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# ASDAH Newsletter

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President's Desk*

By Lisa Clark Diller

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Even for historians, it's been quite a year. While we hesitate to use phrases like "this is unprecedented," for most of us, and for our students, these months have felt more like we are living through history than is usually our experience. Rarely do we have so many people asking for historical perspective, and certainly we have more eyes on what is happening in higher education history classrooms than we usually have. What an opportunity.

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While we have postponed our in-person conference (now to be hosted by Southern in April 2023), we have decided to make the most of our ability to connect during these hard times and hear how we are managing, and perhaps even thriving.

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As a community of Adventist historians, whether teaching in Adventist schools or not, we have a mandate to cultivate a sense of how the past has shaped us and to help preserve that past for the future. It often feels that the resources accomplish this are being kept or taken from us. But we are stronger together. So, this is why on **February 25, 2022, at 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**, we are going to host an informal Zoom meeting to share resources and bear each other's burdens. At a time when it feels universities are pulling away from emphasizing and requiring the humanities, we want to support each other in advocating for our majors and for the broader communication of history. Please join us if you can. The Zoom link will be emailed out the week of the event. Feel free to email me at [ldiller@southern.edu](mailto:ldiller@southern.edu) if you have questions or want to participate in a specific way.

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## Announcements

Join ASDAH for an online roundtable and discussion on "Promoting the Study of History: Lessons from Success and Failure." Friday, February 25, 2022, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Zoom link: <https://southern.zoom.us/j/98435613459>

ASDAH and the General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research is co-sponsoring a summer conference, "Renewal and Division: The Context of Europe's Reformations," at Pacific Union College, July 27-28, 2022. There is no registration fee, but accommodation and meals are \$85 per day. For more information see: <https://www.adventistarchives.org/early-modern-history-conference-2022>

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## **Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists Updates**

By Dragoslava Santrac

Since its launch in July 2020, the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists* (ESDA), available at [encyclopedia.adventist.org](http://encyclopedia.adventist.org), has added nearly 1,500 new articles. Currently, it has over 3,500 articles and 8,000 photographs. The encyclopedia has been an excellent tool for those wanting to learn more about the Adventist Church in North America and around the world, for those who want to understand why the church is the way it is, and for those looking to witness to others. To serve its readers even better, the encyclopedia now has articles in languages other than English, namely in Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, and Russian, with the good prospect of adding more translated articles in these and additional languages. The ESDA needs the help of qualified volunteer translators to make many more ESDA articles available to non-English speaking audiences. Many articles still need to be written. Many of those who have written articles to date found the experience faith affirming. The ESDA editorial team appeals to Adventist scholars of all disciplines, not just history, and to any church member who is passionate about Adventist heritage, to contact [the ESDA office](mailto:theESDAoffice@encyclopedia@gc.adventist.org) at [encyclopedia@gc.adventist.org](mailto:encyclopedia@gc.adventist.org) if they are willing to write or review articles or share historical materials such as letters, diaries, and photographs. There are many more interesting, encouraging, chastening, and inspiring stories from Adventist history waiting to be told. Follow ESDA on Twitter @EncyclopediaSDA, where daily nuggets are posted in English and Portuguese (Spanish, coming soon).

## **Institutional News**

### **La Sierra University**

In 2021, Jeffrey N. Dupée was named emeritus professor of history at La Sierra University. Dupée joined the faculty in 1991 after time spent working as a lawyer and before that a high school history teacher. For nearly 30 years, he taught European history, legal studies, and British colonialism at La Sierra, publishing three books during that time: *British Travel Writers in China: Writing Home to a British Public, 1890-1914*; *Traveling India in the Age of Gandhi*; and, *Traveling Europe Between the World Wars*.

### **Southern Adventist University**

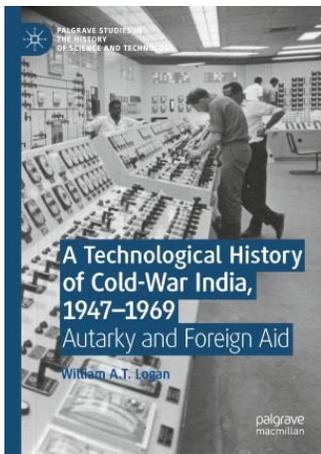
Michel Lee has joined our department this year, teaching Women in American History, Modern China and Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration.

Lisa Clark Diller is program chair for the Conference on Faith and History at Baylor University March 31-April 2, 2022. She welcomes as many Adventist scholars as possible to attend. This year she transitions out of chairing the department at Southern and Michael Weismeyer will be taking the helm in the History and Political Studies Department. Her article "Catholic Competition: Protestant Missions in the Wake of Toleration" will be published in *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* in April 2022.

## New & Forthcoming Publications

Timothy Golden, *Racism and Resistance: Essays on Derrick Bell's Racial Realism* (SUNY Press, coming April 2022).

Timothy Golden, *Reason's Dilemma: Subjectivity, Transcendence, and the Problem of Ontotheology* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022)



William A. T. Logan, *A Technological History of Cold-War India, 1947-1969: Autarky and Foreign Aid* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

Mark Peach initiated the annual Ben McArthur Memorial Lecture for the Southern Scholars Honors program this year, inviting Eric Anderson to give the inaugural lecture. We look forward to many more years of honoring Ben's legacy at Southern.

Michael Weismeyer attended the American Historical Association annual meeting in January 2022 in New Orleans and participated in the assignment charrette. He exchanged an assignment with instructors at other universities and high schools, and provided and received feedback from fellow historians.

## Southwestern Adventist University

Michael and Heidi Campbell recently attended the American Society of Church History and American Historical Association meetings in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was a great opportunity to network with fellow Adventist historians, including Joan Francis, Michael Weismeyer, and Ben Tyner, who also attended these professional meetings. Although we were in the midst of a new wave of the omicron variant, we appreciated the safety protocols, including requiring vaccinations and facemasks, which helped us feel much safer. We arrived in time for the "Twelfth Night" festivities, marking the Maid of Orléans' (Joan of Arc) 610<sup>th</sup> birthday. Other highlights included visiting a variety of religious sites including the Ursuline Convent, first erected in 1745 marking the beginning of that order in the Americas; visiting the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox congregation, the oldest Orthodox congregation in North America; and attending mass at the New Orleans Cathedral.

Heidi Olson Campbell, who recently passed her PhD comprehensive exams in early modern history, gender studies, with a cognate in modern Chinese history, at Baylor University, was part of a panel session on "Conversion and Proselytization: Gendered Missionary Work in the Early Modern World." Her paper was entitled "Blessed Memory: The Recasting of Elizabeth I as Protestant Missionary and Saint, 1603-1645." Heidi also gave a second paper at the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference in San Diego (October 28, 2021), entitled "Shrews, Wanton Women, and Female Philosophers: English Translations of Erasmus's Colloquies About Women."



Michael W. Campbell, who is a professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University, organized a panel session on “Crossing the Klan: Religion on the Margins, White Supremacy, and Christian Nationalism.” Other panelists included specialists on the Klan in different traditions including Pentecostals (Brian Sears, who just completed graduate studies at Baylor and is going to West Point) and Camille K. Lewis (Furman University), who did a case study on Bob Jones, Sr. in Texas and the Methodist tradition. Michael gave a paper entitled “‘A New Reformation’: Seventh-day Adventists, Fundamentalism, and the Second Wave of the Ku Klux Klan.”

## Walla Walla University

Greetings from the department of history and philosophy at Walla Walla University. While much has happened over the last year, a few items stand out. Dr. Terrie Aamodt is retiring after 43 years at WWU. Her scholarship (Civil War, baseball, Ellen White, etc.), teaching, mentoring, and friendship touched many of our lives. She has always been a model of what an Adventist historian should be. We are also thrilled that Dr. Timothy Golden has two books that will be published in the near future: *Reason's Dilemma: Subjectivity, Transcendence, and the Problem of Ontotheology* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2022), and *Racism and Resistance: Essays on Derrick Bell's Racial Realism* (SUNY Press, 2022). Dr. Monique Roddy (formerly Vincent, but recently married) will be co-directing the Balu'a Regional Archaeological Project excavations in Jordan this summer. Dr. Gregory Dodds, department chair, will be leading a UK study tour this summer, doing some research at the Bodleian, and speaking at a conference at the University of Dublin. Dr. Hilary Dickerson recently published a chapter in *Legacies of the Manhattan Project* (WSU Press) and is continuing her research on Hoffman and Tatsuguchi.

## People News

### Brian Strayer

Brian Strayer continues to write a weekly column in Berrien Springs' *The Journal Era*, entitled “The Past Is Always Present” exploring the relevance of past events, inventions, terms, etc. to our lives today. He also completed a 340-page centennial history of Union Springs Academy (1921-2021), which is currently in editor Deborah Everhart's hands at the Andrews University Press. It will be printed by an Adventist printer in Massachusetts, probably in late 2022. Additional projects this past year included a 214-page history and PowerPoint presentation on the development of Seventh-day Adventism in Indiana from 1849 to 1900, which is completed and ready to present at their camp meeting in June 2022 for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conference. Strayer's 216-page manuscript on Hiram Edson, the first ever biography of him, is currently in Ron Knott's hands at the Andrews University Press under consideration for publication. It's been a busy and productive year of retirement!

## McAdams Grant Scholarship and Application

All scholars of Adventist history are invited to submit applications for research funding through the McAdams grant is intended to fund significant projects in Millerite and Adventist history that will result in publication. Scholars holding a Ph.D. in history (or related field) or who have demonstrated competence in the field of Adventist history are eligible to apply. Grants are not intended to aid research for completion of doctoral work, although funding may be available for scholars who are revising completed dissertations for publication. Grants will ordinarily be in the range of \$3,000 to \$10,000. Follow-up grants for large projects may be available.

Applicants should complete the application form (included here, but also found at the ASDAH website, under **Research Funding**, which asks for a short description of the project. If a project is judged to be promising, the committee will ask for a fuller statement (1,200-2,000 words), including a proposed budget. Application letters should be sent to:

Mail: Steve Jones  
Department of History  
Southwestern Adventist University  
100 W. Hillcrest, Keene, TX, 76059  
Email: [joness@swau.edu](mailto:joness@swau.edu)

Deadlines for consideration in 2022 are April 1 and November 1. A selection committee (Steve Jones, Terrie Aamodt, Eric Anderson, and Jonathan Butler) will review applications and make recommendations.

The grant application follows:

## McAdams Research Grant Application

Researcher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a 1200-1500 description of your project, its significance for Adventist history, the nature of your research, a time frame for the completion of your project, and how the grant will be used)

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Breakdown of Expenses:

- 1)
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Will this grant be in addition to institutional funding you will receive for this project?

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Other comments about the project you may wish to add:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_