Graduate Student Spotlight

The Department of History is proud to share the following information: **Spring 2009**

Joy Coates (formerly Joy Williams-Black), a PhD in African History and currently a visiting assistant professor at Southern Methodist University, has accepted a tenure-track position in African history at Guilford College in North Carolina.

Sharyl Corrado, completing her PhD dissertation in Russian history, has accepted a tenure-track position in European History at Pepperdine University in California.

Fedja Buric (PhD candidate in East European history) has been awarded a dissertation writing fellowship by the State Department's Southeastern Europe Research Program (part of the American Councils for International Education).

Brian Hoffman has received a prestigious two-year post-doc in the history of medicine from the University of California at San Francisco.

Michelle Beer has been awarded a Mellon Dissertation Fellowship at the London Institute for Historical Research for the academic year 2009-2010. Caroline Hibbard points out that only five of these fellowships are awarded annually to US applicants.

Lane J. Harris, Ph.D. candidate in modern Chinese history, has accepted a tenure-track position in the History and Asian Studies departments at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Brian Yates, a PhD candidate in African history, has accepted a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Oberlin College.

Will Morris, PhD in German history, has accepted a one-year visiting position in history at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Jeff Kyong-McClain (History of China) has accepted a tenure-track position in history at the University of Arkansas.

The board of the interdisciplinary journal Feminist Studies has selected Emily Skidmore's essay, "Constructing the 'Good Transsexual': Christine Jorgensen, Whiteness, and Heteronormativity in the Mid-Twentieth-Century Press," as the winner for its 2008 Feminist Studies Award. The award is given to the best article published by a graduate student. They will announce Emily as the award winner in their upcoming (Spring 2009) issue. Her article will appear in the special Transgender Issue of Feminist Studies in late 2010 or, at the latest, spring 2011.

Jeffrey Ahlman, a graduate student in African History, has been awarded and has accepted a prestigious two-year pre-doctoral fellowship at the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia. He will join a select group of interdisciplinary doctoral and post-doctoral fellows there as he completes the writing of his dissertation.
Karlos Hill, African-American History, has accepted a tenure-track position at Texas Tech University.

Abdulai Iddrisu, a specialist in African history, has accepted a tenure-track position in history at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota.

Erica Fraser, PhD candidate in Russian history, has accepted a tenure-track position in the history department at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland.