

1992-1993 Warren Center Programs

Fellows Programs

1992/1993 Fellows Program, "The South as an American Problem"

Participants were David Carlton (history), Joyce Chaplin (history), Don Doyle (history) James Ely (Law School), Teresa Goddu (English), Larry Griffin (sociology), Michael Kreyling (English), Robert Margo (economics), Richard Pride (political science), and Eric Sundquist (English).

Guest Speakers: **John Egerton** (independent writer); **James Oakes** (history, Northwestern); **Neil McMillen** (history, Southern Mississippi); **Earle Black** (political science, University of Houston); **Merle Black** (political science, Emory University).

The work of the Fellows resulted in the publication of a volume entitled *The South as an American Problem* (University of Georgia Press, 1995).

1991/1992 Fellows Program, "Transatlantic Encounters: The 'Discovery' of the New World and the Old"

Members of the 1991/1992 Fellows Program organized a conference with support received from the Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and U.S. Universities.

Guest Speakers: **James Axtell** (William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Humanities, College of William and Mary); **Irene Silverblatt** (cultural anthropology, Duke University); **Margarita Zamora** (Spanish & Portuguese, University of Wisconsin, Madison); **Karen Kupperman** (history, University of Connecticut); **James Olney** (Henry J. Voorhies Professor of English, Louisiana State University); **John K. Thornton** (history, Millersville University of Pennsylvania); **Peter Hulme** (literature, University of Essex); **Myra Jehlen** (English, Rutgers); **Francis Jennings** (Senior Research Fellow, Newberry Library); **Colin Palmer** (history, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

Special Events

Chancellor Emeritus Harvie Branscomb

Chancellor Emeritus Harvie Branscomb gave a seminar presentation in which he reflected upon his years as Chancellor (1946-63), as well as his thoughts on the University's present life.

Henry Louis Gates

Henry Louis Gates, Director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro American Research, Harvard University, gave a public lecture on the life and work of James Baldwin. He also

met with a faculty seminar at the Warren Center to discuss Harvard's program in African American Studies.

Kenneth Kolson

Kenneth Kolson is Deputy to the Director in the Division of Research Programs at the NEH. Working with the Division of Sponsored Research, the Center organized a workshop for faculty members in Middle Tennessee on NEH grants. Seventy-five participants from 16 institutions took part in the program.

George Steiner

Extraordinary Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge and Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Geneva

Warren Center Seminars

The Advance of Democracy in the Contemporary World: Political and Intellectual Debates

This series of informal discussions brought together faculty and students from different disciplines and regional specializations who have an interest in recent and often controversial advances in the theory and practice of democracy.

Concepts of the Enlightenment

This seminar focused on German efforts to explain the essence and goals of enlightenment. Guest Speaker: **Werner Schneider** (Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Research on the Enlightenment, University of Munster).

Faculty Luncheon Seminars

Faculty members from throughout the university community gave presentations to the luncheon group regarding their research interests. Participants included Margaret Kent Bass, Gary Jensen (sociology), Paul Conkin (history), Jean Bethke Elshtain, and Richard Haglund (physics and astronomy).

Foucault Reading Group

Faculty from a variety of disciplines participated in a discussion of two essays by Michel Foucault, "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History" and "Two Lectures." Discussion focused on issues of power and dominance.

Great Works Series

The purpose of this series was to learn and discuss landmark works of literature. Those participating included Emerson Brown, Milan Mihal (art history), Barbara Bowen (French and Italian), Simon Collier, and Kathy Jade (Spanish and Portuguese).

Industrial Policy

Guest Speakers: **Otis Graham** (history, University of California at Santa Barbara); **David Scheffman** (Justin Potter Professor of American Competitive Enterprise at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School).

Postmodernism and the Concept of Culture

This seminar discussed the concept of culture in postmodern thought.

Warren Center Summer Seminars

Graduate Student Maymester Seminar

James Epstein (history) and Laurence Lerner (English) taught a joint seminar on "Political Trials and Trial Narratives" to 15 selected graduate students.

NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers.

"Southern History and Literature," was directed by Don Doyle (history).