

## 1995-1996 Warren Center Programs

### Fellows Program

#### **1995/1996 Fellows Program, "Fin de Siècle, Millennium and Other Transitions"**

Participants were Myriam J.A. Chancy (English), Margaret A. Doody, co-Director (comparative literature), Janet Schrunk Ericksen (English), William Franke (comparative literature & Italian), Jay Geller (religious studies), Michael Hodges (philosophy), Ellen Konowitz (fine arts), Frank Weislo (history), and David Wood, co-director (philosophy).

Williams S. Vaughn Visiting Fellow: **Kathryn Babayan**, (history, University of Michigan).

Guest Speakers: **Kathleen Blee** (sociology, University of Kentucky); **Cornell Fleischer** (Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago); **Paul Boyer** (Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin); **Robert Bernasconi** (philosophy, University of Memphis); **Martin Bernal** (Department of Government, Cornell University).

The 1995/1996 Fellows Program also sponsored “**End of the World: Graduate Student Essay Contest.**” **Gordon Hull**, University Graduate Fellow in the doctoral program of the department of philosophy, won the contest with his essay "Kundera, Kant, and the Synsk Khanty: Thoughts toward Reading Benjamin's Ethologic-Political Fragment."

### Special Events

#### **Harry C. Howard, Jr. Lecture**

The 1995/1996 Harry C. Howard, Jr. lecture was given by **Lewis P. Simpson**, Boyd Professor and William A. Read Professor of English Literature, Emeritus, Louisiana State University. His talk was entitled "The Poet and the Father: Robert Penn Warren and Thomas Jefferson."

#### **Conference: “Religion and Public Life: Seventy Years after the Scopes Trial”**

This conference received national press coverage, including articles in the *New York Times* and the *Atlanta Constitution*. The British Broadcasting Company developed a 60 minute documentary on the creation/evolution debate in Tennessee for their program entitled “Everyman.” A Saturday workshop on this theme was held with the conference speakers and interdisciplinary teams of teachers from Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

Guest Speakers: **Ira Glasser** (Executive Director, the American Civil Liberties Union); **Joseph C. Hough, Jr.** (Professor of Christian Ethics and Dean, divinity school); **Michael Lienesch** (Gordon and Bowman Gray Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); **Ronald L. Numbers** (William Coleman Professor of the History of Medicine and the History of Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison); **William Provine** (Charles A. Alexander Professor of Biological Sciences at Cornell University);

**John Seigenthaler** (Chair, The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University); **Rev. Wallace Charles Smith** (Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.); **David Steiner** (political science, Vanderbilt University); **Arleen Tuchman** (history, Vanderbilt University); **Charles Reagan Wilson** (history, University of Mississippi and Co-director, Center for the Study of Southern Culture); **Rev. Thomas R. Ward, Jr.** (Chaplain, University of the South); **Kurt P. Wise** (Associate Professor of Science and Director of Origins Research and Resource Center at William Jennings Bryan College).

### **Warren Center Seminars**

#### **Early Modern Studies**

"Outsiders and Insiders: Physical and Cultural Frontiers in the Early Modern Era."

Guest Speaker: **Jodi Bilinkoff** (history, UNC-Greensboro), "Reestablishing Authority: A Peasant Visionary and Her Audience in Early 16th Century Spain."

#### **Faculty Luncheon Group**

Faculty members from throughout the university community gave presentations to the luncheon group regarding their research interests.

### **Warren Center Summer Seminar**

#### **"Politics, Ethics and Terror"**

This was a graduate student seminar led by **Jean Bethke Elshtain** (Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Ethics, University of Chicago).