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UF PROFESSOR WINS TWO BOOK PRIZES

University of Florida Professor of Modern Latin American History, Dr. Jeffrey D. Needell, has been awarded two book prizes by professional organizations for his book, *The Party of Order: The Conservatives, the State, and Slavery in the Brazilian Monarchy, 1831-1871* (Stanford University Press, 2006). The Conference on Latin American History, the national Latin Americanist historians' society (affiliated with the American Historical Association), awarded him the Warren Dean Memorial Prize. The prize recognizes the book or article judged to be the most significant work on the history of Brazil published in English during the two years prior to the award year. In addition, the Brazilian Studies Association awarded him the 2007 Roberto Reis BRASA Book Award, a prize awarded for one of the two best books published in English that contributes significantly to promoting an understanding of Brazil.

In announcing the award, the selection committee of the Warren Dean Prize noted that "Needell's monumental work on Brazil's second empire makes a major contribution to our understanding of the monarchy, slavery, imperial politics and the importance of ideology in Brazilian history. The product of many years of painstaking research, the book fills the longstanding need for a sophisticated political and ideological history of the period—a subject that languished too long in relative neglect. Needell has succeeded in bringing the world of imperial politicians to us in its many complexities. His judgments are sober and balanced, his analyses persuasive, and his extensive documentation a rich mine for further research. In sheer scope his examination of powerful political families, their kinship and clientage networks, and their roles in the history of parties and parliament makes this a foundational work for all subsequent scholarship on Brazil."

Professor Needell has been on the UF faculty since 1987, and is an affiliate faculty member of the Center for Latin American Studies, where he serves on its Faculty Advisory Council.

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