

2nd Zacharias lecture on tap for Feb. 5

A Civil War historian who also is recognized for his World War II scholarship will present the 2001 Tommie and Donald Zacharias Lecture at Mississippi State.

Dr. Russell F. Weigley, who holds the rank of Distinguished Professor of History at the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy at Temple University, speaks Feb. 5 in the university's McComas Hall theater. "The Great Anglo-American Strategic Debate of World War II" will be his topic.

The 7:30 p.m. public program is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, which launched the lecture series last year to honor MSU's 15th president and his wife. Now president emeritus, Zacharias led Mississippi State 1985-97.

Weigley's presentation will seek to dispel a misconception about wartime relations between the United States and its British allies. "Contrary to myth, Winston Churchill was less interested in curbing the Russians than he was in curbing the Americans during World War II," he has said.



Weigley

Currently working on a multi-volume history of war from the 17th century to the present, Weigley has a long interest in the use of war as a political instrument. His new work analyzes the evolution of military professions and the problems of

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Workers pound in bolts as construction proceeds on the east-side grandstand addition at Scott Field. Approximately 35 percent complete, the renamed Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field will have a capacity of some 52,000 football fans when work ends in the fall.

'Civil War in the West' theme of forum

A long popular Mississippi State spring event is adding a new twist this year in examining a major period in American history.

"The Civil War in the West" will be the topic Feb. 6 and 7 when the Department of History sponsors the 17th Annual Turning Points in History Forum. For the first time, the public program will include interactive broadcasts linking presentations at the Starkville and Meridian campuses.

As even casual Civil War buffs know, the 19th century national conflict's "West" refers to Union military activities against strategic sections of Confederate territory between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. Most were in Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Forum speakers include historians Anne J. Bailey of Georgia College and State University, John Y. Simon of Southern Illinois University, Craig L. Symonds of the United States Naval Academy, Russell F. Weigley of Temple University, and Steven E. Woodworth of Texas Christian University.

The program begins at 3 p.m. on the 6th with a screening of "The Cause," the opening episode of Ken Burns' much-praised 1991 documentary "The Civil War." After the 90-minute film has concluded in the Colvard Union small auditorium, a panel of MSU graduate students will further discuss the subject and Burns' telling of events that propelled America into civil war.

At 7 p.m. that same day, Russell Weigley will launch the forum's lecture sessions with an address in the Simrall Hall auditorium. His remarks, titled "The Civil War as

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Faculty senate offers fund-raising options

By a unanimous vote at its first meeting of 2001, the Robert Holland Faculty Senate requested Jan. 19 that Mississippi State administrators begin seeking ways to deal with what senators called “the lack of adequate financial assistance in support of scholarly activities” for faculty members.

In submitting the University Resources Committee report for adoption, chair Linda Pote told her colleagues on the advisory body that some faculty members “are curtailing travel due to financial constraints” facing Mississippi higher education. Despite the financial constraints, many faculty have chosen to supplement these activities “with their own money,” she added.

The report said if MSU is to succeed in its effort “to ‘raise the bar’ and become a premier research institution,” funding “must be found to allow faculty to have comparable support of scholarly activities with faculty at those institutions we consider ‘premier institutions.’”

Committee members also listed the specific scholarly activities they felt should receive university support. These include “travel to attend meetings and collect research data, sabbaticals, training, research activities, and the infrastructure to support all of these activities.”

Given the current financial situation Mississippi higher education is facing, the eight-person committee acknowledged that “innovative ways to generate this money must be investigated if we are to achieve national recognition for our faculty and the university.” Committee members concluded their report by providing eight suggestions for generating the necessary funds. Among them were:

- Creation of a fund at the university level designated for the support of faculty scholarly activities. Supported by the recruitment of private funds, the support would be made available on a case-by-case basis.

- Formation in each college and school of a committee to evaluate the academic unit’s current allocation of funds for scholarly activity, make recommendations on the redistribution of funds when necessary, serve as a liaison to locate emergency funds for scholarly activity,

and investigate other financial sources.

- Also, formation of a university-wide committee to investigate alternative funding sources.

A complete summary of this report and

other business conducted at the January meeting is available on the Internet at the Holland Faculty Senate home page, reached by accessing www.msstate.edu, then clicking on the “Academic Programs” icon and scrolling to “Organizations.”

Faculty awards nominations due Feb. 1

Nominations for the 36th Faculty Recognition Awards are due by Feb. 1.

Awards traditionally are presented in the following categories: Teaching—Graduate Level, Upper Level and Lower Level; Research; and Service. Each recipient will receive a commemorative plaque and monetary award at the Faculty Recognition Banquet on May 3 in Humphrey Coliseum.

Nominations and all supporting data must be submitted to Libba Andrews, associate director of the sponsoring Alumni Association.

To receive a nomination booklet, call or come by the Butler-Williams Alumni Center, or access the web page at msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/alumni/awards/faculty.

Nominations downloaded via the Internet cannot be completed and returned by e-mail, as the nominator must sign the form. Completed packets must be returned to the alumni center.

For more information, telephone Andrews at 325-3479, or by e-mail at landrews@alumni.msstate.edu; or Karen Hudson, 325-2284, khudson@alumni.msstate.edu.

ADTRAN increases scholarship support

A Huntsville, Ala.-based manufacturer of high-speed digital transmission products is doubling its scholarship support to Mississippi State.

ADTRAN Inc., which in 1999 established an endowed scholarship in the College of Engineering, now is providing an additional \$55,000 for scholarships, said Dennis A. Prescott, vice president for external affairs.

The gift increases to \$110,000 the company’s total scholarship commitment. Prescott said the gift would support an additional scholarship for a full-time MSU student majoring in electrical, computer or mechanical engineering.

Computer engineering major Daniel A. Nagle is the first ADTRAN Scholar. The Gulf Breeze, Fla., sophomore is receiving a total of \$2,500 during the 2000-01 school year.

MSU graduates, including the company’s founders and its division general manager and vice president of engineering, make up a quarter of the more than 300 ADTRAN engineering staff members.

“The ADTRAN scholarships are an

important resource to the College of Engineering as we prepare engineers who can lead in this country’s technical revolution,” said Dean A. Wayne Bennett.

Also, many Mississippi State engineering majors currently participating in the university’s cooperative education program are alternating semesters of study on the Starkville campus with practical work experience at the Huntsville company, Bennett added.

“We’re proud of the relationships our campus is establishing with this industry leader,” he said.

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the ethics of war, among other topics.

Weigley is among a half dozen scholars also taking part in the MSU history department’s 17th Turning Points in History Forum Feb. 6 and 7. (see related story page 1)

For more information on the Zacharias Lecture, telephone 325-2646.



Funding Opportunities

Below are funding opportunities received from various sources such as the Grants Resource Center. Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA), 325-7404, will assist you in obtaining information and applications necessary for submission to governmental or private sources. For complete listings and other opportunities, see the Sponsored Programs World Wide Web page on the MSU server: <<http://www.msstate.edu/Dept/SPA/index.html>>.

Program: Community Related Grants Program
Agency: Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Next Deadline: Mar 01, 2001
Provides funding for research projects of national significance and/or scope or offering promising models for replication in the following 4 areas: Education and advanced research in international affairs; Public service; Environment and natural resources management; and Human rights. Applicants should send a brief letter of inquiry before submitting a full proposal. Foundation seeks to promote dialogue between the academic and policy worlds, and between the public and private sectors. Proposals accepted 4 times annually: 3/1, 6/1, 9/1, 12/1. See <http://www.hmjackson.org>.
CFDA Number: N/A
Contact: Lara Iglitzin, Executive Director, 1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 3317, Seattle, WA 98154, 206/682-8565

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program
Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Next Deadline: Mar 02, 2001
Program designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America. Through loans, grants, and loan and grant combinations, advanced technologies projects support distance learning and telemedicine programs to help students and families use new technologies to participate in classes previously unavailable to them. Also supports projects promoting access to health care. Awards range from \$50,000 to \$350,000 and require a 30% match (3/2/01 and 9/30/01 deadlines). Loan or combination loan and grant applications accepted anytime (no match needed, will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis). See <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>.
CFDA Number: 10.855
Contact: Roberta Purcell, Assistant Adminis-

trator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1500, 202/720-9554

Program: Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)
Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce
Next Deadline: Mar 2001 (tentative)
Formerly TIIAP, TOP provides seed money for innovative projects to extend the benefits of advanced telecommunications and information technology to rural and urban underserved areas. Projects must involve the delivery of practical services in real-world environments where the emphasis is on application, not the technology itself. Precise program details have not been finalized for FY 01 activities due to the delay in funding appropriations. An announcement should be made in 1/01; program officers have tentatively set the deadline for application submission for March, 2001. See <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/top/index.html>.
CFDA Number: 11.552
Contact: Stephen J. Downs, Director, TOP, Nat. Telecommunications and Info. Adm., 14th St. and Const. Ave., NW, RM 4090 HCHB, Washington, DC 20230, 202/482-2048

Program: FIPSE: Comprehensive Program
Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Next Deadline: Jan 26, 2001 (tentative)
Supports projects that encourage postsecondary reform, innovation, and improvement with a focus on enhancing equality of educational opportunity. Successful projects are comprehensive, action-oriented, risk-taking and responsive to the needs of practitioners. Approximately 125 projects were funded in FY 00. Program announcement is expected to appear in the December 11, 2000 Federal Register and should be considered tentative pending budget appropriations. See <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE/> for latest information.
CFDA Number: 84.116
Contact: Cassandra Courtney, FIPSE, 1990 K Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8544, 202/502-7506

Program: Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Programs
Agency: U.S. Department of Education
Next Deadline: Mar 19, 2001 (tentative)
Assists minority institutions (MIs) develop and maintain quality science and engineering programs to increase the flow of underrepresented minorities into these fields. Supports projects to develop long-range science improvement plans; institutional projects to

implement comprehensive science improvement plans; coop. projects to help groups of institutions working on science improvement plans; and special projects to improve training in science and eng., enhance science research capabilities, and provide special training for students and faculty. Federal Register announcement expected sometime in December 2000. See <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/OHEP/idues/msi.html>.
CFDA Number: 84.120
Contact: Deborah Newkirk, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8517, 202/502-7591

Program: 2001 Earth System Science Fellowship Program
Agency: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Next Deadline: Mar 15, 2001 (tentative)
Support is available for students entering or currently enrolled in a full-time Ph.D. program in aspects of global change research. Areas of interest are atmospheric chemistry and physics, ocean biology and physics, ecosystem dynamics, hydrology, cryospheric processes, geology, and geophysics. Awards include \$27,000/year for up to 3 years, with an additional \$22,000 available. See <http://www.earth.nasa.gov/nra/current/index.html> for general information; announcement will be made in late December, 2000.
CFDA Number: N/A
Contact: Ming-Ying Wei, Program Manager, Code Y - NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20024, 202/358-2559

Program: Special Projects in Networking
Agency: National Science Foundation
Next Deadline: Feb 15, 2001
Supports basic research and experimental projects that focus on networking and communications systems. Examples include: wireless access and networks; collaboration technology; and issues arising from the convergence of computing, communications, and information. Projects are typically submitted by small groups of researchers in networking or communication and/or researchers from other areas of computer science and engineering, or the social sciences, such as economics, psychology, and sociology. See NSF 98-120 (which is still current), or go to <http://www.cise.nsf.gov/anir/index.html>.
CFDA Number: 47.070
Contact: Karen Sollins, Program Director, Advanced Networking and Infrastructure, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 635N, Arlington, VA 22230, 703/292-8949



Calendar of Events

Send your calendar items to

Kay Fike Jones, 102 George Hall; Mail Stop 9512; FAX 325-7455; e-mail jonesk@ur.msstate.edu at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance. For updates, check www.msstate.edu and click on "News" for msu.NOW!

Ongoing Events, Activities

"Mnemonic Devices:" A multi-media sculpture installation by Toni Arpad, assistant professor of art, Florida International University, through Feb. 16, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. Gallery open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 325-2947.

January

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Faculty and Professional Women's Association brown-bag meeting: the Rev. Rita Cochrane, minister of First Presbyterian Church USA in West Point, "Reinventing Yourself," Instructional Media Center, Mitchell Memorial Library, 11:30 a.m. 325-3442.

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Banner: Electronic Approvals, McArthur Lab B, 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m. 325-8768.

University Honors Forum: one-person show, David Dallas, "A Gentleman from Mississippi," depicts life of late Sen. John C. Stennis, 13 Allen Hall, 12:30 p.m. 325-2522.

February

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MSU vs. Mississippi, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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International Student Required Extended Orientation, "The INS and You," Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

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Mississippi Arbor Day Celebration, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

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MSU vs. Georgia, women's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

Mississippi State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.

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Tommie and Donald Zacharias Lecture, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m. 325-2646. (see story page 1)

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Turning Points in History Forum. 325-3604. (see story page 1)

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Fought in the West: Was It Different?" will be broadcast simultaneously to the MSU-Meridian Auditorium.

At 10 a.m. on the 7th, Craig Symonds will speak at the Simrall auditorium while Steven Woodworth delivers his remarks at the Meridian auditorium. Symonds' topic is "The Confederate Military Effort in the West"; Woodworth's topic, "Political Leaders and Their Impact on the Military Effort in the West."



Woodworth

The respective 2 p.m. sessions in the same locations will find John Simon in Starkville and Anne Bailey in Meridian. Simon's topic, "The Union Military Effort in the West"; Bailey's, "The Role of the Trans-Mississippi Region on the Military Effort in the West."

The forum concludes at 7:30 p.m. with an interactive link to Meridian originating from Simrall auditorium and featuring a roundtable discussion by all the visiting historians. The topic: "The Significance of the Western Theater in the Civil War."

Joining the history department in sponsoring the 2001 Turning Points forum are the Mississippi Humanities Council, offices of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at MSU-Starkville, and the Office of the Dean at MSU-Meridian.

In addition to their individual teaching responsibilities, all the speakers have gained national reputations for their research and writing achievements.



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International Student Required Extended Orientation, "Student Safety" and "Work Opportunities," Eastman Auditorium, Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, 3-5 p.m. 325-8929.

Specifically:

—Bailey is national co-editor of "Great Campaigns of the Civil War, a series published by the University of Nebraska Press. Her latest book is "The Chessboard of War: Sherman and Hood in the Autumn Campaigns of 1864," a 2000 History Book Club selection.

—Simon is editor of a 24-volume collection of the papers of Ulysses S. Grant, commanding general of the Union armies. He is founder of the Association for Documentary Editing and is considered the dean of American documentary editors.

—Symonds is the author of eight books, including "Confederate Admiral: The Life and Wars of Franklin Buchanan." He also has authored four historical atlases, among them "A Battlefield Atlas of the Civil War" and the "Naval Institute Historical Atlas of the U.S. Navy."

—Weigley holds the rank of Distinguished University Professor at Temple's Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy. A widely recognized authority on both historical and contemporary military subjects, he most recently authored "A Great Civil War: A Military and Political History, 1861-1865."

—Woodworth most recently had published "Jefferson Davis and his Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West," a 1990 Fletcher Pratt Award winner and History Book Club main selection.

For more information on the forum, telephone Dr. John F. Marszalek at 325-3604.



Simon