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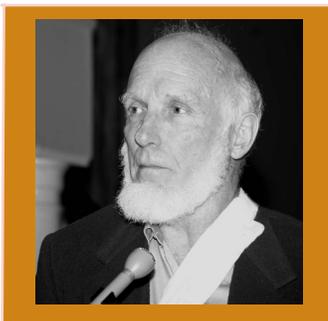
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MHS Awards Prizes, Elects Officers

The Mississippi Historical Society presented prestigious awards and elected new officers during its annual meeting in Jackson March 1–3.

Charles C. Bolton and James W. Loewen were the featured speakers. Bolton, chair of the history department at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, presented “Oral History: Memories of Mississippi’s Past.” **Keynote speaker Loewen** (below), professor emer-



itus, sociology, the University of Vermont and co-author of the textbook *Mississippi: Conflict and Change*, presented “Ten Little Mississippi Stories.”

The society’s highest honor, the B.L.C. Wailes Award for national distinction in the field of history, was awarded posthumously to **Winthrop Jordan**, professor emeritus of history and African American studies at the University of Mississippi. Jordan’s seminal 1968 book, *White Over Black: American Attitudes Toward the Negro, 1550–1812*, won numerous awards including the National Book Award, the Parkman Prize, the Ralph Waldo Emer-

son Award, and the Bancroft Prize. Jordan won another Bancroft Prize for his 1993 work *Tumult and Silence at Second Creek: An Investigation into a Civil War Slave Conspiracy*. Jordan was co-author of several widely used history textbooks.

Mississippi Politics: The Struggle for Power, 1976–2006,



by **Jere Nash** (right) and **Andy Taggart** (above),

won the McLemore Prize for best 2006 Mississippi history book.



Martha S. Friend, Starkville High School, received the

John K. Betterworth Award, presented annually to an outstanding history teacher. Friend has more than thirty years’ experience as a teacher in Mississippi’s public schools.



Carter Dalton Lyon won the Glover Moore Prize (presented by Dorothy Gatlin Grimes, left) for the best master’s thesis in Mississippi history in 2006: “Sanctuaries of White Supremacy: The Story of the Jackson Church Visit Campaign, 1963-1964, Part I,” University of Mississippi.

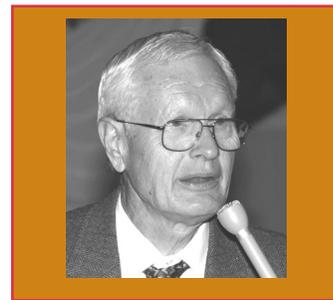
Robert L. Flegler, instructional assistant profes-



sor, University of Mississippi, DeSoto, won the Willie D. Halsell Prize (**Chester “Bo” Morgan**, left, presenting) for the best article published in the 2006 *Journal of Mississippi History*: “Theodore G. Bilbo

and the Decline of Public Racism, 1938–47.”

The **Newton County Historical and Genealogical Society** received the Frank E. Everett Jr. Award for outstanding contributions to the pres-



ervation and interpretation of Mississippi history (president **Harold Graham**, above, accepting). The society boasts a membership of nearly 250, operates the Newton County Archives and a Web site, publishes a quarterly journal, and conducts active research on historical sites in Newton County.

For the second year in a row, the **Southern Foodways Alliance**, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University



of Mississippi, won the Elbert R. Hilliard Oral History Award (SFA oral historian **Amy Evans**, above, accepting). The al-

liance won for its “Mississippi Delta Hot T a m a l e Trail” oral history.

T h e award for the best 2006 article published on the *Mississippi History Now* Web site—“Reconstruction in Mississippi, 1865–1876”—was presented to **Jason Phillips**, assistant professor of history, Mississippi State University.



Awards of Merit were presented to **Jennifer Ford** for her outstanding work at the University of Mississippi as the special collections librarian, John D. Williams Library; **James G. Hollandsworth** for his volunteer work



describing and cataloging the *Alfred Holt Stone Collection* at MDAH; a n d

Suzanne Marrs for her outstanding scholarly work in documenting and interpreting the life and literary career of Eudora Welty.

New officers of the Mississippi Historical Society are John Marszalek, MSU, president; Gail Tomlinson, Senato-



Outgoing president Jeanne Lockett presents gavel to 2007-08 MHS president John Marszalek, professor emeritus of history, Mississippi State University.

bia, vice-president; and Elbert R. Hilliard, Madison, secretary-treasurer. New board of directors members are Todd Boucher, Biloxi; Richard Boyd, Oxford; Alton Cobb, Jackson; Jerry Dallas, Cleveland; Matthew Holden, Jr., Jackson; and Stephen Sloan, USM.

April MDAH Events

Jackson Manship House Museum
420 East Fortification Street
Tuesday, April 10 and 17, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. *Manships Unearthed*. Students observe MDAH archaeologists conducting an excavation to learn more about this unique family’s history. Free but reservations required. Call 601-961-4724.

Saturday, April 28, 1 p.m. A Saturday With Shakespeare. Mississippi College Tribal Players perform scenes from Shakespearean plays. Free.

William F. Winter Building
200 North Street
Through April 20: *Inspiring the Next Generation: Exceptional Mississippi Women*.

History Is Lunch
Wednesday, April 4, noon–1 p.m. **Father Paul Cononici**, Madison, will discuss and sign copies of his book *Italians in the Delta*.

Wednesday, April 18, noon–1 p.m. For **National Library Week**, “The MDAH Collection: A National Treasure.”

Events

Wednesday, April 25, noon–1 p.m. **Julia Daily**, executive director of the **Craftsmen’s Guild of Mississippi**, will talk about the Guild’s new facility.

Washington

Historic Jefferson College Highway 61

Saturday, April 14, **Annual Spring Flea Market and Plant Sale**. Free of charge. For information call 601-442-2901.

Friday–Sunday, April 20–22 **Jefferson Military College Foundation Reunion**. Alumni and friends will gather at the college.

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