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STALIN AND MYTHS OF WWII

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Introduction by Dru Riley Evarts



Professor Steven M. Miner came to Ohio University in September 1986. Since joining the Department of History, he has served as the graduate chair, the chair of the department, and for the past eight years as the director of Ohio University's Contemporary History Institute. He has also been the organizer and host of the annual Baker Peace Conference for many years.

Professor Miner earned a BA in history at King's College, London University, in 1980, an MA in Russian and Soviet history at Rice University in 1983, and a PhD in Russian and Soviet history at Indiana University in 1987. He is the author of two books, *Between Churchill and Stalin: The USSR, Great Britain, and the Origins of the Grand Alliance*, which was awarded the American Historical Association's George Louis Beer Prize for the best book in European History for 1992; and *Stalin's Holy War: Religion, Nationalism, and Alliance Politics, 1941-1945*. He has just completed another book, *The Furies Unleashed: The Soviet Peoples at War, 1941-1945*, to be published next year in the United States by Simon and Schuster and in Great Britain by Bloomsbury. The first comprehensive history of the USSR during the Second World War, it is based on newly available Soviet archival records.

His talk will focus on new information gleaned from Soviet archives that change our understanding of the Second World War.

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**EMERITI
LUNCHEON**
Thursday
October 15, 2015
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



BALLROOM

RESERVATIONS must be made to attend the luncheon. If you are not on the "ALWAYS" list of regular attendees, you **MUST** call or email Ruth Nostrant at 593-5194 or nostrant@ohio.edu by **Friday, October 09**. You may pay by cash or by check made payable to OU Emeriti.

You can add your name(s) to the Regular Attendees List and not have to call each month unless you cannot attend.

MENU

\$15.00
Garden Salad
Pasta Salad
Potato Salad
Grilled Tilapia w/Pineapple-Mango Salsa
Sliced Pork Loin w/Sesame-Ginger Glaze
California Blend Vegetables
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts & Fresh Cut Fruit

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Alan Boyd

At the induction luncheon and ceremony on September 17, I asked the Emeriti inductees to consider that the achievement of emeritus/a status is not only marking the end of their careers, but also is beginning an opportunity to become an active member of our association and a different kind of supporter of Ohio University.



I have been thinking about how many events in our culture are both endings and beginnings. Commencement immediately comes to mind. It is celebrated as a beginning of new life choices for the graduates; but, that event is also referred to as a graduation ceremony, which marks the ending of college careers. When we sell our houses, the transaction is often referred to as a closing, but, in many cases, the sale of the house is followed by the purchase or building of a new one, a beginning of a new household. A divorce, which is usually an unhappy ending of a marriage, is often followed by the beginning of a new relationship. Some religious people believe that the most important event of our lives, death, is actually the beginning of a new life in another order of existence — an ending and a beginning at the same time.

So, as our lives unfold, let us explore what beginning may be related to an ending. Maybe, like achieving emeritus/a status, it may portend a new stage. *Alan*

Emeriti Volunteer Services

A big “thank you” to all the emeriti who volunteered for longer shifts for Quilt National at the Dairy Barn Arts Center. That show ended after Labor Day and the new show, *Contemporary Ceramics*, opened September 18. Emeriti volunteers began their coverage of the new show on Tuesday, September 22. *Contemporary Ceramics* will continue until November 22 and will return to the regular shifts starting at 12:00 noon. Volunteers for the Kennedy Museum of Art will continue to provide coverage at the front desk in two-hour shifts every Friday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As the coordinators, Phyllis Field Baxter and I thank all of you for your willingness to help and hope you enjoy the opportunity to see the displayed art in both venues. *Sue Foster & Phyllis Baxter*

Notes on June’s Luncheon Presentation by President McDavis “AN UPDATE ON OHIO UNIVERSITY”

In sum the state of Ohio University is good. Recent building and renovation projects include four new residence halls (opened in August), renovating McCracken Hall, the opening of the new Osteopathic Medical campus in Dublin, and the new program in Cleveland in cooperation with the Cleveland Clinic.

Accolades received during the past year include a large number of Fulbright Scholars (among the top 25 of all U.S. universities), having one of the top honors tutorial programs in the U.S., the new Center for Entrepreneurship, our sports administration program among the top two in the world, and the Marching 110 being recognized as the top marching band in the U.S.

We have our largest entering freshman class, more than 4,400, with ever higher GPAs and ACT scores. We have become selective in our admissions, with more than 20,000 applying. And, our *The Promise Lives* campaign has exceeded its \$450 million goal, raising over \$500 million. *Ed Baum*

NEW EMERITI WHO WOULD LIKE A PLASTIC (PERMANENT) NAME BADGE SHOULD BRING \$5 TO THE NEXT MEETING. RUTH NOSTRANT WOULD LIKE TO ORDER ALL THE BADGES AT THE SAME TIME.

ITEMS OF NOTE TO EMERITI

OCHER Recap

Alan Boyd and Rich Vedder attended the quarterly meeting of the Ohio Council for Higher Education Retirees in Columbus on September 15. The State Teacher Retirement System had about a 5.5 percent return on its investments in the fiscal year ending June 30, above the performance of retirement systems nationally but below the assumed long-term rate of return of 7.75 percent. Under the assumed scenario (STRS earns 7.75 percent annually on investments), the system slowly moves toward fully funding its liabilities (our pensions) –from roughly 70 percent funding (now) to about 80 percent in another decade or so. If returns remain below 7.75 percent for a sustained period, however, our system could become even less funded than at the present. Several retirement systems around the country are reducing their assumed earnings; one group of actuarial gurus has recommended assuming 6.4 percent. Movements in that direction could negatively impact us over the next few years, for example in foregone cost-of-living increases. There is no immediate threat, however, and our system is actually better off than many others. PERS, however, is in much better shape than STRS.

One thing that is helping fund our current pensions is that current workers on a defined contribution plan (most of the younger folks) are, in effect, paying a tax to help restore the STRS pension system to full funding. That tax is 4.5 percent of the employer contribution to STRS. The STRS Board has tried to increase that, but the Legislature has said, very firmly, “no.” Indeed, legislators have threatened to reduce it although no change appears imminent.

Regarding health insurance, the situation is distinctly less optimistic. Until recently, the STRS has substantially subsidized the health care provision out of revenues. That has now stopped, and the only funds available are the several billion dollars in the health care fund, which will be depleted in a very few years. The Board is considering options, none of them pleasant for us. It appears, however, they will be taking a year or so to ponder this issue, and that for the coming year changes will be relatively minor (varying with alternative plans available to members). PERS is moving its members towards a system which incorporates Health Care Savings Accounts, a tax-sheltered system giving members some flexibility over the use of funds relating to their health care.

Rich Vedder

A Note on Our Finances

We have reached that time when our Ohio University Foundation and Alumni Association accounts generate sufficient income for our ordinary operating costs. After this year we will no longer ask for members to become “lifetime” members. We will, however, continue to ask for donations for both our endowment and special expenses. Thank you to all our life-time members whose contributions have been the base for our endowment.

Ed Baum

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. E. Dale Mattmiller, (DOC) 89, of Gaylord, passed away on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, at Aspen Ridge Retirement Village surrounded by family. Dale attended Indiana University, The University of Notre Dame, and the Indiana University School of Medicine. He served in World War II and also 18 months aboard the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea during the Korean Conflict.



In 1963, Dale left private practice and joined Ohio University as an Associate Physician at Hudson Health Center. He was later named the Director of Hudson and Unified Health Service; served as the Ohio University Athletic Team Physician; and, from 1964-1986, taught Sports Medicine in the department of HPER.

Dale took early retirement in 1982 moved to full retirement in 1986 when he and his wife, Betty, moved to Gaylord, Michigan, where they had enjoyed many vacations through the years. Betty preceded him in death, as did a daughter, Vicky, and grandson. Dale is survived by two daughters, Debby and Cindy, a son, Marc, and their families.

Emeriti Park – Plan to Visit and Witness the Improvements

Emeriti Park has witnessed several improvements this year, particularly this summer: lighting of the entire park in March, refurbishing of fountains, installation of improved drainage and, most recently, a new sidewalk on the western edge along Oxbow Trail.

Emeriti Park volunteers have met for an hour each Wednesday morning, weather permitting, under the guidance of landscape coordinator, Susan Calhoun. Their tasks are seasonal, but include planting new flowers, weeding, and removing dead vegetation. Emeriti regulars provide approximately 25% of the manpower that goes into park upkeep. On average, there are seven emeriti volunteers and three to five summer student employees present each Wednesday. Consider attending NEXT YEAR for an hour, 9-10 a.m. each Wednesday, to enhance what our volunteers can accomplish.

Future park improvements include replanting of crab apple trees and installation of the Carlson Emeriti Kiosk. The latter, when completed, will provide information on park history, events, park use policy, names and university affiliation of all emeriti, past and present, and additional memorials. Contribution can be directed to the Office of Annual Giving, Ohio University. On your check designate it to be placed in the “Emeriti Park Spending Account” for use with the “Carlson Emeriti Park Memorial”.

Dick Dean

Preview: The November Lunch Speaker

Jane Forrest Redfern, executive director, The Dairy Barn Arts Center.

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Photos from the September New Emeriti Induction Luncheon



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Raymie McKerrow



Kathy Rose-Grippa



Joe Slade



Thomas Franz



Norma Humphries



Brian Shapiro



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