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UT's Popular Workshop for History Teachers Returns

KNOXVILLE—Teachers are invited to learn and share ideas about how to improve teaching history at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's 33rd Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The workshop, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Tennessee Historical Society, will offer lectures on historical topics that are of special interest to teachers.

After a four-year hiatus for the workshop due to the economic downturn, UT's History Department is glad to see its revival.

"For more than three decades now, this social studies workshop has been connecting Tennessee history teachers with UT's outstanding history faculty," said Ernest Freeberg, head of UT's History Department. "It helps these teachers stay in touch with the latest trends in historical research and allows high school and university teachers to share ideas about how to help our students better understand the past."

The workshop includes four sessions by UT history professors and a luncheon with keynote speaker Patrick Allitt, Cahoon Family Professor of American History at Emory University. Allitt will discuss the history of environmental reforms in his lecture "The Environmental Puzzle." In addition to teaching at Emory, Allitt is a regular contributor to the Teaching Company's recorded lectures.

UT history faculty who will be speaking include

- Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, Lindsay Young Professor of History and director of the Center for the Study of War and Society, presenting "Three Spies in East Tennessee: Teaching History Through Espionage"
- Tore Olsson, assistant professor, presenting "Teaching American and World History Through Food"
- Monica Black, professor, presenting "Globalizing History: Teaching the 20th Century through Germany's Experience"
- Lynn Sacco, associate professor, presenting "Hollywood Movies as Historical Sources: Teaching Visual Literacy"

Registration for the workshop is \$20.

This workshop is one of many events created through an ongoing partnership between UT's Department of History and the East Tennessee Historical Society that provide support for area history teachers.

The East Tennessee Historical Society is located at 601 S. Gay Street in downtown Knoxville. To register or to get more information, contact Mary Beckley at mcopela8@utk.edu.