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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.

In the past academic year we continued to develop our internship program and led the Research Center for Local History and Culture. We have had students working at a variety of local historic sites, including the Clabber Girl Museum and Vigo County Historical Society. Working through the Research Center, students in Prof. Anne Foster's Honors class (Prohibitions: Morals, Policy, and Behavior) conducted research on a number of local topics, including gambling and prostitution in Terre Haute, binge drinking on college campuses, and the trial of Eugene Debs. Student fellows from the History Department included Kylei Tumey, Josh Lazzara, Nicole Christlieb, Kurt Waywood, and Cory Burger. In April, 2008, we hosted the Indiana regional conference for Phi Alpha Theta. Faculty advisor Steve Stofferahn organized the conference, which brought about one hundred students and faculty from across Indiana and eastern and southern Illinois to our campus.

The History faculty also continued to enhance the Department's reputation for nationally and internationally recognized scholarship. Among many highlights, David Nichols completed his book manuscript revisions, and *Red Gentlemen and White Savages* will appear in December, 2008, with the University of Virginia Press. Isaac Land finished *Enemies of Humanity: The Nineteenth-Century War on Terrorism*, an edited collection to which he also contributed a chapter, that was published in the summer of 2008. Ann Chirhart recently had an edited collection, *Georgia Women, Volume I*, accepted at the University of Georgia Press. It should appear in 2009 (with Volume II to follow).

Finally, a special note of congratulations to Bill Giffin, who received the Presidential Medal from ISU in 2008. This is the highest honor for an ISU faculty member. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

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>Kaelynn Hayes</i>
<i>Richard and Margaret Gemmecke Memorial Award</i>	<i>Kylei Tumey</i>
<i>Nellie Margreta Harr Scholarship</i>	<i>Joseph Allen</i>
<i>Charles Roll History Award</i>	<i>Peter Belser, John Lepley, and Jacquelynn Miller</i>
<i>Bryant Spann Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Lori Enright</i>
<i>John and Carl E. Vukusich Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>Steve Tolin</i>

Adjunct Faculty

The Department of History would like to thank all of our adjunct faculty who helped us during the 2007-08 academic year.

Jessica Fields, HIST 202
Cinda May, HIST 4/504
David McCarter, HIST 101
Michelle (Micki) Morahn, HIST 102, 201, 202
Elana Passman HIST 355

Graduate Students

For the academic year 2007-08 the following graduate students were enrolled:

<i>Abendroth, Kirk</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Belser, Peter</i>	<i>Franklin College</i>
<i>Bright, Aron</i>	<i>Manchester College</i>
<i>Brown, Christopher</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Burger, Cory</i>	<i>University of California, Davis</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>Grounds, Larry</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Hintze, Brian</i>	<i>University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire</i>
<i>Lechner, Sandra</i>	<i>Idaho State University</i>
<i>Lepley, John</i>	<i>Indiana University at Pennsylvania</i>
<i>Lower, Brenda</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Miller, Jacquelynn</i>	<i>Indiana University</i>
<i>Parkison, Amy</i>	<i>Indiana State University</i>
<i>Straubel, Brandon</i>	<i>Valparaiso University</i>
<i>Sweeney, Matthew</i>	<i>Indiana University</i>

Enrollments/Majors

The fall semester 2007 yielded a total enrollment of 1,689 (5,063 SCH). The spring semester 2008 had enrollment of 1,336 (4,008 SCH). Our average number of UG majors for 2007-08 was 75.

Faculty Publications and Professional Activities

(For calendar year 2007 - Curriculum Vitae are Available at www.indstate.edu/history)

Ann Chirhart made presentations at ISU and at Emory University, and presented a paper at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference in Chicago. She published an on-line book review for “Women and Social Movements.” Ann continued her work on the Promising Scholars grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation to study “Worship in the Wabash Valley,” which included teaching a new course on the theory and practice of oral history. Her edited collection, *Georgia Women, Volume I*, was accepted for publication with the University of Georgia Press.

Daniel Clark continues as the Social Science Education coordinator. He presented two papers, one at the Business History Conference and another at the American Educational Research Association. He published a book review in the *Journal of Southern History*, and was the proposal reviewer for the American Educational Research Association’s Annual Meeting. Dan’s book manuscript 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 final revisions. He also has an article forthcoming on the subject of his new research, entitled “Local Loss, National Sacrifice: Commemoration of the First World War in Alsace, 1918-1939.” Chris presented more of this work at the International Society for First World War Studies Annual Conference. He also organized the ISU Cunningham Library *War and Film Series* and led a discussion on the film *Flags of Our Fathers*. Other campus work includes service as a Social Science Education advisor. At Purdue University he made a presentation during the European Studies Center’s “France, Germany, and Europe Series.” Chris also continues as co-editor of the H-German electronic discussion group.

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 presented a conference paper at the Global Approaches to the History of Alcohol and Drugs conference in Guelph. She also continues as a reviewer for three journals: *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, *Journal of Policy History*, and *Journal of American History*. On campus, Anne serves as one of the founding faculty members on the advisory board for Liberal Studies and as one of the Department’s undergraduate academic advisors.

William Giffin presented a conference paper at the Ohio Valley History Conference at Western Kentucky University, and published a review essay for the *Journal of American Ethnic History*. His busy Department schedule includes serving as chair of the Retention/Tenure, Promotions, and Graduate Committees, and as an undergraduate

academic advisor. He is also a member of ISU's Debs Fellowship Committee. Bill will be on sabbatical in spring, 2009.

Timothy Hawkins presented a paper at the American Historical Association Annual Conference in Montreal, and published a book review in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*. Tim received a University Research Committee Grant in 2007, which enabled him to continue work on two projects that examine colonial administration and reform during the period of independence.

Robert Hunter presented a conference paper at the Middle East Studies Association of North America, and organized a session "Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Encounters across Cultural Frontiers." He published "Promoting Empire: The Hachette Tourist in French Morocco, 1919-1936," in *Middle Eastern Studies*. This article is part of his current manuscript project on the origins of tourism in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in the Middle East and North Africa. Bob also made presentations to the ISU Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society and History Club, and serves as an undergraduate academic advisor.

Isaac Land continues as the department's library liaison. His edited collection, *Enemies of Humanity: The Nineteenth-Century War on Terrorism* was published with Palgrave Macmillan in June, 2008. Isaac also made several conference presentations in the United States, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Oxford. He also has another book chapter forthcoming and had two book reviews published, as well as a longer review essay in the *Journal of Social History*.

David Nichols' *Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the Post-Revolutionary American Frontier* will be available in December, 2008 with the University of Virginia Press. His second manuscript, "Engines of Diplomacy: The Rise and Fall of the United States' Indian Trading Factories," is underway and he expects to complete writing in 2010. On campus, Dave continues as chair of the Department's Assessment committee and our representative to the College of Arts and Sciences' Faculty Council.

Christopher Olsen continues as Department Chair and Interim Chair of African and African American Studies. Chris presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference in Chicago, and had two articles accepted, both expected in 2009. He received three grants to develop internships and oral and local history at I. S. U. Off campus, he is one of three university faculty members on the Development Committee for the Advanced Placement U. S. History exam, and serves on various College, University, and professional boards and committees.

Lisa Phillips made three conference presentations, two at the North American Labor History Conference and another at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. She had entries on Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Leonora O'Reilly published in the *World Book Encyclopedia*. Her book manuscript is currently under review. She also continues as chair of the Midwest Subcommittee of the Labor and Working Class History

Association. Lisa is also active in the Women's Studies Program, and this summer is serving as its acting coordinator. In the fall, 2008 term, she will be teaching a new course on "American Workers and the Fight for Social Justice."

Richard Schneirov continues to serve as graduate coordinator and advisor. He is currently working on a book with John B. Jentz, *Labor in the Age of Capital: Chicago During the Civil War and Reconstruction*. He also had "Chicago's Great Upheaval of 1877: Class Polarization and Democratic Politics" published in an edited collection, *The Great Strike of 1877: New Perspectives*, with the University of Illinois Press. He is a member of two editorial boards: *WorkingUSA: The Journal of Labor and Society* and *Labor History*. He remains active in the AAUP and the Faculty Senate, and is co-advisor of ISU's History Club.

Barbara Skinner made conference presentations this year in Columbus, Ohio and Kyiv, Ukraine. Her chapter, "Khmelnysky's Shadow: the Confessional Legacy," was published in *Citizenship and Identity in a Multi-national Commonwealth*, an edited collection on Poland and Lithuania (with Brill Academic Publishers, the Netherlands). Barbara also commented on a session at the International Conference on "Polish-German Post/Memory: Aesthetics, Ethics, Politics," at IU-Bloomington, and presented at ISU's Social Science Research Colloquium. Her book manuscript is currently under review.

Steven Stofferahn presented a paper at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, and was a program chair at Midwest Medieval History Conference. He also chaired sessions at the International Congress on Medieval Studies and Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, which he organized. Steve also received two grants to develop experiential learning projects for his medieval history class. Students worked in small groups to investigate the history and modern incarnations of medieval institutions and practices, specifically right here in the Wabash Valley. As part of this work, they visited St. Benedict's Cathedral, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and St. Meinrad's Abbey. He continues to be the advisor of Indiana State University's Phi Alpha Theta (<http://baby.indstate.edu/phialphatheta>), and is co-advisor of the History Club.

Emeriti News

This year a number of our emeriti faculty have been kind enough to send us some updates on their recent professional and personal activities. I know many of you remember them well, and appreciate all that they added to your Indiana State experiences. Thanks for staying in touch with us!

Gale Christianson

Gale Christianson recently completed an article for the magazine *The American Interest*, whose editorial board is chaired by Francis Fukuyama. It will be published in the September/October (2008) issue. Barnes and Noble has contracted to release a new edition of his Isaac Newton biography, while his biography of Edwin Hubble has been re-optioned by the same motion picture company that recently produced *Love in the Time of the Cholera*. He also continues to be a grant reader for a major scholarly foundation. He and Rhonda

Packer are enjoying their third Appalachian spring and summer in the mountains of north Georgia.

Robert G. Clouse

Robert Clouse continues to be active on the Indiana State campus, including an appointment as Senior Researcher in the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2007 he published *The End of Days: Essential Selections from Apocalyptic Texts* and in 2008, "Fundamentalist Theology" in *The Oxford Handbook of Eschatology*.

Don Layton

Don Layton continues to participate in the activities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Indiana State. He gave a lecture on Pearl Harbor for the Institute's open house in the Fall, and led two sessions of their course on Great Decisions in the Spring. He also commented on the film, "Letters from Iwo Jima," for the Department's World War II course. In addition, he participated in the Department's Phi Alpha Theta initiation in the Spring. Among his ongoing activities is service as a docent one day per week at the C.A.N.D.L.E.S. Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute. Don spent the last two weeks of June and the month of July in Europe, mostly in France. He also spent a week at a villa in Croatia, some time in Northern Italy, and a week in Amsterdam.

Richard Pierard

Richard V. Pierard is now living in retirement in Hendersonville, North Carolina. In 2007 he joined the faculty of the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies in Bangalore, India, where he is a visiting lecturer. He edited the English translation of the memoirs of East German evangelist Theo Lehmann, *So Then There Will Be Freedom*. Last year he also enjoyed reprint editions of his *The Unequal Yoke: Evangelical Christianity and Political Conservatism*, and *The Cross and the Flag* (co-edited with Robert Clouse). Among his other recent publications are: "Civil Religion: Parallel Development or Replacement for Traditional Christianity," in *Christianity in the Post Secular West* and "Baptists in Africa: A Missionary Church in Action," in *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora*. He also presented papers at conferences in the United States and India.

Rebecca Shoemaker

Becky Shoemaker's first year of retirement has been a busy one. Professionally she has published book reviews in *The Journal of Legal History* and *The Indiana Magazine of History*, and written six entries for the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of the U. S. Supreme Court*. She also serves as treasurer of the Indiana Association of Historians. She and Roy have traveled almost every month in the last year, visiting various sites in the United States, and spending two weeks on a tour of museums and historic sites in Egypt.

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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.

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