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 Jonathan Collins
 Jodi Abrams
 Melissa Ann Black
 Amanda Jo Garland
 Ronald Geoghegan
 Courtney Marie Higdon
 Laurin Long
 Gary Lucas
 Nikole Martucci
 Gerald Searles
 Melissa Louzri
 Maria Tezza
 Robert Taylor Padgett

Political Science
 Harrison Kaplan
 Kenneth D. Smith
 Jared Joseph Veverka
 Olivia Renee Miller
 Michael Gene Meissner
 Aaron Wayne Lanford
 Matthew Thomas Davidson
 Brandon James Crook
 Daniel West Cooper
 Ethan Oliver Ralph

Nonprofit
 Heather Shockley
 Robert Coffey
 Sharnice Wadelington
 Antonio Davis

December 2010 Graduates

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 Carl L. Rivers Jr.
 Jasmine N. Smith
Political Science
 Christiana E. Eworo
 Tamika N. Mcswain
Nonprofit
 Danielle R. Jeanty
 Isaac T. Quick
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Note from the Chair

My second term as Chair ends on June 30, 2011. Almost no one looks forward to the end more than me. The last six years have been decidedly mixed. The first three years were largely dull, enlivened only by learning the routine of administration. The second three years have been difficult: the Department left its home of more than thirty years to move to a new building and, simultaneously, the University entered a difficult budget crisis. Unanticipated was the change that resulted when spontaneous meetings between colleagues were diminished by the presence of a hallway dividing faculty offices. Disappointing has been the inability to add critical faculty in all disciplines in the Department and limited progress in establishing needed majors in philosophy and religion. Exciting has been the addition to an already sterling faculty of new, extraordinarily talented colleagues: John Long, Paul Grady, David Damrel, Allison Pingley, Trevor Rubenzer, Qiliang He, and Abe Goldberg. And the Department could not function without the help of dedicated and undervalued adjunct faculty.



Dr. Dwight Lambert

I have done a number of things exceptionally well. I have done many things adequately. I have done a few things poorly. What success there has been would not have happened without the support and guidance of two outstanding administrative assistances, Katie Salvo and Carla Owings. I have had the overwhelming support of most of my colleagues, both in and out of the Department, and for that support, I am deeply grateful.

Chancellor John Stockwell's leadership has brought USC Upstate to a momentous turning point. The Department has made a superb choice in a new Chair, Dr. Rob McCormick, a person of ideas, energy, and integrity. The College has an outstanding dean who recognizes that the good of the University is inseparable from the vitality of the liberal arts and sciences. With a new Chancellor, we can renew the hope of creating a University worthy of its faculty. I am thankful to my colleagues for giving me the opportunity to help in that unfinished endeavor.

Dr. Dwight Lambert

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European Politics Up Close

By Claire Sachse

Ten students will be embarking on a study abroad trip this Maymester with political science professor, Allison Pingley. From May 13-25, her European Politics class will visit several important European capital cities while learning their significance in world politics, history and current events.

"London, The Hague, Brussels and Paris are pivotal in the study of European politics," says Pingley. "Traveling and studying there will give this group of students first-hand context and relevance to their course of study."

Starting in London, the group will spend four days visiting the House of Commons and the House of Lords, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. They will also take a guided tour of the British Library to see the Magna Carta, and will enjoy a walking tour of London.



Allison Pingley

The international center for legal arbitration, The Hague in the Netherlands, will be their next destination. They will tour the Peace Palace, home of the permanent court of arbitration, as well as the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. Later in Amsterdam, they will see the Anne Frank House and take a guided sightseeing tour of the city.

Brussels will be the next destination, and the class will visit the European Commission, the European Union's executive body. The next three days will be a whirlwind tour of Paris that will include guided and walking tours of various sites. A visit to the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral is included. Pingley will also take the group to the UNESCO headquarters, the United Nations' educational, scientific and cultural organization.

"I plan to make this an annual trip," says Pingley, "but the itinerary will be varied from year to year." The trip is being organized with assistance from EF College Study Tours, but in the future it will be organized entirely by Dr. Pingley.

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Leah Anderson

Canefight!

By Claire Sachse

"History is my passion," says Melissa Louzri, a senior from Greenville who will graduate May 3. During her studies at USC Upstate, she has indulged her passion by delving into a study of a variety of periods – from pre-Civil War era South Carolina political history to women's roles in Maoist China.



Melissa Louzri

The SC Upstate Research Symposium, held in conjunction with 11 other colleges and universities in April, gave Louzri a chance to share her research into the "Sumner-Brooks Affair," a tale from the annals of South Carolina history. Taking offense at the way Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts referred to Senator Andrew Butler of South Carolina in a speech about slavery, Congressman Preston Brooks from South Carolina took his cane and severely beat Sumner about his head and shoulders in the Senate chambers. So bad was the beating, Sumner was unable to return to work for four years. Sumner became a hero in the North, a martyr for the anti-slavery cause. In the South, Brooks, too, became a hero, stood successfully for reelection, and received numerous gifts of canes, to replace the one he broke when beating Sen. Sumner.

"This was unprecedented in Congress," says Louzri and the incident added to the tension brewing over the slavery issue in the Louisiana territory in the years leading up to the Civil War.

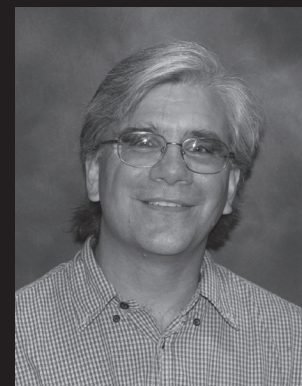
"My family finds it funny that whenever we travel somewhere, I am always looking at the historical sites," she says. On a trip with her family to the Florida Keys, she says her family was enjoying a vacation while she was fascinated with Fort Jefferson on Garden Key, the location of the Union prison that held Dr. Samuel Mudd, convicted for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth in the Lincoln assassination.

Louzri received the History Award on Scholar's Day, May 1. Each year the College of Arts & Sciences hosts Scholars' Day to present awards to students who are nominated by their departments or divisions for their outstanding scholarly accomplishments in their field of study. After graduation, Louzri plans to attend law school and is deciding between UNC Charlotte and USC.

Religion Program Offers Biblewood, Holocaust and Apocalypticism Studies

By Dana Boyd

The minor in religion program is housed with the Department of History, Political Science, Philosophy and American studies and is offering several special topics courses for fall 2011. They will cover everything from Hollywood and religion to the Holocaust to the end of the world. Biblewood: The Bible and Hollywood will be taught by Rabbi Yossi Liebowitz and explore the way that religion and religious themes are portrayed in popular films. Ron Leonard will examine the problem of evil in his God and the Holocaust course, while David Damrel looks at how world religions imagine the end of the world in a course on Apocalypticism. These classes all support the new and growing religion minor, which began in fall 2009.



David Damrel

Political Science Major Has Presidential Aspirations

By Claire Sachse

"Politics is in my future," says Daniel Cooper, a 21 year-old political science major from Simpsonville who will be graduating May 3. "I have always wanted to run for president for as long as I can remember," he says, adding that there are friends on campus who already refer to him as "Mr. President."

"I'm that guy on the side of the road helping to change someone's tire," he says. "I love a good argument, and I love to see what other people think, and I'm fascinated by why people think what they do. And I speak for those who can't speak for themselves."

Outgoing and gregarious, Cooper says he feels "called" to run for the presidency, but he knows that he has much to do before he gets there. Law school is on the immediate horizon, and he is considering both USC and Charleston School of Law for fall 2011. He looks forward to arguing cases in a courtroom one day, and thinks he'll pursue work in criminal law. He would also like to run for governor first, he says.

Cooper has worked as resident advisor for three years, covered events for the student newspaper The Carolinian, and served as Senator-At-Large on the 2010-2011 Student Government Association (SGA). At the recent Student Affairs Awards night, he received the "Outstanding Senator of the Year" award. He will graduate with a 4.0 GPA in his major, and a 3.86 overall.

He also is particularly proud of his internship with Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), in his Greenville office. For a semester he performed a variety of constituent services. "I thoroughly enjoyed seeing democracy in action, and I tried to carry things from that experience to my service in the SGA," Cooper says.

While Cooper is excited to embark on the next phase of life, he will miss the community feeling of the USC Upstate campus. "I loved being able to know everybody here," he says.



Daniel Cooper

Grady Explores History of Colonial Southeast

By Claire Sachse



Paul Grady

London-based publisher Pickering & Chatto has published History Professor Timothy Paul Grady's latest work, Anglo-Spanish Rivalry in Colonial South-East America, 1650-1725 as the 14th volume in the publisher's series, Empires in Perspective. The series takes a close look at the political, social, economic, scientific and cultural history of the British Empire as it reached around the globe to the Americas, India, Australia and Jamaica.

The series is edited by such notable historians of the British Empire as Caroline Elkins, the Hugo K. Foster Associate Professor of African Studies at Harvard University, Duncan Bell, University Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Cambridge, and Francisco Bethencourt, the Charles Boxer Professor of History in the Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, King's College London.

Grady's book analyzes the relationship between the British and the Spanish empires during the period of power struggle and colonization in the American southeast from the Carolinas to Florida. The historical record of the relationship between the two powers in this region during this 75-year time period is underdeveloped, according to Grady, when compared to the competition for empire between the British and French during the same time frame.

Over the 75 year period covered in this volume, the British, from their stronghold in Charleston, and from settlements northward up the Atlantic coast, kept a wary eye on the Spanish. From their base of fortifications in St. Augustine, Fla. the Spanish laid claim to an area extending from the coastal Georgia islands to the Gulf of Mexico, and they too, were keenly aware of their northern neighbors' activities. Prior studies of the British and the Spanish during this time period focus on either one or the other. This book, says Grady, illustrates the story from both perspectives at the same time.

Grady teaches courses in Colonial America, Early American Republic, Native America and Colonial Latin America. Grady's book is available through the publisher's web site, www.pickeringchatto.com.

Department News 2010 - 2011

Dr. Carmen V. Harris (associate professor of history) published "You're just like mules, you don't know your own strength, Rural South Carolina Blacks and the Emergence of the Civil Rights Struggle" for the anthology, *Beyond Forty Acres*, University Press of Florida (March 2011). Additionally, Harris presented a paper at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History called "Living at Home: Rural Afro-South Carolinians and the Quest for Economic and Social Justice" which examined the impact of African American extension work in South Carolina on the lives of African American farm families.

Dr. Carol Loar (associate professor of history) authored " 'A Little Learning is a Dangerous Thing:' Attitudes Towards Popular Literacy in Early Modern England," in *Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*, Feb. 2010: 67-78. "Under Felt Hats and Worsted Stockings": the Uses of Conscience in Early Modern English Coroners' Inquests," in *Sixteenth Century Journal* XLI no. 2 (Summer 2010): 393-414. "Medical Knowledge and the Early Modern English Coroner's Inquest" *Social History of Medicine* 23, no. 3 (2010): 492-508.

Dr. David Damrel (assistant professor of religion) published "Latino/a Muslim Americans" in *Encyclopedia of Muslim American History*, edited by Edward V. Curtis, IV (New York: Facts On File, Inc. 2010). This provides an historical overview of the growing Hispanic Muslim community in the U.S. He also presented a paper entitled "Conversion, Reversion, and Borderlands: Islam among U.S. Latinas & Latinos," at the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Conference, held in Atlanta, Ga. on March 5-7, 2010. Became a research consultant on the Atlas of Muslim Social and Intellectual History in South Asia, currently being prepared by Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OXGIS) and under contract to be published by the Oxford University Press. OXGIS is one of the 'recognised independent centres of Oxford University' and the research position will involve residence in Oxford for June, 2011.

Dr. Abe Goldberg (assistant professor of political science) had a paper accepted for publication in *Urban Affairs Review* titled, "Understanding the Pursuit of Happiness in Ten Major Cities," and another paper in the *Journal of Urbanism* titled, "The Built Environment, Maintenance of the Public Sphere and Connections to Others and to Place: An Examination of Ten International Cities."