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News & Updates

Temple at the 2009 SMH Meeting

Temple professors and alumni have along played a prominent role in the Society for Military History (SMH), the world's largest professional organization devoted to the study of past military affairs. When more than 400 of the SMH's 2,450 members assembled at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, from April 2 to 5, 2009, for the organization's seventy-sixth annual meeting, their ranks included a sizable Temple contingent.

Gregory J. W. Urwin, professor of history and CENFAD associate director, was elected to a four-year term on the SMH Board of Directors. That new office necessitated his stepping down from the Finance Committee, on which he had served for two years. During the conference, Urwin commented on a paper panel on "African-American Soldiers and Society in the American Civil War." On the last day of the meeting, SMH President Brian McAllister Linn asked Urwin to chair the program committee for next year's meeting.

John F. Votaw, Sr. (Ph.D., 1991), of Dominican University chaired a panel titled "Constructing Cultural Agency in the US Military, 1890-1930." That panel featured papers by two other Temple alumni. Bobby A. Wintermute (Ph.D., 2006) of Queens College-CUNY spoke on "Vice and the Soldier: The Army Medical Department and Public Health as Morality, 1890-1910." David J. Ulbrich (Ph.D., 2007), Ohio University, addressed "Control vs. Disruption: The U.S.M.C. and Voodoo and Witchcraft Trials in Haiti, 1927-1930." Wintermute and Ulbrich each presented a second paper at a session on "Race and Gender in Military History." Wintermute discussed "Racial and Gender Ideologies as a Neglected Aspect of Military History," and Ulbrich asserted "Male Soldiers Have Genders, Too."

Randy Carol Balano (Ph.D., 2007), Office of Naval Intelligence, presented a paper on "OP-16-Z: The Special Activities Branch of the Office of Naval Intelligence, 1942-45." Henry G. Gole (Ph.D., 1991) commented on a panel devoted to "The U.S. Army in Open Ended Wars." Christopher S. DeRosa (Ph.D., 2000) of Monmouth University, commented on three papers concerning "Cross-Cultural Dimensions of the Afghanistan War."

Among the other Temple alumni attending the conference were Kevin C. Holzimmer (Ph.D., 1999), School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base; Peter S. Kindsvatter (Ph.D., 1998), U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground; Sean M. Maloney (Ph.D., 1998), Royal Military College of Canada;

Matthew S. Muehlbauer (Ph.D., 2008), Michael E. Lynch (A.B.D.) of the Army Heritage and Education Center; and Richard N. Grippaldi (A.B.D.).