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Roots of America: Part 3

- *Roots of Hate Crimes in America* – focusing on ethnic and religious persecution. Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m.*
- *Pollard Auditorium, ORAU, 210 Badger Avenue, Oak Ridge*
- Speaker: Anthony (Andy) Crabtree, FBI Special Agent.
- Followed by Periodic Tables small group discussions and light meal (see <https://www.oakridgeperiodictables.com/about>)

**Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a reception for the speakers. Light food will be served. Presentations begin at 5:30 p.m.*

The Implementation of *Roots of America* is based on the following premise:

The “us vs. them” mentality is pervasive in many areas. And yet, as members of the human race, we are all more alike than we are different. Even so, there **are** differences among us – differences in culture, language, beliefs, and values. If we can understand, respect, and appreciate these differences, we can bridge the gap between “us and them.” **Roots of America** is designed to build bridges.

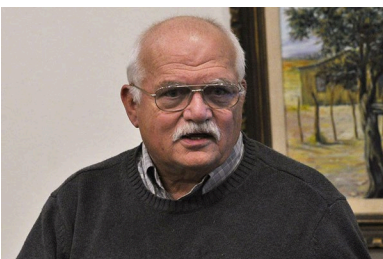
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ORICL's New History Teacher

I wish to thank the ORICL program for the opportunity to share my passion for teaching and thank each person who attends my classes on *Queen Victoria's England* for the encouragement they give me. In retirement, I miss the classroom along with my colleagues. I miss the exchange of thoughts and ideas with those who love to learn.

The classroom, its dynamics, its challenges has brought me great joy. I relished its sharing opportunities throughout my four-decade-long career as a professor of history first at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee (1973-84) and then Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas (1984-2013). Along the way, I also taught at The Johns Hopkins University / Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies (1993-94) in the People's Republic of China and have conducted various courses at ACU's Center in Oxford, England.

Fifty years ago, I arrived in Knoxville to study at the University of Tennessee, earning the MA (1972) and Ph.D. in History (1979). Bonnie was with me then. We were newly married and would raise three children and be gifted with six grandchildren and (to date) three great-grandchildren. Bonnie passed in 2016, a cancer victim. Five years later I became reacquainted with Gunilda Jacobs, a social science major at our *alma mater* Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas (both of us class of '70). This led to friendship and blossomed into our marriage, August 2022. We now live in Knoxville where, for us, a new adventure has begun.



Submitted by Fred A. Bailey

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For more information, please go to the following website and click on "Roots of America Lecture Series – Lecture Series Web- site":

<https://www.roanestate.edu/?8465-ORICL-Oak-Ridge-Institute-for-Continued-Learning>

President's Report

The winter term has presented a varied format of excellent courses. I would like to thank Becky Rushton, our curriculum chair, the curriculum committee, and most importantly, our volunteer instructors. Preparations for the summer term are underway.

The Board of Directors chose Pat Bryan to lead the finance committee and under his guidance, the ORICL endowment has not lost ground in the stock market because we were in the process of transferring funds to a new entity when losses started occurring. The current membership for ORICL is 365. We hope to have new members join so that the endowment will no longer have to subsidize membership fees.

The ORICL Board of Directors is excited to be working with the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club to bring the *Roots of America Lecture Series* to the Oak Ridge community. Ruby Miller and Jim Palmer have accomplished a great deal along with their team of volunteers. ORICL and the Breakfast Rotary Club hope this series will be ongoing in the future.

Submitted by Chuck Darling, President

Roots of America: Part 4

Roots of Immigration – panel discussion of current Latino immigration issues locally and nationally. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m., *Pollard Auditorium, ORAU, 210 Badger Avenue, Oak Ridge

Panel moderated by Madeline Rogero, former Mayor of Knoxville

ORICL CALENDAR

April 18, 2023	Registration for summer term opens
May 29, 2023	Holiday, RSCC and ORICL closed
June 1, 2023	Deadline for all class submissions
June 5, 2023	Summer classes begin
July 4, 2023	Holiday, RSCC and ORICL closed
July 18, 2023	Fall catalogs mailed
July 28, 2023	Summer classes end
Sept. 4, 2023	Holiday, RSCC and ORICL closed
Sept. 11, 2023	Fall classes begin
Oct. 5, 2023	Deadline for winter/spring class submissions

Note: RSCC and ORICL will be closed every Friday beginning May 12 through June and through the month of July.