



Those who make the Simms *Initiatives*

Today could not have happened without the help of numerous people beyond the Simms Initiatives team, listed below: Among them are Christine Nicole-Morris, Beki Gettys, Ann Troyer, Kathy Dowell, and Margaret Lamb. In addition, many people have aided the Initiatives by responding to queries, making sure the facilities were in order, placing interlibrary loan requests, fulfilling supply orders, making reservations for meetings, retrieving books, facilitating personnel issues, ensuring security, answering phones, or arranging events and publicity, as well as giving priority to cataloging of Simmsiana and other tasks essential for the Initiatives' success. Working in the background, those people always make possible a project such as this. Thanks to them, those of us in the Initiatives could make the progress that today's program celebrates and demonstrates.

Below we list those involved in the project. They are identified by the several areas either where they have worked for or in which they have contributed to the Initiatives. Each is listed with a brief statement of his or her role and accomplishments. (Some individuals are listed more than once, having fulfilled more than one role.) As one can see, the Initiatives are the beneficiary of an enormous amount of talent, good will, and commitment, as well as dollars. That does not mean, however, that there were not occasions when folks would have been delighted to have us benefit more than we did. So, when thanking people for their splendid work, we do not mean that they bear sole responsibility for what were often decisions resulting from the negotiation of complex and even competing agendas, priorities, and professional standards.

The list below presents units or activities and people in the order in which they became involved in the project. Although many others made the Initiatives possible, these are the people who carried forward the work of the Initiatives. The colleagues who volunteered time and expertise are listed after those who were employed by the Initiatives or had significant work time dedicated to Initiatives' work.

Funders

In addition to the space, computer and telephonic equipment, administrative support, and other overhead provided by the Thomas Cooper Library, investment in the project's five years includes almost \$1.1 million, primarily from the Watson-Brown Foundation and the University Libraries, together with important contributions by the University South Caroliniana Society and the Simms Society, as well as the Oliphant and Furman families through the Education Foundation on behalf of the South Caroliniana's Visiting Simms Research Professorship.

Staff

Project Administration

The funding having been committed in 2009, with revisions to the original agreement in 2010, the University Libraries organized administrative support under Dean Tom McNally. Mary Horton, Cherrie Brown, Maggie Bergmans, and Ann Dorr in Thomas Cooper Library worked with John Heiting and Ann Troyer, under Allen Stokes' direction at the South Caroliniana, to deal with accounting, financial reporting, and hiring and paying staff. David Moltke-Hansen and Todd Hagstette, with Allen Stokes, are providing staff supervision and periodic progress reports.

Project Leadership/Coordination Team

South Caroliniana Library Director Allen Stokes serves as project Principal Investigator, and David Moltke-Hansen reports to him, as Todd Hagstette is reporting to David until June next year, when Todd will take over leadership of the Initiatives under the Director of the South Caroliniana.

South Caroliniana Library

In addition to Allen Stokes, several Library staff are facilitating the project's digitization work:

- Robin Kopp and Lorrey McClure have helped select the copies for digitization.
- Craig Keeney has done the critical name authority work for the works being digitized.

Bibliographic Consultants

With support of the South Caroliniana Library, the Watson-Brown Foundation, and the Visiting Simms Research Professorship, Jim West, Sparks Professor of English at Pennsylvania State University, and Jim Kibler, Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Georgia, have consulted on the many bibliographic issues that the Simms Initiatives have been addressing. Informally, the Hollings Library's own Patrick Scott has added his wise counsel at numerous, strategic points.

Graduate Assistants

Graduate assistants have made critical contributions in their turn. Working with David Moltke-Hansen, two developed the initial data structure and map and, joined by Elizabeth Oswald from History, input the metadata and head notes for the texts included in the project's first seven months: Ehren Foley in History and Todd Hagstette in English. Working with Allen Stokes, three other History graduate students—David Dangerfield, Sarah Swinney and Rochelle Outlaw—reboxed and organized the papers of Simms's granddaughter, Mary C. Simms Oliphant, and Simms scholar James B. Meriwether, whose Simms-related materials are valuable to the research of the Initiatives staff.

Digital Collections

After the graduate students got underway in June, Digital Collections hired Bella Wenum in July 2010 to serve as project digitizer. She has worked with great efficiency with Collections head Kate Boyd and with first Patricia Sasser and then Ashley Knox, Digital Collections Project Managers. Staff in the unit also brought up a new version of the Content Digital Management system with the help of Tony Branch from the Systems Office and with design help from Systems Designer Elizabeth Chiaverini.

Systems Office

Former Systems Office head Alma Creighton committed the program support of Martin Dessart and web design support of Jason Steelman in August 2010. These two did critical back-end and presentation work while the planning task force was considering its recommendations, and Jason continued for much of the next year as well. The task force recommendations made, Craig Spurrier signed on as project programmer, and it is his good work that underlies the site we see. The ways we see the site are the result of the work of Elizabeth Chiaverini, who started with the project upon graduation in May 2011. Facilitating their work and bringing other support to bear as necessary, Interim Head Randy Heard has played a key role.

Colleagues

University of South Carolina Press

Former University of South Carolina press Director Curtis Clark suggested the possibility of Print on Demand issues, with expanded front and back matter, to come out of the digital edition. Acting Director Jonathan Haupt has continued the Press's commitment and enthusiasm not only for the PODs, but also for the several volumes that the Senior History Acquisitions Editor Alex Moore has worked with Initiatives staff to develop.

Works in Press

One of the first of these volumes is an expanded version of volume VI of Simms's *Letters*, for which Alex edited nearly seventy new documents. The other volume in press is *William Gilmore Simms's Unfinished Civil War: Consequences for a Southern Man of Letters*. Its table of contents and contributors are as follows:

Introduction, *David S. Shields, University of South Carolina*

War, Honor, and Citizenship

When History Failed: William Gilmore Simms's Artistic Negotiation of the Civil War's Consequences *David Moltke-Hansen, University of South Carolina*

"Imagining the Swamp Fox: William Gilmore Simms and the National Memory of Francis Marion," *Steven D. Smith, University of South Carolina*

"Private vs. Public Honor in Wartime South Carolina: William Gilmore Simms in Lecture, Letter, and History," *Todd Hagstette, University of South Carolina*

"The Demands of Citizenship in the Confederate Republic: Simms, Confederate Nationalism, and the Civil War," *Jeffery J. Rogers, Gordon College*

The War's Aftermath

"Isaac Nimmons and the Burning of Woodlands: Power, Paternalism, and the Performance of Manhood in William Gilmore Simms's Civil War South," *Ehren Foley, University of South Carolina*

"Delusion's Carnival of Death: A Different War Poetry from the South," *Johanna Shields, Emerita, University of Alabama-Huntsville*

"Simms, the Civil War, and the Poetry of Trauma," *Matthew C. Brennan, Indiana State University*

"Simms's Last Poems and the 'Artifice of Eternity,'" *James E. Kibler, Emeritus, University of Georgia*

"Reading Regionalism Across the War: Simms and the Literary Imagination of Post-Bellum Literary Magazines," *Keri Holt, Utah State University*

The Late Fiction and Last Words

“An Unfinished Reconstruction: Simms’s “The Brothers of the Coast,”” *Nicholas G. Meriwether, University of California-Santa Cruz*

“How William Gilmore Simms Had His Cake and Ate It Too: The Indirect Polemic in ‘Sharp Snaffles,’” *Kevin Collins, Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

“The Angel and the Animal,” *Sara Georgini, Boston University*

“A Sense of Things to Come: Redefining Gender and Promoting the Lost Cause in *The Sense of the Beautiful*,” *John D. Miller, Longwood University*

Planned Volumes of Selected Simms Reviews, Editorials, Unpublished Fiction, and Orations

Pirates and Devils: William Gilmore Simms’s Unfinished, Postbellum Novels, Edited by Nicholas G. Meriwether and David Newton (for submission May 2012)

Literature and Civilization: Selected Reviews of William Gilmore Simms, Edited by James E. Kibler and David Moltke-Hansen (for submission May 2012)

“*The Proper Pursuit of the Journalist*”: *Newspaper Editorials of William Gilmore Simms*, Edited by Jeffery J. Rogers (for submission May 2013)

“*Honorable and Brilliant Labors*”: *Selected Orations of William Gilmore Simms*, Edited by John Miller (for submission May 2014)

Simms Society Executive Council

Under the direction of the Executive Council, the Society is vigorously participating in the Simms Initiatives.

Members serving in 2008-10 or 2010-12 are as follows, in alphabetical order:

- Brennan, Matthew, Professor of English, Indiana State University
- Busick, Sean, Associate Professor of History, Athens State University
- Collins, Kevin, Associate Professor of English, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Hagstette, Todd, Simms Curator, University of South Carolina
- Kibler, James E., Emeritus Professor of English, University of Georgia
- Meriwether, Nicholas G., Grateful Dead Archivist, University of California-Stana Cruz
- Rogers, Jeffery J., Associate Professor of History, Gordon College

Planning Task Force Members

In addition to many of the Simms project staff and associates, listed above, the following, listed in alphabetical order, served on the Simms Initiatives planning task force in the fall of 2010:

- **Blanchard, Laura**, Executive Director, Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries
- **Brennan, Matthew**, Professor of English, Indiana State University
- **Brinkmeyer, Robert**, Professor of English and Southern Studies, University of South Carolina
- **Buell, Duncan A.**, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, University of South Carolina
- **Burton, Vernon**, Professor of History & Associate Director, Cyber Institute, Clemson University
- **Busick, Sean**, Associate Professor of History, Athens State University
- **Clark, Curtis**, Director, University of South Carolina Press
- **Collins, Kevin**, Assistant Professor of Language and Literature, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
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- **Ellis, Bob**, Assistant Director, Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina
- **Guiliano, Jennifer**, Associate Director, Center for Digital Humanities, University of South Carolina
- **Jackson, Leon**, Associate Professor of English, University of South Carolina
- **Lofaro, Michael**, Professor of English, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- **Meriwether, Nicholas**, Archivist, University of California at Santa Cruz
- **Moore, Alexander**, Acquisitions Editor, University of South Carolina Press
- **Newton, David**, Professor of English, University of West Georgia
- **Rogers, Jeffrey**, Associate Professor of History, Gordon College
- **Scott, Patrick**, Emeritus Professor of English and Curator of Rare Books, University of South Carolina
- **Shields, David**, McClintock Professor of Southern Letters, University of South Carolina
- **White, John W.**, Director of the Lowcountry Digital Library & Director of the Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World