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Message From the Chair

I want to thank all of our faculty and Carolyn Greenwalt for making this another successful and great year in the Department. It's been a bit chaotic, with our temporary relocation to Erickson Hall, three searches, and our program review. The year in Erickson Hall has been enjoyable and we'll miss the folks we've come to know in the building. We owe a special thanks to Dean Michelfelder and Charles Mayer for finding us this space and helping get us here. I particularly would like to thank Carolyn, our adjunct professors, and our teaching assistants for working in such limited space. We also conducted three successful searches, which, as we all know, involves a tremendous amount of important work. Nearly every faculty member served on a search committee, and a special thanks to Becky Shoemaker, Anne Foster, and Rich Schneirov, who chaired the committees and made so many arrangements. Finally, the Department conducted a comprehensive review of our undergraduate and graduate programs. After an extensive self-study we had two days of meetings and discussions on campus with our review team: Kristin Stapleton from the University of Kentucky, Elizabeth Monroe from IUPUI, and Glenn Perry, from ISU. We are grateful for their careful attention to our Department's curriculum and faculty, and for their many good suggestions to help us improve. I also want to thank everyone in our Dean's Office and Provost's Office for their help, attention to our Department, and feedback. Finally, a special thanks to all of our students and alumni, faculty from other departments, and friends from the community who helped with the program review.

I know all the faculty join me in thanking our students, most of all. We have had another interesting and challenging year, and we look forward to next year with great anticipation. With the number of our undergraduate and graduate majors continuing to grow significantly, we all look forward to meeting new students and welcoming back others.

On a sad note we also mourned the passing, on July 5, 2004, of Edward K. Spann, Professor Emeritus in the Department. Professor Spann was a legendary figure in the Department of History, joining the faculty in 1961 and retiring in 1999. He was a prolific writer and nationally renowned scholar on the history of New York City. His first book, *Ideals and Politics: New York Intellectuals and American Liberalism, 1820-1880*, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Professor Spann remained active in "retirement," and recently published *Democracy's Children: The Young Rebels of the 1960s and the Power of Ideals*. In 2000 he and his wife, Joanne, endowed the Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship,

awarded each year to an outstanding history or social science education major. All of us associated with the Department appreciate Professor Spann's many contributions to Indiana State University and the history profession.

Moving Back Home

Late in July, 2005 the Department of History will be moving back to the newly renovated Stalker Hall. The University, architects, and workmen have done a beautiful job, not only adding an elevator but keeping the original marble intact throughout the renovation. Our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same, as well as our address: Department of History, Indiana State University, Terre Haute IN 47809. Beginning fall 2005, feel free to come by and see our new facilities. The University is planning a special event to celebrate the reopening of Stalker, please "stay tuned" for further details.

New Faculty

For the 2005-06 academic year we welcome to the Department three new faculty members: Christopher Fischer (Modern Continental Europe), Isaac Land (Modern English/British), and Barbara Skinner (Russian/East European).

Dr. Fischer is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2003). He comes to us from Loyola College in Maryland. Chris has received many awards, fellowship, and several prestigious grants, including a Fulbright, a Mowry Fellowship, and the Fritz Stern Prize (2004), which is given annually to the two best dissertations that examine German history. His specialties are Modern German and French history, and his research focuses on ethnic and national identity in the Alsace in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Dr. Land comes to ISU from Texas A&M University at Commerce. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (1999). Isaac was a Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom and was a recipient of the Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities. His specialty is modern British history, and he is currently revising his manuscript on masculinity in the Atlantic World during the Age of Revolution. He is also working on an anthology that examines terrorism in the nineteenth century.

Dr. Skinner joins our faculty from Adelphi University. She graduated from Georgetown University (2001), and is a recent recipient (December 2004) of a National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship. She will officially join the Department in January, 2006. Her specialties are Russian and Eastern European history, and she is currently revising a manuscript that examines the Uniate Church and the Russian Imperial policies that led to its official elimination in 1875. Further, she examines the Church's role in the ethnic and national identities of Ukranian and Belarusian peoples from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries.

Adjunct Faculty

The History Department would like to thank all of our adjunct faculty who helped us

during the 2004-05 academic year.

John Benton, HIST 201, 202
Robert Clouse, HIST 101, 355
Ruth Fairbanks, HIST 202
Bronson Long, HIST 102, 467
David McCarter, HIST 101
Michelle (Micki) Morahn, HIST 102, 201, 336
Lisa Phillips, HIST 202
Walter Rinderle, HIST 102

Graduate Students

For the academic year 2004-05 the following graduate students were enrolled:

<i>Belton, Sarah</i>	<i>Earlham College</i>
<i>Boyce, Cynthia</i>	<i>University of Illinois, Champaign</i>
<i>Brock, Joshua</i>	<i>Culver-Stockton College</i>
<i>Brown, Christopher</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Donnelly, Timothy</i>	<i>University of Evansville</i>
<i>England, Joseph</i>	<i>University of Utah</i>
<i>Fairbanks, Emily</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Fields, Jessica</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Hall, Brian</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Hammond, Joshua</i>	<i>Illinois State University</i>
<i>Harris, Amy</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Lockridge, Ryan</i>	<i>Valparaiso University</i>
<i>Moore, Ryan</i>	<i>University of Wisconsin</i>
<i>Parkison, Amy</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Pohlen, Thomas</i>	<i>Old Dominion University</i>
<i>Potts, Michael</i>	<i>St. Joseph's College</i>
<i>Schuler, Michelle</i>	<i>University of Maryland</i>
<i>Shively, Jeffrey</i>	<i>DePauw University</i>
<i>Susott, Marvin</i>	<i>Indiana University</i>
<i>Waterson, Anthony</i>	<i>Hanover College</i>
<i>Wilson, William</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>

Enrollments/Majors

The fall semester 2004 yielded a total enrollment of 1,928 (5,783 SCH). The spring semester 2005 had enrollment of 1,636 (5,332 SCH). Though enrollments were down slightly overall, we managed to attract more undergraduate and graduate majors. Our undergraduate majors have increased to 80.

Undergraduate/Graduate Awards

Every spring awards and scholarships are given to outstanding undergraduate and graduate History majors. This year the recipients were:

Fort Harrison Chapter of the DAR	Joshua Dupke
Richard and Margaret Gemmecke Memorial Award	Tracy Papinchock
Nellie Margreta Harr Scholarship	Jennifer Zink
Ronn Mott Scholarship in History	Michael King
Charles Roll History Award	Timothy Donnelly
Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship	Brandy Joliff
John and Carl E. Vukusich Memorial Scholarship	Nadia Kluesner

This year the annual College of Arts and Sciences' Outstanding Senior Award for the Department of History was given to Tracy Papinchock.

Speakers

The Department of History co-hosted with the *Friends of History* and the Department of English the *Hoosier Folklore Conference Lecture* of Mr. Tom Roznowski. His presentation on Terre Haute in 1926 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral was well attended by the community. Mr. Roznowski is perhaps best known as the creator of the *Hometown* series on public radio.

Robert May was another speaker brought to campus by the Department. Mr. May, a Professor of History at Purdue University presented "The Southern Dream of a Caribbean Empire." Mr May is the world's leading expert on relations between Latin American and the Southern United States in the antebellum period.

In May, with help from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Women's Studies Program, the Department brought to campus Rebecca Sharpless and Thomas Charlton. Ms. Sharpless and Mr. Charlton are nationally known figures in the field of Oral History, and they were here for two days of meetings with faculty from across the campus. We discussed the many projects already under way at ISU and the possibility of creating an Oral History Center. Their expertise and suggestions were invaluable for everyone at ISU with an interest in developing this part of our curriculum.

Parties

In the May, 2004 the Department held a surprise party for Donald Layton's retirement at the home of Raymond and Rebecca Shoemaker in Indianapolis. The fall party was held at the Olsen residence.

Alumni

Leah Bender (MA, 2004) has been accepted to the University of Kentucky's Ph.D. program with a teaching assistantship and full stipend.

Laura Bergstrom (MA, 2003) has been accepted to both the Ph.D. program at Purdue University and at St. Louis University. She will be attending Purdue University in the Fall 2005.

Bonnye Busbice (MA, 1999) is serving as the Director of Public Works over sanitation, recycling concrete, and other areas. She is happily married to David Good and has a two year old son, Xander.

Mark Hendrickson (MA, 1999) received his Ph.D. from University of California-Santa Barbara. He is currently working as an instructor at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He, his wife, and son live in Laramie, Wyoming.

Jonathan Titus (AB, 1986) teaches English and social studies at Southwestern (Shelby) Consolidated Schools. He also coaches girl's varsity basketball and was named Coach of the Year by *Shelbyville News* and South Coach of the Year by the *Indianapolis Star*. He led the team to their first semi-state.

Brian Woods (BS, 2004) recently accepted a position in the brokerage department with AmStan Logistics in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Professional Activities

(Publications listed are those for the calendar year 2004.)

Ann Chirhart served on several departmental and university committees, including her affiliated faculty position with the Women's Studies program in 2004. She served on numerous professional panels as both commentator and chair. Ann presented two conference papers, and chaired a session and commented on a paper at the Georgia Association of Historians conference. In spring 2004 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. In February, 2005 her first book, *Torches of Light: Teachers and the Modern State of Georgia*, was published with the University of Georgia Press. Currently she is working on a two-volume edited collection, *Georgia Women* (co-edited with Sarah Gardener) also with the University of Georgia Press.

Daniel Clark presented one conference paper in 2004 and published two book reviews. Dan serves as the department's library liaison and on departmental, college, and university committees. He is a member of the university's Social Science Education Advisory Council, and is an SSE advisor to undergraduate majors. Dan is a task force member of Project PRE (Partnering to Reform Education) through the College of Education. Besides these duties he served as co-chair of the department's program review committee.

Robert Fish had one article published and two conference papers presented in 2004. He also presented a paper at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, in January,

2005. Rob serves on many departmental, college, and university committees. He is also an executive committee member in the Midwest Japan Seminar, and he participated in affiliated seminars at Ball State and University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Anne Foster made three conference presentations, including one at the 7th *International Conference on Philippine Studies*, in the Netherlands. She also published a book review and received a grant for Focus Indiana from ISU's Center for Public Service and Community Engagement, which was part of her re-designed curriculum for History 300. Anne also served as a chapter editor, a member of several departmental and university committees including the Graduate Schools Academic Integrity Committee, and served on the committee for the Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize given by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Her first monograph was recently accepted at Duke University Press, and she is finishing revisions on the manuscript that will appear in 2006.

William Giffin continued his work on his book manuscript, *African Americans and the Color Line in Ohio, 1915-1930*, which is forthcoming from Ohio State University Press. Bill continued to be an active member and treasurer of the Indiana Historical Association, while maintaining a heavy service load with the department and university that included co-chairing the department's program review committee and assuming the chair position for the Retention/Tenure and Promotion committees.

Timothy Hawkins published his first book, *José de Bustamante and Central American Independence: Colonial Administration in an Age of Imperial Crisis*, with the University of Alabama Press in 2004. Tim received the Strugis Leavitt Prize from the South East Council of Latin American Studies. He gave a conference presentation and has a book chapter and book review forthcoming. Besides the departmental and university committees on which he serves, Tim also is a member of many national organizations. He continues as director of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at ISU.

Robert Hunter has been on sabbatical leave for fall, 2004, and taught in Italy in spring, 2005. He is still active as the President of the Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies. Bob published one article and one book review. He organized a workshop held at ISU entitled "Clash of Civilizations: Islam and the West." He will be on sabbatical in fall, 2005, and back in the Department in spring, 2006.

David Nichols joined the department in fall 2004. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, and his fields include Native American, antebellum U.S. South, and early America. He presented one conference paper, and his book *Red Gentleman and White Savages* with the University of Virginia Press is forthcoming. Dave served on several departmental and college committees. He was also a grant reviewer for the U.S. National Historical Publications and Records Commission. We welcome him to our Department and have already come to appreciate his wit and many contributions.

Christopher Olsen continued as Department Chair. He presented two conference papers, published three book reviews, and obtained two university grants to develop internships and oral history. He has forthcoming a text book entitled *The American Civil War* with Farrar, Strauss, and Giroux (Hill and Wang); one book chapter; two encyclopedia articles; and two book reviews. Chris still coordinates the Phi Alpha Theta organization that had a large book sale in the spring 2004. He is an ETS Advanced Placement reader for U. S. History, department coordinator of ISU's College Challenge, presents the Knowing Sycamores Orientation for first year history majors, and serves on numerous professional organizations.

Richard Schneirov published one article and two encyclopedia entries. He presented a paper at the Organization of American Historians. In 2004 Rich was given the Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Award by Indiana State University. He continues his work with the Faculty Senate and the AAUP besides his duties with the department, the university, and other organizations. Rich continues to serve as director of graduate studies for the History Department, and served as the chair of the Modern English/British search committee.

Rebecca Shoemaker's book *The White Court: Justices, Rulings, Legacy* was released by ABC-CLIO Press in 2004. Becky was chair of two search committees—Modern Continental European history and Modern Russian/East European history. She continues to chair our curriculum committee, became secretary to the department meeting in fall 2004, and is active on other department committees. Becky continues to be the campus representative for the James Madison Fellowship, is an active member in the Indiana Association of Historians, and is a manuscript reviewer for Bedford/St. Martin's Press.

Steven Stofferahn joined the department in fall 2004. He is a graduate of Purdue University. His fields include early middle ages, modern Europe, and the Islamic world. Steve presented one conference paper and has a book chapter forthcoming. He was also a textbook reviewer for Houghton-Mifflin. Steve is an active member of many department committees; we welcome him to our department and already appreciate his numerous contributions (particularly those related to Jack Jones).

Friends of History

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 sponsor the visit and public lecture by Tom Roznowski, who spoke about Terre Haute in 1926.

Please contact Chairperson Olsen at the Department of History for more information, or if you have suggestions for the Friends of History.

Thank you.

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