

Stockton's South Jersey Culture & History Center Publishes 'SoJourn,' New Journal Devoted to Region's History, Culture and Geography

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University's South Jersey Culture & History Center has just published its first issue of "SoJourn," with eight essays by local historians about topics including the Smithville bicycle railway in Burlington County, which was intended to revolutionize personal travel; private currency (shinplasters) issued to workers in South Jersey glass works and Mary Tillotson, the 19th-century champion of women's dress reform.

It even offers an answer to the enduring question, "Is there such a thing as Central Jersey?"

"The mission of the South Jersey Culture & History Center is to engage both Stockton students and local community members in their own backyards," said Tom Kinsella, professor of British literature and director of the center at Stockton.

"'SoJourn' joins our ongoing offerings of exhibitions, publications, and public programming — all developed by or with Stockton students — and highlights the rich cultural heritage of New Jersey's eight southernmost counties," he noted.

Eleven Literature students and one Communications major in the Stockton Editing Internship copy edited, set type, and designed the layout of this inaugural issue, with plans for two editions per year. The students are: William Bassett, Kristina Boyer, Taylor Carmen, Kyle Ewers, Jenna Geisinger, Rebecca Hund, Aurora Rose Landman, Gregory Melo, Olivia Oravets, Ashley Robertson, Najasia Thomas and Gabrielle Venezia.

Authors include retired Stockton professors Kenneth Tompkins and Claude Epstein. Editing was done by Paul W. Schopp, assistant director of the center, and Director Kinsella. **-more-**

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“SoJourn” is available for \$7.95 at the Stockton Campus Center Bookstore, Second Time Books in Mount Laurel, the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center gift shop, the Visitors Center at Smithville, which is part of the Burlington County park system, and on Amazon. It will be available in other bookstores and establishments soon, Kinsella said. All proceeds go to the South Jersey Culture & History Center publication fund.

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