

Indiana State University The History Department's Annual Newsletter

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2001-2002

From the Chair

In 2001-2002, we revised the Social Studies Education program and began a discussion of ways and means of improving our Graduate Program (our undergraduate Liberal Arts program was reviewed and revised in 2000-01). We inaugurated our student exchange with the University of Malta by receiving our first Maltese Student, Ms. Anita Cardona, and sending one of our History majors, Mr. Stephen Taylor, to Malta. We also succeeded in establishing a joint appointment with Women's Studies.

The History Department continued the process of renewing its ranks, hiring two excellent candidates in tenure-track appointments. All my colleagues join me in welcoming Dana Rabin and Stephanie Smith to our "family." They join me, too, in thanking our search committees and their chairs, Don Layton and Christopher Olsen, for conscientious work. We wish also to thank Carolyn Greenwalt, our efficient departmental staff person, who handled all the paperwork and who often went beyond the call of duty.

2001 was a good year for scholarship in our Department, with one new book, one re-publication of a book, eight journal articles and book chapters, seventeen articles in encyclopedias and dictionaries, thirteen book reviews, and thirty-one presentations at conferences, workshops, and other venues.

It is also my pleasure to report success in the area of our travel and research allocations. Three research projects received funding; and ten conference papers were funded.

Looking ahead, the Department would like to welcome our new graduate students, Sarah Belton (Earlham College), Leah Bender (Indiana Wesleyan), Richard Mull (Oakland City College), and Anthony Waterson (Hanover College). They will join returning students Laura Bergstrom, Michael Lushbaugh, Micki Morahn, Bill Treadway, John Andrews, Tim Callahan, Joshua Hammond, and Susan Davis.

In closing, I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their support during my third year as Chair. I am ever more committed to doing the best possible job as your Chairperson.

Enrollments

In fall, 2,226 students were enrolled (6680 SCH); in spring, the figure was 1996 (5989 SCH). Social Studies majors numbered 138, providing about 70 percent of our total majors. Fourteen graduate students were enrolled during 2001-02. Overall, the Department ranked third in the University for having a high average FTE student per tenured and tenure-track faculty ratio.

Undergraduate/Graduate Awards

The Gemmecke Award for the outstanding senior was awarded to Stephen Taylor. The Harr Award for the outstanding junior was presented to Erin Baynard. The DAR Award to an undergraduate with a good performance in US history went to Melanie Newnum. The Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship was awarded to John M. Taylor. The Roll Award, presented to the outstanding graduate students, went to Kathleen Isaacson and Tammy Loudermilk.

Speakers

This year, the Department hosted three speakers: Professor James H. Madison (Indiana University), Professor Kimberly Welch (University of Redlands), and Cassandra Villanueva (PCUN - Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers Union).

Parties

The Fall Welcome Back Party for faculty and graduate students was held at the Hunter residence on September 8. A Holiday Party was also held at the Hunter residence on December 8.

Professional Activities

(Publications listed are those for the calendar year 2001.)

Kveta Benes (who joined the department in fall semester 2001) served on several committees in the department including the search committee to hire an English/British historian. Tuska (as she prefers to be called) presented three conference papers. She received one of three Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows in the Social Studies and Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania. Tuska's appointment as a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow will begin July 1, 2002 and last until June 30, 2004. She will be on a leave of absence during that period. Though she will be missed by the department and her students greatly, we wish Tuska all the best. Congratulations!!

Ann Chirhart was very active in several departmental and university committees, and was also involved in the Women's Studies program. She served on numerous panels as both commentator and chair. Ann presented two papers this year and published three book reviews. Her book, to be entitled, *Torches of Light. Women Teachers and the*

Modern State of Georgia will be published next year.

Gale E. Christianson's book *The Last Posse* was published this year. His book *Edwin Hubble: Mariner of the Nebulae* was translated and published in Chinese this year. Gale made two presentations, published a book review, and received a University Research Grant. He also served on numerous departmental and university committees.

Robert G. Clouse wrote the chapter entitled "Fundamentalism, Modernism, and Brethren Millennialism," in *Brethren and the End Times* edited by Stephen Longnecker. He also contributed sixteen articles to *The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology* edited by Walter A. Elwell. Bob gave three public presentations. Bob served as a member of six university committees and organizations, including the Faculty Senate. He was Director of the Eugene V. Debs Foundation and a Board Member of the Faculty Club. Bob continued to speak at the First Brethren Church, Clay City.

James Genova (who joined our faculty in fall semester 2001) served on several departmental committees and was also an advisor to Social Science Education majors. He is also in the process of developing a web-based course.

William W. Giffin served as Vice Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council and was on the Debs Fellowship Committee. He also served as Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Indiana Association of Historians. In addition, he sat on the Membership Committee of the Organization of American Historians. Bill published "The Public Housing Color Line in Ohio during the Great Depression" in *Journal of Indiana Academy of Social Sciences*.

Nancy Hagedorn continued to serve as library liaison for the History Department. She made one conference presentation in Glasgow, Scotland and reviewed two books. Nancy also served on departmental committees.

Timothy Hawkins gave one conference paper and received an international travel grant to Malta. Tim served as coordinator for the University Latin American and Latino Studies Committee and also the Malta Exchange Program. His service to the department and the University are quite extensive.

Robert Hunter published "Rethinking Europe's Conquest of North Africa and the Middle East: The Opening of the Maghreb, 1600-1814," in *Journal of North African Studies*. Bob gave two conference papers and spoke on the Middle East at the University of Southern Indiana, the Dewey Institute for Learning in Retirement, and was on a ISU panel created by Provost Pontius after 9-11. He continues to be active as President of the Midwest Association of Middle East and Islamic Studies. Bob organized a conference on

Middle East and Islam for *Indiana Consortium of International Programs* in Brown County in March. And he was also active on two University committees. He also received a University Research Committee grant for England.

Donald L. Layton continued to be active in the Vigo County Historical Society. He traveled to Beijing, China as part of a National Science Foundation award to attend a short course at the Foreign Affairs College. Don was very active chairing two search committees while maintaining the duties as senior faculty member of the department.

Christopher Olsen's book, *Political Culture and Secession in Mississippi: Masculinity, Honor, and the Antiparty Tradition, 1830-1860*, (New York: Oxford University Press) was nominated for six awards this year! Chris gave one conference paper, and had one book review published. Chris chaired the English/British search committee. He also received a University Research Committee grant.

Richard S. Schneirov published an article "Organizing the Academic Underclass: The Experience at Indiana State University in National Perspective," in *Historically Speaking*, one book review, and an encyclopedia entry. Rich also continued to be active in University and department organizations including the Faculty Senate, Vice-President of the ISU Chapter of the AAUP and as Advisor to History's Graduate Program.

Rebecca S. Shoemaker was President of the Indiana Association of Historians for 2001. She presented one paper and published one book review. Becky directed the department's undergraduate curriculum reform as Chairperson of the Committee and was active on numerous other committees.

Thomas E. Siefert continued to advise Social Science Education students while serving on many departmental and University committees.