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ASA INTERACTIVE INTERACT WITH THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF APPALACHIAN STUDIES FOLKS ON-LINE!

ASA's website now offers 3 new ways to interact with the larger Appalachian studies community. The event calendar will list the many diverse activities that promote Appalachian studies across the region. Our discussion forums, some moderated, others open, initiate topic threads germane to the mission of ASA and then users take it from there.

Our interactive newsletter augments our printed biannual newsletter. Between printings, we will now post an 'e-zine' here, so we now have a quarterly newsletter! Visitors can post comments for newsletter articles.

Visitors need simply to be curious and not afraid to voice an opinion. However, inappropriate language will get visitors permanently blocked from posting. The event calendar is simple to navigate and one should click on a date to view the events planned for that day (note: days with events will have summaries in the calendar boxes). The discussion forums have extensive formatting & searching capabilities, with the instructions found in the left-hand column. The interactive newsletter navigates content through headline links. Users can read & post comments via the "Comments" link under the headline.

Each interactive section requires a login to manage posts and other functions. Email the Web Committee for access accounts. Email the Web Manager for technical issues. Existing users should read the instructional information provided by the discussion forum and newsletter.

2002 Conference Co-Sponsors: Appalachian State University, College of Arts and Sciences and The Center for Appalachian Studies. Appalachian Center at Berea College. John C. Campbell Folk School. Eastern Kentucky University. The Georgia Arts Project, Georgia Heritage Center. Highlander Research and Education Center. Center for Regional History and Culture and College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kennesaw State University. Mars Hill College. Southern Regional Council.

ASA SILVER ANNIVERSARY TIME-LINE: COLLECTING OUR PAST TO ENVISION OUR FUTURE

The Appalachian Studies Association started 25 years ago with an initial planning conference held at Berea College, Kentucky. Accordingly, this year's conference has been dubbed our "Silver Anniversary." As a way to rethink the association's role in the region, Helen Lewis is asking that we collect our memories of the past. The 2002 annual meeting, Unicoi State Park, Georgia, will feature an interactive time-line that charts the association's history. Conference participants can bring mementos or memories of ASA's past and add them to the time-line.

LAST CALL! ASA SILENT AUCTION

We are still in need of many more contributions of bid items for the ASA Silent Auction. Keep in mind the good cause. This money goes to ASA Conference Scholarship funds for those individuals and groups who could not otherwise attend the annual conference. Please help us to keep this tradition alive and well. Contact Howard Dorgan, (828) 264-4361 or dorganch@appstate.edu; or 747 Stadium Dr., Boone, NC 28607.

Nominees

ASA Offices 2002

Vice President/President Elect: Tom Plaut. Tom Plaut has been a Professor of Sociology at Mars Hill College near Asheville, N.C. for 25 years. He also directs the college's Center for Assessment and Research Alliances (CARA). He has assisted in the development of community-based health partnerships in a dozen Appalachian North Carolina counties.



His statistical primer, entitled *People, Politics and Economic Life: Exploring Appalachia with Quantitative Methods*, was first published in 1996. He also co-authored *Building a Healthier Tomorrow: A Manual for Rural Coalition Building*. While in western North Carolina, he has worked with community groups such as hospices, primary care centers, alternative family farming

and housing initiatives, and victim assistance agencies. He began his involvement with the ASA at the Berea meeting in the late 1970s. His current interests focus on the geographic and cultural diversity in the region and community-based health initiatives.

Vice Program Chair/Program Chair Elect (2003-2004): Carmaleta Littlejohn Monteith. Carmaleta Littlejohn Monteith is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. She currently works as an educational consultant, and her career includes 38 years of experience in two large independent schools as teacher, instructor, and administrator. She has represented the interests of American Indians on numerous national and state boards. Her experience as a conference planner is extensive. In 1993, she chaired and hosted the Georgia Association of Independent Schools Annual Conference, an event that attracted over 2,800 participants. In 1999, 2000, and 2001, she was the Executive Director of NAIWA and coordinated annual conferences, respectively, in Green Bay, WI, Cherokee, NC, and Lawrence, Kansas.

Secretary (2002-2004): Linda Spatig. Linda Spatig is a professor of Advanced Educational Studies at Marshall University. She teaches coursework in social foundations of education and qualitative research methods. Her research has focused on social context of education issues, especially in relation to equal educational opportunities for non-privileged groups. Currently she is leading a qualitative research team engaged in a collective case study of five collaborative community efforts to improve the quality of early childhood care in five West Virginia counties.

Treasurer (2002-2005): Doyle Bickers. Doyle Bickers serves as the Director of Admissions at Auburn University in Alabama. He previously held positions in the region at Western Carolina University and Clinch Valley College. He has been active in the Appalachian Studies Association for many years and is a Past-President of the organization. He is the author of professional articles as well as both fiction and non-fiction articles on the Appalachian region.

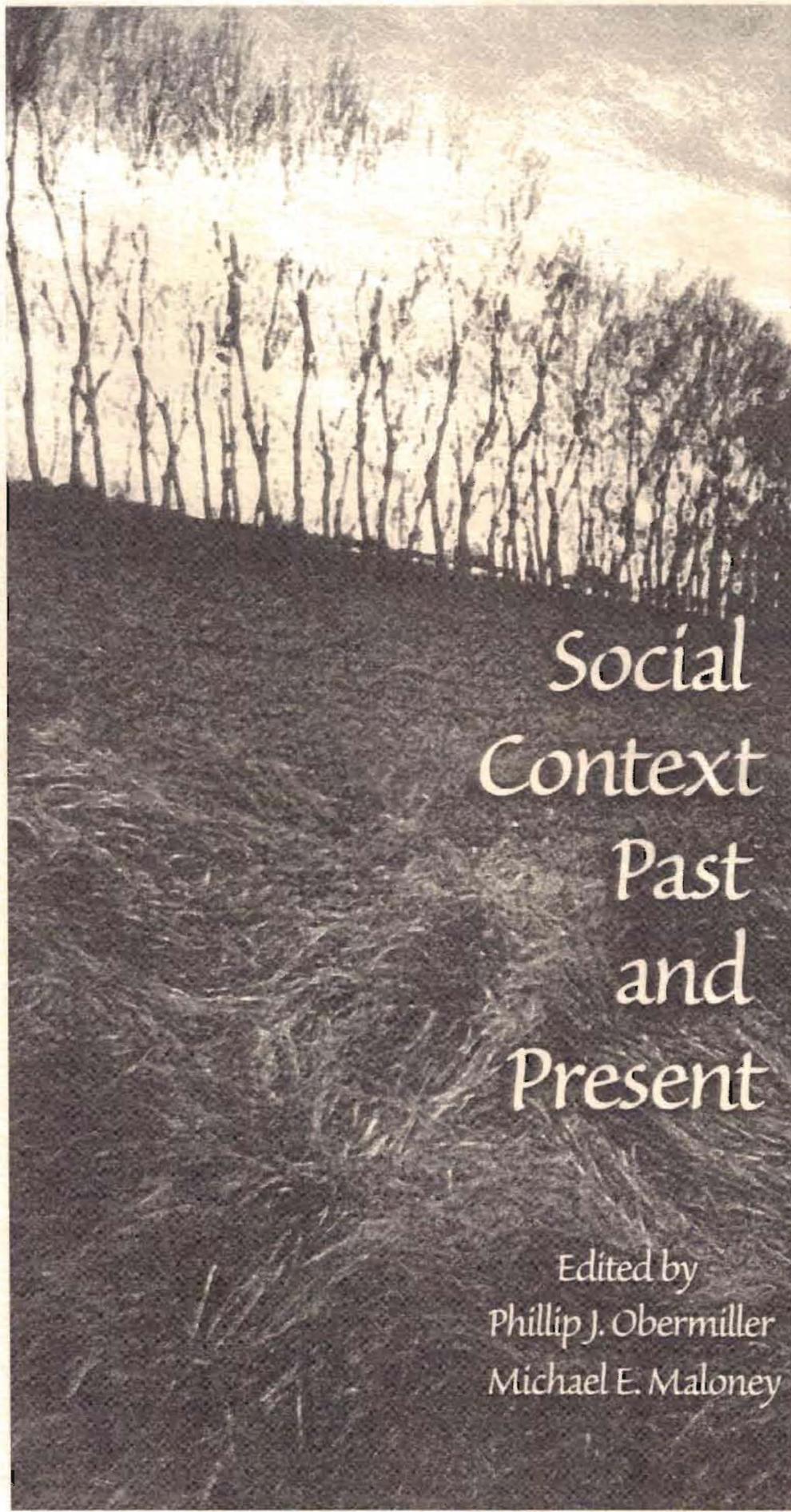
Website Committee Chairperson (2002-2005): Bill Klaus. Bill Klaus began his involvement in ASA by serving as the Secretary. He is a doctoral candidate in history at West Virginia University, and his dissertation involves Italian immigrants and Catholicism in West Virginia, 1900-1945. He has developed and is now teaching an on-line class in West Virginia History. He is also the technical assistant for an on-line class in American religious history.

At Large Steering Committee Member (2002-2004): Gaye Evans. Gaye Evans is a long time community activist and has worked in the region for 18 years. She was the coordinator of the Appalachian Development Projects Coalition for the Commission on Religion in Appalachia and a cofounder of the Appalachian Women's Alliance based in Floyd, Virginia. She has also been on the women's round table for "In Praise of Mountain Women", served on the Board of Solutions to Issues of Concern to Knoxvilleans and has been involved with the Knoxville Area Committee on Central America. She currently serves on the Board of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance and has been the executive director of the Appalachian Community Fund since 1997.

At Large Steering Committee Member (2002-2004): Ancella Bickley. Ancella R. Bickley is a retired professor of English and vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia State College. She recently co-authored and co-edited, *Memphis Tennessee Garrison: The Remarkable Story of A Black Appalachian Woman* (Ohio University Press, Athens, Ohio, 2001). Ancella served on the 2001 ASA Program Committee.

At Large Steering Committee Member (2002-2004): Barbara Ellen Smith. Barbara Ellen Smith, who has been director of the Center for Research on Women since 1996, focuses her scholarship on social movements, social inequality, and the U.S. South. She has published articles and books on the black lung movement in the Appalachian coalfields, the contemporary activism of southern working class women, Appalachian historiography, and the political economy of the U.S. South. Her current research addresses the ways in which new immigration is changing long-standing patterns of racial-ethnic composition and relationships in the region. Since 1998, Smith has also been chair of the board of the Highlander Research and Education Center in New Market, Tennessee.

Program Committee (2003 Kentucky Conference): Edwina Pendarvis, Author and Education Professor, Marshall University. As an Education Professor, Eddy Pendarvis focuses on teaching gifted education. She has written and published scholarly and literary pieces. **John Hennen, History Professor, Morehead State University.** John Hennen has published several scholarly, historical pieces that deal with Appalachian regional history. **Betsy Taylor, Research Professor in Anthropology, University of Kentucky.** Betsy Taylor is the Research Director at the Center for Appalachian Studies at the University of Kentucky. **Robert Gipe, Archive Program Director, Southeast Community College.** Robert Gipe works with the Appalachian Center at Southeast Community College. Many ASA members will recognize Gipe as the designer of the Mountain Hero(ine)s t-shirts available at ASA conferences. **Lori Briscoe, Administrator, Berea College.** Lori Briscoe is the Associate Director of the Appalachian Center of Berea College.



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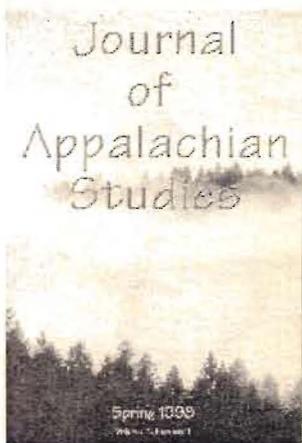
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(www.ferrum.edu/thanlon/applit.htm)

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The two runners up were:
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