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### LETTER FROM THE HEAD



In 2010, the students and faculty had an exciting year as this newsletter attests. They published important books, articles, and essays and presented papers at a host of international and national conferences. Our students studied abroad in England, France and Germany. The department hosted the prestigious Sears and the Stover lecturer series organized by committee chairs Will Gray and Jim Farr, respectively. You can read about the distinguish speakers in this newsletter. Our Honors Program remained the standard of excellence for the College of Liberal Arts with the leadership of Robert May and Melinda Zook. Stacy Holden advised the students of the Phi Alpha Theta honorary organization. The Undergraduate Program, directed by Nancy Gabin, grew in vitality with new courses, challenging faculty, and stimulating outside speakers while our graduate students led by John Larson, Director of Graduate Education, presented papers at national and international conferences and published their work in leading journals.

As we look forward to a new, challenging, exciting and productive year, let me say on behalf of the students and faculty in the Department of History that we appreciate the support that we received from our alumni and friends. We look forward to sharing our 2011 successes with you next year.

*R. Douglas Hurt*

R. Douglas Hurt  
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## FEATURE: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CAROLINE JANNEY



*Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and Lost Cause*  
Book Cover

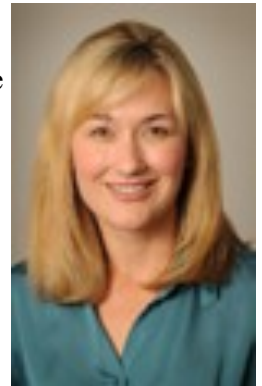
Associate Professor Caroline “Carrie” E. Janney came to the Department of History in 2006 as an Assistant Professor of U.S. history, specializing in U.S. Women and Gender history, Civil War, Reconstruction, Memory and Southern studies. She received her B.A. (1998), M.A. (2001) and Ph.D. (2005) from the University of Virginia. Professor Janney has distinguished herself with her various awards and publications. She was appointed: a fellow of the CLA Center for Humanistic Studies (2010); a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians (2009); and, received the Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellowship from the Huntington Library (2007). Her first book *Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and Lost Cause* explores the role of white southern women as the creators and purveyors of the Confederate tradition in the immediate post-Civil War South.

Professor Janney’s second book will serve as the final title in the 16-volume Littlefield History of the Civil War Era to be published by the University of North Carolina Press. It will study the ways in which Unionists and former Confederates attempted to reconcile after the war. Examining the role of veterans’ associations, women’s clubs, monument dedications, efforts to establish national battlefields, and Hollywood’s treatment of the war in blockbusters such as *Gone with the Wind*, her book will elaborate on the ways in which Americans used the memory of the war to shape U.S. culture and politics for more than one hundred years after the surrender at Appomattox. In addition to her book-length projects, she has published several essays in journals such

as the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* and *Civil War History*. This coming February (2011), her article on the failed efforts to construct a peace monument at Appomattox will appear in the *Journal of Southern History*.

A native of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley, Professor Janney credits her family for her interest in Civil War history. As a young child, she often accompanied her grandfather, a World War II veteran, on trips to Gettysburg, Antietam, and Harper’s Ferry. Her parents likewise often took family trips to historic sites such as Williamsburg and Monticello. Her husband, Spencer Lucas, also a native of Luray, Virginia, shares her passion for all things historic – including, sometimes to his dismay, old homes.

Associate Professor  
Caroline Janney



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FEATURE: *DISCOVERY*



The 4th panel of the mural "The Spirit of the Land Grant College" above the entrance of the HSSE Library depicts the Humanities. The artist, Eugene Francis Savage, depicted Truth emerging from the cloud, crushing the mask of Falsehood.

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."  
Dr. Carl Sagan (1934-1996)

Faculty of the Department of History will travel to "somewhere" in order to research "something incredible" which will bring a richer knowledge of history. The department is fortunate to have a wide range of historical interests researched by its faculty. John Larson (Professor of U.S. history) and his graduate student Ms Erica Morin (Ph.D. student in U.S. history) conduct research on the historical perspective of environmental concerns. Rainer Buschmann (Associate Professor of global history) specializes in the history of oceans. Vernard Foley (Associate Professor of U.S. history) researches the history of science and technology.

Just as areas of discovery vary, research is conducted in a variety of ways. The Department of History is fortunate to have the expertise of Lawrence Mykytiuk (Associate Professor of Library Science) at Purdue's HSSE Library. Professor Mykytiuk and his staff have been a valuable resource for faculty and students in their research through finding relevant written and internet materials. Dawn Marsh (Assistant Professor of U.S. history), specializing in Indigenous North American

history, interviewed elder Native-American women on reservations in Oklahoma this past November. Jennifer Foray (Assistant Professor of European history) was appointed a residential Kluge Fellow in the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress for the 2010-2011 academic year. She is conducting research at the Library of Congress for her manuscript *Imperial Aftershocks: the Legacies of Decolonization in the Netherlands*. Michael Ryan (Assistant Professor of European history) was selected to participate in a 2010 NEH Summer Institute titled, *Cultural Hybridities: Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Medieval Mediterranean*, in Barcelona, Spain. He presented his research seminar "Of Relics, Mudéjares, and Jews: Mapping the Contours of King Martí's Religiosity" and conducted research on cultural and intellectual history of late medieval Europe and the Iberian Peninsula.



Library of Congress, Jefferson Building



National Library of Spain

Many of the faculty instill in their students research skills by providing project and travel opportunities. Undergraduate students have an excellent opportunity to conduct research through the Department of History's Honors Program. Melinda Zook (Associate Professor of European history), the director of the department's Honors Program, through HIST 421H and 442H, coordinates students with faculty mentors to select, research and present their topics at the History Undergraduate Honors Forum in the spring. For a complete listing of the research projects presented on April 20, 2010 refer to pages 20-21. Both undergraduates and graduate students are given the opportunity to conduct research through travel. Professor Michael Ryan took the members of Phi Alpha Theta to the Newberry Library in Chicago to hear the scholarship of Professor Carla Rahn Phillips on "A Voyage to the Bottom of the Earth, 1581-84: Spain's Ill-Fated Attempt to Colonize Patagonia." This was co-sponsored by the Newberry Library and the Instituto Cervantes. They continued their research of Spain's culture through its cuisine at the restaurant Mercat a la Planxa which specializes in Catalan cuisine. Undergraduate and graduate students

have the opportunity to apply for the Department of History's Study Abroad Scholarship, the James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship and the Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award. These awards have given students the opportunity to discover new thoughts and information as near as Chicago and Washington D.C. to as far as Ireland and France.

Many times the first step in doing research is to find funding. Faculty and students spend a lot of time applying for grants, fellowships and awards. When the funding comes, the researchers are on their way to "somewhere" to discover "something incredible [which] is waiting to be known."



*PROFESSOR GORDON R. MORK  
RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS*

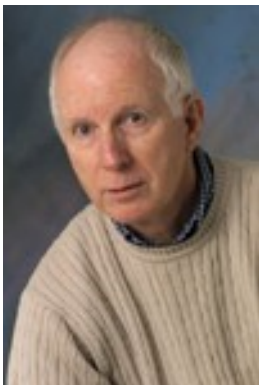
**GORDON R. MORK** was named “Professor Emeritus” upon his retirement from the Department of History at the end of 2010 Spring Semester. Professor Mork joined the faculty in September 1970 as an assistant professor in Modern European history after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He became a full professor in 1994. In 1998, he took on the duties of Department Head. Stepping down in 2003, he gave his full attention to his passion—offering study abroad classes. 1975-76, Professor Mork was the resident director of PU-IU exchange program with Hamburg University. Throughout his tenure, he took many classes to Europe. His last study abroad class was HIST 302 “Historical Topics: Understanding the Age of the World Wars” in Spring 2009.

Professor Mork was involved with the development of: the Jewish Studies Program in the late 70’s; and, the Annual Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference. He served as the third director of the then titled HSSE/LA Honors Program. Professor Mork’s efforts were honored throughout the years upon receiving the MCL-HSSE Educational Excellence Award, the Amoco Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (now known as the Murphy Teaching Award), being inducted into the Purdue Book of Great Teachers and becoming an honorary member of the Mortar Board.

Professor Mork may have left Purdue, but he is far from retired. He continues to be very involved with teaching. He, accompanied by his wife Dianne, as the “Destination Lecturer” for Royal Caribbean International. During the summer of 2009, he was the lecturer for the Scandinavia and Russia cruise. During the fall of 2010, he was the destination lecturer for the Barcelona, Spain Roundtrip, Mediterranean and Venice cruise.



*PROFESSOR PATRICK J. HEARDEN  
RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS*



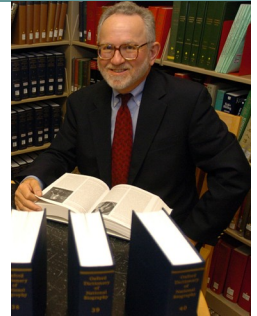
**PATRICK J. HEARDEN** was named “Professor Emeritus” in December 2010 after serving the Department of History for twenty-seven years. Professor Hearden received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1971. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1983 and achieved the rank of Professor in 2003. His area was U.S. history with specialties in U.S. Foreign Affairs and Vietnam. His class “America in Vietnam” was ranked among the top ten most popular undergraduate courses at Purdue. His book *The Tragedy of Vietnam* went into its third edition in 2008. Professor Hearden will be splitting his time between his homes in Arizona and Wisconsin.

*“Age is only a number, a cipher for the records. A man can’t retire his experience. He must use it.”*  
Bernard Baruch (1870-1965) American Financier, Statesman, Political Consultant



FACULTY HONORED

**JOHN CONTRENI** (Professor of European history) was appointed to a five-year term on the Finance Committee of the Medieval Academy of America, located in Cambridge, MA. The Medieval Academy of America, founded in 1925, is the largest professional organization in the world devoted to medieval studies. Its goal is the support of research, publication, music, philosophy, religion, science, social and economic institutions, and all other aspects of the Middle Ages.



Professor John Contreni

**JENNIFER FORAY** (Assistant Professor of European history) was appointed a residential Kluge Fellow in the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress for the 2010-2011 academic year. She will be working on her manuscript *Imperial Aftershocks: The Legacies of Decolonization in the Netherlands*.

**R. DOUGLAS HURT** (Professor of U.S. history) was named a Fellow of the Agricultural History Society.

**CHARLES INGRAO** (Professor of European history) received a Fulbright for teaching and research in Cyprus during the spring semester of 2011.



Professor Charles Ingrao

**CAROLINE JANNEY** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees for promotion to associate professor with tenure, which took effect August 16, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ was awarded the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship by the Southern Association of Women Historians.

\_\_\_\_\_ was appointed a Fellow to the CLA’s Center for Humanistic Studies for fall 2011 or spring 2012.

**DAWN MARSH** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) was accepted for a 2010 NEH Summer Institute at the Newberry Library. The institute was titled “Metacom to Tecumseh: Alliances, Conflicts and Resistance in Native North America.”

\_\_\_\_\_ received a 2010 summer Purdue Research Fund Grant for her project “Hiding in Plain Sight: Hannah Freeman: A Lenape Woman in Penns Peaceable Kingdom.”

\_\_\_\_\_ received a Purdue Library Scholars Grant for 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ received Enhancing Research in the Humanities and the Arts Grant from the Office of the Vice President for Research for her research project *Prophetstown Revisited: Local History, Global Legacy*. Research will take place between January—December 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_ was selected as a Fellow to the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence for 2011-2012.

**ROBERT E. MAY** (Professor of U.S. history) is “reading a lot of books about Mississippi” as chair of the 2010-2011 McLemore Book Prize Committee of the Mississippi Historical Society.



Associate Professor Michael Morrison

**MICHAEL MORRISON** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was “tapped” for Mortar Board on March 25, 2010.



## FACULTY – PRESENTATIONS

**RAINER BUSCHMAN** (Associate Professor of global history) “Competing Cartographies in the Eighteenth-Century Pacific.” *Pacific Spaces*, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, November 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Keynote Lecture) “A Fifth Part of the World? Humboldt, Race, and Oceania.” *Race, Encounters, and the Constitution of Human Difference in Oceania*, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, January 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Peter Farrow’s Wife: A Microhistory of the Spanish Lake.” 19<sup>th</sup> World History Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, June 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Engaging Pacific Chimeras: Spain and Oceania’s Eighteenth-Century Exploration.” 124<sup>th</sup> American Historical Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 2010.

**NEIL BYNUM** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) “West Indian Radicals and New Negro Opposition to Jim Crow.” African American Studies & Research Center’s *Talkin’ & Testifyin’ Works-In Progress Series*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, October 2010.



Professor  
Susan Curtis

**SUSAN CURTIS** (Professor of U.S. history) “The Age of Lester A. Walton: Toward an Expanded Archive of Twentieth-Century America.” CLA Faculty Development Center Fellows Presentations, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 2010.

**ALICIA DECKER** (Assistant Professor of global history) “Well-Behaved Women Rarely Make History.” Tippecanoe County Public Library, Lafayette IN, March 2010. The presentation celebrated the female leaders, warriors and queens of African history.

\_\_\_\_\_ “On the Promotion of ‘Certain’ Ugandan Women: Was Idi Amin Feminist or Foe?” *Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa* Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Undisciplined: In Search of Uganda’s Most Wicked Women.” Anthropology Brownbag Lecture Series, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Keep Uganda Clean: The Dirty Truth about Idi Amin’s Military Rule, 1971-1979.” African Studies Colloquium Series, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, May 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The Gender of Military Power: Lessons from Idi Amin’s Uganda.” Feminist Studies Colloquium Series, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, May 2010.

**JOSEPH DORSEY** (Associate Professor of global history) “Race, Class, and Religion: The Struggle for African American Priests and Nuns in the Nineteenth Century.” African American Studies & Research Centers’ *Talkin’ & Testifyin’ Works-In Progress Series*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, April 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Spain, Portugal, and the Acquisition of Workers for Contract Labor in Cuba: Diplomacy, Piracy, and Kidnapping in South China, 1847-1874.” CLA Faculty Development Center Fellows Presentations, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, December 2010.

**NANCY GABIN** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) “Women Challenge Racism and Sexism in 20th Century Indiana.” YWCA’s Network Luncheon Series *Profiles in Courage*, Lafayette, IN, March 2010. The series recognized Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day.



Associate  
Professor  
Joseph  
Dorsey



## FACULTY – PRESENTATIONS CONTINUES

**NANCY GABIN** continues “Domestic Violence and Second-Wave Feminism.” YWCA Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program, Lafayette, IN, April 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Writing Women into History: Rosie the Riveter Revisited.” Purdue Women’s Archives Development Council, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2010.

**WILLIAM G. GRAY** (Associate Professor of European history) (Panel Commentator) “The Two Germanys in Transatlantic Relations, 1975-1990.” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Madison, WI, June 2010.

**STACY E. HOLDEN** (Assistant Professor of global history) “Modern Iraq: A History through Documents.” CLA Faculty Development Center Fellows Presentation, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The Casbah des Oudaya: The Colonial Production of a Historic District in Morocco.” Fifth Biennial Urban History Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 2010.

**DOUGLAS HURT** (Professor of U.S. history) “The Canadian Prairie West: Writing and Teaching Agricultural and Rural History,” Annual Meeting of the Western History Association, Incline Village, Nevada, October, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The Green Revolution: Unintended Consequences,” Conference of the Association for History, Literature, Science and Technology, Madrid, Spain, June 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Food Animal Production, A Brief Overview,” Conference of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology on Sustaining Animal Agriculture: Balancing Bioethical, Economic, and Social Issues, Washington, D.C., United States Department of Agriculture, June, 2010.

**CHARLES INGRAO** (Professor of European history) “Fixing the Balkans: Can Scholars Make a Difference?” Harriman Institute—Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies at Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Dinner Speaker) “History Education Fostering European Integration.” Center for Democracy and Reconciliation Southeast Europe’s International Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece, November 2010.

**CAROLINE JANNEY** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) (Lead Scholar) “Coming of the Civil War,” and “Reconstructing the Nation.” *The Constitution and Characters* Program for Elementary School History Teachers, Gilder Lehrman Institute, Oak Alley Plantation, LA, October 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Keynote Speaker) “Reconciling and Reuniting the Nation: How Americans Have Remembered the Civil War.” Tennessee Conference of Historians, Nashville, TN, September 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Women of the Lost Cause.” Cumberland University, Nashville, TN, September 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “War at the Shrine of Peace: The Appomattox Peace Monument and Retreat from Reconciliation.” Second Biannual Society of Civil War Historians Meeting, Richmond, VA, June 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Clasping Hands Over the Bloody Chasm: Civil War Veterans’ Reunions and the Path to Reconciliation.” Society of Military Historians Annual Meeting, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, May 2010.



Associate Professor  
Nancy Gabin





## FACULTY – PRESENTATIONS CONTINUES



Assistant Professor  
Rebekah Klein-Pejšová

**REBEKAH KLEIN– PEJŠOVÁ** (Assistant Professor of European history) “The Strange Case of Rabbi Dr. Samuel Funk or Jewish Nationality in Interwar Czechoslovakia.” Jewish Studies Noon Lecture Series, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, March 2010.

**FRANKLIN LAMBERT** (Professor of U.S. history) “The Barbary Wars and America’s War of Independence in the Atlantic World.” American Cultures Colloquium Lecture Series, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

**DAWN G. MARSH** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) “Heart is Where the Home Is: Lenape/Delaware Homelands.” Fall 2010 Anthropology Colloquium Series, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Native American Women.” Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Lafayette, IN, October 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Chilies to Chocolate.” Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Lafayette, IN, November 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Cultural Conversions: Settlement, Religions and Persistence in the Early Indian Mission.” American Society of Ethnohistory, Ottawa, Canada, October 2010.

**MICHAEL MORRISON** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) (Panel Chair) “Trading in Contested Terrain: Land Speculation in an Era of National Expansion.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Rochester, NY, July 2010.

**MICHAEL RYAN** (Assistant Professor of European history) “The Languages of Evangelization in the Old and New Worlds: Arabic, Nahuatl, and Quechua.” Conference *From Iberian Kingdoms to Atlantic Empires: Spain, Portugal, and the New World, 1250-1700*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, September 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Of Relics, Mudéjares, and Jews: Mapping the Contours of King Martí’s Religiosity.” NEH Summer Institute for College and University Professors on *Cultural Hybridities: Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Medieval Mediterranean*, Barcelona, Spain, July 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Hunting the Unicorn’s Horn: Secular Authority in Pursuit of the Fantastic.” 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Panel Presider) “Religious Identities in Medieval Iberia: Culture, Tradition, and Reform II.” 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Panel Organizer and Presider) “Magic and the Occult in Europe from Antiquity to Early Modernity.” 45<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The Modern Resonance of the Crusades.” Rotary Club of Lafayette, West Lafayette, IN, January 2010.



Assistant Professor  
Michael Ryan



## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

**RAINER BUSCHMAN** (Associate Professor of global history) "Can There Be a Global History of the Pacific?" *International Journal of Maritime History*, XXII, 2010, 283-287.



**CORNELIUS BYNUM** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) *A. Philip Randolph and the Struggle for Civil Rights*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2010.

**CHARLES CUTTER** (Associate Professor of global history) "¿'Misión' o 'pueblo de indios'? Implicaciones para las comunidades indígenas en el sudoeste de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica." In Alejandro Guzmán Brito, (ed.). *El Derecho de las Indias Occidentales y su pervivencia en los Derechos patrios de América*. Valparaíso, Chile: Ediciones Universitarias de Valparaíso, 1, 2010, 199-215.

Assistant Professor  
Cornelius Bynum

**ARIEL de la FUENTE** (Associate Professor of global history) "Resistencia a la formación del estado nacional e identidad partidaria en la provincia de La Rioja: los nuevos significados del federalismo en la década de 1860." *Un nuevo orden político: provincias y estado nacional (1852-1880)*. Beatriz Bragoni and Eduardo Míguez (eds.). Buenos Aires: Editorial Biblos, 2010, 61-78.

**ALICIA C. DECKER** (Assistant Professor of global history) Review of "Beyond the State in Rural Uganda," by Ben Jones. *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 43, no. 1, 2010, 187-188.

\_\_\_\_ "Idi Amin's Dirty War: Subversion, Sabotage and the Battle to Keep Uganda Clean, 1973-1979." *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 43, no. 3, 2010.

\_\_\_\_ "Pedagogies of Pain: Teaching 'Women, War and Militarism.'" in *Narrating War and Peace in Africa*, Toyin Falola and Hetty ter Haar (eds.). Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2010, 79-97.

\_\_\_\_ "Painful Pedagogies: Teaching War and Violence in African History." *Perspectives on History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, 48, no. 5, May 2010: 56-57.

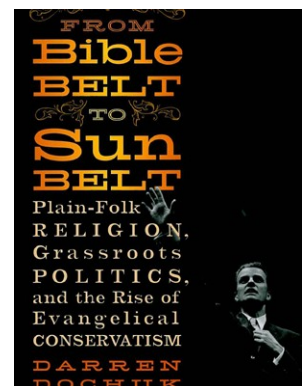
\_\_\_\_ "Review of "Beyond the Royal Gaze: Clanship and Public Health in Buganda," by Neil Kodesh. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 43, no. 2, 2010, 385-386.

**DARREN DOCHUK** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) *From Bible Belt to Sun Belt: Plain-Folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2010.

\_\_\_\_ "Evangelicalism." *A Companion to Religion in America*, Philip Goff (ed.). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010, 540-558.

\_\_\_\_ Review of "For the People: American Populist Movements from the Revolution to the 1850s," by Ronald P. Formisano. *Reviews in American History* 38, March 2010, 27-33.

**JOSEPH DORSEY** (Associate Professor of global history) "Cuba and the African Slave Trade to Puerto Rico in the Nineteenth Century: Sociocultural Considerations Past and Present." *Actualidad de las Tradiciones Esperituales 7 Culturales Africanas en el Caribe y Latinoamérica*, Mónica Cortés, Marta Moreno Vega, and Maria Elba Torres Muñoz (eds.). San Juan, Puerto Rico: Fundación Puertorriqueña de las Humanidades, 2010, 21-47.





## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS CONTINUES



Assistant  
Professor  
Jennifer Foray

**RAYMOND DUMETT** (Professor of global history) "The Work of Slaves in the Akan and Adangme Regions of Ghana in the Nineteenth Century." *African Systems of Slavery*, J. Spaulding and S. Beswick (eds.). Trenton, NJ, 2010.

**JENNIFER FORAY** (Assistant Professor of European history) Review of "Barbarism and Civilization: A History of Europe in Our Time," by Bernard Wasserstein, *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews*, February 2010.

**WILLIAM G. GRAY** (Associate Professor of European history) Review of "Mitterrand, the End of the Cold War, and German Unification," by Frédéric Bozo. *H-Diplo Review Forum*, April 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of "Demonstrating Reconciliation: State and Society in West German Foreign Policy, 1952-1965," by Hannfried von Hindenburg. *European History Quarterly*, January 2010, 145-46.

**STACY E. HOLDEN** (Assistant Professor of global history) "Famine's Fortune: The Pre-Colonial Mechanization of Moroccan Flour Production." *Journal of North African Studies*, 71, no. 1, March 2010, 71-84.

\_\_\_\_\_ "The Voices of Iraqi Exiles." *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice*, 22, no. 1, Spring 2010, 89-91.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of "Friends of God: Islamic Images of Piety, Commitment, and Servanthood," by John Renard. *Historian*, 72, no. 1, Spring 2010, 154-155.

**DOUGLAS HURT** (Professor of U.S. history) "Looking Backward to Look Forward: Food Animal Production, A Brief Overview," *Sustaining Animal Agriculture: Balancing Bioethical, Economic, and Social Issues*. Proceedings of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, ed. Richard Reynnelles, pp. 15-26. (Washington, D.C. United States Department of Agriculture, 2010).

**CAROLINE E. JANNEY** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) "Introduction." *The South As It Is, 1865-1866* in the *Southern Eyewitness to the Civil War* series. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Editor, *The South As It Is, 1865-1866* by John Richard Dennett. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of "Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia," by Jeffrey W. McClurken. *Civil War Book Reviews*, Spring 2010.

**FRANKLIN LAMBERT** (Professor of U.S. history) Review Essay "Religion and the American Presidency." *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, vol. 20, no. 2, Summer 2010, 259-269.

\_\_\_\_\_ "The Black Students Who Followed in the Footsteps of James Meredith at Ole Miss." *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, Number 66, Winter 2009/2010, 58-63.

**DAWN G. MARSH** (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) Review of "A People's History of Florida, 1513-1876," by Adam Wasserman. *Indigenous Peoples' Issues and Resources*, Accessed 9/13/2010, <http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/>

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of "History Education 101: Past, Present, and Future of Teacher Preparation," by Wilson J. Warren and D. Antonio Cantu. *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods*, Vol. 35, No. 1, 2010, 47-48.



Professor  
Frank Lambert

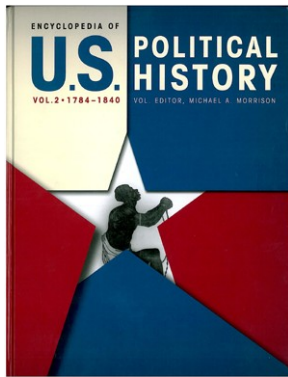


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**MICHAEL A. MORRISON** (Associate Professor of U.S. history) Review of “A Country of Vast Designs: James K. Polk, The Mexican War, and the Conquest of the American Continent,” by Robert W. Merry. *Civil War Book Review*: internet publication, Winter 2010.

\_\_\_\_ Review of “Frontiers of Faith: Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic,” by John R. Dichtl. *Ohio History*, 117, 2010, 130-132.

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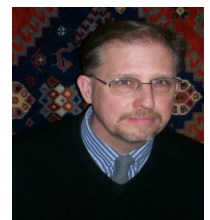
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\_\_\_\_ *Hollywood’s America: Twentieth-Century America Through Film*. 4th edition. Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

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**MICHAEL RYAN** (Assistant Professor of European history) Review of “Authorship and Publicity Before Print: Jean Gerson and the Transformation of Late Medieval Learning,” by Daniel Hobbins. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010, 335.

**MICHAEL SMITH** (Associate Professor of European/global history) “The Tenacity of Form: Language, Nation, Stalin.” *Politics and the Theory of Language in the USSR 1917-1938*, Craig Brandist and Katya Chown (eds.). London: Anthem Press, 2010.



Associate Professor  
Michael Smith



## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

**WILLIAM G. GRAY** (Associate Professor of European history) was interviewed, as Chair of the 2010 Sears Lecture Series, in the “Take Five with Tim Brouk” of the *Lafayette Journal and Courier* on February 5, 2010.

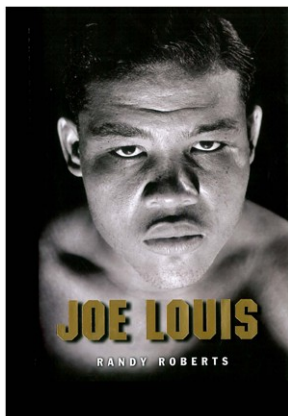
**ROBERT MAY** (Professor of U.S. history) was featured in December 15, 2010, *Purdue Today's* article “Civil War Historian Offers Insight on Controversial 150th Anniversary.”

“Different opinions on the cause of the Civil War are likely to be an ongoing issue as the United States in 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the war’s beginning, says a Purdue University expert [Robert E. May].” *Excerpt from article.*



Professor  
Robert May

Reviews of **RANDY ROBERTS'** (Distinguished Professor of History) new book  
*Joe Louis: Hard Times Man*, Yale University Press, 2010:



“All legendary athletes should hope for treatment by such capable, compassionate hands.”  
*Kirkus* review

“The author of superb studies of the boxers Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey, Mr. Roberts spins a graceful and reliable narrative of Louis’s life. The author also gets into the ring with the questions: Why did Joe Louis matter so much to so many?” *Wall Street Journal* review.

“‘Hard Times Man’ isn’t sociology. It’s a thrilling account of an extraordinary life, one that needed to be retold to a generation to whom Joe Louis is no more than an occasional face on ESPN Classic. There was a giant in those days, and Roberts has reclaimed him for us.”  
*The Denver Post* review.

“Roberts unveils revelation after revelation without getting untracked, perfectly merging American history with Louis’s personal and professional struggles. Roberts’ vivid, cutting prose provides the bow. There’s not a dry, academic phrase in this book, never a dull moment to skim over.” *Writing Worth Reading* review.

## EMERITI

**LEONARD H. D. GORDON** published *Confrontation over Taiwan: Nineteenth-Century China and the Powers*, The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, paperback, 2010. Professor Emeritus Gordon specializes in Chinese history. He was a diplomatic historian for the Department of State between 1961-63.

**PATRICK HEARDEN** and **JAMES FARR** (Professor of European history) signed a contract with Pearson Publishing Company to publish the college textbook *Wealth and Power in World History* (forthcoming). Professor Emeritus Hearnden specializes in U.S. history.

**GORDON R. MORK** was the Destination Lecturer for Royal Caribbean International for the October 30 through November 11th Barcelona, Spain roundtrip—Mediterranean and Venice Cruise. Professor Emeritus Mork specializes in Modern European history.

**DONALD PARMAN** spoke to two church groups about some of his earlier research. In December he discussed the Civil War career of Colonel John T. Wilder for the Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table. Parman wrote a brief entry on the Ute War of 1857 for a new encyclopedia published by Oxford University Press. He is working on a lecture on the background of the War of 1812 for the spring session of the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA). Professor Emeritus Parman specializes in U.S. history.



Professor Emeritus  
Don Parman



## MEMORIAL

**Oakah L. Jones Jr.** (Professor Emeritus of History) died November 23, 2010 in Colorado Springs, CO. He was born in Providence, RI on June 20, 1920 and raised in Tulsa, OK. He attended the University of Tulsa, the University of Arkansas and was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate in 1953. He served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force including 13 years as a faculty member at the Air Force Academy. He obtained his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in history at the University Oklahoma specializing in Latin American and Southwestern history. He and his wife, Marjorie, retired to Albuquerque, NM in 1994, moving to Colorado Springs in August 2010. He was: a charter member of the Western History Association; an accomplished author and professor having published five books and numerous articles; bilingual in English and Spanish; and, he was a widely respected speaker and colleague.

“Basically, I’m not interested in doing research and I never have been. I’m interested in understanding, which is quite a different thing.”

David Blackwell (1919-2010) - Professor Emeritus of Statistics, University of California-Berkeley

## NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS



For the 2010-2011 academic year, six new graduate students were admitted into the graduate program.

**SUPARNA CHAKRABORTY** earned her B.A. from Presidency College, Kolkata, and her M.A. from Calcutta University. She will be pursuing her Ph.D. in South Asian history with a special interest in women and children in Bengal during the 19th and 20th centuries. She will be working with Tithi Bhattacharya (Associate Professor of global history).

First Row: (L-R) Liberty Sproat, Suparna Chakraborty and Rebecca Venter  
Second Row (L-R) Jeffrey Perry and John Kennedy  
John Fahey is not in the photo.

**JOHN FAHEY**, a Utah native, received his B.A. from Brigham Young and his M.A. at George Mason University in Virginia. John is interested in the social and military history of the late Austro-Hungarian empire. He plans to work with Charles Ingrao (Professor of European history) and Rebekah Klein-Pejšová (Assistant Professor of European history).

**JOHN KENNEDY** is an Indiana University graduate who is pursuing his Ph.D. in American history. He plans to study Southern history in the Civil War era with Caroline Janney (Associate Professor of U.S. history).

**JEFFREY PERRY** earned both his B.A. and M.A. at the University of South Florida, Tampa. He is pursuing his Ph.D. in early American republic with an emphasis on gender and sexuality issues of the era. He plans on working with Caroline Janney (Associate Professor of U.S. history) and Yvonne Pitts (Assistant Professor of U.S. history).

**LIBERTY SPROAT** is a graduate of Brigham Young University. Fluent in Dutch and German, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in modern European social and political history. She will be working with William Gray (Associate Professor of European history) and Jennifer Foray (Assistant Professor of European history).

**REBECCA VENTER** earned both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in European history from San Francisco State University. Her interest is in the Catholic resurgence in England under Mary Tudor. She will be working with Melinda Zook (Associate Professor of European history).

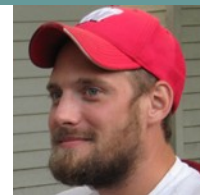


## GRADUATE STUDENTS MOVING UP IN THE PROGRAM



Natalie Latteri

**NATALIE LATTERI** and **TIM OLIN** are the first class of the “fast track” program. Completing their Master’s in one year they have advanced into the Ph.D. program. Both are pursuing their Ph.D. in European history. Ms. Latteri’s academic interest is Medieval Christianity especially the Cistercian monastic issues of gender and piety in the 12th and 13th centuries. Mr. Olin’s academic interests combines German and Russian histories.



Tim Olin

**DAVID CAMBRON** received his M.A. December 2009 and began the Ph.D. program in 2010. He specializes in U.S. history.

## GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORED

**LAURA BERGSTROM** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) accepted a full-time faculty position at Ivy Tech Community College in Sellerburg, IN, in the fall 2010. She also is the recipient of the Military Family Research Institute Veteran’s Grant.

**MICAH CHILDRESS** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded a summer Purdue Research Foundation grant.

**ELISE DERMINEUR** (Ph.D. student of European history) was awarded the Western Society for French History’s Ronald S. Love Prize for her paper “Female Peasants, Patriarchy, and the Credit Market in Eighteenth-Century France.”

**ERIC HALL** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded the Grace L. Smart Award in Purdue’s English department for his paper “‘I Guess I’m Becoming More and More Militant’: Arthur Ashe, Apartheid, and American Sport.”

\_\_\_\_\_ received the Roberta Park Travel Grant from the North American Society for Sport History.

\_\_\_\_\_ was the Department of History’s nominee for Associate Fellow of the Purdue Teaching Academy.

\_\_\_\_\_ served as a reader at the 2010 AP U.S. History Reading in Louisville, KY.

**JOSHUA JEFFERS** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded a Filson Society Fellowship which helped support his 2010 summer dissertation research.



Joshua Jeffers

**NATALIE LATTERI** (Ph.D. student of European history) was accepted by Hungary’s Central European University, Budapest, into their 2010 Summer University Program on Christian and Jewish Messianism.



**TIMOTHY LOMBARDO** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded a Purdue Research Foundation grant.

Timothy Lombardo



GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORED CONTINUES

ADRIANNA LOZANO (Ph.D. student of global history) was awarded the Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants (CETA) Teaching Award for her work in Women’s Studies.

ERICA MORIN (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded the Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Grant.

\_\_\_\_\_ was awarded a grant to study at the New York State Archives, Albany, NY.

\_\_\_\_\_ was awarded the Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Travel Grant.

JESSICA NELSON (Ph.D. student of European history) spent two weeks at the Genevan Paleography Course at the H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies in Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI from June 7 to June 18, 2010. She was learning how to read 16th century Genevan documents.

\_\_\_\_\_ she spent March/April, 2010 in Dijon, France conducting research for her dissertation.

HAESEONG PARK (Ph.D. student of global history) was awarded a summer Purdue Research Foundation grant



PATRICK POSPISEK (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was awarded the King V. Hostick Award for 2010. This research award is presented by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency/Illinois State Historical Society. His research project is “Galena, Illinois: The Rise and Fall of Frontier Urbanization in the American Midwest, 1820-1870.”

JAMAL RATCHFORD (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was appointed the student leader for the National Council of Black Studies. This is the premier professional organization in Black Studies.

Patrick Pospisek

DAVID SCHLOSSER (Ph.D. student of European history) was awarded a Purdue Research Foundation grant.

M.A. AND PH.D. GRADUATES OF 2010

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## GRADUATE STUDENTS – PRESENTATIONS

**BRITTANY BAYLESS-FREMION** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘ Sand Dune Systems’: Gender, Race, and Class Politics in the Fight to Save the Indiana Dunes, 1952-1962.” Social Science History Association Conference, November 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “ ‘ Storm Over Sand Dunes’: The Politics of Environmental Preservation in Gary Indiana, 1952-1962.” Urban History Conference, October 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “From Coffee Klatch to Avid Activists: Gender Politics in Indiana Dune Preservation, 1952-1962.” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “ ‘ White Hoodlums’ and ‘Irresponsible Persons’: Segregation and Recreation in Gary, Indiana, 1948-1958.” Indiana Association of Historians Annual Meeting, February 2010.

**DOROTHÉE BOUQUET** (Ph.D. student of European history) “The Sorbonne and the ‘Abandoned American Client’ Before the Great War.” 56th Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ, April 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Pendant que les hommes s’instruisent du vocabulaire de la guerre, les femmes récitent Molière: l’enseignement du français dans les universités américaines (1910-1939).” Conseil International d’ Études Francophones Conference, Montréal, Canada, June-July 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ ” ‘ Pour le Germanisme, mais contre l’Allemagne’: Sorbonne Modern Language Professors’ Discourse of War and Patriotism During the Great War.” 38th Western Society for French History Annual Meeting, Lafayette, LA, October 2010.

**MICAH CHILDRESS** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘ A Festival of Features, a Myriad of Marvels, a World of Wonders’: An Indiana Circus in the Gilded Age.” Indiana Association of Historians Conference, February 2010.



Amy Harris

**ERIC HALL** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘ A Tennis Racquet is Afflicting Apartheid Half a World Away’: The Public Appropriation of Arthur Ashe’s Visa Denials, 1969-70.” North American Society for Sport History Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

**AMY HARRIS** (Ph.D. student of European history) “ ‘ God Created Us to be Different’: Homosexuality, African Identity and the Politics of Gay Marriage in Contemporary South Africa.” African Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.

**JOSHUA JEFFERS** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “The End of Pre-History: Environmental Epistemology in the Lower Ohio River Valley.” Newberry Library’s D’Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Chicago, IL, December 2010.

**ADRIANNA LOZANO** (Ph.D. student of global history) was discussion leader for the film “Sex Slaves” which was shown as part of the Women’s Studies 3rd Annual Film Festival *Women on the Move: The Gendered Politics of Forced Migration*. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, October 2010.

**ERICA MORIN** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “Public Participation and Environmental Policy-Making in the Adirondack Park.” 2010 National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Brittany Bayless Fremion (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) “History of Feminism and Women’s Rights in the United States.” Indiana Voices for Women Retreat, 2010.



Brittany Bayless-Fremion



## GRADUATE STUDENTS – PUBLICATIONS

**DOROTHÉE BOUQUET** (Ph.D. student of European history) Review of “What is the Migration History?” by Christiane Harzig, Dirk Hoerder and Donna Gabaccia. (Malden, Polity Press, 2009, xxii + 181 pp), *Canadian Journal of History*, Vol. XLV, No. 3, Winter 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of “Disciplining Germany: Youth, Re-education, and Reconstruction after the Second World War,” by Jaimey Fisher (Detroit Wayne State University Press, 2007, pp. 392.) Published on H-Education, September 2010. Commissioned by Jonathan D. Anuik.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review of “Capital Cities at War: Paris, London, Berlin 1914-1919,” by Jay Winter and Jean-Louis Robert, (eds.) (Volume 2: *A Cultural History*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2007, xiv +pp. 545.) *First World War Studies*, Vol. 1, Issue 1, 2010, 63.

**MICAH CHILDRESS** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘Examine the Contents’: Clowning and Songsters in American Circuses, 1850-1900.” *Popular Entertainment Studies*, Fall 2010, 26-43.

**NATHAN CORZINE** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “Right at Home: Freedom and Domesticity in the Language and Imagery of Beer Advertising, 1933-1960.” *Journal of Social History*, Vol. 43-4, June 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ authored three short entries on the films “The Pride of the Yankees,” “How Green Was My Valley,” and “The Quiet Man.” *Encyclopedia of Film and Culture*.



Erica Morin

**ERIC HALL** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) with **Randy Roberts** (Distinguished Professor of History) “Sports and Politics.” *The Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History*. Michael Kazin (ed), 2 volume set, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ published an article on the Twelfth Amendment. *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*. Michael Morrison (ed.), 2010

**ERICA MORIN** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “Free Market Environmental Policy.” *Encyclopedia of the U.S. Government and the Environment*, ABC-CLIO, 2010.

**PATRICK POSPISEK** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘The Rivalship of Insignificant Villages’: Springfield, Illinois and Town Development in the Old Northwest, 1817-1840.” *Historical Geography* 38, 2010: 107-29.

**JOHNNY SMITH** (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) “ ‘It’s Not Really My Country’: Lew Alcindor and the Revolt of the Black Athlete.” *Journal of Sport History*, Summer 2010.

**KAREN SONNELITTER** (Ph.D. student of European history) “The Reformation of Manners, Societies, the Monarchy, and the English State, 1696-1714.” *Historian*, 72, no. 3, 2010, 517-542.

\_\_\_\_\_ “ ‘To Unite Our Temporal and Eternal Interests’: Sermons and the Charity School Movement in Ireland, 1689-1740.” *Eighteenth-Century Ireland*, 24, 2009, 62-81.



Karen Sonnelitter



## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORED

**JACOB BREACH** presented his paper, “The Road to Power, Why America Built a New World: 1494-1917”, at Mississippi State University’s Undergraduate Research Symposium. May 21-22, 2010

**PHILIP DITTMER** won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the English Department’s 2010 Kneale Awards for History for “The Johnson Administration and Apartheid: U.S. Relations with South Africa, 1964-1968”. This paper was written for Professor Patrick Hearnden’s HIST 587: U. S. Foreign Affairs: World War I to Present (*Honors option*).



Philip  
Dittmer

**KELLY FUNK** won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the English Department’s 2010 Kneale Awards for Cultural Criticism for “American Girl: Adventures in Women’s History.” The paper was written for Associate Professor Nancy Gabin’s HIST 495: The Gender Revolution in Modern America.

## 3RD ANNUAL DOH UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM

On April 20, 2010, the Department of History hosted its 3rd Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum. This program allowed the following honor students to showcase their HIST 421H spring 2010 semester projects.



**ELLIE CAROLUS:** “Not Rebels But Patriots: The Post-Civil War White South in Their Own Terms, 1865-1905.”

Faculty Mentor—Associate Professor Caroline Janney.

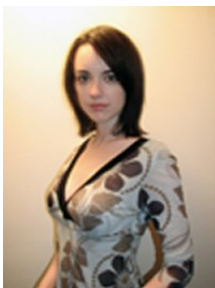
Synopsis: Ms. Carolus’ presentation examined the rhetoric used to describe the white South following the end of the Civil War, with a specific focus on the word “rebel”. The political and social shift between the white South embracing and rejecting the term “rebel” exemplifies the process by which they sought to control the way in which they would be remembered.

**GREGORY HALMI:** “Intimate Killers: The Infantry in Iraq.”

Faculty Mentors Assistant Professor Stacy Holden and Distinguished Professor of History Randy Roberts



Synopsis: Mr. Halmi’s presentation’s focus was that every conflict, from the cliffs of Thermopylae in 480 B.C. to the sands of Iraq in 2003, the troops fighting on the ground are a prerequisite to armed conflict. He argued that rapid advances in technology as well as the current geopolitical alignment of power has shifted strategic objectives. Commanders and politicians employed infantry in Iraq according to their doctrinal mission as close combat killers during the invasion of Iraq, but did not do so during the occupation. Using them, instead as nation builders and peace keepers.



**AMY HEANEY:** “A Necessary Neutrality: Spanish Volunteerism and Economic Collapse in World War II.”

Faculty Mentor: Assistant Professor Jennifer Foray

Synopsis: In the midst of political jockeying, negotiation with Nazi Germany, and rabidly anti-Soviet sentiment, contemporary British intelligence painted a portrait of Spain possessed of all the makings of an Axis power that was paralyzed by its own economic failure.



### 3RD ANNUAL DOH UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM CONTINUES



**REBECCA LUTTON:** “Cola di Rienzo and the Influence of Antiquity.”  
Faculty Mentors: Assistant Professor Michael Ryan and Professor John Contreni

Synopsis: In 1347 Cola di Rienzo declared himself tribune of Rome. A self-ascribed “peasant among peasants,” he had little formal education. How, then, was such an unremarkable man able to take control of Rome without spilling a single drop of blood? As a champion of Roman antiquity, he learned at an early age to read and revere figures such as Livy, Julius Caesar, Cicero and Seneca. He became an eloquent speaker. He captivated and aroused his audiences with tales of Rome’s grandiose past and gained popularity with the Roman people. Ms. Lutton showed just how significant the legacy of the Roman Republic was to Rienzo’s popularity and how the memory of prestige was so powerful and yearned for by the Roman populace, that it would lead an ordinary peasant to become the last tribune of Rome in the fourteenth century. Ms. Lutton also presented “Cola di Rienzo and the Influence of Antiquity” at the 2010 CLA Honors Colloquium.

**CORRINA SMITH:** “The Election of 1860: Anglo-American Relations Reconsidered.”  
Faculty Mentors: Professor Robert May and Associate Professor Melinda Zook



Synopsis: Anglo-American relations during the Civil War were tense, which might have been foreshadowed by British reactions to the election of 1860. British press coverage of the election; it’s dependence on Southern cotton; it’s attitudes toward Southern slavery and British reactions to Lincoln as president-elect all contributed to a sense of what was to come during the war years.



**MAX VANDE VAARST:**”A State without a Center: Popular Culture, Urban Legends and the Search for New Jersey’s Identity in the Twentieth and Twenty First Centuries.”  
Faculty Mentors: Assistant Professor Darren Dochuk and Associate Professor Nancy Gabin

Synopsis: New Jersey, more than any other U.S. state, has been hampered with an identity problem. Since its founding, the Garden State has been torn in two by the competing influences of New York City and Philadelphia, dividing its people into disparate groups. With Bruce Springsteen and the Jersey Devil comes a uniquely Jersey identity, one which celebrates the state’s eccentricities, rather than explain them away. Mr. Vande Vaarst looks at the regional attitudes that make New Jerseyans so receptive to folklore.

Time to mark on your calendars! The 4th Annual Department of History’s Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum will be held Tues. April 19, 2011 at 5:30pm in UNIV 201. For more details visit <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/>, click “Events”.



## 2010 SPRING AWARDS BANQUET



Corrina A. Smith, with her mother, was the 2010 Outstanding Senior Award recipient

The Department of History hosted 156 students, parents, friends, faculty, administrators, emeriti, alumnus and staff to honor the achievements of the department's undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at the April 15, 2010 Spring Awards Banquet.

Congratulations to:

The Phi Alpha Theta Initiates: **Timothy E. Arehart, Zane A. Bolka, Charlotte M. Fillenwarth, Katrina A. Galt, Patricia A. Hess, David C. Van Arsdell, Gwen E. Van Hove, William F. Vogel and Charles N. White**

The Henry G. Waltmann Award: **Max A. Vande Vaarst**

The Graduate Student Teaching Award: **Eric A. Hall**

The Miletus L. Flaningam Award: **Karen E. Sonnelitter**

The Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award: **Brittany Bayless-Fremion, Eric A. Hall, Kara M. Kvaran, Timothy J. Lombardo, Erica A. Morin, Jacqueline-Bethel Mougoué, Jessica J. Nelson, Patrick A. Pospisek, and Erika Cornelius Smith**

The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History: **Elise Dermineur and Jessica J. Nelson**

The Phi Beta Kappa Invitees: **Brian P. Couch, Ross E. Fields, Francisca L. Hoffman, Rebecca M. Lutton, Nicholas J. Moskalick, Andrew P. Oloffson, Lisa M. Olszewski, Brittany E. Poe, Mark D. Robison, Max A Vande Vaarst, and Marie T. Waymel**

The Lorena Murphy Undergraduate Scholarship: **Charlotte M. Fillenwarth and Max A. Vande Vaarst**

The Department of History Study Abroad Scholarship: **Lisa M. Olszewski**

The James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship: **James T. Lang**

The John F. Stover Undergraduate Scholarship: **Bhimsupa Kulthanan**

The David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Undergraduate Scholarship: **Patrick S. Amoroso**

The Senior Graduating with Excellence: **Mark D. Robison**

The Outstanding Senior Award: **Corrina A. Smith**

64 Certificates of Achievement were awarded.

35 Certificates of Superior Achievement were awarded.

**Alumni, parents, and friends of the Department of History are invited to honor the 2010-2011 achievements of the department's students and faculty.**

2011 History Awards Reception  
Thursday April 14,  
2011  
5:00pm – 7:00pm  
PMU 118

For further information please go to <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/>  
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## 2010 SPRING AWARDS BANQUET CONTINUES

The Jon C. Teaford Faculty Award’s inaugural recipient: **Assistant Professor Yvonne M. Pitts**

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD

The Department of History is honored to announce that, due to the generosity of alumni and faculty, two new scholarships and one faculty award has been established.



Professor Emeritus  
Jon C. Teaford

In 2009, Mr. David W. Bischoff (B.A. 1970) established the **David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Undergraduate Scholarship** in memory of his wife Geryl “Gerrie” L. Bischoff.

**The Lorena Murphy Undergraduate Scholarship** was established in 2010 in memory of Ms. Lorena Murphy (B.A. 1990). Ms. Murphy’s passion was history, which she pursued during her 29 years of working as an account clerk for Housing and Food Services. This scholarship, in her memory, helps history majors defray the costs of their history textbooks.

**The Jon C. Teaford Faculty Award** was established in 2010 in honor of Professor Emeritus of History Jon C. Teaford. For thirty-two years, Professor Teaford taught U.S. History, specializing in the history of urban and suburban development.

## CHANGES TO THE 2011 SPRING AWARDS

The Department of History has been proud to honor the accomplishments of the undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at its annual Spring Awards Banquet. It has been a pleasure of the faculty to meet the parents of many of the students at this event. This year the department will host a reception, instead of a banquet, which will honor students/faculty who have received awards. The 2011 History Awards Reception will take place Thursday April 14, 2011 at 5:00pm – 7:00pm in PMU 118. Invitations and more information will be forthcoming.

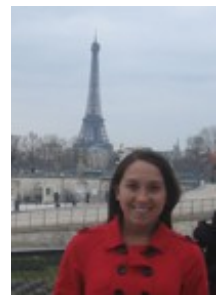
## LIFE AFTER RECEIVING A BACHELORS IN HISTORY

The graduating seniors have completed a chapter of their lives and are beginning a new one. Some of the 2010 Department of History graduating seniors have shared what they will be doing after receiving a bachelors’ in history.

**JORDAN BAILEY** spent the summer traveling England, Ireland and Spain. Upon returning in September, Jordan began a job doing research at her aunt’s pharmaceutical business based in Indianapolis. She will also continue her third year of coaching high school softball at Heritage Christian High School.

**KANDIS BURTON** was in Coast Guard Basic Training in Cape May, NJ until October. She has applied to Coast Guard OCS.

**ELLIE CAROLUS** took the year off to travel. After her travels, she will return to graduate school for a Masters in history.



Kandis Burton



## LIFE AFTER RECEIVING A BACHELORS IN HISTORY CONTINUES



Emily Dawes

**EMILY DAWES** spent the summer on an archeological dig in Israel. In the fall, she began her studies in Middle East history at American University in Beirut.

**PHILIP DITTMER** is attending Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) for a Masters in Public Affairs. He hopes to find a career in the federal government, Foreign Service, or non-profit administration.

**C/LTC (Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel) GREG HALMI** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry. He is stationed with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy.

**K.C. HARPRING** hoped for an internship through AIESEC to Londrina, Brazil to do marketing and networking for the Instituto Brasileiro de Florestas on a Carbon Emissions Project. Then he hoped to be accepted, in the fall, at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law to pursue a dual degree of J.D. in International Law and a Masters in Political Science in International Studies, as well as completing Sturm's Certificate Program for International Law. Upon completion of his JD and MA he intends to work for an NGO or an IGO dealing with International issues, specifically in the area(s) of Labor Law, Environmental Law, or International Relations.



K. C. Harpring

**AMY HEANEY** participated in the CPAP London Internship Program during summer 2010.

**REBECCA LUTTON** entered the graduate program in history at New York University.



Andrew Oloffson

**ANDREW OLOFFSON** is at the University of Illinois pursuing a Masters in Library and Information Science.

**CHRISTOPHER PARKER** is attending Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, IN.

**MEGAN POWELL** was choosing a law school to attend in the fall.

**MARK ROBISON** is attending Indiana University pursuing his Masters in Library Science.

**DAN RYAN** enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In August, he left for Officer Candidate School located at the Naval Station Newport in RI.



Mark Robison

**CORRINA SMITH** began at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, IN during the summer 2010.

**THERESE WAYMEL** worked for the Treasury Department during the summer. In the fall, she began at George Mason University Law in Arlington, VA.

*"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."*

Mark Van Doren (1894-1972)

American Pulitzer Prize winning poet,

Scholar and Professor of English at Columbia University(1920-1959)



THE LOUIS MARTIN  
*Sears*  
 LECTURE SERIES  
 DEPARTMENT of HISTORY

The Department of History hosted the 2010 Sears Lecture Series. The theme of this year's series was "Presidential Leadership in Global Economic Crisis." 2010 Series speakers were:



William G. Gray (Associate Professor and the 2010 Sears Lecture Committee Chair), Robert Dallek and Douglas Hurt (Professor and Department Head)

**Robert Dallek**, Emeritus Professor of history at UCLA, on February 23, 2010 presented "Obama's First Year: War, Peace, and the Economy in Historical Perspective."



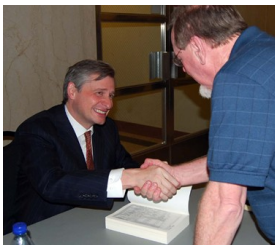
Erica Morin (Ph.D. student and Sears Lecture Series Graduate Assistant) and David Painter

**David Painter**, Professor of international history at Georgetown University, on March 9, 2010 presented "The Moral Equivalent of War? American Presidents and the Oil Crises of the 1970s."



Amity Shlaes

**Amity Shlaes**, Senior Fellow in economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations, on March 23, 2010 presented "Roosevelt and Obama: Getting to Recovery."



Jon Meacham at book signing.

**Jon Meacham**, Editor of *Newsweek*, on April 21, 2010 presented: "Economic Leadership in a Time of Crisis: Then and Now."

The 2010 Sears Lecture Committee included Chair, William G. Gray (Associate Professor of European history), Randy Roberts (Distinguished Professor of U.S. history), Stacy Holden (Assistant Professor of global history), and Darren Dochuk (Assistant Professor of U.S. history). Ms Erica Morin (Ph.D. student of U.S. history) was the Graduate Assistant for the series.

The biennial Sears Lecture Series is named for the late Purdue historian Louis Martin Sears, who was a faculty member, in the then joint Department of History and Political Science from 1920 until his retirement in 1956. Sears specialized in diplomatic history and biography and was the author of numerous books. The lecture series is alternately produced by the Departments of History and Political Science, in conjunction with Purdue Convocations.





## JOHN F. STOVER LECTURE SERIES



Mary Louise Roberts, Professor of History and 2nd annual Stover Lecture Series presenter.

Mary Louise Roberts, Professor of History at University of Wisconsin-Madison, was the second annual John F. Stover Lecture Series presenter. Her April 7, 2010 presentation “Rape Hysteria and the Sexual Economy of Race: French Accusations of Sexual Assault Against African-American GIs, 1944-1945” looked at how in American mass culture, the D-Day invasion has been presented as a heroic victory. In fact, the American invasion was not without struggle and conflict. A close look at the startling number of rape charges made against “soldats de couleur” by French civilians in two Norman towns, Cherbourg and LeHavre reveals that many of the charges were based on hearsay and “sightings” produced in an atmosphere of racial hatred. More than an object of racist prejudice, the African-American soldier became a projection of French fears concerning the chaos of war, the tensions of American military occupation, and the threat of an American “colonization” of France.

Professor Roberts’ research and teaching interests include late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Europe, particularly in France. Women and gender, particularly the problem of gender and change, i.e. how the French used gender issues to conceive of change, and how late nineteenth-century “new women” broke with naturalized definitions of domestic femininity. Her new project concerns the politics of sex during the U.S. occupation of France. It explores how intimate relations helped both to secure and to challenge American imperial ambitions during the years 1944 to 1946. As the GIs conquered Normandy in the summer of 1944, they pursued their fantasies of having sex with French women. Such erotic contacts—including heterosexual sex, prostitution, and rape—soon became the focus of conflict and debate between the U.S. military and French officials. As these debates occurred in newspapers and official correspondence, they anchored larger struggles for authority, including the breadth of U.S. political power in Europe, and its moral role as a new global leader. Sex became a vital transfer point for the exercise of—and resistance to—an American bid for dominance on the European continent.

### 2011 Stover Lecture Series

Presents

**James Bartholomew, Professor of History at The Ohio State University**

**“Japan and the Nobel Science Prizes, 1901-1950.”**

**Thursday March 3, 2011 - 7:00p.m. - Fowler Hall, STEW Center**

For more information please go to: [http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/Click “Events.”](http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/Click%20Events)

Professor Bartholomew is a specialist in modern Japanese history, chiefly interested in the history of science, medicine, higher education, and business in Japan. In 1985-86, he held a research fellowship from the National Science Foundation. His 1989 book, *The Formation of Science in Japan* received the 1992 Pfizer Award of the History of Science Society. In March 2001, he was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship to write a book on Japan and the Nobel science prizes, 1901-1949.



2010 GUEST SPEAKERS AND SPONSORED EVENTS

During 2010, the Department of History hosted and/or co-sponsored several speakers and events.

March 8, 2010—Emily Weglian, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, at Cuyahoga Community College, presented "Bizarre Love Triangles: Sympathy and Deviance in British and Euro-American Folk Songs." This presentation was co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Anthropology, Interdisciplinary Studies (IDIS) programs: Medieval and Renaissance Studies and Religious Studies.

March 10, 2010—Dean Dámaso López Garcíá and Associate Dean Eugenio Bustos Gisbert of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Associate Dean Gisbert presented (in Spanish) "La expresión de la cortesía en el español clásico." Dean Garcíá presented (in English) "How it Strikes a Post-Contemporary: The Absence of Theory." These presentations were co-sponsored by College of Liberal Arts, Departments of Foreign Languages and Literature, History and English and IDIS programs: Philosophy and Literature, and Linguistics.



March 24, 2010—Professor Hilda Smith of the University of Cincinnati, presented "Women Petitioners? Women Citizens? Women and the Court of Alderman, 1680-1710." This presentation was co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Political Science, and IDIS program: Women's Studies.

Professor Hilda Smith

April 28, 2010—Michael Robinson, Professor and Chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilization at Indiana University, presented "The Politics of Historical Narrative in Post-War Korea." This presentation was co-sponsored by the Department of History and IDIS: Asian Studies Program.



Professor Michael Robinson

September 13, 2010—Ed Linenthal, Professor and Editor of the *Journal of American History*, spoke on publishing and engagement opportunities of the journal. This presentation was sponsored by the Department of History.

October 7, 2010—Robert G. Patman, Professor of International Relations at University of Otago, presented "The Somalia Syndrome and the Path to 9/11." This presentation was sponsored by the Department of History.

October 13, 2010 —Ya-Chen Chen, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Chinese Language Program in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Clark University, spoke on "Rethinking Gender Politics and Martial Arts in the Tang Dynasty: Zhang Yimou's *House of Flying Daggers*." This presentation was co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Foreign Languages and Literatures, IDIS program: Asian Studies, and The Confucius Institute.



Assistant Professor Ya-Chen Chen





## 2010 GUEST SPEAKERS AND SPONSORED EVENTS CONTINUES

October 6, 2010—A joint forum presented “Why Obama is not like Roosevelt.” The forum members, all from Purdue University, were Bert Rockman, (Professor and Department Head of Political Science), Randy Roberts (Distinguished Professor of History), Eric Waltenburg (Associate Professor of Political Science) and R. Douglas Hurt (Professor and Department Head of History). The forum was a discussion on the political and economic events of the upcoming 2010 elections compared to the 1934 elections. This event was videoed by C-Span and co-sponsored by the Departments of History and Political Science.

### Women’s Studies 3rd Annual Film Festival

#### “Women on the Move: The Gendered Politics of Forced Migration”

Over the course of four weeks, a variety of important films were shown that focused on the global factors that are pushing and pulling women across international borders. This event was co-sponsored by the Women’s Research and Policy Center and the Departments of Anthropology and History.

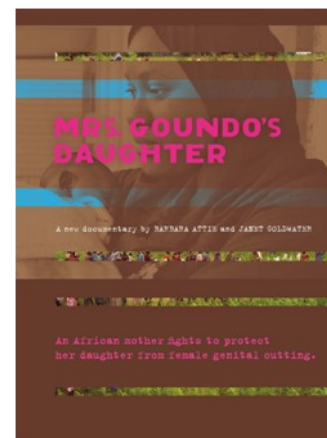


*Maid in America* Wednesday October 6th

This film provides an intimate look into the lives of three Latina immigrants working as nannies and housekeepers in Los Angeles, three of the nearly 100,000 domestic workers living in that city today. These women’s stories vividly reveal how immigrants are redefining their roles, and underscores the vital role they play in many American households. The film “offers insight both into the immigrant experience, labor issues and contemporary Latino culture.” [Produced in 2004 by Women Make Movies, 57 min.] Discussion Leader: Dr. Jennifer Freeman Marshall.

*Mrs. Goundo’s Daughter* Wednesday October 13th

“Mrs. Goundo is fighting to remain in the United States. But it’s not just because of the economic conflict and drought that has plagued her native Mali. Threatened with deportation, her two-year-old daughter could be forced to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM), like 85 percent of the women and girls in Mali. Using rarely cited grounds for political asylum, Goundo must convince an immigration judge that her daughter is in danger. Sensitive and moving, this important film reveals how women are profoundly affected by the legal struggles surrounding immigration.” [Produced in 2009 by Women Make Movies, 60 min.] Discussion Leader: Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum.



*Behind the Labels: Garment Workers on U.S. Saipan* Wednesday October 20th



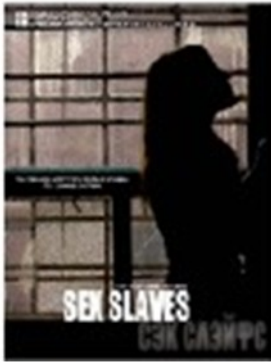
“Lured by false promises and driven by desperation, thousands of Chinese and Filipina women pay high fees to work in garment factories on the Pacific island of Saipan, the only U.S. territory exempt from labor and immigration laws. The clothing they sew, bearing the ‘Made in the USA’ label, is shipped duty and quota-free to the U.S. for sale by The GAP, J. Crew, Polo and other retailers. Powerful hidden camera footage, along with the garment workers’ personal stories, offers a rare glimpse into indentured labor and the workings of the global sweatshop where 14 hour shifts, payless paydays, and lock-downs are routine.” [Produced in 2001 by Witness, 46 min.] Discussion Leader: Dr. Laurie Graham.



2010 GUEST SPEAKERS AND SPONSORED EVENTS—CONTINUES

**Women’s Studies 3rd Annual Film Festival**

**“Women on the Move: The Gendered Politics of Forced Migration” continues**



*Sex Slaves* Wednesday, October 27th

This film “reports on the transnational traffic in which women are lured or kidnapped for the purpose of forced prostitution, and the government indifference that makes the abuses extremely difficult to stop. Traffickers, their female victims, and experts are interviewed. The film concentrates especially on the abduction of women in Moldova and Ukraine for forced prostitution in Turkey as it follows the journey of one man determined to find his abducted wife and buy back her freedom.” [Produced in 2006 by PBS Video, 57 min.] Discussion Leader: Adrianna Lozano, Ph.D. Student.

Wednesday November 17, 2010—Richard Kieckhefer, the John Evans Professor of Religious Studies at Northwestern University presented “White Magic, Black Magic, Bright Magic.” This presentation was co-sponsored by the IDIS program: Religious Studies, the Purdue Science and Religion Group, the Department of History, the Aquinas Educational Foundation and the St. Thomas Aquinas Center.



John Evans Professor of Religious Studies  
Richard Kieckhefer

THE BEGINNING OF “DISCOVERY” AT PURDUE



An early image of the main library when it was housed in University Hall before the modifications of 1895 (picture from the 1891 *Debris*). Excerpt from *The History of the Purdue University Libraries: The First Thirty Years*. David M. Hovde, Associate Professor of Library Science Research and Instruction Librarian, and Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries, 2010.

University Hall (UNIV) is the only building remaining of the original six-building Purdue campus. Construction of the 'The Main Building,' its original name, was begun in 1871 where Smith Hall presently stands. This work was halted when the University purchased land north of State Street, and the final construction was started in the fall of 1874, about the time of the first students' arrival. The cost to complete the building was \$35,000, and it was dedicated in November of 1877. It was used as a classroom and the University's first library. It also held the chapel and the president's office until Fowler Hall was built in 1904. University Hall was remodeled in 1961.

"John Purdue requested that he be buried in front of University Hall, and his grave directly east of the building still serves as a monument to him and the university he loved."  
-- Mortar Board 1984



## ALUMNI NEWS

**Reed Benhamou** (Ph.D. 1990) published *Regulating the Academie: Art, Rules and Power in 'ancient regime' France*. Oxford: *Studies on Voltaire and the 18th century*, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ published a review of Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent and Christine Blondel, (eds.), *Science and Spectacle in the European Enlightenment* (Ashgate, 2008), in *Technology and Culture* 51, 2010, 493-95.

\_\_\_\_\_ presented "Charles-Joseph Natoire and the Money Market," at the Annual Conference of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) in Albuquerque, NM, 2010.



Reed Benhamou

**Michael F. Bowman** (B.A. 1975 and M.A. 1977) taught history at Fort Steilacoom Community College 1977-1981. Since 1981 he has been an attorney in the Department of the Navy's Office of the General Counsel. During his tenure as an attorney, he wrote an unpublished book-length history of the Office of the General Counsel. As an IT investment portfolio manager, he oversees all IT systems, applications, and databases for the Department of the Navy's legal and law enforcement community. He also proudly displays a wood and copper ashtray on his desk that was hand crafted by Professor Emeritus Don Parman.

**Anthony Blackburn** (B.A. 2006) is a Captain in the U.S. Army.



Cullen Chandler

**Cullen Chandler** (Ph.D. 2003) is a tenured Assistant Professor of History at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. His accomplishments include: receiving the Lycoming College Junior Faculty Teaching Award; co-leading a college travel course entitled "Medieval Germany" for Lycoming's May term; publishing his article "Barcelona BC 569 and a Carolingian Programme on the Virtues," in the international journal *Early Medieval Europe* vol. 18.3; and, co-authoring the article "Sleeping with the Enemy: Wikipedia in the College Classroom" which was published by *The History Teacher*, (vol 43, no. 2, Feb 2010). This is the journal of the Society for History Education. The findings of the article were also presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching — East in June 2010. The presentation won one of three "Best Poster" awards.

**Felipe Colby** (B.A. 1995) has been the executive director for "His Eyes" since 2000. This is a Christian mission in Honduras primarily in the area of Tegucigalpa and the surrounding areas. For more information on Felipe's work visit [www.hiseyes.us](http://www.hiseyes.us).

**Jason T. Connell** (B.A. 1992) accepted the vice president of sales for New York Air Brake (NYAB). He will be responsible for North American sales of freight car brake control products. Prior to taking the NYAB position, he was the vice president of strategic marketing for Wabtec of Wilmerding, PA.

**Douglas Curry** (B.A. 1981) co-founder and vice president of Vasc-Alert LLC was chosen as one of 41 "Companies to Watch" by the Indiana Economic Development Corp. The West Lafayette health care development company, based at Purdue Research Park, uses patented technology to analyze available data of hemodialysis patients and to identify whether there is a chance for blood clotting before it happens. The "Companies to Watch" list is compiled by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Development Center and recognizes privately held businesses that employ up to 150 people and have between \$750,000 to \$100 million in annual revenue or capital.



## ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUES

**Mike Deak** (B.A. 2003), a former employee of *The Exponent*, is the Sports Editor for *The Papers, Inc.* in Milford, IN. He covers high school, college and area sports, profiles and beat stories. He has been the Kosciusko County Convention and Visitor's Bureau photographer. For the last six years, he has coach high school softball. He has won nine awards for writing and photography through the Hoosier State Press Association and Society of Professional Journalists.

**Ryan Dearing** (M.A. 2004) received his Ph.D. in history at the University of Utah in 2009. He is now entering his second year as Assistant Professor of History at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, OR.

**Elizabeth E. Dunn** (B.A. 1981 and M.A. 1993) began her duties as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Indiana University in South Bend on July 1, 2010. Before that she was the interim dean at the College of Liberal Arts and Letters at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, MN. Her specialty areas are: America history 1815 to 1830, history of England to 1688 and American intellectual history.



Dean  
Elizabeth E. Dunn

**Angela Firkus** (Ph.D. 1998) published an article on the Agriculture Extension Service's activities among Wisconsin Indian Communities from 1914 to 1940 in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. She is an Associate Professor at Cottey College in Nevada, MO.

**Beau Gaiters** (M.A. 2010) was accepted in the Ph.D. program at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

**Adam R. Hines** (B.A. 2008) married Maria B. Thompson (DP09) on March 5, 2010 in Columbus, IN.

**Riley Hollenbaugh** (B.A. 2009) is at the University of Delaware pursuing a Masters of Urban Affairs and Public Policy with a concentration in historic preservation and is working for the Center for Historic Architecture and Design.

**Christopher Hull** (M.A. 1989) is the Deputy Director (Policy) of the Sudan Task Force for the Foreign Affairs and International Trade with the Government of Canada. For six years prior he had worked in embassies in Syria and Egypt.



Ronald Johnson

**Natalie Johnson (Harman)** (B.A. 2003) teaches World and AP World History at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers, IN. During the 2010-2011 school year, she took over the "We The People Program" (funded by the Indiana Bar Association) implementing historical perspectives into U.S. Government. In addition, she started a study abroad program for high school students through the Social Studies Department. The first trip was to London and Paris in June 2010.

**Ronald Johnson** (Ph.D. 2010) accepted an Assistant Professor position of History at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

**Tyler Johnson** (Ph.D. 2009) accepted a position as Associate Professor of History at Philadelphia Biblical University in Langhorne, PA. Also, he and his wife, Karen, are proud parents of their new baby daughter, Kathryn.

**Kara L. Killion (Huff)** (B.A. 2008) completed a one-year, full-time internship in the University of Notre Dame ticket office. August 2010 was her projected graduation date with her M.S. in Kinesiology with a concentration in Sports Management-Athletic Administration at Indiana University. Ms. Killion began a new full-time job on February 1, 2010 as the Assistant Director of Ticket Operations for Customer Service in the Indiana University Athletic Department. Also, on June 27, 2009, she and André T. S. Killion (LA '09) married and are currently living in Indianapolis.



## ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUES



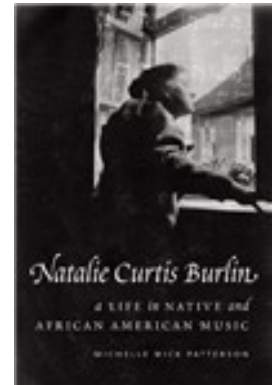
Professor Todd Jay Leonard presented his award by Dr. Jon Loessin, President of the Association for Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest

**Nancy Latta** (Ph.D. 1997) retired from her position as Associate Director of Publications and Instructor of History at Indiana State University on June 25, 2010.

**Todd Jay Leonard** (M.A. 1987) was awarded the “Frank P. Forwood Award for Academic Excellence in Presented Research” for his scholarly paper entitled *A ‘Spiritual Center of Light’ since 1886—The Spiritualist Community that Talks to the Dead—Historic Camp Chesterfield* at the Association for Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest’s international conference in Dallas, TX on March 13, 2010. On March 31, 2010, Professor Leonard assumed his new duties as a tenured faculty at Fukuoka University of Education in Munakata City, Fukuoka Prefecture. His area of interest is cross-cultural understanding, international studies, and education.

**Grant E. Mabie** (B.A. 1984) accepted the Managing Editor position at Hilton Publishing Company in Indianapolis. Formerly, he was the editor of the *Liberal Arts Magazine*.

**Michelle Wick Patterson** ( Ph.D. 2003) published *Natalie Curtis Burlin: A Life in Native and African American Music*, University of Nebraska Press, 2010. Professor Patterson also published an article discussing the field research conducted by Natalie Curtis Burlin for her book *The Indian Book* (published 1907) on the roles played by Lololoma (Hopi) and High Chief (Southern Cheyenne). Assistant Professor Patterson is a faculty member in the history department at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD.



Vice Admiral  
Carol Pottenger

**Carol Pottenger** (B.A. 1977) has been promoted to Vice Admiral and Deputy Chief of Staff for Capability Development at NATO, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT), Norfolk, VA..

**Colonel P. Michael Phillips** (M.A. 1987) completed his assignment as International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Chief of Liaison to the Pakistan Army in Islamabad. He is reassigned to the Joint Staff as Chief, Political– Military Affairs, Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell.

**Jennifer Robinson-Wegh** (B.A. 1990) recently finished her M.A. in Human Resources Management. She is currently working in Labor and Employee Relations for United Technologies Corporation in Hartford, CT.

**Brian “BJ” Ruble** (B.A. 2002) on September 1, 2009 became the father to Madison Briann Ruble.

**Sean Scott** (Ph.D. 2008) published *A Visitation of God: Northern Civilians Interpret the Civil War*, Oxford Press, December 2010.

**Garrett Washington** (Ph.D. 2010) was appointed a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.



## ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUES

**James B. Williams** (Ph.D. graduate 2009) was one of four awarded the 2010 CLA Distinguished Dissertation Award. After working for a couple of years, he returned to academia at Purdue University to pursue a Ph.D. in medieval history, which he completed in 2009. His dissertation, "The Adoptive Son of God, the Pregnant Virgin, and the Fortification of the True Faith: Heterodoxy, the Cult of the Virgin Mary, and Benedict of Aniane in the Carolingian Age," argues that conflicts over orthodoxy led to new cultural creations and explorations into the role of the Virgin Mary in the Christian Church. Currently, Dr. Williams is working as a Visiting Assistant Professor of History at the University of Indianapolis.



James  
Williams

**Lance Yoder** (B.A. 2009) and his wife, Wendy, became parents to a daughter on July 1, 2010.

## 2010 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Department of History was honored when two of its alumni—Wally Brant and Sherry L. Smith—were named as 2010 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni.

**Wally Brant** (B.A. 1971) is the president and CEO of Indiana Oxygen Company, a third-generation, family owned Indiana company. Mr. Brant served in the U.S. Air Force as a B-52 combat crew navigator in Vietnam, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel. He and his company received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, "Best of Indianapolis" Award and the Indianapolis Colts Community Service Award. He has served, and serves, on several board of directors and local and national trade associations.

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**Sherry L. Smith** (B.A. 1972, MA 1974 in American Studies) is a Distinguished Professor of History and Associate Director of the Clements Center of Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University. Professor Smith has garnered many honors throughout her career. In 2001 her *Reimagining Indians: Native Americans Through Anglo Eyes, 1880-1940* won the Organization of American Historian's Rawley Prize for best book on race relations, and the Author's Award (Godbey Lecture Series at SMU). She is the *Los Angeles Times* Distinguished Fellow at the Huntington Library.



Sherry L. Smith, Don Parman (Professor Emeritus of History) and Wally Brant at the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Reception

*Alumni - let us know what you have been doing since graduating from  
Purdue University's Department of History.*

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