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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER
RESOLUTION 2-2015**

(Drafted by City Manager)

Introduced by: Council member Jesse Christopherson

A Resolution to appoint Steve Rogers to the Mount Rainier Tree Commission

WHEREAS, Mount Rainier is a designated Tree City and the urban forest is of great importance to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12 B of the Mount Rainier *Code of Ordinances* establishes a Tree Commission to regulate planting, maintenance and removal of street and park trees; and

WHEREAS, Steve Rogers has expressed interest in serving on the commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Mount Rainier, Maryland, that Steve Rogers of 3201 Taylor Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland is hereby appointed to the Tree Commission for a two-year term ending January 7, 2017.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2015.

Attest:

Jeannelle B. Wallace
Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Manager

Mahinda Miles
Mahinda Miles, Mayor

Jesse Christopherson
Jesse Christopherson, Council Member

Brent Bolin
Brent Bolin, Council Member
Bryan K. Knedler
Bryan K. Knedler, Council Member

Ivy R. Thompson
Ivy R. Thompson, Council Member

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Maryland, 1984
German Studies
[Minors in Philology and Foreign Language Education]
- M.A. University of Arizona, 1975
German Language and Literature
- B.A. Florida Southern College, 1973
German and English
[junior year at the University of Freiburg and the Pädagogische Hochschule, in
Freiburg, Germany, 1971-1972]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Historian/ Mount Rainier, MD / New Gloucester, ME
Research Consultant 2010-Present

Senior Historian/ U.S. Department of Justice
Special Projects Criminal Division
Office of Special Investigations
[war crimes unit]
Washington, DC
1996-2010 (GS-140-14)
(Retired in March 2010 after almost 32 years of service)

Senior Historian/ U.S. Department of Justice
Investigative Criminal Division
Research Office of Special Investigations
Washington, DC
1990-1996
Acting Chief of Investigative Research
March 1991-June 1991

Senior Historian	U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division Office of Special Investigations Washington, DC 1989-1990
Historian	U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division Office of Special Investigations Washington, DC 1979-1989
Research Analyst/ Historian	Immigration and Naturalization Service Special Litigation Unit [war crimes unit] Washington, DC 1978-1979
German Instructor	Prince George's Community College Largo, MD [Courses in German language and culture] 1980-1982
German Instructor	University of Maryland College Park, MD [Courses in introductory-advanced German language, literature and culture, scientific German, German literature in translation] 1976-1979
German Instructor	University College [Adult Extension Program] University of Maryland College Park, MD [Courses in introductory German language] 1977-1979
German Instructor	University of Arizona Tucson, AZ [Courses in introductory German language] 1974-1976

Member 1991-1992
Citizen Advisory Committee
Historic Sites and Districts Plan Amendment
Prince George's County, MD
1989-1992

State Level

Member Planning & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
Maryland Municipal League
1988-1989

Member Records Management Committee
Maryland Municipal League
1988-1989

Member Legislative Committee, 1989 General Assembly
Maryland Municipal League
1988-1989

PUBLICATIONS

"The Unconscious Geometry of Human Space," in Günther Pfister, ed. *Language Acquisition Through Cultural Awareness*. Bethesda, MD: Cumberland Press, 1978, pp. 90-98.

Change Upon the Mesa: Poems. Rainfeather Press, 1978.

Old Bones: Poems. Rainfeather Press, 1978.

White Autumn Reunion: Poems, Rainfeather Press, 1980.

"Oasis in the Desert," in *Carousel*, June 1986.

[Essay on the University of Arizona Poetry Center and the literary community in Tucson].

"Where Only Horses Are Happy: Thomas Wolfe Among the Germans," in *Proceeding of the 12th Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society* (1991).

"Leslie Baird and Thomas Wolfe: Chance Encounters in Paris and Hollywood," in *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, Fall 1994.

"'A Great Education Temple:' The Frank Lloyd Wright Campus at Florida Southern College," in *The Archi*, Winter 1995.

"The Postwar German Vogue of Thomas Wolfe," in *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, Fall 1995.

"From Nüremburg to OSI: The Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals," in *The Holocaust: Introductory Essays*. David Scrase and Wolfgang Mieder, ed. Burlington, VT: The Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont, 1996.

"Ocean Point Rhapsody," in *Down East Magazine*, August 1996.

"She Looked Like One of the Valkyries: Who Was Thomas Wolfe's German Girlfriend," in *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, Spring 1997.

(Finalist for the 1997 Zelda Gitlin Prize)

"A Letter from Comrade Baird," in *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, Spring 1998.

"Adolf Eichmann," Rudolf Höss," Ernst Kaltenbrunner," "Nuremberg Trials, 1945-1946," and "Fritz Todt," in Dieter K. Buse and Jürgen C. Doerr, eds. *Modern Germany: An Encyclopedia of History, People, and Culture, 1871-1990*. Two Volumes. (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1998).

"Konrad Adenauer," "Oskar Angelus," "Ion Antonescu." "Baltic States," "Fokke Bernadotte," "Black Reichswehr," "Han Brüning," "Houston Chamberlain," "Comintern," "Kurt Daluege," "Oskars Dankers," "Adolf Dolfüss," "Adolf Eichmann," "Theodore Eicke," "Finnish Army," "Ferdinand Franco," "Freikorps," "Guernica," "Reinhard Heydrich," "Father Hlinka," "Erich Hoepner," "Enver Hoxha," "William MacKenzie King," "Petras Kubiliunas," "Erich Lassen," "Leningrad," "Hjdamar Mae," "Artur Nebe," "Franz von Papen," "Erich Maria Remarque," "Alfred Rosenberg," "Walter Schellenberg," "Hans Schleicher," "Hans von Seeckt," "Arthur Seyss-Inquart," "Kazys Skirpa," "Slovakia," "Jan Smuts," "Albert Speer," "Stab in the Back Myth," "Franz Stangl," "Jürgen Stroop," "Rauol Wallenberg," "Weimar Republic." in David T. Zabaeki, ed. *World War II in Europe: An Encyclopedia*. 2 Volumes. (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1999). Served as a Contributing Editor for this 2-volume series.

"That's the Way to Live:" Thomas Wolfe Visits Vermont." in *Pembroke Magazine*, 2000.

"The Frank Lloyd Wright Campus at Florida Southern College: A Child of the Sun" in *Frank Lloyd Wright Quarterly*, Summer 2001.

"In Search of John Steinbeck's Maine," in *Steinbeck Studies*. Fall 2001.

"Stories I Have Listened To" in Steven B. Rogers, ed. *A Gradual Twilight: An Appreciation of John Haines*, Fort Lee, NJ: CavanKerry Press, 2003.

"August Neithardt von Gneisenau," in David T. Zabecki, ed. *Chief of Staff: The Principal Staff Officers Behind History's Great Commanders*, Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2008.

“An America Beyond the Sunset: Thomas Wolfe’s and Jack Kerouac’s Manuscripts of the Night.” in *Pembroke Magazine*, Spring 2009.

"Greetings from Asbury Park - 2009," in *The Light in Darkness*. August 2, 2012.
<http://www.thelightindarkness.com/darkness/greetings-from-asbury-park-2009/>

“Abwehr,” American Revolution (1776-1784),” “German Crimea Campaign (1941-1942),”
“Hans Delbrück,” “Freiburg - Breisgau (1644),” “Gehlen Organization (1946-1956),”
“Heligoland (1864),” “Kammhuber Line,” “Ulrich de Malziere,” Willi Stoph,” “Volksgrenedier”
in David T. Zabaeki, ed. *Germany At War. An Encyclopedia*. 4 Volumes. ABC-Clio/Greenwood, 2014.

“Under the Glass Dome: Investigating Nazi War Crimes” in *Civitas*. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, forthcoming on 2015.

Growing Up With Thomas Wolfe: Commentaries on His Life and Works.
[book manuscript in progress].

Orange Grove Visionaries: Ludd M. Spivey, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Their Great Education Temple
[book manuscript in progress].

Looking Toward Portugal: Random Notes from the Edge of America
[Collection of essays, critiques, and memoirs - book manuscript in progress].

Crusty Old Stuff: Selected Poems
[book manuscript in progress].

A Gentle Whisper. A Novel
[book manuscript in progress].

PAPERS/LECTURES

“Hölderlin oder der Eremit in Deutschland” [Hölderlin : The German Recluse], Palmenorden: Forschungsgemeinschaft des Germanistischen Instituts, University of Arizona, Tucson, 1975.

“Goethe and Carl Gustav Carus: A Literary Interpretation of ‘Allegory on the Death Of Goethe,’” Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 1977.

“The Unconscious Geometry of Human Space,” Advanced Humanities Seminar, University of Maryland, College Park, 1978.

“The German Occupation of Latvia, 1941-1944,” Conference of the Association for the

Advancement of Baltic Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC, 1980.

“A Comparison of Indigenous Administrations in the German-Occupied Baltic States, 1941-1944,” Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, 1982.

“A Gap in History: The Fate of the Jews in Latvia,” Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1986.

“Where Only Horses Are Happy: Thomas Wolfe Among the Germans,” Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, 1991.

“Hammering the Anvil: The German Occupation of Estonia, 1941-1944,” Twelfth Annual Conference on the Holocaust, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, 1993.

“The Postwar German Vogue of Thomas Wolfe,” Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, New Orleans, LA, 1993.

“Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals. A Case Study,” Conference of the Association of Historians in the Federal Government, Washington, DC, 1994.

“Estland ist judenfrei: The Holocaust in Estonia,” Thirteenth Annual Conference on the Holocaust, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, 1994.

“The Academician and the Architect: Ludd M. Spivey and Frank Lloyd Wright and the Creation of a Florida Architecture,” Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society, Ft. Myers, FL 1994.

“Who Was Thomas Wolfe's Girlfriend?” Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Baltimore, MD, 1995.

“The Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals in the United States,” Summer Seminar offered by The University of Vermont Center for Holocaust Studies, June 1995.
(I have offered a similar presentation at the annual Summer Seminars, 1996-present.)

“The Evolution of War Crimes Investigations in the United States,” Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, August 1996.
(I have offered a similar presentation at the annual Summer Seminars, 1997-present).

“Where Half of Me Comes From: A Return to Thomas Wolfe's Pennsylvania.”
Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Gettysburg, PA, 1996.

“The Evolution of Frank Lloyd Wright's ‘Child of the Sun’: Frank Lloyd Wright: A Retrospective of a Life” [A series of workshops presented as Continuing Education credit for architects and designers licensed in the State of Florida]

Two presentations at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, in June and October 1996.

“Thomas Wolfe and the FBI,” Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1998.

“Through Martha Dodd’s Eyes: Thomas Wolfe in Berlin,” The Thomas Wolfe Festival, Asheville, NC, 1998.

“The United States Search for Nazi Gold and Other Hidden Assets, Florida Lecture Series, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL, 1999.

“In Search of Nazi Gold: The United States Role in the Effort to Trace Victim Assets During the Holocaust,” An Evening Lecture sponsored by the Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 1999.

“Asheville Meets Hollywood: *Look Homeward Angel* and The Film that Never Was,” Twenty-Fourth Annual Colloquium on Literature and Film, West Virginia University, Morgantown, 1999.

“Thomas Wolfe’s Pennsylvania: A Reassessment,” Annual Meeting of the American Literature Association, Cambridge, MA, 2001.

“Thomas Wolfe and ‘A Rock in Maine,’” Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2001.

“Where shall I go now? What shall I do?” Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Burlington, VT, 2003.

“He Did Go Home Again: Willie Morris and the Ghost of Thomas Wolfe,” Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Burlington, VT, 2003.

“The Novelist’s New Clothes: John Steinbeck as War Correspondent.” Twenty-Eighth Annual Colloquium on Literature and Film, West Virginia University, Morgantown, 2003.

“His Father’s Earth: The Pennsylvania Episodes in Thomas Wolfe’s *O Lost, Look Homeward, Angel* and Other Writings.” Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Asheville, NC, 2004.

“The Stories I Have Listened To: Editing *A Gradual Twilight*, Annual Meeting of the Western Literature Association, Big Sky, Montana, 2004.

“Lost in America,” Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Portland, Maine, 2005.

“Tom Tells A Thing or Two: Thomas Wolfe’s Impressions of the Nazis and Fascists.” Twenty-

Sixth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Portland, Maine, 2005.

“ ‘Fightin’ for a Place to Stand: Woody Guthrie, John Steinbeck, Bruce Springsteen, and the Ghost of Tom Joad.” *Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium*, Monmouth University, New Jersey (sponsored by Pennsylvania State University), 2005.

“Growing Up With Thomas Wolfe.” Thomas Wolfe Workshops, Appalachian College Association, Asheville, North Carolina, 2005.

“Brothers Under the Bridge: John Steinbeck’s Influence on Bruce Springsteen’s Music and Social Conscience.” *John Steinbeck and His Contemporaries*, Sun Valley Resort, Idaho, 2006.

“Through Martha’s Eyes: Thomas Wolfe and Martha Dodd in Berlin, 1935-1936.” Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 2006.

“Setting the Historical Record Straight - Thirty Years in Search of Nazi Perpetrators.” Keynote Address at the 27th Annual Conference on the Holocaust, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 2007.

“*Flow Gently, Until I End My Song*,” Twenty-Eight Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Asheville, North Carolina, 2007

“A New World, A New Life: Thomas Wolfe’s Early Thoughts On European Travel.” Twenty-Eight Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, Asheville, North Carolina, 2007.

“The Holocaust as a Personal Journey.” 28th Annual Conference on the Holocaust, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 2008.

“An America Beyond the Sunset: Thomas Wolfe’s and Jack Kerouac’s Manuscripts of the Night.” Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society, St. Louis, Missouri, 2008.

“Friendship, Admiration, and a Mysterious World: Nathaniel Hawthorne and Jonathan Cilley at Bowdoin College and Beyond.” Nathaniel Hawthorne Society Summer Meeting, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, 2008.

“The Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide - Setting the Historical Record Straight in the United States.” Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Kentucky, November 2008.

“The Great Lakes as Spiritual Totem in Jim Harrison’s Fiction and Poetry.” 20th Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, Boston, Massachusetts, 2009.

“Thomas Wolfe: Myths, Microcosms, and the Montparnasse.” 20th Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, Boston, Massachusetts, 2009.

“Because the Night: Jack Kerouac, Bruce Springsteen, and the Search for the American Promised Land.” 2nd Bruce Springsteen Symposium, Monmouth University, New Jersey (sponsored by Virginia Tech University), 2009.

“A Mysterious Brilliancy: Nathaniel Hawthorne in the White Mountains for New Hampshire.” Nathaniel Hawthorne Society Summer Meeting, Concord, Massachusetts, 2010.

“Nathaniel Hawthorne in Maine.” The Hawthorne Boyhood Home/Hawthorne Community Association, Raymond, Maine, 2011.

“Racial Treason, Racial Terror.” Keynote Address presented as Visiting Fellow at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, 2012.

“The Last Salute.” New Gloucester (Maine) Historical Society. New Gloucester, Maine, 2012.

“Under the Glass Dome: Studying the Past to Understand the Future.” Keynote Address presented as Visiting Scholar at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma, 2012.

“History in the Courtroom: Documents As Witnesses.” Lecture presented to the “Legally Speaking” Series. Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise. Florida Southern College. Lakeland, Florida, 2013.

“Some Thoughts on Radio and World War II.” Guest Commentator for production of “Radio Goes to War - three radio plays from World War II (part of the Acts of Faith Festival, Henrico County, Virginia). On the Air Radio Players. The Cultural Center at Glen Allen. Glen Allen (Richmond), Virginia, 2013.

“Nathaniel Hawthorne Among the Shakers.” New Gloucester Historical Society. New Gloucester, Maine. 2013.

“Why So Late? Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals in the United States.” Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Augusta, Maine. 2014.

“A Nation In Between: Some Thoughts on the Indian Stream Republic.” Tillotson Center, Colebrook, New Hampshire. 2014.

“Maine in the American Revolution.” New Gloucester Historical Society. New Gloucester, Maine. 2014.

“Making History through the Practice of History.” Maine State Prison. Warren, Maine. 2014.

EDITORIAL AND CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

Research consultant for books dealing with 20th Century German and Baltic history, modern Southern literature, exploration and mapping of Alaska and the Yukon, and historic preservation in Maryland.

Edited several scholarly articles and book manuscripts dealing with European and Western U.S. history and architectural history.

Prepared numerous entries for encyclopedias dealing with Germany military, World War II, and modern Germany.

Contributing Editor, David T. Zabaeki, ed. *World War II in Europe: An Encyclopedia*. 2 Volumes. New York: Garland Publishing Company, 1999.

Editor, *A Gradual Twilight: An Appreciation of John Haines*, Fort Lee, NJ: CavanKerry Press, 2003.

Book Review Editor, *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, 2003 - 2005.

LITERARY ACTIVITIES

Individual poems have appeared in a number of journals, anthologies, broadsheets, and chapbooks.

Gargoyle Magazine, 1984-1988

[Review essays on modern German-language poetry and fiction; poetry and fiction in English translation].

Literary Magazine Review, 1987 and 1992.

[Review essays on recent poetry collections and chapbooks].

Judge and editor for 1990 Poetry Chapbook Competition, Georgia State Poetry Society. Author of preface for winning manuscript.

Jenny McKean Moore Fellow in Creative Writing
George Washington University, Washington, DC
1991 and 2002.

Coordinator of the Mount Rainier Poetry Series, 1992-1993.

The Paul and Zelda Gitlin Literary Prize Committee, Thomas Wolfe Society, 2003-2005
Committee Chair, 2004-2005

The Washington Poetry Prize, Word Works, 1995 - 2008

First and Second Reader, 1995-2001, 2003-2005.
Director, 2006-2008

Judge, Hilary Tham Capital Collection, Word Works, 2009

Member of the Homestead Poets, Washington, DC, 1991- present

Librarian, Twinbrook Baptist Church, Rockville, Maryland, 2013 - present

Currently working on a novel, two novellas, and a series of short stories

LANGUAGES

English and German (fluent); French and Dutch (fluent reading)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Florida Southern College Alumni Association, 1974- present
Vice President Mid-Atlantic Area 1984-1992, 1996- 2007

The Thomas Wolfe Society, 1988 - present
Board of Directors, 1998-1999; *ex officio* 1999 - present
Vice President, 1999-2001
President, 2001-2003
Book Review Editor, *The Thomas Wolfe Review*, 2003-2005
Distinguished Service Director, 2003-present

Western Literature Association, 2004 - present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Omicron Delta Kappa
[campus leadership honorary]
Florida Southern College, 1973

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
Florida Southern College, 1973

Delta Phi Alpha
[German honorary]
University of Arizona, 1975

Outstanding Alumni Citation for Professional Achievement
Florida Southern College, 1984

Outstanding Young American, 1987

Assistant Attorney General's Award for Special Initiative, 1997

Outstanding Alumni Special Achievement Citation
Florida Southern College, 1998

William B. Wisdom Grant in Aid of Research
The Thomas Wolfe Society, 1999, 2004, 2011

Special Achievement Awards from the U.S. Department of Justice, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Distinguished Service Award, Thomas Wolfe Society, 2003

7 Outstanding Performance Awards from the U.S. Department of Justice.

PERSONAL

Born: March 21, 1951

Married (40 years), one grown son (33 years old)

REFERENCES

Available upon request