

# 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. I want to thank all of our faculty, our administrative assistant Carolyn Greenwalt, and particularly our students for making the past year so enjoyable for us in the Department of History.

In the past academic year we furthered our commitment to community engagement and experiential learning, central parts of ISU's mission. With the support of several Liberal Learning in Action grants, Anne Foster took students from History 300 to work in the National Archives in Washington, DC; Chris Olsen took his comparative slavery class to the Underground Railroad Museum and Freedom Center in Cincinnati; and Bob Hunter took a group of students to Plainfield to tour a mosque and experience Middle East cuisine. Other faculty members revised existing courses in ways that allowed students to conduct research on local history, supported in part through the Department's Research Center for Local History and Culture. Many of them exhibited their work at the annual Showcase of student research. Recent stories about ISU history students and their work can be found at:

[www.tribstar.com/archivesearch/local\\_story\\_338234010.html](http://www.tribstar.com/archivesearch/local_story_338234010.html)

[www.tribstar.com/features/local\\_story\\_106225922.html?keyword=topstory](http://www.tribstar.com/features/local_story_106225922.html?keyword=topstory)

[www.tribstar.com/features/local\\_story\\_015212710.html](http://www.tribstar.com/features/local_story_015212710.html)

Student work sponsored by the Research Center was also featured as part of President Bradley's installation ceremonies on Veterans' Day.

([www.tribstar.com/archivesearch/local\\_story\\_316222251.html](http://www.tribstar.com/archivesearch/local_story_316222251.html)).

The Department also continued to build upon its reputation for outstanding teaching. Two faculty members, Isaac Land and Jessica Fields, were honored by the Office of Residential Life's "First Year Initiative" program for outstanding work with new ISU students. Dan Clark, Tim Hawkins, Dave Nichols, and Lisa Phillips all taught specially designed Learning Communities aimed at focusing the classroom

experiences of first-year students. Barbara Skinner taught a new course for the Honors program: “Russia under the Tsars;” and Bob Hunter again offered his popular Honors seminar on the “Middle East Islamic Century.” Finally, the Department’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, led by Steve Stofferahn, was chosen as the Best Chapter in the nation for Division IV (2008). Congratulations to Steve and all the students for this impressive honor!

The Department hosted a number of visiting speakers, thanks in part to the contributions from our alumni to the Friends of History. Prof. Ernie Freeberg, University of Tennessee, spoke to a large crowd about his new book, *Democracy’s Prisoner: Eugene V. Debs, the Great War, and the Right to Dissent*; Charles Halperin, from the Russia and East European Institute at Indiana University, lectured on new research into the life of Ivan “the Terrible”; Prof. Whitney Walton, Purdue University, spoke about Study Abroad and French-American exchanges in the twentieth century; and Prof. Nancy Gabin, Purdue University, discussed women in the American labor movement. We also hosted the second annual graduate student symposium with Eastern Illinois University, during which students in both graduate programs delivered papers and took questions from fellow students and faculty. This event was a great chance for graduate students to share their research and articulate its importance. Both departments hope to continue the tradition next year. (Pictures are available on the Department web site: [www.indstate.edu/history](http://www.indstate.edu/history)) On behalf of the students, faculty, and the ISU community, thank you again to our alumni who helped make these events possible.

The History faculty also sustained the Department’s reputation for nationally and internationally recognized scholarship. Among many highlights, faculty members had two new books appear: David Nichols, *Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indian Relations and Political Culture on the American Frontier* (University of Virginia Press), a monograph with the nation’s most prestigious press for the history of colonial America and the early republic, and Isaac Land, *Enemies of Humanity: The Nineteenth-Century War on Terrorism* (Palgrave Macmillan), an edited collection for which he also contributed a chapter. In addition, current faculty members have another eight books under contract and in various stages of the publishing process. As usual, faculty also presented their research at some of the leading conferences in the United States and overseas. Finally, Richard Schneirov received an International Affairs Committee grant to teach a seminar on American Democracy at Liaoning University, where he will be in June, 2009.

In short: the History Department rocks, and continues to put other academic units to shame! (Just kidding—well, sort of)

## **Adjunct Faculty**

The Department of History would like to thank all of our adjunct faculty who helped us during the 2008-09 academic year.

*Jessica Fields, HIST 102, 201, 202*

*John Fish, HIST 201,202*

*Nancy Latta, HIST 202*

*Cinda May, HIST 4/504*

*David McCarter, HIST 101*

*Michelle (Micki) Morahn, HIST 201, 202, 315, 336*

*Elana Passman Fischer, HIST 102*

*Crystal Reynolds, HIST 201*

*Jeffrey Shively, HIST 201, 202*

## **Graduate Students**

For the academic year 2008-09 the following graduate students were enrolled:

*Abendroth, Kirk*

*Indiana State University*

*Adler, Jerod*

*Indiana State University*

*Beam, Darrell*

*Indiana University East*

*Bright, Aron*

*Manchester College*

*Cannon, Laura*

*University of the Incarnate Word*

*Crow, Brad*

*University of Southern Indiana*

*Foral, Colin*

*University of Minnesota - Morris*

*Gross, Kevin*

*Purdue University*

*Grounds, Larry*

*Indiana State University*

*Hatton, Zack*

*Hanover College*

*Lechner, Sandra*

*Idaho State University*

*Martin, Levi*

*Olivet College*

*Mastin, Erica*

*Idaho State University*

*Miller, Joshua*

*Cedarville University*

*Platt, Brandon*

*University of South Carolina*

*Pohlen, Jeff*

*Old Dominion University*

*Reeves, Dianne*

*Indiana State University*

*Robison, Michael*

*Indiana State University*

*Woolard, Cassandra*

*Indiana State University*

*York, Troy*

*Indiana State University*

*Zapor, Bobbie*

*Indiana University - Pennsylvania*

## **Enrollments/Majors**

The fall semester 2008 yielded a total enrollment of 1,598 (4,793 SCH). The spring semester 2009 had enrollment of 1,3427 (3,981 SCH). Our average number of UG majors for 2008-09 was 59.

## Undergraduate/Graduate Awards

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

*Dr. Charles Roll History Award*

*Nellie Margreta Harr Scholarship*

*Richard and Margaret Gemmecke Memorial Award in History*

*John and Carl E. Vukusich Memorial Scholarship*

*Fort Harrison Chapter of the DAR Scholarship*

*Outstanding Senior*

*Sandra Lechner*

*Steven Tolin*

*Kenneth Painter*

*Kaelynn Hayes*

*Nicole Mauntel*

*Kenneth Painter*

## Student and Alumni News

Many of our current majors have recently studied abroad, or are preparing to go overseas in the near future:

*Kaelynn Hayes, Edge Hill University, England, Spring 2009*

*Steve Tolin, University of Malta, Spring 2009*

*Nicole Mauntel, Kansai Kadai University, Japan, Spring 2009*

*Bethany Baker, University of Galway, Ireland, Spring 2009*

*Lowell Torres, Edge Hill University, England*

*Amy Scitutto, Edge Hill University, England*

*Sarah Christian, Greece, Spring 2008*

*Bayley Hall, Argentina, Fall 2009*

The Department wants to congratulate all of our 2008-2009 graduates. Here are updates on some of our recent graduates, and we hope that you pass along any news that you would like to share about yourself and your career after ISU. (Send to [history@indstate.edu](mailto:history@indstate.edu) or call 812.237.2710)

**Kiel Majewski** (BS, 2006) is Museum Coordinator at the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute. This year he was named one of twenty Carl Wilkens Fellows, an award that recognizes community leaders dedicated to fighting genocide. For more information on Kiel's work and the anti-genocide fellowship, see: [www.indstate.edu/news/news.php?newsid=1656](http://www.indstate.edu/news/news.php?newsid=1656)

**Michael Taylor** (BA, 2004) completed a library science degree at IU and, at the same time, finished a master's degree in history. He is currently Assistant Curator of Rare Books at Louisiana State University, and also has a recent article in the *Indiana Magazine of History* (Sept. 2008).

**Laura Bergstrom** (MA, 2003) is writing her dissertation at Purdue University and plans to be finished soon.

**Kylei Tumey** (BS, 2009) graduated as a triple major in history, anthropology, and English, and is a past winner of the Spann, Gemmecke, and Harr awards in the Department (where she had a 4.0 gpa). She recently accepted a teaching assistantship and fellowship at the University of Oklahoma, where she will pursue a graduate degree in anthropology.

**Mark Hendrickson** (MA, 1999) accepted a teaching position at the University of California at San Diego.

**Jason Martinek** (MA, 1999) accepted a teaching position at New Jersey City University.

**John Enyeart** (MA, 1995) had his first book published this year: *The Quest for 'Just and Pure Law' Rocky Mountain Workers and American Social Democracy, 1870-1924* (Stanford University Press, 2009).

**Scott Cullison** (BS, 2009) has accepted a teaching assistantship in the Department of Communications at ISU, where he will pursue his graduate degree.

**Patrick Rodkey** (BS, 2007) has been accepted into the Historic Preservation Program (MS) in the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State.

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

(For calendar year 2008 - Curriculum Vitae are Available at [www.indstate.edu/history](http://www.indstate.edu/history))

**Ann Chirhart** is editing two collections on the history of Georgia women for the University of Georgia Press. *Georgia Women: Their Lives and Times, volume I* will be available in August, 2009, and volume II is in process. She was also named a Harry F. Golden Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she will be conducting research for her next book project: "Listen America: The Freedom Struggle in the Urban South, 1930-1955." She also delivered "Defining Citizenship: African American Organizations in the Urban South, 1940-1950," at the Organization of American Historians Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington.

**Daniel Clark** received a contract for *Creating the College Man for the Corporate Age: American Mass Magazines and the Rehabilitation of Middle-Class Manhood, 1890-1915* with the University of Wisconsin Press as part of its Studies and American Thought and Culture series edited by Paul Boyer. It is slated for a Spring 2010 publication. In November Dan presented, "Selling the College Man: Magazine Advertising, Visions of College, and Transformations in Middle-Class Masculinity for a Corporate Age, 1900-1915," at the History of Education Society annual meeting in Tampa, FL. Over the summer Dan co-pressed over four separate workshops for social study teachers in Terre Haute and Indianapolis.

**Christopher Fischer** presented "Enemies or Friends? Alsatians as a Security Problem in the First World War" at the German Studies Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. He also completed revisions on his manuscript, *Alsace to the Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1870-1939*, which is forthcoming with Berghahn Books. He also finished a new article, "Local Loss, National Sacrifice: Commemoration of the First World War in Alsace, 1918-1939," that is part of a new book project, and which is forthcoming in the collected volume, *Spaces of War: France and the Francophone World*.

**Anne Foster** published an essay, "Prohibiting Opium in the Philippines and the United States: Creation of an Interventionist State," in Alfred McCoy and Francisco Scarano, eds., *Colonial Crucible: Empire in the Making of the Modern American State* (Univ of Wisconsin Press, 2009). She was a member of the Program Committee for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, and in 2010 will co-chair the Program Committee. During fall 2008, with support from a Liberal Learning in Action grant from CPSCE, she took seven students to conduct research in the National Archives in Washington DC. Their projects, along with other students from History 300, were presented at the Research Showcase of the Research Center for Local History and Culture in December, 2008.

**William Giffin** enjoyed a well deserved sabbatical leave in the spring, 2009 semester. He is continuing research on two projects: Scottish population mobility and immigration to the United States in the nineteenth century, primarily examining United Kingdom census records; and African Americans in Ohio during the Great Depression, particularly the impact of New Deal relief programs. He also wrote book reviews and reviewed manuscripts for the *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Journal of American History*, and *Ohio Valley History*.

**Timothy Hawkins** published *La Corona, El Ejercito, y la Sociedad Colonial Centroamericana* (volume 34), Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de los Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica (a study of the impact of the imperial crisis and independence on the development of the military in Central America.). He continued research on his next book project, a study of the Bourbon naval reforms, and was a peer reviewer for the

*American Historical Review* and *Hispanic American Historical Review*.

**F. Robert Hunter** presented “Marketing Exotica: Edith Wharton and Tourism in French North Africa” at the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association of North America. He also completed a new article on tourism that was accepted for publication by an academic journal in London. He continues as President of the Midwest Regional Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, which is planning to hold its annual conference at ISU in fall, 2009.

**Isaac Land**’s edited collection, *Enemies of Humanity: The Nineteenth-Century War on Terrorism* was published with Palgrave Macmillan in June, 2008. His next book, *War, Nationalism, and the British Sailor, 1750-1850* will be published (also from Palgrave Macmillan) in September 2009. He received an award “for outstanding dedication to first year student academic success” from the Office of Residential Life at their Fourth Annual Faculty Recognition Banquet in April 2009.

**David Nichols**’ *Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the Post-Revolutionary American Frontier* was published with the University of Virginia Press in December 2008. This year he also published an article in *Ohio Valley History* (Winter 2008), a chapter in *The Early Republic: People and Perspectives* (ABC-Clio, 2008), and eight encyclopedia articles. He continued to represent the department on the CAS Faculty Council, and served as both the Council’s vice-chair and chair in 2008-09.

**Christopher Olsen** continued as Department Chair and Interim Chair of African and African American Studies. He has two new articles scheduled for publication this year and another for 2010; contextual essays were published in the *New Encyclopedia of Southern History, vol. 13: Gender* (Paternalism) and in *The Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (Sectionalism). He presented a paper on the Advanced Placement U. S. History exam at the Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, and continues to serve on the Development Committee for AP US History.

**Lisa Phillips** presented papers at the Labor and Working Class History Association Annual Conference in Chicago (“Competing Ideologies: Race, Labor, and the Cold War”) and at The Right and Labor: Politics, Ideology, and Imagination Conference in Santa Barbara (“‘Like a Scab Over An Infected Sore’: The Campaigns Against Full and Fair Employment Legislation, 1945-48.”). She is completing revisions for her first book manuscript, “Organizing the Workers “Nobody Else Wanted”: Labor Activism in the Mid-Twentieth Century United States,” which was requested by the University of Illinois Press.

**Richard Schneirov** had two new articles published in 2008: “Strangled Voices: The Haymarket Anarchists in Historical Context” on the website “Illinois During the Gilded Age,” and “Chicago’s Great Upheaval of 1877: Class Polarization and Democratic Politics”

in *The Great Strike of 1877: New Perspectives*, edited by David Stowell (University of Illinois Press, 2008). His newest book project, *The Labor Question in the Age of Capital: Chicago During the Civil War and Reconstruction*, is under contract with the University of Illinois Press with an anticipated publication in the coming year. He also serves as President of the Indiana Chapter of AAUP.

**Barbara Skinner** received a contract for her first book, *The Western Front of the Eastern Church: Uniate and Orthodox Conflict in 18th-Century Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia* with the Northern Illinois University Press, and it is scheduled for a fall 2009 publication. She also had an article, "Uniate Moral Theology in the Eighteenth Century," published in the April, 2009 issue of the Ukrainian journal *Kyivs'ka Akademiia*.

**Steven Stofferahn** had a new article, "Teacher History: Student Historians, Faculty Biographies, and the Alma Mater," published in *The History Teacher* in May, 2009. He also presented a version of that project at the Midwest History of Education Society Conference in Chicago in October, 2008. An extended book review in *The Journal of Medieval Latin* will be published in summer, 2009. He is also co-editing a Festschrift in honor of John J. Contreni, which is currently under review at Medieval Institute Publications. Finally, he continued as faculty sponsor and mentor for the Department's award-winning chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

The Department would also like to congratulate **Elana Passman Fischer**, one of our adjunct faculty members, on receiving her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina in May, 2009.

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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.

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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