



AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH USING HISTORICAL RECORDS – GRADES 6-8

Nathan D. Wright's 2013 National History Day presentation, "A Change of Heart: Vivien Thomas and the Blue Baby Surgeries," is a ten-minute documentary presentation that focuses on Dr. Vivien Thomas and the development of surgery to repair the heart defect commonly called Blue Baby Syndrome. Nathan's research took place primarily in Nashville and in Baltimore at the medical schools at Vanderbilt and Johns Hopkins. Nathan also used oral history interviews from the US National Library of Medicine.

Nathan's documentary, which has already piqued his interest in future research and filmmaking, is an excellent example of student research using historical records.





AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH USING HISTORICAL RECORDS – GRADES 9 – 12

Christine Yin's 2013 National History Day exhibit "The Day Before Pearl Harbor: the Manhattan Project" is a well-researched website, which took first place at the state competition in April.

During her research, Christine found records of President Franklin Roosevelt signing the paperwork to initiate the Manhattan Project on December 6, 1941. This led to her title "The Day Before Pearl Harbor".

The timing juxtaposition also helped to set the context for her topic in terms of how and why Americans were able to pursue the development of the atomic bomb and also how the bomb was used to end the war that had begun for the United States after Pearl Harbor.

Christine's research for the website was extensive, involving a variety of secondary and primary sources. The research culminated with a trip to the National Archives Atlanta where she viewed original records of the Manhattan Project. She also benefitted from conducting a variety of primary and secondary source interviews.



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AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT RESEARCH USING HISTORICAL RECORDS – GRADUATE LEVEL

Dan Cone's master's thesis in history, entitled "Last to Join the Fight: The Sixty-Sixth Georgia Infantry," makes extensive use of unpublished archival resources held at a number of public repositories within the state of Georgia, including the Georgia Archives, the Middle Georgia Archives, the Atlanta History Center, the University of Georgia Special Collections, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, and Chickamauga National Military Park. The thesis examines the last regular Confederate infantry regiment raised in Georgia during the Civil War, tracing the history of the unit through various battles and campaigns and following the veterans into the years after the conflict. Dan does much more than just recount battle experiences, however, as he uses archival records such as the U.S. Census, Compiled Service Records, Georgia Pension Records, and unpublished letters and diaries to ask questions about why soldiers remained in the ranks & fought, why they deserted, and how they interpreted their wartime experiences in the postbellum era.

Dan's relentless digging and willingness to conduct extensive statistical work on a sample of over 500 men who served in the 66th Georgia reveals a great deal about soldiers who enlisted or were drafted into the Confederate Army late in the Civil War.



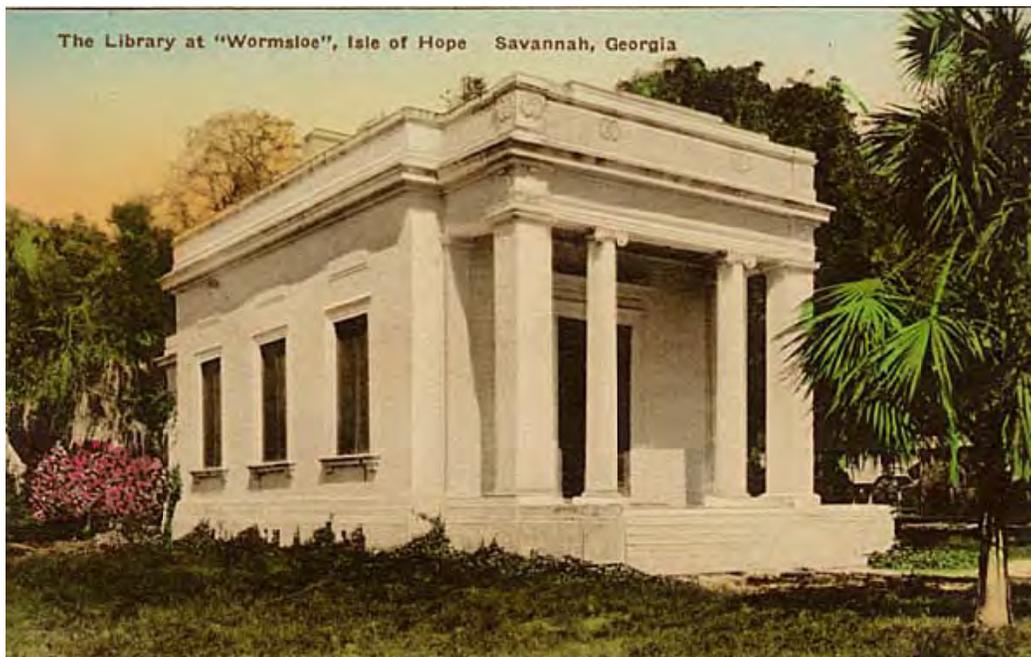


AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH USING THE HOLDINGS OF AN ARCHIVE

Drew A. Swanson's work, *Remaking Wormsloe Plantation: the Environmental History of a Lowcountry Landscape*, is an in-depth look at one of the most historic and ecologically significant stretches of the Georgia coast.

Drawing from primary documents from the Georgia Historical Society, the Georgia Archives, the National Archives, the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, and the main library at UGA, Swanson has revealed the broad historical forces that have shaped the lowcountry South.

In so doing, Swanson has made a significant contribution to multiple fields of study, connecting Georgia to other important historical investigative studies and adding depth and nuance to our understanding of nature and history.





AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOCUMENTING GEORGIA'S HISTORY

Bob Short was once described by former Secretary of State Cathy Cox as "the most effective politician never to hold office." By serving in various capacities in the administrations of several Georgia governors, coordinating Jimmy Carter's 1966 gubernatorial campaign, and working as regional director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Short has not only acquired an insider's knowledge of Georgia politics that is unequalled, but he has also developed a reputation for working well with diverse groups and individuals from across the broad spectrum of Georgia politics.

The Reflections interviews are invaluable resources for appreciating, understanding, and recording the vibrant and sometimes cataclysmic evolution of late twentieth century politics in Georgia. Reflections began in the fall of 2006 at Young Harris College as a lecture and discussion program hosted by Short. In late 2007, the Richard B. Russell Library began producing the program as an oral history video series to further illuminate and personalize the tectonic shifts that occurred in Georgia politics in the late twentieth century.

At 159 interviews and counting, over 170 hours of video footage and hundreds of pages of transcripts--all available online--Short's Reflections on Georgia Politics Collection represents a tremendous historical resource. The Russell Library serves as the repository for and producer of the series.



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AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOCUMENTING GEORGIA'S HISTORY

Dr. Paul M. Pressly's first book, *On the Rim of the Caribbean: Colonial Georgia and the British Atlantic* explores how colonial Georgia's economy was much more West Indian than North American as it eked out a foothold, and eventually prospered, as the thirteenth and final colony of the British Empire on this continent. Along the way, a substantial and complex cultural heritage evolved, vestiges of which endure into our 21st century.

This work has made an intense and thorough reexamination of extensive primary sources previously mined for other revelations, and it demonstrates that these archival collections still hold many stories yet untold.

Among the archival repositories whose collections are included in the bibliography of primary sources for this work are: the National Archives [of the] United Kingdom; the National Archives of Scotland; the National Library [of] Scotland; the Library of Congress; the National Archives Atlanta; the University of Georgia Special Collections; the Georgia Archives; the Georgia Historical Society; Duke University; the South Carolina Department of Archives and History; and, the South Carolina Historical Society. Both the Colonial and Revolutionary Records of the State of Georgia were utilized.

Pressley's award was accepted by his brother, William L. Pressly.





AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOCUMENTING GEORGIA'S HISTORY

Eighty miles south of Savannah lies St. Simons Island, one of the most beloved seaside destinations in Georgia and home to some twenty thousand year-round residents. In *Island Time*, Jingle Davis and Benjamin Galland offer a fascinating history and stunning visual celebration of this coastal community.

Prehistoric people established some of North America's first permanent settlements on St. Simons, leaving three giant shell rings as evidence of their occupation. People from other diverse cultures also left their mark: Mocama and Guale Indians, Spanish friars, pirates and privateers, British soldiers and settlers, German religious refugees, and aristocratic antebellum planters. Enslaved Africans and their descendants forged the unique Gullah Geechee culture that survives today.

The book provides a comprehensive history of St. Simons, connecting its stories to broader historical moments and also describes the challenges faced by the community with modern growth while retaining the unique charm and strong sense of community that St. Simons is known for today. Featuring more than two hundred contemporary photographs, historical images, and maps, *Island Time* is an essential book for people interested in the Georgia coast



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AWARD FOR LOCAL HISTORY ADVOCACY

Since 2004 Michelle Zupan has served as the Director, Curator, and Archaeologist for Hickory Hill, home of Tom Watson. In 2005 she assumed the additional responsibility for the Tom Watson Birthplace. As such she has been responsible for the preservation of the buildings and their artifacts as well as the educational and grants programs.

Watson was one of Georgia's foremost populist statesmen. He was a nominee for Vice President with William Jennings Bryan in 1896 on the Populist Ticket and was a member of the US Senate at the time of his death. The Tom Watson estate operates as a museum and is a department of the Watson-Brown Foundation.

Michelle teaches programs for field trips and summer camps and provides tours of the facilities. Some 3000 school children from Georgia and South Carolina visit Hickory Hill or the Foundation site annually. The educational programs offered range from environmental science (such as the travels of William Bartram) to primary source programs (including the Civil War through a Child's Eyes).





AWARD FOR ADVOCACY

From September 2012 through May 2013, Georgians found themselves facing a challenge the very notion of which they had never before even entertained as a possibility: keeping the doors of their State Archives open to the public.

During this time, two organizations emerged to enlist, organize, energize, lead, direct, and support the thousands of professionals and lay citizens who rose up in protest.

One of them, the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH) is a non-profit organization founded in 2004. The other, the Coalition to Preserve the Georgia Archives (or the "Coalition"), is an ad hoc partnership of the officers and members of 34 national, state, regional, and local organizations* across a wide spectrum of historical, heritage, and cultural disciplines, who voluntarily affiliated themselves with one another to support and advocate for the Georgia.

FOGAH and the Coalition hosted a rally in the Rotunda of the State Capitol on October 3, 2012, with a number of articulate and passionate speakers, preceded by a protest march outside on the Capitol plaza. The groups experienced their first success when Governor Nathan Deal issued a press release on October 18, 2012, announcing emergency funding of \$125,000 to keep the Georgia Archives open to the public two days per week through June 30, 2013, as well as his intention to seek legislative approval from the 2013 General Assembly to transfer the institution into the University System of Georgia effective July 1, 2013. FOGAH contracted with a consulting firm to direct the efforts of the partner organizations and supporters of the Georgia Archives. This led to Supporters throughout the state contacting their own State Representatives and State Senators

Throughout the months of February and March, 2013, legislative updates and action calls were repeatedly distributed widely among the memberships of FOGAH and Coalition Partner organizations via emails and website, blog, and social media posts. Supporters repeatedly responded by contacting their legislators at key junctures in the legislative process.

On May 6, 2013, leadership of FOGAH and the Coalition, along with representatives of several partner organizations, were present in the Governor's Office when Governor Nathan Deal signed into law HB 287 (Act 184), which transferred the Georgia Archives to the University System of Georgia.



Representing FOGAH was "Dianne Cannestra and Timothy Crimmins." Representing the Coalition was Kaye L. Minchew.





LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Anne P. Smith has been a leader and advocate for archives in Georgia for over thirty years. Her areas of interest and influence include public services, reference services, outreach and education.

In her most recent position as Assistant Director for Public Services at the Georgia Archives, Anne directed reference services and coordinated and planned educational programs, such as the successful Lunch and Learn series that continues to promote archives, Georgia history, and the use of historical records in research. In 2003 Anne was the project manager for the Georgia Archives' role in a Teaching American History grant.

Anne has served on the board of the Georgia Archives Institute since 2004 and is instrumental in the continued success of the annual two-week training program that has been instructing beginning archivists in Georgia for over 40 years.

Anne has held leadership positions in many professional organizations. During her tenure at the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah, she chaired committees and served on the boards of the Georgia Heritage Celebration, the City of Savannah Historic Sites and Monuments Commission, the Coastal Museums Association, and the Coastal Library Association. For ten years she served on the board of Georgia Women of Achievement and was president from 1996-1999. Currently, she serves on the Advisory Committee for the R.J. Taylor Jr. Foundation, an organization that provides grants for research and genealogy. She was the Georgia Archives' liaison to the Friends of Georgia Archives and History and was instrumental in its founding. In 1995 she was president of the Society of Georgia Archivists.

Through these activities and her many other accomplishments, Anne's tireless dedication to outreach, her promotion of the value of archives in society, and her support of education of both the general public and the profession have impacted many archival organizations throughout Georgia and the U.S.



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