## Tyler Priest to Work With Important Oil Spill Commission and Honored for Work on Energy History

Dr. Tyler Priest--the Director of Global Studies at the C. T. Bauer College of Business and an active faculty affiliate of the Center for Public History at UH--is a well-known expert on energy history. Reflecting this expertise, Priest was recently named as an adviser to the <u>National Oil Spill Commission</u>, which was formed in the wake of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. In the course of working on the project, Dr. Priest will write a history of offshore oil regulation that will be part of the commission's final report.

Priest was also recently honored by the Department of Interior with a 2010 "Partners in Conservation Award" for his work on the six-volume study, *History of the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry in Southern Louisiana*. To complete this important work, he led a team of researchers from the University of Houston, the University of Arizona, and Louisiana State University. University of Houston graduate students also worked on the project, including Joe Stromberg and Jamie Christy from the History Department. The History Department is congratulates Dr. Priest on these latest accomplishments.