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CHAIR'S UPDATE

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The 2015-16 academic year has been another stellar year for our department with both faculty and students achieving notable accomplishments. Both faculty and students traveled across the country to present their research and attend conferences. Several faculty have also published books and scholarly articles as our department stays active in both research and service.

We added three new faculty members to the department - Dr. Sumanth Reddy who will head the geography program, Dr. Sean Turchin who will spearhead the religion and philosophy program, and Dr. Carmen Walker who will direct the pre-Law program. We are confident that all three of these young and dynamic scholars will greatly contribute to attracting more students as we move forward in expanding our department with more course offerings.

The department hosted Black History Month on campus and again, we had a very successful program with more than two dozen presentations, lectures, and activities. On February 22, 2017, we organized a group of BSU students, faculty, and staff to visit the newly opened Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. There were about 50 people (25 students, and 25 faculty and staff) that took the bus from BSU. It was a very moving yet proud moment for those who visited the museum.

We have several honor societies that are active within the department. Phi Alpha Theta is a national honor society that promotes the study of history. Members must have at least 12 credit hours in the discipline of history with a 3.1 GPA in the discipline and an overall average of 3.0. Sigma Lambda typically holds an induction ceremony each fall for qualified applicants.



Dr. M Sammye Miller, Department Chair

Interested applicants may contact either Dr. Tamara L. Brown or Dr. Mario Fenyo, the chapter advisors. Ms. Treiopia Washington who is the Director of Special Initiatives in the College of Education was the keynote speaker at the Departmental Honors Awards Ceremony on April 14, 2016. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ms. Washington is the sister of Ernest Green, one of the Little Rock Nine, who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

As we approach the next academic year, we expect our department to strive for greater heights in all aspects of academics (teaching, research, and service).



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Student Accomplishments



L to R: Dr. Benjamin Arah, Keisha LaRue, Talia Tunstall, Martin

Keisha LaRue, Martin Mitchell, Talia Tunstall, and Ryan Washington presented at a panel discussion titled, "Managing Anxiety-Academic and Self-Care Strategies for Success" at the 20th Annual Regional HBCU Summit on Retention in Ocean City, MD (March 16-18, 2017). The panel was moderated by Dr. Benjamin Arah, Associate Professor of Government, Philosophy, and Women's Studies. More than a dozen institutions participated this year including Howard University, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, Virginia State University, Norfolk State University, Delaware State University, Bethune-Cookman College, Benedict College, University of the District of Columbia, and Central State University.



Pre-Law Clothing Drive

Pre-law Students sponsored a "Strive for 1865 Clothing Drive" in collaboration with the Residence Hall Association, Entrepreneur Club, and Student Alumni Association. The clothing drive provided international assistance to citizens in the African country of Cameroon through the Angel by My Side non-

Talia Tunstall and Balin Carey attended the 3rd Annual National HBCU Pre-Law Summit and Law Expo in 2016. This program was held at Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, GA. Our students had the opportunity to attend workshops, plenary session presentations, and network with other undergraduate students as well as law students. The presenters really stressed the seriousness and dedication required to be successful, beginning with the first year. The students also had the opportunity to meet with law school faculty and recruiters.

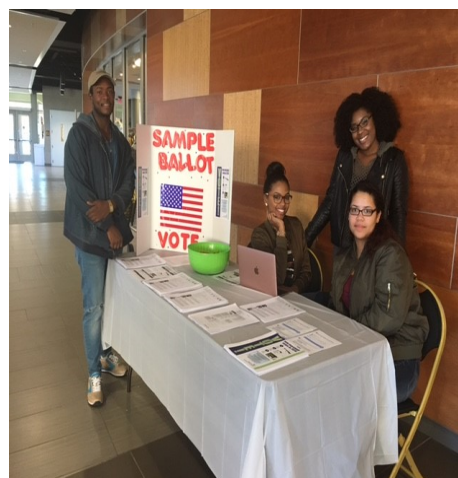


Balin Carey & Talia Tunstall at the HBCU Pre-Law Summit



L to R: Kayla Rayford, Jahliil Bennett, Robert Batten (Coach), Ibukun Ayo-Durojaiye, Carroll Reed III

Jahliil Bennett, senior Government major was part of the BSU team that won second place at the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Quiz Bowl in April 2016 in Torrance, California. Tournament questions test student knowledge on a host of topics—history, geography, physics, biology, chemistry, engineering, economics, politics, environment, literature, sports, pop-culture, etc. BSU was one of over 47 HBCUs participating in the prestigious tournament and was awarded a \$30,000 grant for the second place finish. Team coach Robert Batten was honored as Coach of the Year.



Student's Kicked off Pre-law Week With a Voter Education Table in the New Student Center

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\$1500 Hercules Scholars

Nationally syndicated radio personality Tom Joyner was an invited special guest at the Tom Joyner/BSU Gospel Choir Benefit Concert on March 26, 2016. The concert helps raise funds for BSU student scholarships. The Tom Joyner Foundation has helped raise over \$65 million which has helped over 29,000 HBCU students and their schools.



Gregory Foster

Junior History major **Gregory Foster** and sophomore Government major **Ryan Washington** were two of

the three awardees of the scholarship this year.

Gregory is a junior studying history at Bowie State University. Because of his passion for history, he plans to become a museum curator, historian and researcher after graduating. He is currently a docent at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. He has also volunteered at two museums as a contributor to research projects related to Maryland history.

Gregory has extensive community volunteer experience. For the past 13 years, he has distributed Christmas gifts to families in need with the Salvation Army's annual Project Angel Tree program. He is a master puppeteer with his church's puppet ministry, which performs at nursing homes and community events. He is also an equestrian. For the last 10 years, he has volunteered with the Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic

Services that provides free horse-riding lessons to people with disabilities.

Ryan is an Honors Program student and an active student leader. He is the Sophomore Class President and a resident assistant. He has also volunteered to feed the homeless at local shelters and participated in campus clean-ups. He dreams of entering public service to make a positive difference in people's lives. After graduation, he plans to attend law school, serve in the U.S. Air Force and eventually become a U.S. Senator.



Ryan Washington

Sophomore History major **James Copeland IV** and **Sydney Lawson** worked with Dr. Nicholas Creary on a research project examining Lynching in Maryland, c 1870-1933. The Summer Graduate Research Institute (SURI) which is an intensive campus based research program which is a BSU program that offers students to develop original research or creative work under the guidance of a faculty mentor. This eight week program is designed to turn undergraduate students into researchers who can present their findings at academic conferences or submit them for scholarly publications.

Following the conclusion of SURI, Dr. Creary, Lawson, and Copeland presented their findings to the Department of History & Government Seminar in preparation for presentations at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis and the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Richmond, VA. Dr. David Reed chaired and commented on the paper presentations. Dr. Creary has submitted the group's research for peer review and publication to the *Maryland Historical Magazine*.



James Copeland IV



Imani Perry, fourth from bottom left, participated in the Al Jazeera America Town Hall Meeting on Feb 27, 2016

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Study Abroad



Bowie State University students at the Forbidden City, Beijing, China

L to R: Dr. Reddy, Neylan Parker, Jewel Duncan, Lateisha Graham, Marcia Miller, Paris Rawlings, Shinzira Shomade, Imayne Payne, Shanice Johnson, Chidozie Arah, Emajhe Graves

The Department of History and Government has been actively engaged in study abroad. One of the best ways to expose our students to our subject matter and text books in “real world” terms is to take them abroad to see and experience the world, first hand. Several of our students have traveled abroad for both long-term and short-term study abroad over the past year to Japan, China, Germany, and India.

Our faculty have always been active in supporting and preparing our students to travel to local, regional and international

conferences. In recent years, the department has made a much more concerted effort to encourage our faculty to lead study abroad programs.

Dr. Sumanth Reddy chaperoned 10 of our students to China in July 2016 for a two-week study abroad trip. Students interacted with local Chinese students as they learned the culture, economics, politics, art, history, cuisine, and globalization from a Chinese point of view. Students traveled to various cultural sites in Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai.

Dr. Reddy will be conducting another three-week study abroad trip to Ghana and London in May 2017. He will be taking 10 of our students to explore the geography and history of Ghana and London which will be a three credit geography course for our students.

As study abroad opportunities grow at Bowie State University and our department, we hope that our students will take full advantage of them as many employers and graduate programs are looking for students with international experiences in this globalized world.

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Study Abroad

Junior History major **James Bisher** was one of several students from BSU who participated in a 12-week study abroad trip to India in the Summer of 2016. He was selected as part of the Mid-Atlantic Consortium-Center for Academic Excellence (MAC-CAE) program which aims to educate student interested in areas of national security and intelligence studies. The MAC-CAE is a workforce development effort for the intelligence community with an emphasis on the south Asian Region of the world.

James learned Hindi while staying with a host family in Jaipur, India. He also had the opportunity to travel to several places in northern India including the Golden Temple in Punjab. Besides visiting cultural sites, he enjoyed meeting people, some of whom he's become good friends with, trying different Indian foods, and also learning the language. James is eager to study abroad again in the near future.



James Bisher at the India/Pakistan Border

In Memoriam



Monica Patrice Harris

It is with great sadness that we lost **Monica Patrice (Dozier) Harris** (BS in History and Government, 2003) on March 3, 2016. She was a loving, brilliant and hard working student who completed two degrees at BSU and furthered her education at Michigan State University by earning an MS in Pharmacology and Toxicology. Monica loved science and specifically Biology and was always motivated to find cures for diseases

Monica was born in Washington DC and attend DC Public School until first grade. Later, she transferred to Prince George's County Public Schools and graduated from

Central Senior High School in 1997.

She attended BSU and earned a dual degree in History and Government, and Biology along with a minor in Chemistry. Her interest in the sciences led her to jobs in Michigan and eventually an MS at Michigan State University.

She left behind her husband, their three children, mother, stepfather, five siblings, numerous other family members, her sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., and her Bowie State University Family. She will be greatly missed but her memory will live on forever.

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Black History Month 2017

Every February, the Department of History and Government officially hosts Black History Month at BSU by organizing various activities. In 2017, the department in coordination with other departments, organizations, and clubs on campus put together a stellar program consisting of speakers, presentations, performances, and student activities. Below is a list of all the events that were part of Black History Month celebrations.



HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Sponsor: History and Government Club

"LASTING IMPRESSIONS" –
BULLDOG PRIDE AND POWER
Sponsor: Student Alumni Association

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
FOR GWENDOLYN BROOKS
Sponsor: Department of English and Modern Languages

A TIME OF REFLECTION
Sponsor: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

SPRING CONVOCATION
Keynote Address: Mr. Richard Lucas, III; BSU Alumnus '16

POWER OF THE MIND
Sponsor: History and Government Club

NATIONAL MALL IN COLOR
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

2017 FACULTY ART EXHIBIT
Sponsor: Department of Fine and Performing Arts

PI SIGMA ALPHA AND BLACK EDUCATION
Sponsor: Pi Sigma Alpha

ELECTIONS AND POLITICS OF EDUCATION
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

THE '57 CRISIS AT LITTLE ROCK
CENTRAL HIGH: 60 YEARS LATER
Sponsor: College of Education

HONEST BETWEEN THE POLICE
AND COMMUNITY
Sponsor: Continuing Education –
Cresthill Baptist Church

AUTHOR TALK/BOOK SIGNING –
CELILLIANNE GREEN
Sponsor: Department of History and Government
CSPAN INTERACTIVE BUS BLACK HISTORY MONTH TOUR

THE MISEDUCATION OF THE
BLACK MEDIA STUDENT
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

KEEPING IT 100
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
MUSEUM BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

EDUCATION FOR UPWARD MOBILITY
Sponsor: Department of History and Government and Student Government Association

5th ANNUAL READ-A-THON
Sponsor: Department of English and Modern Languages

A MOMENT IN TIME: PRESERVING HISTORIC PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Sponsor: Department of History and Government

FOURTH ANNUAL TEN-MINUTE
PLAY FESTIVAL
Sponsor: Department of Fine and Performing Arts

EDUCATION AND THE GLOBAL
COMMUNITY
Sponsor: Department of History and Government and Pi Sigma Alpha

RACE AND DIPLOMACY
Sponsor: Department of History and Government

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST
Sponsor: The Writing Center

CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP
Sponsor: Black Male Agenda
RICK'S ALLEY – TRIBUTE TO RICK HENDERSON
Sponsor: Fine and Performing Arts Center

BLACK ECONOMICS: MODERN DAY BLACK WALLSTREET
Sponsor: Black Male Agenda

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NEW FACULTY



Dr. Roger Davidson Jr.

Roger Davidson Jr. is a native Washingtonian with a deep passion for history of the city and the Chesapeake region. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Virginia Tech and received both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in History from Howard University. His areas of interest include the Civil War

Era, early Cold War Diplomacy and African American military service. Dr. Davidson appears as a subject matter specialist in the Discovery Channel documentary *Gettysburg: The Battle That Changed America*; a documentary produced by the Secretary of the District of Columbia for public schools

titled *Enslavement to Emancipation*; and the five part documentary, *Civil War: The Untold Story*. His current research focuses on insurgency and internecine warfare in the Chesapeake during the Civil War.

Sumanth Reddy received his Ph.D. in Geography from Kansas State University. He is the coordinator of the geography minor, since his start at BSU in 2015. His research interests are in medical, cultural, population, and tourism geography with regional application in Africa and Asia. His master's thesis entailed examining disease variance between a gold-mining and non-gold mining town in Ghana, West Africa and his Ph.D. dissertation focused on medical tourism in India. His 2010 co-authored paper in the International Jour-

nal of Tourism Research titled, "Travel for treatment: students' perspective on medical tourism" has been cited over 74 times. His current research is examining toponophilia or a sense of place and attachment among the Siddi people in South India.

Dr. Reddy has traveled globally for research, conferences, and leisure to over 40 countries. He is a member of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) and has presented research papers at various regional, national, and international conferences including Tel Aviv, Israel; Tunis, Tunisia; and

Santiago, Chile. He is also passionate about study abroad and providing students the opportunity to experience the world beyond the classroom. As an undergraduate, he studied abroad in a semester long program in Scotland, and again studied abroad in Ghana as a graduate student. In 2016, he took 10 students to China on a 2-week study abroad trip and in 2017, he will be taking 10 students to Ghana and London on a 3-week study abroad trip. Besides the classroom, he enjoys hiking, cycling, gardening, cooking, and meeting people. He is a native of Bangalore, India.



Dr. Sumanth Reddy



Dr. Sean Turchin

Sean Turchin earned his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in Theology and Philosophy and holds three Master degrees in Religion and Philosophy from Liberty University. His dissertation at the University of Edinburgh re-examines Karl Barth's relation to Søren Kierkegaard, with particular reference to Barth's misreading of Kierkegaard's central Christian concepts as well as an abuse and limits of religious discourse to which both Barth

and Kierkegaard address. He received a fellowship at the Kierkegaard Research Library at St. Olaf, has given papers on various subjects from Kierkegaard, Barth to the historical and social dynamics of Religious extremist ideology, as seen specifically in Christianity and Islam, at the University of Oxford, the University of Edinburgh, and the Kierkegaard Research Center in Copenhagen, Denmark and has published numerous articles on

Kierkegaard and Barth. In addition, he taught classes at Liberty University, the University of Edinburgh and UMUC before coming to Bowie State University in 2015. His research interests include, Greek philosophy, Enlightenment and Post-Enlightenment traditions (specifically Immanuel Kant and German Idealism) the philosophy of Kierkegaard and Hegel as well as Eastern and Western Religious traditions.

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NEW FACULTY



Dr. Carmen Walker

Carmen Walker is an Associate Professor of Government in the History and Government Department. She holds a B.S. in Urban Studies from Georgia State University, a M.A. degree in African American Studies and a PhD in Political Science from Clark

Atlanta University. She recently presented a paper entitled, "The Problem of Baggage, Space, and Visibility in the Classroom: Identity and Inclusion as Critical Aspects of Retention in Political Science" at the 20th Annual Regional HBCU Summit on Re-

tention in Ocean City, Maryland. This presentation focused on the curricula and pedagogical practices that work to engage or marginalize students in the classroom.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Nicholas Creary

During Summer 2016, Dr. Nicholas Creary received an award to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI) sponsored by the Provost's Office and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP). SURI's mission is to teach undergraduate students how to conduct primary research, and so Dr. Creary worked with Sydney Lawson and James Copeland IV on a project that studied the history of lynching in Maryland from 1854 to 1933. Beginning with newspapers on microfilm at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, the students

found articles narrating the accounts of 43 lynching victims listed on the Maryland State Archives (MSA) web site, focusing on the 39 victims of White-on-Black violence. The group continued their research in primary documents at the State Archives in Annapolis and the NAACP lynching files at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division.

Major findings included discovering six cases that are not included on the MSA web site; recovering the names of two victims listed as "Unknown" on the MSA web site; identifying two victims listed on the MSA web site who were lynched in other states; identifying two victims of legal lynching (tried and executed by the State) rather than lynching by a mob.

Following the conclusion of SURI, Creary, Lawson, and Copeland presented their findings to the Department of History & Government Seminar in preparation for presentations at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis and the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Richmond, VA. Dr. David Reed chaired and commented on the paper presentations. Dr. Creary has submitted the group's research for peer review and publication to the *Maryland Historical Magazine*.

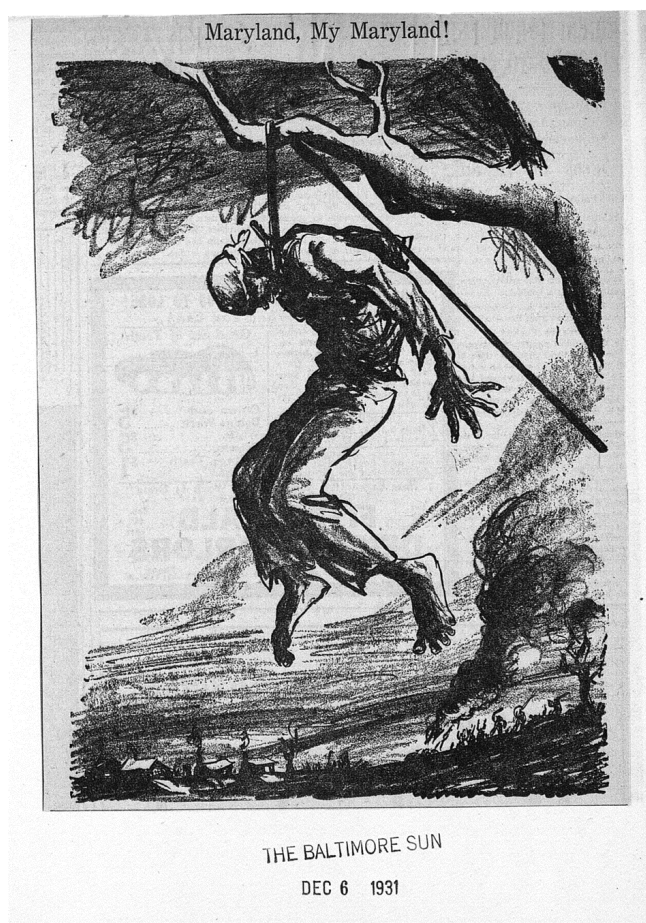


Image students found in the Maryland State Archives following the lynching of Matthew Williams in Salis-

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FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Dr. Benjamin Arah was selected as a peer reviewer (for the Department of Education Talent Search Program for Fiscal year 2016. (February 2016).
- Dr. Benjamin Arah served as an outside committee member on the dissertation committee of Mr. Benjamin Machar in the Department of Political Science at Howard University (March 2016).
- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell presented "For a Time Such as This: Enslaved Women, War, and Freedom in Southern Louisiana and Low country Georgia, 1861-1865," at the ASALH Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, (September 2015).
- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell was honored with the "Outstanding Research Award" by the College of Arts and Sciences (2016).
- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell received an Academic Transformation Grant to redesign African American History to 1865 with multimedia enhancements.
- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell published a book review of Adam Rothman's *Beyond Freedom's Reach: A Kidnapping in the Twilight of Slavery in the Journal of Southern History* (November 2016).
- Dr. Robert Birt was an invited panelist for the presentation, "The Uprising in Focus: The Image, Experience, and History of Inequality in Baltimore" which is being co-organized by the National Council on Public History; and the Society for History in the Federal Government. (March 2017).
- Dr. Roger Davidson presented a paper titled "Fishing, Farming, and Freedom: Black Veterans and Community Formation in Post-Emancipation Tidewater Maryland" on a panel that focused on *African Americans and the Civil War in Alabama and Maryland* at the 101st annual meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (October 2016).
- Dr. Roger Davidson presented a paper and discussed a documentary on the "History of the 13th Amendment" at the HBCU Retention Summit in Ocean City, MD (December 2016).
- Dr. Mario Fenyo was the outside reader for two dissertations in Political Science at Howard University (November and December 2014).
- Dr. Mario Fenyo Along with a colleague from Fordham University I was invited to assess the African and Asian Studies Department of New York State University at Oneonta (Fall 2014).
- Dr. William B. Lewis presented, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Nelson Mandela: A Comparative Analysis and Reflections on their Civil Rights Leadership and Legacies," at the International Peace Research Association Global General Conference in Freetown, Sierra Leone (November 23-December 1, 2016).
- Dr. William B. Lewis served as the faculty advisor to four of our students (Brittany Chaney, Manardra Hill, Gaston Nguerekala, and Ryan Washington), who represented The Gambia at the National Model African Union conference at Howard University, Washington D.C (February 18-21, 2016)
- Dr. Fred Mills was interviewed by Fahima Patricia Seck on WPFW, Washington DC Studio for the Year in Review Show about "Venezuela at the Crossroads," (December 30, 2015)
- Dr. Fred Mills was invited to participate on a panel at the Left Forum which will discuss first hand accounts of the political, economic, social, and cultural issues at play in contemporary Venezuela (2016).
- Dr. Fred Mills presented at a briefing at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), Washington DC. on "The political and economic situation in Venezuela and the three pillars of Hugo Chavez's political philosophy as articulated in his interviews, writings, and "alternative Bolivarian agenda" (April 2016).
- Dr. Fred Mills presented an invited (by the Director of the Police Academy of El Salvador) lecture via Skype at the University of El Salvador in San Salvador on Transformative Pedagogy (April 2016)
- Dr. Fred Mills lectured at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) in Washington D.C. on "Crossroads in Venezuela: Popular Power and the State" (April 2016) .
- Dr. Fred Mills was interviewed on Sputnik News by the host, Mark Becker, "On the Renewal of the Executive Order Against Venezuela." (March 7, 2016).
- Dr. Sumanth Reddy was an invited speaker on "Studying Abroad in China" for Morgan State University's International Week (November 2015).
- Dr. Sumanth Reddy was honored with the "Outstanding Young Award" by the College of Arts and Sciences (2016).
- Dr. Sumanth Reddy was awarded an Academic Transformation Grant to redesign and offer Elements of Geography (GEOG 101) as an online class.
- Dr. Sumanth Reddy completed a book review of Benjamin Ofori-Amoah's "Geography of Africa" 1st ed. Wiley (2016).
- Dr. John Shook presented, "The New Neuroethics," at the Association for Practical and Professional Annual Conference in Reston, Virginia (February 2016).
- Dr. John Shook presented, "The Current Relevance of Pragmatism for (Neuro)ethics and Society" at the Montréal Neuroethics Network, McGill University in Montréal, Canada (January 2016).

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell published a review of Kate C. Gillin, *Shrill Hurrahs: Women, Gender, and Racial Violence in South Carolina, 1865-1900*, in the November 2015 issue of the *Journal of Southern History*.
- Dr. Karen Cook-Bell received a book contract from the University of South Carolina Press for her manuscript *Claiming Freedom for Themselves: Kinship, Land, and Race in Nineteenth Century Georgia, 1865-1900*.
- Dr. Karen-Cook Bell's article "Self-Emancipating Women, Civil War, and the Union Army in Southern Louisiana and Low Country Georgia, 1861-186 has been accepted for publication in the Spring-Summer 2016 issue of the *Journal of African American History*.
- Frederick Mills published "The Development of Human Life in Enrique Dussel's Politics of Liberation." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 7, Issue 1., 2016.
- Frederick Mills published "Chavista theory of transition towards the communal state." *Open Democracy*. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/frederick-b-mills/chavista-theory-of-transition-towards-communal-state>. July 22, 2015.
- John Shook published "Rationalist Atheology." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* v.78 n.3 (December 2015): 329-348.
- John Shook published "Minding Brain Science in Medicine: On the Need for Neuroethical Engagement for Guidance of Neuroscience in Clinical Contexts." With James Giordano. *Ethics in Biology, Engineering and Medicine* v.6 n.1-2 (2015): 37-42.
- John Shook published "Principled Research Ethics in Practice? Reflections for Neuroethics and Bioethics." With James Giordano. *Cortex* v.71 n.10 (October 2015): 423-426.
- John Shook published "Abduction, Complex Inferences, and Emergent Heuristics of Scientific Inquiry." *Axiomathes*, online first 4 September 2015, doi: 10.1007/s10516-015-9282-y.
- John Shook published "Freedom Is as Freedom Does: Neuropragmatism, Neuroethics, and Free Will." *American Journal of Bioethics-Neuroscience* v.6 n.2 (June 2015): 28-30.
- John Shook was the General Editor, *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers in America*. London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016.
- John Shook published "Neuroethics beyond Normal: Performance Enablement and Self-Transformative Technologies." With James Giordano. *Cambridge Quarterly of Health Care Ethics* v.25 n.1 (January 2016): 121-140.

Civil Rights Icon at BSU

On September 13, 2016, civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson came to Bowie State University for a voter registration rally which was organized and sponsored by the Democratic National Committee and the Student Government Association on campus. He inspired students to exercise their political power by registering and voting during the November presidential elections.

Jackson laid out a historical context for African-American involvement in U.S. elections, including voter trends dating from just after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. He also described the decades-long fight to protect voting rights and the passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting and opened voting access to minorities. He said, "Nothing is more important than the right to vote. The right to vote preserves all other rights."



Dr. M Sammye Miller with Civil Rights Icon Rev. Jesse Jackson

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FACULTY LECTURE SERIES

The Faculty Lecture Series shares the knowledge and expertise of faculty in the Department of History and Government. The series explores the faculty's diverse areas of interest in history, government, and philosophy. The Faculty Lecture Series supports the University mission by sharing faculty

knowledge and expertise with students through campus lectures which convey faculty commitment to education and research. Faculty lectures are held each semester in the Center for Learning and Technology (CLT). For more information contact Dr. Karen Cook Bell at kcookbell@bowiestate.edu.

- Dr. Nicholas Creary, "Decolonizing Oral History: African Intellectuals and South Africa's Past," April 6, 2016.
- Dr. George Sochan, "Summer 1940: Britain Alone Against Nazi Germany," April 20, 2016.
- Dr. Robert Birt, "The Baltimore Riots of 1968 and 2015: A Historical and Philosophical Perspective," April 27, 2016.
- Dr. Nicholas Creary, "Strange Fruit in the 'Free State': A History of Lynching in Maryland, 1854-1933," September 27, 2016.
- Dr. Tony Gass, "Panther Power! The History and Continuing Legacy of the Black Panther Party," October 18, 2016.



Dr. Matthew Cartlidge Presenting During Geography Awareness Week (November)

In addition to departmental faculty, the department sponsored three guest speakers who presented at Bowie State University.

- Dr. Vinod Joseph (Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Professor of Political Science at Bangalore University, Bangalore, India) presented, "India and China in Africa: Major Issues and Trends." April 20, 2016.
- Dr. Matthew Cartlidge (Supervisor of Planning at Prince William County Public Schools presented, "Geography Was the Missing Puzzle Piece: A Story of My Life Since Finding It," for Geography Awareness Week. November 15, 2016.
- Dr. Rekha Pande (History Department Head and joint faculty at the Center for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, India) presented, "Hinduism: A Historical Study," March 2, 2017.

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Mission Statement: The History and Government Department contributes to Bowie State University's major mission as a regional comprehensive liberal arts university. It provides an atmosphere that promotes intellectual development, scholarship, and critical thinking for its diverse group of students. Students who major in history and government have the opportunity to experience the responsibilities and rewards of leadership. This combination of learning and personal challenge enables the graduates to face the demands of an ever-changing world in the 21st century with confidence and authority.

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