

# Indiana State University

## The History Department's

### Annual Newsletter

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

Greetings to all of you from Terre Haute and Stalker Hall. I hope you all have had a happy and productive year. We have had a typically busy year in the Department of History, and I want to thank all of our faculty, our administrative assistant Carolyn Greenwalt, and particularly our students for making it so enjoyable. On a personal note, I owe a special thanks to Bill Giffin, who generously stepped in to serve as acting chair in the spring semester when I was fortunate to have my first sabbatical. It was a productive semester for me, and Bill's leadership kept the Department running smoothly.

Our faculty had a typically productive year, publishing two new books and nine articles. Department faculty gave more than a dozen conference papers around the country and the world, including the Netherlands, England, and Warsaw. We are particularly happy to welcome Lisa Phillips as our newest tenure-track faculty member. Lisa has been a member of the Department for the past four years as a full-time instructor, and we are lucky to keep her with us. Lisa's degree is from Rutgers University and her speciality is twentieth-century America, particularly the history of labor, women, and African-Americans. Her manuscript, "The Labor Movement and Black Economic Equality in New York City: District 65, 1934-1954," is currently under revision.

Unfortunately (for us) Becky Shoemaker retired after the spring semester. Of course we wish her all the best, even though we're going to miss having her in the Department and as a daily colleague. Certainly our students will miss her popular and challenging courses, and her careful, thoughtful advising over the years. I know she has a full schedule of writing planned, and she and Roy (who also retired this spring from the Indiana Historical Society) will be doing extra traveling. Best wishes from all of us, and thank you—for so much—from all of your friends, colleagues, and students. Personally, I want to thank Becky for making me feel so welcome since the day I came to I. S. U., and for making the job of chair so much easier with her in the Department. You will be missed, probably more than you know.

## **Undergraduate/Graduate Awards**

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

<i>Fort Harrison Chapter of the DAR</i>	<i>Jacquelynn Miller</i>
<i>Richard and Margaret Gemmecke Memorial Award</i>	<i>Lauren Wenning</i>
<i>Nellie Margreta Harr Scholarship</i>	<i>Michael Oelig</i>
<i>Charles Roll History Award</i>	<i>Marvin Susott</i>
<i>Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Kylei Tumey</i>
<i>John and Carl E. Vukusich Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Samantha Shope</i>

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

## **Adjunct Faculty**

The Department of History would like to thank all of our adjunct faculty who helped us during the 2006-07 academic year.

*Jessica Fields, HIST 202*  
*David McCarter, HIST 201*  
*Michelle (Micki) Morahn, HIST 201, 202, 315, 336*  
*Lisa Phillips, HIST 202, 4/536*  
*Michael Potts, HIST 202*

## **Graduate Students**

For the academic year 2006-07 the following graduate students were enrolled:

<i>Abendroth, Kirk</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Adler, Jerod</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Belser, Peter</i>	<i>Franklin College</i>
<i>Bright, Aron</i>	<i>Manchester College</i>
<i>Burger, Cory</i>	<i>University of California, Davis</i>
<i>Candelaria, John</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Carroll, Michael</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Debaun, Curtis</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Edwards, Cassandra</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Fuetter, Ann</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Greve, Evan</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Grounds, Larry</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Harris, Amy</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Hintze, Brian</i>	<i>University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire</i>
<i>Keller, Gretchen</i>	<i>Indiana University</i>
<i>Lepley, John</i>	<i>Indiana University at Pennsylvania</i>

*Lower, Brenda*  
*Miller, Jacquelynn*  
*Mish, Bryon*  
*Parkison, Amy*  
*Pohlen, Thomas*  
*Roman, Jennifer*  
*Stoelting, Andy*  
*Straubel, Brandon*  
*Susott, Marvin*  
*Sweeney, Matthew*  
*Vogele, Britta*  
*Wang, Jiuping*

*Indiana State University*  
*Indiana University*  
*Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*  
*Indiana State University*  
*Old Dominion University*  
*University of Evansville*  
*Indiana State University*  
*Valparaiso University*  
*Indiana University*  
*Indiana University*  
*University of Iowa*  
*Xi'an International Studies University*

### **Enrollments/Majors**

The fall semester 2006 yielded a total enrollment of 1,603 (4,809 SCH). The spring semester 2007 had enrollment of 1,556 (4,473 SCH). Though fall enrollments were down slightly, spring 2007 was up about 4 percent. Our average number of UG majors for 2006-07 was 83.

### **Alumni**

Some of our alumni were in touch with us this year. It was great to hear from each one of them. Please feel free to drop us a note and let us know what is going on in your life.

*Laura Bergstrom* (2003) is pursuing a Ph.D. at Purdue University, where she is also working as a teaching assistant. October 2006 she presented a paper entitled, "The 'Birmingham of the West': Hoosier Coal and the Clay County Riot of 1973" at the North American Labor History Conference in Detroit.

*Weston Bohall* (2006) has been accepted into graduate programs in history at Ball State and the University of Kentucky, and Ball State has offered him a full scholarship and assistantship.

### **Faculty Publications and Professional Activities**

(For calendar year 2006)

**Ann Chirhart** was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor—Congratulations Ann! She made two conference presentations, in England and The Netherlands, commented at the Southern Association of Women's Historians conference, and attended the Oral History Association meeting in Arkansas. She published three book reviews. She also received an Outstanding Faculty Member award from Residential Life and Academic Peer Advocates from ISU. Ann received three grants from ISU: a University Research Committee; a College of Arts and Sciences a Community Engagement and Experiential Learning Grant, for "Oral History of the Wabash Valley"; and a Promising Scholars grant

from the Eli Lilly Foundation to study “Worship in the Wabash Valley.”

**Daniel Clark** served as the Social Science Education coordinator. He was the proposal reviewer for the American Educational Research Association’s Annual meeting. At the Geography and History of the World Workshop held for practicing teachers, he presented “The Little Ice Age.” Dan finished revisions to his book manuscript, which is currently under review.

**Christopher Fischer**’s book *Alsace to the Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1870-1940* is under contract with Berghahn Books, and he is finishing his final revisions to the manuscript. Chris presented at one conference and published one book review. He also lead a discussion for the ISU Cunningham Library during their French Film Series. The movie discussed was “*Notre Musique*.”

**Anne Foster** is revising her book manuscript, *Projections of Power: The U.S. in Colonial Southeast Asia, 1919-1941*, which is under contract with Duke University Press. She published one article and presented a conference paper. Anne published two book reviews, and chaired and commented for a session at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. She is a reviewer for three journals: *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *Journal of Policy History*, and *Journal of American History*.

**William Giffin** served as acting chair for the spring 2007 semester. He had published his second new book in as many years: *The Irish*, in the “Peopling Indiana” series from the Indiana Historical Society Press, which appeared in time for St. Patrick’s Day in March. He also received positive reviews in *The American Historical Review* and the *Journal of American History*, for *African Americans and the Color Line in Ohio, 1915-1930*, published by The Ohio State University Press in December 2005. He completed his last full year as treasurer of the Indiana Association of Historians after serving in that capacity for twenty-four years. He also was a member of ISU’s Debs Fellowship Committee.

**Timothy Hawkins** received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor—Congratulations Tim! He also had a book chapter published and presented a paper at the *American Historical Association Annual Conference*. He reviewed two books and was the Social Science and History Program Coordinator for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual SECOLAS meeting.

**Robert Hunter** presented a conference paper at the Middle East Studies Association of North America. He organized the Midwest Association of Middle East and Islamic Studies conference, and organized a panel for Middle East Studies Association of America.

**Isaac Land** became the department’s library liaison this year. The job is time-consuming, and we thank Isaac for taking it on. Isaac published one book chapter and one book review. He made four presentations, including one at the American Historical Association. In June

he received a book contract from Palgrave MacMillan for his edited collection, *Enemies of Humanity: The Nineteenth-Century War on Terrorism*.

**David Nichols'** *Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the Post-Revolutionary American Frontier* is now under contract with the University of Virginia Press. Dave also presented a paper at the Indiana Association of Historians and published two book reviews. Dave has given a lot of his time to the Department of History's Assessment Committee and the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council.

**Christopher Olsen** continued as Department Chair and Interim Chair of African and African American Studies. His book *The American Civil War: A Hands-On History* was published with Hill & Wang, and was nominated for the Lincoln Prize. Chris presented one paper, had a book review published, and obtained three grants to develop internships and oral and local history at I. S. U. He is a member of the Development Committee for the Advanced Placement U. S. History exam and serves on various College, University, and professional boards and committees.

**Richard Schneirov** published "Thoughts on Periodizing the Gilded Age: Capital Accumulations, Society, and Politics, 1873-1898" in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. Not only was Rich a contributor, but he is the Senior Consulting Editor for the Labor section of the *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*. Rich continues to serve as director of graduate studies for the History Department. He remains active in the AAUP and the Faculty Senate, and is co-advisor of ISU's History Club.

**Rebecca Shoemaker** served as secretary to the department meeting and was active on other department committees. She published two book chapters this year. Becky continues to be the campus representative for the James Madison Fellowship, is an active member in the Indiana Association of Historians, and a member of the Committee for the History of the Federal Courts in Indiana, Southern District.

**Barbara Skinner** made two conference presentations this year. Barbara also organized and participated in a roundtable, "Confessionalization and its Discontents: Orthodoxy in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, 17-19 Centuries" for American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention in Washington DC. She has made several research trips to Russia. Barbara was the recipient of a grant from the Social Science Research Council (Eurasia Program) Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

**Steven Stofferahn** had a book chapter published in *Medieval Monks and Their World: Studies in Honor of Richard Sullivan*. He also had an encyclopedia entry published. Steve presented a paper at the Sewanee Medieval Colloquium and chaired a session at Midwest Medieval History Conference. Steve received "Best Practices Recognition for the Teaching of World History: Among the Top Exemplar for World History I" from the College Board

and Center for Educational Policy Research. He continues to be the advisor of Indiana State University's Phi Alpha Theta, and is co-advisor of the History Club. He is currently working on revisions to his dissertation, "Banished Worlds: The Political Culture of the Carolingian Exile, 750-900."

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Thank you.

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