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Students at the Nabb Research Center

The Nabb Research Center has been pleased to welcome several classes of Salisbury University students for the spring 2008 semester. History Proseminar classes, led by Dr. Creston Long and Dr. Melanie Perreault, continue to be held in the Center's classroom and Reading Room. Dr. Ray Thompson, professor of history and interim director of the Nabb Research Center, also continues to hold a graduate class in methods of historical research at the Center. These classes are taught in conjunction

with the resources available in our collections and provide students with valuable hands-on experience in learning the craft of the historian.

We also have been happy to welcome the students of history faculty members Peggy Genvert and Dr. Jeanne Whitney. Genvert, who also serves as vice chair of the Nabb Research Center Board of Directors, brought her American History class to the Center to work with some of our unique historical records. Whitney's Material Culture and American History classes also visited, working with our microfilm and material culture collections.

In the tradition of offering resources and support for Salisbury University's history faculty and students, the Nabb Research Center is working to cultivate stronger relationships with faculty and students from other academic departments. As part of that initiative, we were delighted to introduce a class of Honors students to the Center in February. This class, *People and the Environment in the Mid-Atlantic*, is part of the Issues in Natural Sciences series and is taught by Dr. Alexis Aguilar of Salisbury University's Geography and Geosciences Department. Students were given a tour of the Center's services and resources, and several students will be using materials in our collection for their term projects.

It is exciting to see new students become engaged in the rich history and culture of Delmarva, and we hope that they will continue their relationship with the Nabb Research Center beyond the end of the semester. ☺



Dr. Aguilar's People and the Environment in the Mid-Atlantic class

New Exhibit: "Shifting Sands, Changing Tides: The Story of Assateague Village, VA"

The exhibit highlights the story of Assateague Village, VA, a small fishing community on the southern tip of Assateague Island. The village bloomed in the late 19th century and was inhabited until the late 1920s. The display highlights how technology in conjunction with natural resources gave birth to and destroyed a small community on the Eastern Shore. The exhibit was designed by Matthew Heim, a Salisbury University graduate student currently researching the history of Assateague Village for his master's thesis. Heim, a native of the Eastern Shore, explained that: "The story of Assateague Village offers a valuable example in microcosm of how the stability of cultures and societies are intrinsically tied to the natural resources that support them." He further explained that both the exhibit and his research "are designed to demonstrate that the interrelation between our environment and our communities, the loss of our natural resources or changes to our environment clearly have great impact on many social structures." ☺



Assateague Village schoolhouse from the Wroten Collection

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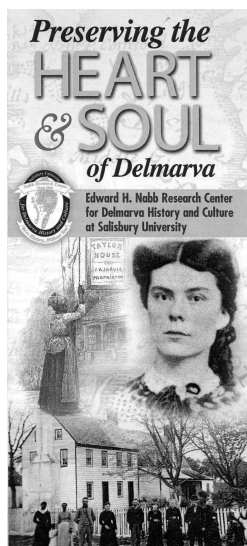
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Have You Seen ...?

The Nabb Research Center has an informative and attractive new brochure. It was designed by Ana Maldonado and the Salisbury University Publications Office in cooperation with the Nabb Research Center's Iris Powell. Funding for the brochure was provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Look for the new brochure in libraries, museums, historical societies and other community information centers around Delmarva—or stop by the Center to pick up one. ☺



Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center:

Washburn Distinguished Lecture: April 15, 2008

On Tuesday, April 15, the Nabb Research Center welcomes Dr. Richard J. Blackett of Vanderbilt University to deliver this year's Washburn Distinguished Lecture in American History Series. Blackett is a historian of the abolitionist movement in the U.S. and the author of several African-American history books. The lecture, "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery, 1850-1860" will be held in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center on the main campus of Salisbury University at 7 p.m. and is open and free to the public. For information, call 410-543-6312.

Save the Date: May 3, 2008

Mark your calendars for the Heritage Garden Party at Grapeland, Exmore, VA, on Saturday, May 3, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. For information, call 410-543-6312.



Grapeland, Exmore, VA

Hear Ye! Reminder!

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