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Free Lecture presented by
Erasmo Piñero, Lockheed Martin
Aeronautics, Fort Worth

Reception to follow in Special
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"Iraq and Back"

4-5 p.m.,
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Free Lecture and book signing
presented by **Kimberly Olson**,
former U.S. Air Force pilot

Reception to follow in the Galerstein
Women's Center, McDermott Library
First Floor. For information please call
972-883-2570.

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Doolittle Raiders to hold reunion in Dallas, UTD Special Collections

In one of the most prestigious events
ever organized by the History of Aviation
Collection at McDermott Library since
the appearance of the legendary Gen.
Jimmy Doolittle in 1985, the Special
Collections Department will welcome the
Doolittle Raiders and guests during their
2008 annual gathering in Dallas.

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, as a part
of their 66th anniversary meeting of
Doolittle's famous attack on Japan in
April 1942, the surviving Raiders will
visit the Jimmy Doolittle Archive on the
third floor of McDermott Library on the
University of Texas at Dallas campus in
Richardson, Texas. They will also attend a
luncheon in their honor with university
dignitaries and hold a public forum in the
Conference Center.

Besides the Raiders, author C.V.
Glines, the official biographer of the
Doolittle Raiders and a regular member of
the Special Collections aviation volun-
teers, will speak about the Raiders and
their history.

Other key functions during the four-
day event, including a banquet and busi-
ness meeting, will be held at The

Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field.

The Doolittle collection at UTD fea-
tures artifacts, papers, books, photographs
and personal effects of the general.

This will be the second consecutive
meeting of the Raiders in Texas. In 2007
the Raiders gathered in San Antonio as
guests of the Yellow Rose Squadron of
the Commemorative Air Force and the
U.S. Air Force.

The reunions began as a birthday party
Doolittle hosted in Florida in 1945. That
event evolved into one of the most elite
military fraternities in the world.

On April 18, 1942, 80 volunteer avia-
tors led by Doolittle took off in 16 twin-
engined B-25 Mitchell bombers from the
aircraft carrier USS Hornet on a one-way
mission to bomb Japan. The crews
bombed targets in Yokohama, Nagoya,
Kobe, Osaka and Tokyo in the first
American strike on the Japanese main-
land. While the damage was minimal, the
raid gave America a much-needed morale
boost in the bleak early days of World
War II.

Seventy-three raiders survived the raid.
There are 13 Raiders still living.

Paul Oelkrug to lead Special Collections

Paul A. Oelkrug, C.A., has been named Coordinator of
the Special Collections Department at McDermott Library,
replacing Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., who left UTD after seven
years to become a teaching professor at Florida Gulf Coast
University in Fort Myers, Fla.

Oelkrug was promoted to coordinator of the department
by Dean of Libraries Larry D. Sall. He came to UTD in 2002
as a processing archivist. In 2005 he was named Senior
Curator of the department.

He earned a degree in history and a master of arts degree
in public history with an archival administration certificate at



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Paul Oelkrug, C.A.

Special Collections 2007 Fall Lectures

"Challenges and Opportunities in Aerospace"

Erasmus Piñero, Jr. of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics will present "Challenges and Opportunities in Aerospace" in a McDermott Library Special Collections Department presentation on Oct. 15.

The lecture is set for 4-5 p.m. in McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410) on the UTD campus. Piñero is currently working F-35 engine Test and Development Integration with the Joint Strike Fighter Propulsion Integration Group at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth.

His presentation, that will include a question and answer session, will serve as an introduction to the new and future aerospace vehicles currently on the "drawing boards" of major U.S. aerospace companies. Both civil and military vehicles will be covered with an emphasis on the opportunities and challenges these new projects offer to upcoming generations of scientists and engineers. The scope will be limited to unclassified or public aviation and space projects in work within the U.S. aerospace industry.

Piñero was born in Cuba and "obtained his freedom from Communist oppression in 1974." After graduating from the University of Florida as an aeronautical engineer, he completed studies at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where he earned a masters degree in Aeronautical Science with honors.

In the U.S. Navy he earned the Naval Aviator's "Wings of Gold" (Navigator speciality). In seven years he experienced more than 800 hours of flight time on a variety of naval aircraft and 160 carrier landings.

He joined Sikorsky Aircraft and worked on advanced helicopters such as the *Comanche*, *Black Hawk* and *S-76C Spirit*. He then served as a test engineer for Sikorsky's sister division, Pratt & Whitney where he had an early role on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

His interests include aircraft preliminary design, propulsion integration, aircraft preservation and aviation history. He is married with two children.



"Iraq and Back"

Former U.S. Air Force Colonel Kimberly Olson will make a presentation on her book *Iraq and Back* in a McDermott Library Special Collections Department joint presentation with the Galerstein Women's Center on Nov. 12.

The lecture is set for 4-5 p.m. in McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410) on the UTD campus. *Iraq and Back* explores her mission to rebuild Iraq and her journey through the sound and gender barriers of military aviation. It is a first-hand account as seen by Kim as a senior officer, pilot, wife, and mother. The book is promoted as a "wealth of honest, raw insider information that weaves together military, political, and humanistic insights."

Before Kim started her speaking and writing career, she served 25 years in the Air Force and was part of the first generation of female military pilots. A command pilot, with more than 3,700 hours of flying time, she was the first female to command an air refueling squadron in Spokane, Wash. Kim entered the Air Force in 1979 and began her flying career as a KC-135 air refueling pilot. She served as a flight commander, instructor pilot, and flight examiner in the KC-135, T-38 and the T-1A training aircraft. Kim served in the Pentagon on the Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Air Staff. She also deployed to several combat zones including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. She retired from the military in 2005 with the rank of colonel.

She received the Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government and the Federally Employed Women Distinguished Leadership Award. Kim graduated from Ohio State with a bachelor's degree in education and earned three masters degrees: MBA from Webster University, an MA in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University and an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from Naval War College.

She resides in Weatherford, Tex. with her husband, son and daughter.



2007 deaths of Nielsen, Sims leave 13 surviving Doolittle Raiders

Retired Lt. Col. Chase J. Nielsen, the navigator on Crew No. 6 of Doolittle's Raiders, and Col. Jack A. Sims, co-pilot on Crew No. 14, have died during 2007. Of the 80 Doolittle Raiders, only 13 are living.

Nielsen, a lieutenant at the time of the April 1942 raid, died March 23 at his home in Brigham City, Utah. He was 90 years old.

Nielsen was captured along with two crewmates by the Japanese when their B-25 Mitchell crashed on the Chinese coast. He spent 40 months as a prisoner of war and held in inhumane conditions.



Chase Nielsen

He returned to Shanghai in 1946 to testify in the International War Crimes Trials against the four Japanese officials.

Col. Nielsen's decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart with Cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with Cluster, Outstanding Unit Award and Longevity Ribbon with four Clusters.

Col. Sims died June 9, 2007 at Naples, Fla. after a long illness. He was 88. Crew No. 14 was forced to bail out after their B-25 ran out of fuel and Sims



Jack A. Sims

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2007 Jalonick Memorial Lecture

Mary Jalonick, left, accepts the latest novel, *Orbit*, from author John Nance, who presented the 2007 George W. Jalonick III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick Memorial Distinguished Lecture on June 16. The lecture series was established by Mary's late husband, George W. Jalonick IV, in memory of his parents. At right is Erik Carlson. Nance discussed teamwork in the commercial aviation world.



Dr. Carlson bids farewell after seven years



During a well-attended farewell reception in late July, Erik Carlson (center) accepts a book about bridges from the Special Collections staff (left to right) Patrizia Nava, Carole Thomas, Carlson, Paul Oelkrug and Thomas Allen. - McDermott Library photo

July, 2007

Dear HAC Friends:

On July 9, 2007, I submitted my three weeks notice of resignation as Coordinator of the Special Collection Department to Dean Larry Sall. My last day at Special Collections was July 27. Paul Oelkrug, C.A. will be the head of the Special Collections Department.

I have taken a job as a professor of American history at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida. My decision to change jobs was difficult. I cherish my position in the McDermott Library. Teaching history at the university level, however, is my first love.

During the last seven years it has been my privilege to be the Coordinator of the Special Collections Department. I am thankful to Larry Sall for the opportunity he gave me in 2000. This job has provided me with many wonderful experiences, challenges, and opportunities.

I am thankful for my staff who worked very hard to make Special Collections a better archive and library. Through their work, the Department has matured, grown, and become better organized. It has been a joy to work with the HAC volunteers. Their work has been vital to the program as well. In addition, the Department has reached new students, staff, researchers, and others through a variety of well-received community outreach programs.

Indeed, working with the patrons and friends of the History of Aviation Collection has been one of the great experiences of my life.

Sincerely,
Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D.

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The University of Texas at Arlington.

"Paul's five years experience in the department, his archival certification, as well as his other educational accomplishments and experiences make him well qualified to assume his new responsibility," Sall said. "For several years Paul has attended reunions and meetings of the department's important stakeholders and so is already well known to them.

"Reports back from them have been extremely complimentary ensuring a smooth transition from that perspective as well. I am grateful to Paul for his willingness to assume this responsibility and am confident that he will continue the progress that Erik Carlson made in the department."

In 2004 Oelkrug passed the Academy of Certified Archivists certification examination in Boston and became a member of that organization. He is also a member of the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Society of American Archivists, and the Texas Library Association.

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landed on the side of a mountain in unoccupied China. Villagers helped him and other crew members to reach Chungking where they rendezvoused with their leader Jimmy Doolittle and other Raiders.

Sims had an Air Force career that spanned from 1940 to 1968. Among his decorations, Sims received the Distinguished Flying Cross (2), Legion of Merit (2), Bronze Star and eight Air Medals. Sims became Chief, USAF Liaison Officer in the U.S. House of Representatives for six years. He later served as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, USAF Headquarters.

Both airmen received the Breast Order of Pao Ting from the People's Republic of China.

The 13 surviving Raiders are William M. Bower, Richard E. Cole, Jacob D. DeShazer, Thomas C. Griffin, Nolan Herndon, Robert L. Hite, Edwin W. Horton, Jr., David M. Jones, Frank A. Kappeler, James H. Macia, Charles J. Ozuk, Edward J. Saylor and David J. Thatcher.

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