

**Institutional History Subcommittee**  
**Tuesday, April 29th, 2014, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**2nd Floor Conference Room (2CR), #2111**  
**DH Hill Library**

**Present** – Eli Brown, Craig Friend, George Hodge, Todd Kosmerick, Bill Krueger, Paul Williams, & Kristen Schaffer

**Staff** – Greg Raschke, Associate Director for Collections and Scholarly Communication & Chris Tonelli, Special Assistant to the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries

### **Departmental Histories**

- Greg Raschke announced the Institutional History fellow, Virginia Ferris. She has studied at UNC-CH and Columbia and has worked at the Tenement Museum in NYC and will be starting in August.
- Craig Friend noted that he would be available for discussion about the Public History program. Eli Brown will email him to coordinate.
- Brown and Raschke introduced the Genetic Engineering in Society cluster as a potential testing ground for departmental histories. Ferris could potentially work with Matthew Booker to do the history. The cluster has its own videographer. Fred Gould would be the contact for that group.
- Paul Williams proposed a history of the Poole College of Management.
- Craig Friend suggested that instead of writing bureaucratic histories, the narrative histories should show evolution of departments/programs.
- Bill Krueger mentioned the dairy museum opportunity.
- Craig Friend suggested that he could work administrative histories into a course based around NC State history. This could not happen until the fall 2015 semester. He also mentioned that there are many sophomore and senior seminars which could possibly use these histories as topics. He offered to contact faculty via e mail about this.

Discussion ensued about oral/video history projects and the needs to develop a list of interviewees. Advice from faculty experienced in oral history was also discussed, Greg Raschke will reach out to Blair Kelley to promote the program.

### **Student Leadership Initiative Exhibit**

Kosmerick discussed the student leadership exhibit, which is slated for November, 2014 and will feature Student Body Presidents and other important student leaders from the 1930s to the

present. Some of the issues that will be highlighted are: the naming of the university, political campaigning, mentors, gender, race, etc. There will be thematic access to the exhibit/collection, a listen station, and items to create visual impact.

### **Future IHS Initiatives**

- Friend suggests diversifying the committee
- Kristen Schaffer recommends adding her landscape architecture colleague that had done work in southeast Raleigh.
- George Hodge suggested the committee contact the Graduate School before their move results in important documents being shredded. Williams and Raschke discussed the possibility of setting up a mechanism by which the committee would be alerted to all office moves. It was suggested to contact the Office of the University Architect for information about scheduled moves of departments.
- Schaffer suggests approaching Dean's Council with a message that they could bring back to their units about transferring documents to the University Archives.
- Hodge would like to step down as Chair. Friend was unanimously chosen as his replacement.
- Williams thinks a financial history would be interesting. Brown said that these materials are part of the standard university archives.
- Shaffer suggests contacting local faculty governance for histories. For example, Design had to refer to the Deans' commencement speeches to recall college governance issues/people.
- Friend suggested approaching the Lebanese center and the Athletics Department for oral histories.

It was raised that we need to contact people involved in establishing new centers.

### **Tour of highlights from the University Archives in the Special Collections Research Center**