

# Indiana State University

## The History Department's

### Annual Newsletter

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#### **Message From the Chair**

In 2003-2004 the history department enjoyed another busy, successful year. In addition to the usual teaching and service responsibilities, the faculty takes pride in another productive year of scholarship and professional activity. We all thank our three new colleagues—Anne Foster, Rob Fish, and Dan Clark—for becoming such active, valuable members of the department in a short time. They have proved to be great colleagues and teachers. Thanks also to Carolyn Greenwalt, who keeps the department running so efficiently on a day-to-day basis. Her job has been especially difficult this year as we prepare to vacate Stalker Hall for the next academic year.

This year we are also in the midst of two major transitions. Professor Robert Hunter, head of the department since 1999, decided not to return as chair and instead resume full-time teaching duties. He is also in the midst of working on another new book project, to which he wanted to devote his full attention. During Professor Hunter's tenure as chair the department benefitted in many ways from his leadership. He was instrumental in developing the department's concentration in Mediterranean Studies, including our exchange program with the University of Malta. He also was an important contributor to several interdisciplinary study groups and programs within the College and the University. Professor Hunter helped re-energize the department's efforts to recruit history majors, and since 1999 we have increased our majors by about 30 percent. While Professor Hunter was chair we revised the undergraduate curriculum, wrote and revised a five-year plan for the future of the department, and established or revised a number of departmental policies, including written guidelines for promotion and tenure. He also presided over a difficult and an unprecedented wave of retirements and faculty turnover. This year he has been a valuable resource for me as Interim Chair. I know we all thank Bob for his contributions to the department over four years as chair and we look forward to his continued participation as a very popular teacher, internationally recognized scholar, and valued colleague.

This year also marks the last one for Professor Don Layton, who is retiring after forty-one years at Indiana State University. His accomplishments during that tenure are, obviously, too numerous to recite at length. Instead, I prefer to remember two qualities that have been particularly evident during my brief time here. First, he remains one of

those legendary teachers that students recall for years after they leave (and a winner of the Caleb Mills Award in 1974). His World War II class has been so incredibly popular over the years that it is difficult to imagine anyone trying to “replace” him. No one will know how many history majors, or just good, enthusiastic amateur historians Professor Layton “made” over the years. Finally, it is hard to believe that the department would have adjusted so well to all of the new faculty without Professor Layton’s collegiality and support. He often served as unofficial mentor to new professors who appreciated both his wisdom and wit. Put simply, the department will not be as nice a place to work, or nearly as much fun, without Don in it. We all thank Don for his incalculable contributions to the history department and Indiana State University, and wish Martha and him well in their future world travels.

### **Department is Moving**

Beginning May 17, 2004 the Department of History will be relocating to the fourth floor of Erickson Hall. This is due to the renovation, including the installation of an elevator, of Stalker Hall. Our telephone numbers will remain the same. We have not yet been told when we will return to Stalker Hall, but we anticipate returning in late summer 2005. Our address will remain: Department of History, Indiana State University, Terre Haute IN 47809.

### **New Faculty**

The History Department continues the process of renewing its ranks. Beginning fall 2004 two tenure-track faculty members will join the department: David A. Nichols (University of Kentucky) and Steven A. Stofferahn (Purdue University). They join the department in thanking our search committee members and especially the chairs, Ann Chirhart and Timothy Hawkins.

### **Adjunct Faculty**

The History Department would like to thank the adjunct faculty that helped us during the 2003-04 academic year: John Benton (HIST 201 and 202), Robert Clouse (HIST 101 and 355), David McCarter (HIST 101), Michelle Morahn (HIST 102 and 201), Rhonda Packer (HIST 101 and 251), Lisa Phillips (HIST 202 and 334), and Matthew Stanard (HIST 4/567).

### **Graduate Students**

For the academic year 2003-04 we were joined by the following graduate students: Lisa Baker, Sarah Belton, Leah Bender, Christopher Brown, Timothy Callahan, Susan Davis, Timothy Donnelly, Uma Doraiswamy, Emily Fairbanks, Jessica Fields, Joshua Hammond, Ryan Lockridge, William Mesaeh, Richard Mull, Michael Potts, Stephen Setchell, Jeffrey Shively, Robert Showalter, Marvin Susott, and Anthony Waterson.

## **Enrollments**

In fall, 2,170 students were enrolled (6408 SCH); in spring, the figure was 1,774 (5201 SCH).

## **Undergraduate/Graduate Awards**

The Gemmecke Award for the outstanding senior was awarded to Amy Parkison. The Harr Award for the outstanding junior was presented to Marc Phillips. The DAR Award for an undergraduate with a good performance in U.S. history went to Brittanie Stowell. The Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Tracy Papinchock. The Roll Award, presented to the outstanding graduate student, went to Leah Bender. The Mott Scholarship, new this year and presented to a history major in good academic standing, went to Robert Ehresman. This year, for the second time, the College of Arts and Sciences awarded to one student in each department an "Outstanding Student Award" to a senior. Robert Ehresman was named this year's recipient.

## **Speakers**

This year, the Department hosted two speakers: Professor Daniel Kilbride (John Carroll University) and Professor John Dittmer (DePauw University). Dr. Kilbride presented "Assessing the Place of Arguments used to Defend Slavery in the Old South" on October 30. Dr. Dittmer, in association with Indiana State University's American Democracy Project and Black History Month, presented on February 4 "The Brown Decision, Freedom Summer in Mississippi and the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement."

## **Parties**

The Fall Welcome Back Party for faculty was held at the Olsen residence in September. A Holiday Party was also held at the Layton residence in December.

## **Professional Activities**

(Publications listed are those for the calendar year 2003.)

**Kveta Benes** is at the University of Pennsylvania working as a Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Social Studies and Humanities. Tuska (as she prefers to be called) presented three conference papers, gave two presentations, and published two book reviews. She is leaving ISU to pursue her career at the College of William and Mary.

**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 published two articles, presented one conference paper, commented on three paper sessions at the Southern Association of Women

Historians, and published one book review. She chaired the Early American search committee. Ann was very active in the project *Freedom River* a General Education in Action: Revisiting the Civil Rights Movement Fifty Years after Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka, 1954. She has a book, *Torches of Light: Teachers and the Modern State of Georgia*, forthcoming with the University of Georgia Press, fall 2004.

**Daniel Clark** joined the faculty in the fall semester 2003. Dan quickly became involved in the department by volunteering as library liaison and serving on several committees. He is an active member of the university's Social Science Education Advisory Council, and is an SSE advisor to undergraduate majors. Dan also served on the Early American search committee.

**Robert Fish** joined the faculty in the fall semester 2003. Rob presented two conference papers and translated a work from Japanese for a conference in Northern Ireland. Besides serving on several committees (and chairing one), he served on the Early American search committee.

**Anne Foster** joined the faculty in the fall semester 2003. Anne co-edited a book with Julian Go entitled *The American Colonial State in the Philippines: Global Perspectives* published by Duke University Press in 2003. She published two book chapters, two book reviews, and attended one conference. Anne served on the Ancient/Medieval World search committee and on several departmental committees.

**James Genova** has been on leave for the 2003-04 academic year, and has been teaching at The Ohio State University. Jim presented four conference papers, published three book reviews, and made a presentation to the *Terre Haute Community Theater*. He has a book that was published in January 2004 with the Peter Lang Press, entitled *Colonial Ambivalence, Cultural Authenticity, and the Limitations of Mimicry in French-Ruled West Africa, 1914-1956*.

**William W. Giffin** was a member of the Debs Fellowship Committee. Bill also served as Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Indiana Association of Historians and sat on the Membership Committee of the Organization of American Historians. He presented one conference paper and served as academic advisor to approximately 30 undergraduate history majors. Bill continued revisions on his book manuscript, *African Americans and the Color Line in Ohio, 1915-1930*, and in spring 2004 prepared the manuscript for The Ohio State University Press.

**Timothy Hawkins** published one article in *The Colonial Latin American Historical Review* entitled "Military or Civil Justice? The Prosecution of *Infidencia* and Central American Independence." Tim was coordinator of the University Latin American and Latino Studies Committee, served on the CAS Interdisciplinary Committee, and assisted in the Malta Exchange Program. His extensive service to the University and department

included chairing the Ancient/Medieval World search committee and salary committee. His book, *José de Bustamante and Central American Independence: Colonial Administration in an Age of Imperial Crisis*, is in press with the University of Alabama Press and is due out in fall 2004.

**Robert Hunter** in the spring decided to end his tenure as chair of the department. He also published one article, made five conference presentations, and gave one television interview. Bob continues to be active as President of the Midwest Association of Middle East and Islamic Studies. He was also active on several committees and is an advisor to approximately 30 undergraduate history majors.

**Donald L. Layton** will be retiring the end of the 2003-04 academic year. A new edition of his book *World War II: A Global Perspective* was published this year. Don was very active maintaining the duties as senior faculty member of the department.

**Christopher Olsen** became interim chair of the Department of History in August 2003. Chris commented on a paper session and a book session at *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. He published one book review. Chris is active in working to create an internship experience for history majors.

**Richard S. Schneirov** edited two issues of *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. He published two articles, presented one conference paper, and organized two conferences. Rich also continued to be active in University and department organizations, including the Faculty Senate, the ISU Chapter of the AAUP, and as History's Graduate Program, where he is advisor. He was on sabbatical leave Spring 2004.

**Rebecca S. Shoemaker** remains active in the Indiana Association of Historians, as chair of Department of History's Curriculum Committee, member of the Speakers Bureau of the Indiana Historical Society, member of the university's Social Science Education Advisory Council, and served on numerous other committees. Becky published one book review. Her book manuscript, *The White Court: Justices, Rulings, Legacy*, is in final revision and will be published with ABC-CLIO Press in 2004.

### **Emeriti Faculty**

We hope you enjoy this peek into the lives of former faculty and colleagues. This section will be part of our newsletter each biennium.

**Gale Christianson** remains an active scholar, finishing his latest book this March and contributing articles and speaking at conferences around the country. The rights to his biography of astronomer Edwin Hubble have been optioned and the purchaser is in the process of choosing a screenwriter.

**Bob Clouse** remains active in the department and the University, teaching several classes this year and serving on a number of University committees. A new translation, in Portuguese, of *Two Kingdoms* was published in 2003.

**Bob Constantine** is living in Texas, researching several aspects of Eugene Debs's life, and enjoying the academic life associated with Texas A & M. His e-mail address is [bobconstantine@hotmail.com](mailto:bobconstantine@hotmail.com) and "would like nothing more than to hear from the people who will likely see the department's newsletter."

**Gary Daily** is active in the Terre Haute and Indiana State communities, working with the Vigo County Public Library and the University's Women's Studies Program. He continues to travel and read widely, his activities slowed temporarily by "a mild heart attack" in 2003. He is now doing well.

**Arvid Perez** lives in South Carolina with Aida. He plays a lot of tennis and participates in a weekly discussion group "where current affairs dominates the agenda." He continues to attend conferences and stay engaged with the current literature in his field. This year's highlight "was the gift of a new grandson, Caleb." He invites calls and e-mails "from old friends and acquaintances" at [hiperez@yahoo.com](mailto:hiperez@yahoo.com).

**Dick Pierard** is now Stephen Phillips Professor of History at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. His most recent book, *The American Church Experiment*, was published in 2004. Two new translations (one in Japanese and one in Portuguese) of co-authored books also appeared in the last year. He remains a very active scholar, writing articles and delivering papers at conferences around the world.

**Ed Spann** has published two new books since his retirement in 1999: *Gotham at War: New York City, 1860-1865* and *Democracy's Children: The Young Rebels of the 1960s and the Ideals that Made Them*. He has also published several articles and recently completed a biography of artist Gilbert Wilson. He remains active in the Terre Haute and I. S. U. communities; the department continues to benefit from the generous scholarship he endowed in honor of his son, Bryant.

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The current and emeriti faculty, students, and alumni of the Department of History invite you to become a supporting member of the Friends of History at Indiana State University. We support student activities, including presentation of research at local and regional conferences, efforts on campus and beyond to inform students about possible careers in history, scholarly presentations and discussions aimed at informing the public and generating debate, and all events or activities that promote interest in, and appreciation for history. As one example, this year we helped to support a Black Heritage Tour of Memphis, sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action and Black Student Union.

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Thank you.

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