

Indiana State University The History Department's Annual Newsletter

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2010-2011

Greetings from the Department of History! I hope you all have had a safe and successful year, and certainly accept from me the best wishes of the Department.

Before I start on the usual news update I want to ask you all to consider filling out our new **alumni survey**, which is available on the Department website at: www.indstate.edu/history. (The survey is on the left side beneath the link for the newsletter.) We'd love to hear what you've been doing since graduation, and it will be a great help to us if you have a few minutes to take the survey.

We've had a particularly busy and satisfying year in the Department. We experienced a great increase in undergraduate and graduate majors and minors, which is naturally exciting for all of us in the Department. We have worked hard to promote interest in history and explain to students the many career possibilities for history majors. Again, we hope that you will complete our new alumni survey, which will help current students see that history majors can do all sorts of great things!

In other Department news, we are especially proud that five of our colleagues were awarded academic tenure and promotion to associate professor: **Anne Foster, Christopher Fischer, Isaac Land, Daniel Clark, and Barbara Skinner**. This is a great personal accomplishment for them—and well deserved!—and it also strengthens the Department and, we hope, means that they will be with us for a long time.

As in years past, the Department hosted a number of visiting speakers and supported student events, thanks in large part to the contributions from our alumni to the **Friends of History**. With the university's budget greatly reduced we are so grateful to everyone who has supported these special activities for students and the community. Thank you all so much.

Among our speakers were the first woman to drive in the Indianapolis 500, **Janet Guthrie**, and Pulitzer-Prize winning biographer **Brian Donovan**, both of whom visited the new History of Motorsports class team-taught by **Lisa Phillips** and **Joyce Young** (Director of I. S. U.'s motorsports program). Both speakers met with our students and attracted large crowds to their public events. We were able to help sponsor a nationally acclaimed Cortes exhibition at the

Turman Art Gallery. On April 19 we helped sponsor a visit and luncheon for **El-Fadel Arbab**, a survivor of the genocide in Darfur and activist for world peace. He was on campus as part of I. S. U.'s Human Rights Day, spoke to a large audience, and had lunch in the Department where he met with many of our students. We were also able to co-sponsor a public lecture on American Indians and the War of 1812, part of the Vigo County, Indiana, War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration (which continues for the next three years). A large crowd came to campus to hear three visiting speakers and participate in the discussion that followed, which was moderated by our own **David Nichols**.

(www.indianahumanities.org/thinkreadtalk/index.php/2011/01/an-event-to-recognize-the-forgotten-war/)

This year we also had the privilege of hosting two regional conferences for students. The Indiana Regional conference for Phi Alpha Theta was held in Stalker Hall on April 9. Thirty-three students, representing twelve different institutions, presented their research; over sixty people attended the conference. **Roy Shoemaker** gave the luncheon, plenary address that focused on his thirty years as an historian and administrator with the Indiana Historical Society. **Rebecca Shoemaker**, professor emeritus at I. S. U., also returned to Stalker Hall for the day's conference. Special congratulations to all of our presenters from the Department, including **Rich Balough**, whose received the Best Paper award. Faculty sponsor **Steve Stofferahn** organized the conference with help from our Upsilon Iota chapter members.

Finally, three weeks later we hosted the fourth annual Graduate Research Symposium. Begun by the faculty at Eastern Illinois University and I. S. U. four years ago, the symposium has expanded to include students from Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Springfield. Seven students presented their research and over thirty people attended.

My last piece of news is one that comes with mixed emotions. **Prof. Robert Hunter** has decided to start a two-year phased retirement in 2011-2012. Obviously the good news is that he will be here for another two years, teaching his advanced courses on the history of the Middle East and Islam. He is also finishing a history of Terre Haute's Syrian community, a project that we hope might keep him in the area a bit longer! Bob is an internationally known and respected scholar in his field, a popular teacher at I. S. U., and a wonderful colleague. His departure will be a great loss for the Department, and we are so glad it won't happen right away. As Department Chair he re-focused the whole Department toward scholarship and re-oriented our curriculum toward a more international focus--in short, he made the Department stronger and helped us evolve to what we are today: one of the most respected departments at I. S. U. On a personal note, Bob was my Chair when I came to I. S. U. in 1999 and has been so supportive that I can't thank him enough for all he has done for me.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Department or our programs. All the best for the coming year!

Cheers-- Chris Olsen, Dept. Chair

Undergraduate/Graduate Student Awards

Every spring semester awards and scholarships are given to outstanding undergraduate and graduate History, Social Studies Education, and African and African American Studies majors. This year the recipients were:

<i>Dr. Charles Roll History Award</i>	<i>no award given</i>
<i>Bryant E. Spann Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Cailen Dixon</i>
<i>Nellie Margreta Harr Scholarship</i>	<i>Kyle Crockett</i>
<i>Richard and Margaret Gemmecke Memorial Award in History</i>	<i>Allison Malone</i>
<i>John and Carl E. Vukusich Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Jacob Hildenbrandt</i>
<i>Fort Harrison Chapter of the DAR Scholarship</i>	<i>Andrew Wiley</i>
<i>Outstanding Graduating Senior in History</i>	<i>Matthew Folz</i>
<i>Outstanding Graduating Senior in Social Studies Education</i>	<i>Sarah Galloway</i>
<i>Francois Muyumba Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Lauryn Price</i>
<i>Lyda Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Jasmine Murray</i>
<i>Lemmon Scholarship for Social Science Education</i>	<i>Matthew Williams</i>

Enrollments/Majors

The fall 2010 semester yielded a total enrollment of 2,575; the spring 2011 semester had enrollment of 1,937. Our average number of majors for 2010-11 was 115.

Graduate Students

For the academic year 2010-2011 the following graduate students were enrolled:

<i>Allen, Joseph</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Balough, Richard</i>	<i>Iowa State University</i>
<i>Beasley, Luke</i>	<i>DePauw University</i>
<i>Bright, Aron</i>	<i>Manchester College</i>
<i>Collins, Jason</i>	<i>The University of Akron</i>
<i>Crow, Brad</i>	<i>University of Southern Indiana</i>
<i>Depoister, Megan</i>	<i>Oakland City University</i>
<i>Elwood, Brittany</i>	<i>Arizona State University</i>
<i>Evans, Ryan</i>	<i>Hanover College</i>
<i>Foral, Colin</i>	<i>University of Minnesota - Morris</i>
<i>Gross, Kevin</i>	<i>Purdue University</i>
<i>Grounds, Larry</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Gubelman, Eric</i>	<i>Northern Illinois University</i>
<i>Hodge, Tammi</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Knight, Logan</i>	<i>Hanover College</i>
<i>Mattern, William</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Phillips, Kristen</i>	<i>University of Southern Indiana</i>
<i>Pohlen, Jeff</i>	<i>Old Dominion University</i>

*Snoderly, Theresa
Thoman, Michelle
Vogel, Lance
Wiley, Andrew*

*St. Mary of the Woods College
University of Southern Indiana
Indiana University
Indiana University*

Student and Alumni News

The Department, of course, congratulates all of our 2010-2011 graduates! Here are updates on some of our current majors and 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 or call 812.237.2710) And another invitation to complete our new **alumni survey** that is available on the Department web site (www.indstate.edu/history).

Sarah Christian completed a post-graduate internship in Egypt at American University where she witnessed first-hand the protests in that country that began early in 2011. A good article about her experiences can be found at: www.indstate.edu/news/news.php?newsid=2624

Kiel Majewski continued to serve as Director of the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Museum in Terre Haute.

John Pigg completed an internship at the Indiana State Legislature in the spring, 2011 semester. He also had a Study Abroad semester at the University of Malta.

Benjamin Tomak completed a Study Abroad semester at the University of Chester in the U. K.

Cassandra Woolard completed her M. A. in History and began the Ph.D. program in CIMT.

Adjunct Faculty

The Department of History would like to thank all of our adjunct faculty who helped us during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Full-time:

Terry Clark, AFRI 113, 212

Part-time:

Donna Drucker, HIST 101

Ruth Fairbanks, HIST 202

*Jessica Fields, HIST 201,
202*

John Fish, HIST 201,202

Benjamin Jessup, HIST 201, 202

*Michael Lushbaugh, HIST
201*

Cinda May, HIST 404, 499, 504

David McCarter, HIST 101, 201

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

Francois Mulot, AFRI 222

Eric Petenbrink, HIST 202

*Jeffrey Shively, HIST 201,
202*

Faculty Publications and Professional Activities

Ann Chirhart is completing *Georgia Women, volume II*, a coedited collection of essays on prominent Georgia women from World War I to the present in which she has an article on African American activist Lugenia Burns Hope. She is also working on a biography of Mary McLeod Bethune. As lead faculty for I. S. U.'s College Challenge, she supervises numerous high school history teachers across Indiana. She also serves on the Julia Spruill Prize Committee for the Southern Association of Women's Historians.

Daniel Clark delivered two conference papers at the History of Education Society and American Educational Research Association annual meeting. This summer he will be conducting new research on representations of women and college in the mass media around 1900, focusing on the *Ladies Home Journal*. He continues to serve as Coordinator of the Social Studies Education program. This year he submitted a "SPA" report for the program's ten-year accreditation study; he says don't ask him what "SPA" stands for—he's not sure and doesn't really want to know. But he is proud that it included a range of compelling data that evidence the program's quality, and which were quite a challenge for a cultural historian.

Christopher Fischer completed revisions on a new article, "The Trophy of Titans: Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-1950," which was published in *Borders and Nations: Confrontations and (Re)Conciliation* as part of the European Science Foundation Series, "Writing the Nation" with the Palgrave Press. In the summer of 2011 he will be conducting research in France for his next book project, a history of the Alsace region during World War I. He chaired and commented on several papers at the American Historical Association annual meeting, served as the Department representative on the I. S. U. Foundational Studies Council, and is Supervising Editor of H-German, a large list-serv that reaches scholars around the world.

Anne Foster celebrated the publication of her book, *Projections of Power: The United States and Europe in Colonial Southeast Asia, 1919-1941* (with Duke University Press). She also had published "Opium, the United States and the Civilizing Mission in Colonial Southeast Asia," in the *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs*. Other scholarly work in 2011 included conference sessions at annual meetings of the American Historical Association, Association of American Studies, the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, and the World History Association in Beijing, China. She remains active in the Liberal Studies faculty in the Interdisciplinary Programs unit at I. S. U., and enjoys serving as an advisor to History undergraduates.

William Giffin chaired the Department's Promotion and Tenure Committee during an active year as five faculty members received P & T. He is a member of the Debs Fellowship Committee and the University Leaves Oversight Committee. He also served as a book reviewer for the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.

Timothy Hawkins published "Napoleonic Espionage and Imperial Defense in Central America, 1808-1812," in *Napoleon's Atlantic*. He also presented "Alternatives to Independence: Central America and the Fall of the Spanish Empire" at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies annual conference. He continued research on his next book project on Napoleonic espionage, including a trip to several Spanish archives. He also served on the I. S. U. Faculty Senate and is President-elect of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies.

F. Robert Hunter continues to work on a history of the Syrian community of Terre Haute and the Midwest. Although he is entering into a two-year phased retirement, he will continue to teach his very popular upper-division Middle East courses. He is also planning his next research trip to Morocco for his book project on Middle East tourism. Since the protests began in the Middle East, he has been in great demand and interviewed extensively on the subject.

Isaac Land conducted new research in the United Kingdom in the summer of 2010, including the National Archives in Kew and Cambridge University; he also made an unlikely pilgrimage to a thousand-year-old parish church in rural Yorkshire that is so small it doesn't have a website. He says the lesson learned was: when in doubt, always remember to bribe the churchwarden—or rather, say you want to “make a donation to help maintain this historic structure for future generations!” He also presented work at conferences in Bristol, Amsterdam, and Vancouver. In November 2011 he will be in charge of local arrangements when the Midwest Conference on British Studies annual conference will be held in Terre Haute.

David Nichols is completing work on “The Engines of Diplomacy: The Rise and Fall of the United States’ Indian Factories, 1796-1822.” In the summer of 2011 he will participate in a NEH Summer Seminar on the Ethnohistory of Southeastern Indians and begin work on his new book project: “Unsettled Country: The Economic Culture of the Chickasaw Nation, 1763-1865.” He also taught a mini-course for the OSHER Institute on the French and Indian War and served as moderator for a public symposium, “The Other Side of the Northwest Frontier: the Native Peoples of the Great Lakes Region and the War of 1812.”

Christopher Olsen completed final editing for an article on political culture and honor in the Old South that will be published in October, 2011. He also presented some new research in a paper at the Southern Historical Association annual meeting. For his next book project (working title: “How Elections Worked: Parties, Patronage, and Politics in the Early United States”) he received an advance contract with the Johns Hopkins University Press. He continues to serve as a member of the Development Committee for the U. S. History Advanced Placement program, and was elected to the I. S. U. Faculty Senate for 2011-2013.

Lisa Phillips received an advance contract for her manuscript “A Renegade Union: Interracial Organizing and Labor Radicalism” from the University of Illinois Press, Working Class in American History series. She is also completing final revisions for “‘Like a Scab Over An Infected Sore’: The Campaigns Against Full and Fair Employment Legislation, 1945-48.” She applied for an NEH fellowship to support work on a new project tentatively entitled, “Fighting ‘Unconscious Racism’: Black, Jewish, Puerto Rican, and Mexican Labor Activism in the Twentieth Century United States.” She developed a new course, with Dr. Joyce Young: U. S. History Through Motorsports, and gave a paper at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting.

Jennifer Ryan continued revisions on her book manuscript, “Saved in the Club: Sacred and Secular in Soul Music,” which will be submitted to the University of California Press in July, 2011. She received a Charlotte Zietlow Women Faculty Research Grant, which helped support trips to archives in the United States and the United Kingdom. She presented part of her research on Blackface Minstrelsy at the Society for Ethnomusicology annual conference, and had an article accepted for publication at *Ethnomusicology*, the leading journal in the field. She attended the Council on Undergraduate Research Dialogues conference in February, 2011, as part of her work to promote undergraduate research at I. S. U.

Richard Schneirov is completing work on two book manuscripts: *Chicago in the Age of Capital: Class, Politics, and Democracy during the Civil War and Reconstruction*, written with John B. Jentz (in press at the University of Illinois Press) and *Democracy as a Way of Life: State and Society in America*, written with Gaston Fernandez (to be published in China by Huazhong University Press). Based on themes in the latter work, he also developed a new course of the same name, which he will teach for the first time in fall, 2011. In the summer of 2011 he is teaching at the University of Muenster, Germany, on a Fulbright grant (one of only 18 awarded to faculty in Indiana). While in Germany he will also be lecturing at the universities of Rostock, Bielefeld, Leipzig, and Cologne.

Barbara Skinner continued working on research for her next book concerning religious policy in Russia's western borderlands. In summer 2010, she completed a month of research in St. Petersburg, Russia, and is returning there this summer (2011) on a Short-Term Travel Grant from the International Research and Exchanges Board. She was awarded highly competitive fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies and from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, both of which will be used during her upcoming sabbatical leave for 2012. She presented a paper stemming from her early research on this topic at the national convention of the American Historical Association.

Steven Stofferahn is completing *Discovery and Distinction in the Early Middle Ages: Studies in Honor of John J. Contreni* (as a co-editor), which also features his own chapter, "Renovatio Abroad: The Politics of Education in Carolingian Italy." He also made two conference presentations: "Ambiguous Authorities, Conflicted Loyalties: Monastic Missionaries on the Crow Creek Dakota Reservation, 1887-1910," and "Vitae Verity: Reality and Unreality in Early Medieval Saints' Lives." He also served as a Faculty Fellow with the Center for Community Engagement, and he will lead I. S. U.'s Service-Learning Scholars program over the next few years.

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Please contact Christopher 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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