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LETTER FROM THE HEAD



R. Douglas Hurt
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Department Head

The Department of History had an exceptionally productive and intellectually exciting year. Our graduate students presented papers at professional conferences, won research awards, and published their work in important journals. The faculty taught a variety of popular courses that often attracted more students than the classrooms could accommodate. The Department of History continues to maintain its well-deserved reputation for excellent teaching. Our Honors Program is a model for the College of Liberal Arts and Purdue University. The faculty also published a host of books, articles, and chapters, and further enhanced their reputations by presenting papers at a variety of national and international conferences.

During the past year, James Farr became the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History. This prestigious chair brings considerable recognition to Professor Farr and the Department of History. Professors Frank Lambert, Caroline Janney, and Michael Ryan lectured in China and Professor Charles Ingrao in Serbia. Speakers from Peking University and Central European University also presented lectures for our students and faculty.

Gordon Young retired after forty-three years at Purdue. The students, faculty, and staff will miss his humor and his courses in ancient history. We wish him well. Rainer Buschmann joined the department from California State University-Channel Islands as our specialist in world/global history.

We appreciate hearing from our alumni, and we take pride in your accomplishments. Please keep us informed about your activities as we embark on another busy year.

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FEATURE: *PROFESSOR FRANK LAMBERT*

In 1990, *Inventing the "Great Awakening"* (Princeton: Princeton University Press) became the first of six books which Professor Franklin T. Lambert would publish in his academic career at Purdue University. His recent book *The Battle of Ole Miss: Civil Rights vs. States' Rights* (New York: Oxford University Press) was published in 2009. Professor Lambert's specialization is U.S. History with areas of interests in American Colonial, Revolutionary Era, Religious and Political History.

His interests are as diverse as is his life. After receiving his BBA from University of Mississippi in 1965, he played professional football for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He then moved on to work in national sales at University Computing Company. Leaving sales, he became the Head of Kentucky Country Day School's Upper School. Also during this time, he pursued his Masters at the University of Louisville (1974-77). In 1979, he became the Director of Physician Services for Humana, Inc. Upon leaving Humana, he established his company Rogers, Lambert and Co. In 1984, he became President and CEO of Belknap, Inc. After leaving the corporate world, to pursue his Ph.D. in history at Northwestern University, he began his academic career in 1991 as an Assistant Professor of History at Purdue University. Working his way up the academic ranks, Professor Lambert gained the respect of his peers and students through his work ethic and personable manner. He achieved the rank of Professor of History at Purdue University in 2000. Throughout his tenure at Purdue, Professor Lambert has lectured extensively in the U.S. and internationally in Germany, Australia and China.

Although the Department of History has had several faculty visit China as part of the faculty exchange program between Peking and Purdue Universities, Professor Lambert was the first to spend an entire semester. During the 2009 spring semester he gave lectures at Fudan University (Shanghai), Shandong Normal University, Xi'an Normal University and Xiamin University. The relationships he established with faculty and students at the various Chinese universities assisted other faculty who had the opportunity to visit during the 2009 fall semester.

The Department of History is indeed fortunate for having Professor Lambert as a faculty member. He is a wonderful ambassador for the department through his publications, teaching and travels.

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FEATURE: TEACHING

One meaning of teaching, according to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, is "to instruct by precept, example or experience." Teaching, as well as Discovery (research) and Engagement, is a main function for the faculty of the Department of History (DoH). Teaching allows the faculty to: be creative in offering a unique perspective of historical events; mentor students, such as those in the department's honor's program; and, conduct study aboard classes.

The DoH students have participated in the Study Abroad program for as short as a week during Spring Break or Maymester to as long as a semester. Under the instruction of Associate Professor Melinda Zook, Megan Pownall, a senior who is interested in the history of Tudor England, was accepted into an internship program in London, U.K. for the summer 2009. During Spring Break 2009, History 302-3's (Historical Topics: Understanding the Age of the World Wars) students were able to experience the historical significance of World War I and II by visiting European battlefields and Dachau concentration camp. Students were required to write a research paper from information gathered in their travels. Such information gathering allowed Heather Shreve, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, to submit a paper on Nazi Germany's degenerate artwork and architecture. Professor Gordon Mork and Distinguished Professor Randy Roberts incorporated the travel experiences into their teaching of the various battlefields, Paris, and Munich during this study aboard opportunity.

As part of the teaching experience, faculty members also mentor. The department's honor students are mentored by faculty in the selection of a topic of interest, how best to conduct research and the presentation of their research. At the end of spring semester, the students showcase their research efforts at the Honor's Program Forum. The varied presentations at the 2009 History Honor's Forum included: Rosemary E. Arnold (Senior) "Celebrated to Scorned: The Construction of Belle Boyd in Public Memory." Mentor: Assistant Professor Caroline Janney; Nicole A. Capehart (Senior) "Sojourns, Slavery, and Sects: The Experiences of an Indiana Couple in Antebellum Mississippi." Mentor: Professor Robert May; Emily L. Dawes (Senior) "The Road to the Farhud: Baghdadi Jews in the 1930s." Mentors: Professor Whitney Walton and Assistant Professor Stacy Holden; Samuel W. Needham (Senior) "Welsh Calvinistic Methodism in the Eighteenth Century." Mentor: Associate Professor Melinda Zook; Mark D. Robison (Senior) "Perceptions of Early Syrian-American Immigration and the Achievement of Legal 'Whiteness'." Mentors: Assistant Professors Yvonne Pitts and Stacy Holden, and Charles G. Spencer (Senior) "Wherever Our Fortunes Fall: Medical Care of Wounded Soldiers during the Austro-Prussian War." Mentors: Professor Charles Ingrao and Associate Professor William Gray.

Variety in the presentation of class materials help keep students engaged in the subject. Distinguished Professor Randy Roberts' History 302-1 (Boxing, Baseball and Hollywood) teaches the history of popular culture by discussing the history of boxing, baseball and other sports as depicted through the eyes of Hollywood. Associate Professor Michael Morrison's History 371 (Society, Culture, and Rock & Roll) examines the historical influences of the 50's and 60's music and counter culture by presenting the music and news reels of the times. In History 302-2 (Modern Jewish History), Assistant Professor Rebekah Klein-Pejšová had students take on the roles of delegates for the Jewish National Affairs Council Deliberations. Such role playing showed students how historically a group of people with a common interest conduct business toward a goal despite their differing opinions.

So, be it from a creative approach in presenting the historical information, to taking a one-on-one mentoring approach, or to giving a group of students the chance to experience the foreign lands where historical events took place, the faculty of the Department of History are committed to instruct historical events "...by precept, example or experience."



Associate Professor Michael Morrison stands on a table to emphasize a point in his HIST 371 "Society, Culture, and Rock 'n Roll" class. Professor Morrison is a past Indiana Professor of the Year. recipient. Photo taken by Andrew Hancock, photographer for Purdue University's Office of Market and Media.



Assistant Professor Rebekah Klein-Pejšová HIST 302 - "Modern Jewish History" students preparing for a mock Jewish National Affairs Council Deliberations.



Assistant Professors Yvonne Pitts (L), Michael Ryan (C) discuss Mark Robison's (R) 2009 Honor Forum presentation titled "Perceptions of Early Syrian-American Immigration and the Achievement of Legal 'Whiteness'." Assistant Professors Stacy Holden and Yvonne Pitts were Mr. Robison's mentors.



Professors Randy Roberts (far left) and Gordon Mork (far right) with the HIST 302 "Understanding the Age of World Wars" study aboard class in Europe during Spring Break 2009.



FEATURE: TEACHING CONTINUES -
AS FEATURED IN "THE BEST" ISSUE OF *THE EXPONENT*



Distinguished Professor of History
Randy Roberts

MICHAEL MORRISON (Associate Professor – U.S. history) and **RANDY ROBERTS** (Distinguished Professor of History – U.S. history) were finalists for the "Best Professor" category in *The Exponent's* April 14, 2009 edition "The Best" as nominated by students. Professor Roberts came in 4th and Professor Morrison received honorable mention. Also, nominated for "Best Class" were History 151 (taught by Professors **JOHN LARSON**, **CAROLINE JANNEY**, **ROBERT MAY** and Teaching Assistant **JOHN ELLIS**), History 371 (taught by Professor **MICHAEL MORRISON**) and History 351 (taught by Professor **RANDY ROBERTS**). History 351 and 371 received honorable mention.

*PROFESSOR JAMES R. FARR NAMED
THE GERMAINE SEELYE OESTERLE CHAIR IN HISTORY*

In December 2009, the Purdue University Board of Trustees named Professor James R. Farr the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History. Professor Farr has been with the Department of History since 1970. He specializes in European history with interests in Early Modern Europe, Renaissance and Reformation periods. With numerous publications, consistently positive student evaluations and service to the department, College of Liberal Arts and Purdue University. Professor Farr exemplifies the leadership sought through the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History.

The Department of History announced last year the establishment of the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History through the endowment fund established by Mr. William S. Oesterle (B.A. 1987 in economics) in honor of his mother Germaine Seelye Oesterle.



Germaine Seelye Oesterle, (1925-2007), was well respected throughout the Purdue and West Lafayette/Lafayette communities. She was married to Eric Oesterle, a professor in Purdue's Agricultural Economics Department. Mrs. Oesterle received her M.S. from Cornell University (where she had enrolled when she was 15). In the *1946 Proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science*, her article "The Number of Vegetable Seeds per Unit Weight" was published. She designed her West Lafayette home and was an expert gardener. She was very active in her church and in various cultural organizations in the community.

William Oesterle, a member of the Purdue University's Board of Trustees since 2005, is the C.E.O. of Angie's List. Throughout the years, Mr. Oesterle has been very involved in Indiana politics. He was the administrative assistant to Governor Robert Orr, and in 2004 he managed the successful "Mitch Daniels for Governor" campaign. Mr. Oesterle also serves on several board of directors, including the Governor Robert Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship Program, which Mr. Oesterle founded.

The Department of History is very appreciative of Mr. Oesterle's generous endowment of, and congratulates Professor Farr in being named, the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History.



*ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR GORDON YOUNG
RETIRES AFTER 43 YEARS*

GORDON YOUNG was named “Professor Emeritus” upon his retirement from the Department of History at the end of 2009 Maymester. Associate Professor Young began his academic career at Purdue in 1966 as Associate Professor of Ancient Near East and Mediterranean History. Throughout his career, he organized several study abroad programs to Greece, Turkey, Egypt and surrounding ancient historical venues. In 1982, Professor Young became a founding member of Purdue University’s Jewish Studies Program and a member of the Jewish Studies Program’s Executive Committee. 1994-97, he was the interim co-director of the Jewish Studies Program, then in 2002 became its director. In 1988, he became a founding member, and throughout the years held various offices, of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association. Also from 1978 and throughout the years, he held various offices of the Midwest Branch of the American Oriental Society. The Department of History honored him at its 2009 Spring Awards Banquet for his forty-three years of service.



EMERITI NEWS

During 2009, the Department of History’s emeriti have been very active in their academic pursuits and their personal endeavors. Appreciation is extended to Professor Emeritus Donald Parman for providing some of the following emeriti news.

DONALD BERTHRONG’s son, Professor John Berthrong presented “Chinese New Confucianism and its American Future” at Purdue’s Religious Studies “Global Chinese Forum: A Symposium about Images of China” on October 8, 2009. Professor J. Berthrong is the associate dean for academic and administrative affairs and associate professor of comparative theology at Boston University.

OAKAH JONES and his wife Marjorie, in April attended the New Mexico Historical symposium at Deming. In late April and early May, they attended the Historical Society of New Mexico’s 150th annual meeting in Santa Fe. On May 24-25, the Jones participated in the opening of the new New Mexico Historical Museum in Santa Fe, which is near the Governor's Palace. In October, they attended the Western History Association’s annual meeting which met in Denver, CO. In November, Professor Emeritus Jones and his wife traveled to the Center of Big Bend Studies’ annual conference in Alpine, Texas. And finally, Professor Emeritus Jones had a chapter, "Perspectives on the Camino Real," included in *Telling New Mexico: A New History*.

DONALD PARMAN reviewed Karl Jacoby’s *Shadows at Dawn: A Borderlands Massacre and the Violence of History* for the *Journal of American History*. The book discusses the 1871 Camp Grant massacre which took place in the Arizona Territory. He also wrote a review-essay on Ronald W. Walker, Richard E. Turley, Jr., and Glen M. Leonard’s “Massacre at Mountain Meadows: An American Tragedy” for *Reviews in American History*. Also, Professor Emeritus Parman taught a class on “Colonel John T. Wilder and the Lighting Brigade during the Civil War” for the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA).



FACULTY ON THE MOVE

JANET AFARY accepted the Mellichamp Endowed Chair in Religion and Modernity at the University of California-Santa Barbara, CA. She began her new responsibilities in the fall 2009. The Department of History extends congratulations and the best of luck to Professor Afary.

NEW FACULTY

During the 2009 spring semester, the Department of History conducted interviews for the “Global and World History Associate Professor” position which was accepted by **RAINER BUSCHMANN**. Receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Hawai’i, he comes from California State University-Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA, where he taught World History, History of the Pacific Ocean, History of Oceans (Atlantic, Indian and Pacific), History of Modern Europe (with particular emphasis on Germany) and History of Early Modern Europe (with particular emphasis on Spain). He is the author of *Anthropology’s Global Histories: The Ethnographic Frontier in German New Guinea (1870-1935)* in University of Hawai’i Press Series *Explorations in World History* (2009) and *Oceans in World History* in McGraw-Hill Series *Exploration in World History* (2007). Professor Buschmann will begin his duties at Purdue in spring 2010 when he will be teaching HIST 302-1 “Historical Topics: Oceans in Global History” and HIST 395-3 “Junior Writing Seminar-Global History of Oceans.”



FACULTY IN THE NEWS

During 2009, the DoH’s faculty were featured in various media for their expertise in their chosen specialty.

VERNARD FOLEY (Associate Professor – U.S. history) contributed the article “Tobacco, Indians and Puffery” featured in *The Exponent*, December 14, 2009.

R. DOUGLAS HURT (Professor – U.S. history) was interviewed, in November, for a Ken Burns documentary on the Dust Bowl.



Professor
Charles Ingrao

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor – European history) was interviewed on the radio shows: “Radio Free Europe” (Belgrade), with Branka Trivić; “Voice of America” with Jela DeFranceschi, and “The National Public Radio” with Robert Siegel. He also was interviewed by Peter Beaumont for *The Observer* and by Marlise Simons of the *New York Times* for the article “Indicted Bosnian Serb Claims Immunity.”

CAROLINE JANNEY (Assistant Professor – U.S. history) was featured in *Purdue Today’s* May 19, 2009 article “Historian remembers Memorial Day’s beginnings.” She was also featured in *Purdue Today’s* January 29, 2009 article “Historian: Obama will affect how we remember Lincoln on the 200th anniversary.” She was also featured in the *Chicago Tribune’s* March 2009 article “A lot of Lincoln links – does Obama have Abe envy?”

ROBERT MAY (Professor – U.S. history) was featured in *Purdue Today’s* January 12, 2009 article “Prof: Lincoln fought slavery’s spread to Latin America, not just West.” Also, he appeared in the educational documentary movie “In Search of Ambrosio Gonzales: Soldier under Two Flags.” The documentary was produced by Virginia Friedman, directed by Tim Fennel and premiered at the College of Charleston on October 6, 2009.

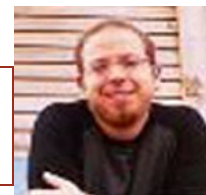


FACULTY IN THE NEWS CONTINUES

RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor – U.S. history) was featured in *The New York Times*'s April 2009 article "In Obama's election, a textbook case of history in the making for students this fall." He was also featured in *The Wall Street Journal*'s November 26, 2009 article "Playing Fair, Even When Umpires are Blind."

MICHAEL RYAN (Assistant Professor-European History) was interviewed by WBBM-AM from Chicago, IL regarding apocalyptic expectations in hard times.

Assistant
Professor
Michael Ryan



FACULTY – PRESENTATIONS

CORNELIUS BYNUM (Assistant Professor – U.S. history) presented "A. Philip Randolph and the Search for Social Justice in the Age of the Harlem" at the African American Studies & Research Center's "'Talkin' & Testifyin': Works-in-Progress Series" on January 28, 2009.



Assistant
Professor
Alicia Decker

ALICIA DECKER (Assistant Professor – global history) presented "*Tarehe Sita: A Curious Legacy of Idi Amin's Rule.*" African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA (November 2009). She also presented "An Accidental Liberation: Idi Amin, the Asian Expulsion, and the 'Empowerment' of Ugandan Women in the 1970s" at the 25th Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy, Purdue University, IN (November 2009).

R. DOUGLAS HURT (Professor – U.S. history) presented a lecture on "American Agricultural Policy during the 1930s" at Academia Senica and a lecture on the "Green Revolution" at the National Taiwan University. He also presented a lecture on "Nineteenth-Century Agricultural Technology" at the Henry Ford Museum.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor - European history) presented lectures at: Stanford University, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Defense University, the State Department, the University of Munich, the University of Vienna and the University of Sofia.

REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ (Assistant Professor – European history) presented "The Second Life of the Torah from Bzenec, Moravia" at Temple Israel, W. Lafayette, IN on January 23, 2009. Temple Israel is the holder of a Torah from Bzenec, Moravia, which was brought to America during WWII for safe keeping.

DAWN G. MARSH (Assistant Professor – U.S. history) was a commentator for the Newberry's Women and Gender seminar, March 2009.

ROBERT E. MAY (Professor – U.S. history) presented comments at the Organization of American Historians conference in Seattle, WA on March 28, 2009. He also presented numerous talks at: the Putnam County Library, Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA) in West Lafayette and the West Lafayette Sagamore Lions Club. Professor May chaired a program at the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic meeting in Springfield, IL on July 17, 2009. He also facilitated "Micro-Teaching" sessions during the Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants and the Center for Instructional Excellence's *Teaching Orientation Week*, August 2009.

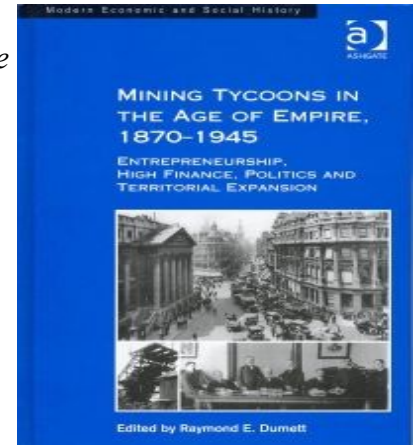
GORDON R. MORK (Professor – European history) was the "Destination Lecturer" for Royal Caribbean International's Jewel of the Seas Cruise. The July 28 – August 9, 2009 Scandinavia & Russia Cruise began and ended at Harwich, England.



FACULTY – PUBLICATIONS

ALICIA DECKER (Assistant Professor – global history) published “Gender, Feminism, and African Liberation in the Twentieth Century.” *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest*. Edited by Immanuel Ness. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, (2009): 3545-3550.

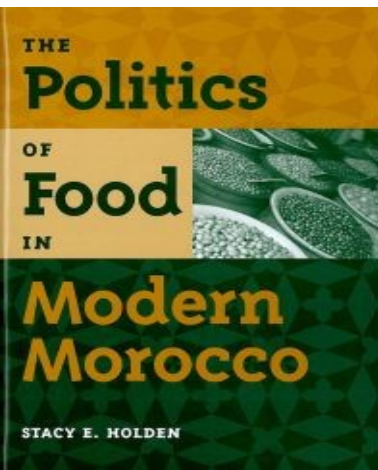
RAY DUMETT (Professor – global history) published *Mining Tycoons in the Age of Empire, 1870-1945: Entrepreneurship, High Finance, Politics and Territorial Expansion*. Farnham, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing Limited. 2009.



SALLY HASTINGS (Associate Professor – global history) published “Assassins, Madonnas, and Career Women: Reflections on Six Decades of Women’s Suffrage in Japan.” *Asian Cultural Studies*, No. 35 (2009): 229-239.

_____ Review essay “Urban Japanese, at Home and Overseas: Different Forms of Knowledge.” *Journal of Urban History*, 35, No. 3 (March 2009): 410-417.

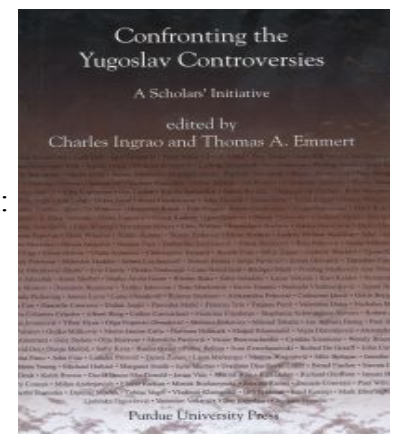
_____ Review essay “House, Home, and Gender in Modern Japan.” *Journal of Women’s History*, 21, No. 3 (September 2009).



STACY HOLDEN (Assistant Professor – global history) published *The Politics of Food in Modern Morocco*. University Press of Florida. 2009.

CHARLES W. INGRAO (Professor – European history) edited (with Thomas A. Emmert) *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: A Scholar’s Initiative*. Purdue University Press, 2009.

_____ published “Weapons of Mass Instruction: Schoolbooks and Democratization in Multiethnic Central Europe.” *Journal of Educational Media, Media, Memory and Society*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn, 2009: 199-209.



_____ published “Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: The Scholars’ Initiative.” *The American Historical Review*. October, 2009.

_____ published “Reconstructing History in the Former Yugoslavia: the Scholars’ Initiative.” *The American Historical Review*. October, 2009.

_____ published “Democracy and Dissolution: Macedonia and the Fate of Yugoslavia.” in Jovanović, eds., *Makedonija i Sosedite*. Skopje: Cyril and Methodius University Press. 2009.

REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ (Assistant Professor – European history) published the article ““Abandon Your Role as Exponents of the Magyars’: Contested Jewish Loyalty in Interwar (Czecho) Slovakia“ in the *Association of Jewish Studies Review*.

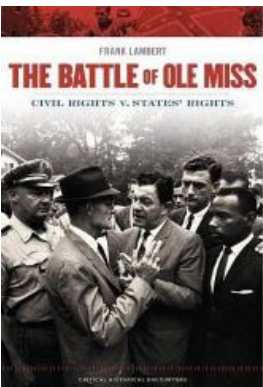


FACULTY PUBLICATIONS CONTINUES

_____ reviewed *Jews at the Crossroads: Tradition and Accommodation during the Golden Age of the Hungarian Nobility, 1729-1878*, by Howard N. Lupovitch. *Austrian History Yearbook*, Vol. 40, April 2009, pp. 320-321.

_____ reviewed "Emancipace od židů" *Český antisemitismus na konci 19. století* ["Emancipation from the Jews" Czech Antisemitism at the End of the 19th Century] by Michal Frankl, *East European Jewish Affairs*, Vol. 39, No. 1, pp. 144-145.

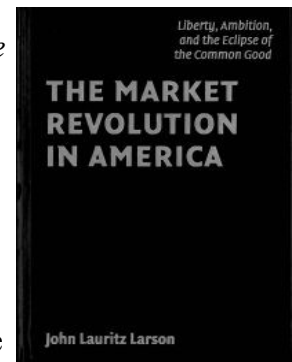
_____ reviewed *Nejisté útočiště. Československo a uprchlíci před nacismem, 1933-1938* [Uncertain Refuge. Czechoslovakia and the Refugees from Nazism], by Katařina Čapková and Michal Frankl, *Lidové noviny, příloha Orientace*, January 24, 2009.



FRANK LAMBERT (Professor - U.S. history) published *The Battle of Ole Miss: Civil Rights vs. States' Rights*. New York: Oxford University Press. August 2009.

JOHN LARSON (Professor - U.S. history) published *The Market Revolution in America: Liberty, Ambition, and the Eclipse of the Common Good*. Cambridge University. 2009.

ROBERT E. MAY (Professor – U.S. history) published book reviews in *Reviews in American History* and in the *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*.



MICHAEL RYAN (Assistant Professor – European history) edited *End of Days: Essays on the Apocalypse from Antiquity to Modernity*. Co-editor, Dr. Karolyn Kinane (Plymouth State University—English). Jefferson, NC: McFarland Press. 2009.

_____ wrote "Introduction." *End of Days: Popular Conceptions of the Apocalypse*, Co-editor. Karolyn Kinane (Plymouth State University – English). Jefferson, NC: McFarland Press. 2009: 1-8.

_____ edited "Byzantium, Islam, and the Great Western Schism." *A Companion to the Great Western Schism (1378-1417)*. Co-editors, Jöelle Rollo-Koster and Thomas Izbicki. Leiden: Brill. 2009: 197-238.



WHITNEY WALTON (Professor - European history) published *Internationalism, National Identities, and Study Abroad: France and the United States, 1890-1970*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. November 2009.



GRADUATE STUDENTS MOVING UP IN THE PROGRAM

MAURICO CASTRO, ROBERT KIRCHABEL and **CHRIS SNIVELY** were accepted into the Department of History's Ph.D. program upon receiving their M.A.s in spring 2009.

Mauricio Castro hails from Costa Rica by way of Vassar College. He plans to continue his work in recent United States history, especially the intersections of race, ethnicity, and popular culture. His major professor is Randy Roberts.



Mauricio Castro

Robert Kirchubel is attached to the Army ROTC Military Science program and is an established military historian. He plans to pursue his Ph.D. studying modern Europe in the era of the World Wars. He will be working with Professor Will Gray.

Chris Snively's interest is in the Balkan states of the former Yugoslavia. He has been teaching German at Purdue and has picked up Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language skills by way of language institutes at IU. He plans to continue his Balkans studies with his major professor Charles Ingraio.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS



SANKET DESAI (M.A. student) has a B.A. in history from Eastern Michigan University. He is interested in earning a Masters in European history, specializing in modern Germany, as well as the modern Middle East. He has not yet selected a major professor.

MAGDA GEHRING (visiting graduate student) is a graduate student at the Technische Universitat Dresden, in Germany. She is spending the 2009-2010 academic year in residence at Purdue studying women's movements in the 19th century with particular attention to transatlantic links between American and German feminists. She plans to work with Professor Whitney Walton, Associate Professors Nancy Gabin, Will Gray, and Assistant Professor Caroline Janney.

JOSHUA JEFFERS (Ph.D. student) graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in history and philosophy and Northern Illinois with an M.A. in history. His interests lie in problems of race and frontiers in North America as well as post-colonial cultural issues from which many new interpretive lessons have been drawn. Mr. Jeffers was awarded a Ross Fellowship by the College of Liberal Arts. He plans to work with Assistant Professor Dawn Marsh.

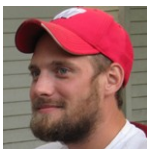


JILL KRASUSKI (M.A. student) graduated from Hamlin University in Minnesota with a Bachelors degree in legal studies and political science. She began in the International Relations M.A. program but has transferred to the history program. She is interested in early modern European history. She has not yet selected a major professor.

NATALIE LATTEI (Ph.D. student) is our first recruit on the new "fast-track" program. She comes to us from University of California Davis, where she earned her B.A. in history last winter. Her research interests lie in Medieval Christianity, especially the Cistercian monastic's issues of gender and piety in the 12th and 13th centuries. Natalie won a Ross Fellowship from the College of Liberal Arts. She plans to work with Assistant Professor Mike Ryan.



NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS CONTINUES



TIMOTHY OLIN (M.A. student) holds a B.A. and M.A. in German from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served a tour with the Peace Corps in Central Asia, where he became familiar with Russian-speaking Germans living there. His academic interests combine German and Russian history. He plans to work with Associate Professors Will Gray and Michael Smith.

FREDERICK STARKS (post-bac student) is starting back to graduate school after a successful career in the military. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Southern Illinois University. He is interested in United States history.

BRANDON WARD (Ph.D. student) comes from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, via College Station, Texas, where he earned his M.A. at Texas A & M in May. His field of interest is recent U.S. history, with emphasis on the Vietnam War and resistance to that war. His M.A. thesis deals with antiwar activity in the American Southwest. Mr. Ward hopes to explore the same issues in the Midwest for a doctoral dissertation. He expects to work with Distinguished Professor Randy Roberts and Associate Professor Nancy Gabin.



GRADUATE STUDENTS - HGSA

HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (HGSA)

The Department of History's HGSA is very active in promoting opportunities for graduate students to participate in advancing their knowledge and skills beyond their studies.

Throughout 2009, HGSA hosted "Work-in-Progress" (WIP) meetings. These meetings are a venue for graduate students and faculty to share their research projects and receive constructive feedback.

On Saturday April 18, 2009, the HGSA held its 3rd HGSA-Purdue University Department of History Internal Academic Conference: "Power, Identity, and Memory: Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives".

GRADUATE STUDENTS - COLLOQUIUM



MIDWEST LABOR and WORKING CLASS HISTORY COLLOQUIUM

On April 3-4, 2009, Department of History's graduate students hosted the Midwest Labor and Working Class History Colloquium titled: "Beyond the Workplace: Working Class Culture, Leisure and Community". Guest speaker, Caroline Waldron Merithew, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Dayton, presented "Finding Katie DeRorre and Making Labor History". History graduate programs at various universities throughout the Midwest annually host the Midwest Labor and Working Class History Colloquium. Participants represented this year were: Purdue University, University of Iowa, Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, University of Indianapolis, Lincoln Land Community College, and University of Indianapolis.



GRADUATE STUDENTS - PRESENTATIONS



Amy Harris

AMY M. HARRIS (Ph.D. – European history) presented “An Actress of Song: Marianne Oswald and the Birth of French Expressionism” at the October 24, 2009 Western Society for French History Annual Conference in Boulder, CO.

RONALD A. JOHNSON (Ph.D. – U.S. history) presented “A Revolutionary Dinner: U.S. Diplomacy toward Saint-Domingue, 1798-1801” at the May 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) in St. Francois, Guadeloupe. Mr. Johnson also delivered the Keynote Speech, titled: “The ‘I’ of International Affairs: Intersections of Ideals, Imaginations and Individuals” at the April 2009 Center for International Studies Banquet and Award Ceremony at Texas State University-

San Marcos, TX.

RICHARD MOSS (Ph.D. – U.S. history) presented “The American Jewish Tercentenary and the Roots of a New Ethnic Paradigm” at the April 15, 2009 Jewish Studies Noon Lecture and Discussion Series.

HAESEONG PARK (Ph.D. – global history) presented “The Korean New Women in International and National Contexts” at the March 5-7, 2009 Tenth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL. Ms. Park also presented “Transculturation, Agency, and Women: Early Korean Immigrants to Hawaii before 1945” at the September 25-26, 2009 IU-Purdue Asian American Studies Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

GRADUATE STUDENTS - PUBLICATIONS

DOROTHÉE BOUQUET (Ph.D. – European history) published “Jeune Alsace: A Journal and a Society for Alsatian Youth Readjustment to a “ ‘Style De Vie Français,’ 1942-1955” in the *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, Selected Papers for the 2008 Conference 36 (2009): 285-94

JOHN M. FOSTER (Ph.D. – U.S. history) published “‘For the Good of the Cause and the Protection of the Border’ The Service of the Indiana Legion in the Civil War, 1861-1865” in *Civil War History* 55 (March 2009): 31-55.



Dorothee Bouquet

AMY M. HARRIS (Ph.D. – European history) published “French Women Writers, Children’s Literature and the First World War” in the *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, 36, (November 2009): 2008.

RONALD A. JOHNSON, (Ph.D. - U.S. history) published “The Peculiar Ventures of Particular Baptist Pastor William Kiffin and King Charles II of England” in *Baptist History & Heritage* 44 (2009): 60-71.

ROBERT F. KIRCHUBEL (M.A. – European history) published *Hitler’s Panzer Armies on the Eastern Front*. Pen & Sword Books Limited, South Yorkshire, England, 2009.

RAYMOND J. KROHN (Ph.D. - U.S. history) published “Antebellum South Carolina Reconsidered: The Libertarian World of Robert J. Turnbull” in *The Journal of the Historical Society* 9 (Mar. 2009): 129-154.

GARRET WASHINGTON (Ph.D. - global history) published “Pulpits as Lecterns: Discourses of Social Change within Tokyo’s Protestant Churches, 1890-1917” in *Japanese Studies* Vol. 29, No. 3 (Dec 2009): 381-399.



GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORS

BRITTANY BAYLESS (Ph.D. – U.S. history) received the Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Travel Grant.

DOROTHÉE BOUQUET (Ph.D. – European history) received a Purdue Research Foundation Grant and the Department of History's Graduate Teaching Certificate.

NATHAN M. CORZINE (Ph.D. – U.S. history) received Purdue University's Committee for the Education of Teaching Assistants Graduate Student Teaching Award.

JOHN P. ELLIS (Ph.D. – U.S. history) received a Virginia Historical Society Research Grant.



Elise Dermineur

COREEN M. DERIFIELD (Ph.D. – U.S. history) received a Purdue Research Fellowship and the Department of History's Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award.

ELISE DERMINEUR (Ph.D. – European history) was a recipient of the Department of History's Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History.

ANGELA GHIONEA (Ph.D. - global history) received the Bilsland-Puskas Fellowship.

RONALD A. JOHNSON (Ph.D. - U.S. history) was selected Outstanding Alumni from Texas State University – San Marcos, TX. He was also the recipient of the: Albert M. Greenfield Foundation Fellowship-Library Company of Philadelphia; Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship-Purdue University; Post-Graduate Fellowship-Boston University; Summer Research Grant-Purdue Research Foundation, and the Department of History's Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award-Purdue University.

JESSICA J. NELSON (Ph.D. – European history) was a recipient of the Department of History's Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award and the Department of History's Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History.

PATRICK A. POSPISEK (Ph.D.—U.S. history) was the recipient of the Miletus L. Flaningam Award:

JAMAL L. RATCHFORD (Ph.D. - U.S. history) accepted an appointment as a Kato Fellow. Over the next two years, he will be serving as a board member of the National Council for Black Studies.



Patrick Pospisek

JOHN M. SMITH (Ph.D. – U.S. history) was a recipient of the Department of History's Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award.

KAREN E. SONNELITTER (Ph.D. – U.S. history) received a Purdue Research Fellowship and the Department of History's Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award.



2009 SPRING AWARDS BANQUET



Lauren E. Thompson (center) and her parents. Lauren was the 2009 recipient of the Henry G. Waltmann Award, the Certificate of Achievement and was a Phi Alpha Theta Initiate.

On April 16, 2009, the Department of History's Awards Banquet hosted 135 students, parents, friends, faculty, administrators, emeriti, alumnus and staff. They gathered to honor the achievements of the department's undergraduate, graduate students and faculty.

Congratulations to:

The Phi Alpha Theta Initiates: **Elizabeth A. Atlas, Brandon V. Cassady, Phillip S. Dittmer, Michael A. Mertens, Andrew P. Oloffson, Megan L. Pownall, Amber R. Ramsey, Griffith A. Rees, L. Allison Roberts, Corrina A. Smith, Lauren E. Thompson, Max A. Vande Vaarst, Jamie C. Woenker and Thomas M. Wolf.**

The Waltmann Award recipient: **Lauren E. Thompson.**

The Graduate Student Teaching Award recipient: **Nathan M. Corzine (Ph.D.).**

The Miletus L. Flaningam Award recipient: **Patrick A. Pospisek (Ph.D.).**

The Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award recipients: **Coreen M. Derifield, Ronald A. Johnson, Jessica J. Nelson, John M. Smith, and Karen E. Sonnelitter.** All the recipients were in the department's Ph.D. program.

The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History recipients: **Elise Dermineur and Jessica J. Nelson.** Both recipients were in the department's Ph.D. program.

The Phi Beta Kappa Initiates: **Rosemary E. Arnold, Emily L. Dawes, Philip S. Dittmer, Jonathan E. Henley, Katelyn M. Mechan, Maureen A. Mullen, Mark D. Robison, Corrina A. Smith, Heidi A. Trapp, and Kimberly D. Vaughan.**

Department of History's Study Abroad Scholarship recipient: **Megan L. Pownall.**

The James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship recipient: **Allison N. Gill.**

The John F. Stover Undergraduate Scholarship recipient: **Brittany E. Poe.**

The David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Undergraduate Scholarship recipients: **Christopher A. Parker and Thomas M. Wolf.**

The Senior Graduating with Excellence recipient: **Emily L. Dawes.**

The Outstanding Senior Award recipient: **Emma C. Meyer**

46 Certificates of Achievement were awarded.

38 Certificates of Superior Achievement were awarded.



Dr. Catherine Shevlin Pierce and Thomas Pierce. Established the James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship in honor of Dr. Shevlin Pierce's father and professor of history. The 2009 recipient was Allison N. Gill.

Alumni, parents, and friends of the Department of History are invited to honor the 2009-10 achievements of the department's students and faculty.

2010 Annual History Awards Banquet
Thursday April 15, 2010
Reception at 6:00pm –
Dinner at 6:30pm
PMU South Ballroom

For further banquet details and dinner reservation forms go to
<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/>
Click on "Events"



UNDERGRADUATE HONORS

EMILY L. DAWES (Senior) was awarded a “Critical Language Scholarship”. The scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Council of American Overseas Research. The scholarship allowed Ms. Dawes to spend a month, in Amman, Jordan, at the Qasid Institute for Classical and Modern Standard Arabic. During that time, she studied intermediate level Arabic.

MEGAN L. POWNALL (Senior) spent the 2009 summer in London in the study aboard London Internship program.

CORRINA A. SMITH (Senior) was awarded the Kohlase European Study Abroad Scholarship from Purdue University’s Study Abroad Office. She studied in Bristol England during the 2009 spring semester.

2nd Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum

On April 21, 2009, the Department of History presented its 2nd Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum. This program allowed the following honor students to showcase their HIST 422 spring semester projects.

ROSEMARY E. ARNOLD (Senior) “Celebrated to Scorned: The Construction of Belle Boyd in Public Memory.” Faculty mentor: Assistant Professor Caroline Janney.

NICOLE A. CAPEHART (Senior) “Sojourns, Slavery, and Sects: The Experiences of an Indiana Couple in Antebellum Mississippi.” Faculty Mentor: Professor Robert May.

EMILY L. DAWES (Senior) “The Road to the Farhud: Baghdadi Jews in the 1930’s.” Faculty mentors: Professor Whitney Walton and Assistant Professor Stacy Holden.

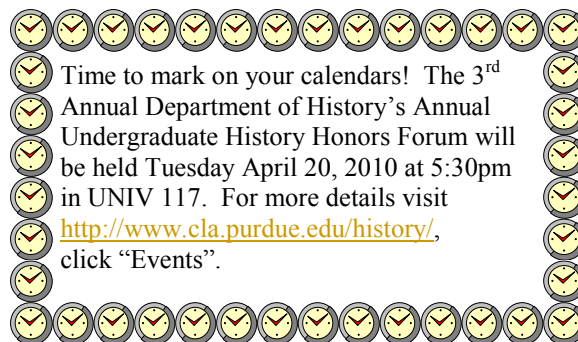
SAMUEL W. NEEDHAM (Senior) “Welsh Calvinistic Methodism in the Eighteenth Century.” Faculty mentor: Associate Professor Melinda Zook.

MARK D. ROBISON (Senior) “Perceptions of Early Syrian-American Immigration and the Achievement of Legal Whiteness’.” Faculty mentors: Assistant Professors Stacy Holden and Yvonne Pitts.

CHARLES G. SPENCER (Senior) “Wherever Our Fortunes Fall: Medical Care of Wounded Soldiers during the Austro-Prussian War.” Faculty mentors: Professor Charles Ingrao and Associate Professor William Gray.



1st Row L-R: Nichole A. Capehart, Emily L. Dawes.
2nd Row L-R: Charles G. Spencer, Samuel W. Needham, Rosemary E. Arnold and Mark D. Robison





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 2009 Department of History graduating seniors have shared what they will be doing after receiving a bachelors' in history.



Rosemary Arnold presenting at the DoH Honor's Program Forum

ROSEMARY ARNOLD received a University Fellowship from IUPUI to pursue a master's degree in museum studies.

ANTHONY BONFITTO is pursuing his M.A. in Latin American studies at the University of Chicago.

JAMES COX is working at Theta Chi's (his fraternity) Indianapolis office as a Leadership Education Consultant. He will travel around the country educating different fraternity chapters on topics ranging from recruitment, risk management, social atmospheres, leadership and teamwork. In a year or two, he intends to pursue a law degree in order to practice criminal law.

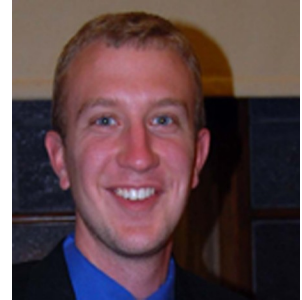
ADAM DOERR is working for a year and then will pursue a law degree at a Midwest school.

ERICA HAGUE is pursuing her M.A. in public history at UNC-Wilmington. She received a new scholar award and a teaching assistant position.

MARK JOHNSON is pursuing his M.A. in history at the University of Maryland.

SAMUEL NEEDHAM is pursuing a Master's of Theology at Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.

J. KYLE RHOADES received a teaching position with "Teach for America".



Mark Johnson

CHARLES SPENCER is pursuing his M.A. in social sciences at the University of Chicago.

JORDON STONE took a full time position, continuing his career, in the Indiana Army National Guard.

KYLE SWEENEY is pursuing his M.A. in Art History at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Having accepted a teaching assistantship, he will teach a survey class on prehistoric to Gothic art and architecture.

LANCE YODER was deployed – for a second time – to Afghanistan through the Marine Corps Reserves. His second tour will end around June 2010. Upon returning, he and his wife plan to move to Washington D.C. where he will pursue a career in federal law enforcement or intelligence.



JOHN F. STOVER LECTURE SERIES

On April 1, 2009, the Department of History was proud to present the inaugural presentation of the John F. Stover Lecture Series. Gary W. Gallagher, the John Nau III Professor of History of the American Civil War, from the University of Virginia, was the series' first guest speaker. Professor Gallagher's lecture titled "Emancipation and Reconciliation – But not for the Union: Hollywood's Treatment of the North's Civil War since *Glory*" delved into how Hollywood has portrayed the efforts of the Union – or its lack of portrayal of the Union's effort. He spoke on the reasons Hollywood focuses on the Confederacy loss versus the Union's victory.



Professor Gallagher, a leading scholar of the Civil War, has published more than nine dozen articles and notes in scholarly journals and popular historical magazines. He serves as editor of two book series at the University of North Carolina Press ("Civil War America" and "Military Campaigns of the Civil War"); he has appeared regularly on the Arts and Entertainment Network's series "Civil War Journal" and has participated in more than two dozen other television projects in the field. He has been the recipient of numerous awards; he was the president of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (1987-mid-1994); he served as a member of the Board of the Civil War Trust and has given testimony on several occasions before Congressional committees regarding Civil War preservation issues.

Professor John F. Stover came to Purdue in 1947, serving 31 years until his retirement in 1978. He was a leading scholar of American history with a specialization in the history of the American railroads. He continued to actively publish in his field after his retirement and prior to his death in 2007. Professor Stover's long commitment to Purdue University and the Department of History has been manifested through the John F. Stover Undergraduate Scholarship, which he and his wife, Marjorie, established in 1999 and the establishment, by his family, of this annual lecture series which highlights U.S. history.

2010 Stover Lecture Series

Presents

Mary Louise Roberts, Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

April 7, 2010 – 7:00pm – Fowler Hall, Stewart Center

Lecture Title: "Rape Hysteria and the Sexual Economy of Race: French Accusations of Sexual Assault against African-American GIs, 1944-1945."

In American mass culture, the D-Day invasion in Europe has been presented as an unequivocally heroic victory. In fact, the American invasion was not without struggle and conflict. Relations between the French and Americans were marred by discord and violence during the years 1944 and 1945. This lecture examines the startling number of rape charges made against "soldats de couleur" by French civilians in two Norman towns, Cherbourg and LeHavre. A close look at these charges reveals that many of them were based on hearsay and "sightings" produced in an atmosphere of racial hatred. But racism alone cannot explain the explosion of charges against black soldiers. 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.



2009 GUEST SPEAKERS

During 2009, the Department of History (DoH) hosted and/or co-sponsored several speakers.



Professor
Linda Gordon

February 12, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored, with the Purdue Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the 2009 Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar - Linda Gordon, Florence Kelley Professor of History, New York University. Her lecture was titled “Visual Democracy: How Dorothea Lange Used Photograph to Promote Equality.”

February 25, 2009, the DoH hosted Professor Karl Hall of Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. His lecture was titled “Atomic Physics and Soviet Socialism in Stalinist Russia.”

February 26, 2009, the DoH hosted the Black History Panel titled “Electing the Dream: Barack Obama, Civil Rights, and African Americans’ Voting Past.” Panel members included Mr. Vern E. Smith, an independent journalist who served as the Atlanta Bureau Chief and National Correspondent for *Newsweek* from 1979 to 2002; Niambi Carter, Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Science and Neil Bynum, Assistant Professor of the Department of History.



Mr. Vern E. Smith

March 9, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the Jewish Studies Program’s guest speaker Jeremy Popkin, Professor of History at the University of Kentucky. His lecture was titled “Tales of Survival: From the Haitian Insurrection to the Holocaust.”

March 29, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the 28th Annual Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference’s Third Annual Rabbi Gedalyah Engel Lecture guest speaker Peter Fritzsche, Professor of History at the University of Illinois. His lecture titled “Everywhere Friends Are Professing Themselves for Hitler: Why Was There So Little Resistance to the Third Reich?”

April 17, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the Muslim Student Association’s guest speaker Hatem Bazian, senior lecturer and adjunct professor of law at the Boalt Hall School of Law. His lecture was titled “Palestine: The Colonial in the Post-Colonial.”

April 17, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the Indiana Classical Conference with guest speaker Keith Bradley, the Eli J. & Helen Shaheen Professor and Chairperson of Classics of Notre Dame University. His lecture was titled “Exemplary Lives: Purpose and Meaning in Pliny’s Letters.”



Professor
Tera Hunter

October 15, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the lecture of Tera Hunter, Professor of History at Princeton University. Her lecture was titled: “‘Until Death or Distance Do You Part’: Marriage and Slavery in the Nineteenth Century.”



2009 GUEST SPEAKERS CONTINUES

October 19, 2009, the DoH hosted Li Jianming, Professor of U.S. History, at Peking University, Beijing, China. His lecture was titled: “Redefining ‘The People’ and the Concept of Democracy in Revolutionary America.”

October 27, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the lecture of Huang Yang, Professor of Classical History, Peking University, Beijing, China. His lecture was titled: “The Athenian Revolution: What Kind of Revolution Was It?”

November 3, 2009, the DoH hosted Andrew B. Wachtel, Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies and the Bertha and Max Dressler Professor in the Humanities at Northwestern University. His lecture was titled “The Balkans from the Beginnings to the End.”

November 5-7, 2009, the DoH co-sponsored the African-American Studies & Research Center’s 25th Annual Symposium: “New Directions on Feminism and Womanism in Africa and African Diaspora.”

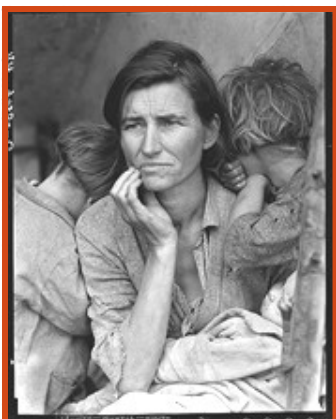


Professor
Andrew B.
Wachtel



The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

November 9, 2009, the DoH hosted “1989-2009: 20 Years After the Fall – A Colloquium.” The event commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Panel participants were: Padraic Kenney, Professor of History and Head of Polish Studies at Indiana University, presented “Who won, Who lost in 1989?”; Julia Gray, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh, presented “Economic Lessons from Transition” and Constantin Iordachi, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, presented “The Memory of Communism as Lived Experience.”



*“The camera is an
instrument that teaches
people how to see
without a camera.”
Dorothea Lange*





COMING IN 2010— SEARS LECTURE SERIES

The Department of History will be hosting the 2010 Sears Lecture Series. The theme of this year’s series is “Presidential Leadership in Global Economic Crisis.” 2010 Series speakers are:

Jon Meacham, Editor of *Newsweek*. February 9, 2010 at 7:30p.m. in Stewart Center’s Loeb Playhouse. Presentation Title: “Economic Leadership in a Time of Crisis: Then and Now.”

Robert Dallek, Emeritus Professor of history at UCLA. February 23, 2010 at 7:30pm in Stewart Center’s Fowler Hall. Presentation title: “Obama’s First Year: War, Peace, and the Economy in Historical Perspective.”

David Painter, Professor of international history at Georgetown University. March 9, 2010 at 7:30pm in Stewart Center’s Fowler Hall. Presentation title: “The Moral Equivalent of War? American Presidents and the Oil Crises of the 1970s.”

Amity Shlaes, Senior Fellow in economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations. March 23, 2010 at 7:30pm in Stewart Center’s Fowler Hall. Presentation title “Roosevelt and Obama: Getting to Recovery.”

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 history and political science departments, in conjunction with Purdue Convocations.

MEMORIALS

Professor John Thompson (Ph.D. in history—1990), after battling chronic illnesses, died in December 2008. He was a professor of history at Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. His specialties included: African-American history, African civilization, the Civil War and other related topics.

John Thompson



Mrs. Rhio Berthrong, wife of Emeritus-Professor Donald Berthrong, died April 2009.

*“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy
in creative expression and knowledge.”*

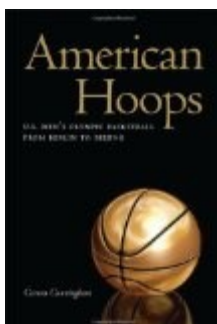
Albert Einstein



ALUMNI NEWS

2009 has been an eventful year for many Department of History alumni.

ROBERT E. BURKETT JR. Esq. (B.A.- 1977) joined the National Arbitration Forum as an independent and neutral arbitrator and mediator in February 2009. He will continue his practice - the Law Office of Robert Burkett - in Indianapolis. In 2008, Mr. Burkett left Conseco, Inc. of Carmel, IN, after 23 years working in various corporate counsel positions. He is a member of the American, Florida, and Indiana bar associations, as well as the Indiana Registry of Civil Law Mediators, American Health Lawyers Association and Defense Research Institute. The National Arbitration Forum is a world leader in dispute resolution. It provides fair, affordable, and accessible civil justice to all through the recruitment, selection, and management of a distinguished panel of over 1,600 former judges and seasoned lawyers.



CARSON CUNNINGHAM (B.A. in history - 2001, Ph.D. in history – 2006) published *American Hoops: U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball from Berlin to Beijing*, University of Nebraska, 2009. He is currently a visiting assistant professor of history at DePaul University, Chicago, IL. During his undergraduate years, he played guard for Purdue's Basketball team and then played professional basketball for the Continental Basketball Association.

PAULA DAVIS (B.A.s in history and organizational communication - 1988) was honored as “cancer survivor of the year by the Wabash Valley Oncology Nursing Society” of Lafayette, IN. “The annual award is given to a cancer survivor who gives back to the community through volunteerism and program development and is a helpful mentor to other cancer patients.” As quoted by Laura Feller, secretary of the nursing society in the October 6, 2009 issue of the *Lafayette Journal and Courier*. Ms. Davis is the owner of Fit 4 Ever Personal Training & Pilates Studio and a four year survivor of breast cancer.

RYAN DEARINGER (M.A. - 2004) received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Utah in 2009. He is now an assistant professor of history at Eastern Oregon University.

WILLIAM R. FORSTCHEN (M.A.– 1991, Ph.D. - 1993) is the *New York Times* bestselling author who has written the novel *One Second After*. The apocalyptic novel depicts what life would be like after an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack. Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett (R-MD) endorsed the book as mentioned in the Congressional Record. Citing the book, a letter signed by Newt Gingrich and Congressman Bartlett was sent to the members of Congress calling for renewed hearings on the threat of EMP, both from military scenarios and the neglected aspect of a major solar storm.



KEVIN GOODING (Ph.D. - 2009) accepted the pastoral position at McHenry United Methodist Church in McHenry, MD.

CHRISTIAN GRIGGS (Ph.D. - 2009) accepted an assistant professor's position at Dalton State College, Dalton, GA.

TYLER JOHNSON (Ph.D. – 2009) accepted a visiting professor's position at Purdue University's Department of History for fall 2009. In spring 2010, he will join the faculty of Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN.

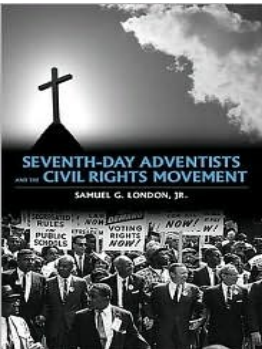
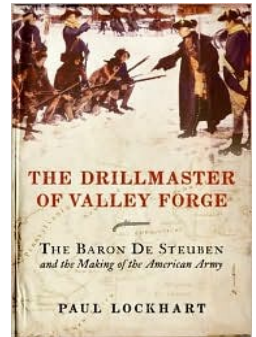


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ELIZABETH KUEHN (M.A. - 2009) was accepted at Georgetown University to pursue her Ph.D. in their history program.

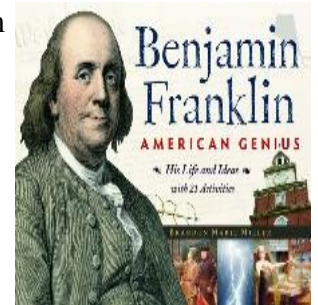
TODD J. LEONARD (M.A. – 1987) is an associate professor at Hirosaki Gakuin University in Aomori-ken, Japan. He has published his fifth book *An Indiana Hoosier in Lord Tsugaru's Court: Musings of an American Expatriate Living in Rural Japan*, iUniverse.com, February 26, 2009.

PAUL LOCKHART (M.A. 1986; Ph.D. 1989) is a professor of history and Director of the Graduate Program at Wright State University, Dayton, OH. Professor Lockhart has published, *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: The Baron de Steuben and the Making of the American Army*. HarperCollins, 2009.



SAMUEL G. LONDON (Ph.D. 2006) has published *Seventh-Day Adventists and the Civil Rights Movement*, University of Mississippi Press, October 2009. Graduating in August 2006 from the Ph.D. program, he took his current position, assistant professor, at the University of Bridgeport, CT in the fall of 2006. He teaches American, African-American intellectual history, the Civil Rights Movement and African history and culture.

BRANDON MARIE MILLER (B.A. 1976) published her ninth history book for young people titled *Benjamin Franklin, American Genius*, Chicago Review Press. Reviews include: *New York Times* bestselling author – Walter Isaacson (*Benjamin Franklin, An American Life*) “This smart and delightful book captures the magic of Benjamin Franklin and shows why his life is so inspiring. Above all, it celebrates his creativity, which was the source of his genius.” And the October issue of *School Library Journal*, “Miller does an excellent job of presenting Franklin’s life in a highly readable manner.”



ERIC OLIVER (B.A. - 2007) works for the Boston office of Ropes and Gray, a leading global law firm.

THOMAS PEARCY (M.A. – 1987) After seventeen years of teaching history, Dr. Percy accepted the position of joint historian with the U.S. Department of State and with the Central Intelligence Agency in December 2008. His principle responsibility is to help insure that State Department historians have appropriate access to all relevant CIA materials as they compile individual volumes of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) series. Dr. Percy authored and/or co-authored a number of books and articles, including *Essential America* (co-authored with George Tindall and David Shi, published by W.W. Norton); *We Answer Only to God: Politics and the Military in Panama, 1903-1947* (published by the University of New Mexico Press), and *Historia General de Panamá* (commissioned by Panama’s Ministry of Culture. This is Panama’s “official history.”).

P. MICHAEL PHILLIPS (B. A. - 1987) graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, in June. Colonel Phillips, U.S. Army, has been reassigned as a liaison officer to the Pakistan Armed Forces General Headquarters in Islamabad. His article “Deconstructing Our Dark Age Future” appears in the summer edition of *Parameters*.



ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUES

SCOTT RANDOLPH (Ph.D. - 2009) accepted an assistant professor position at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA

JAMES SEIKEL (B.A. -2004; M.A.(IUPUI) - 2007) accepted the position of director of historical preservation for the City of Port Isabel, TX. The position oversees three historic sites: Port Isabel Historical Museum, the Treasure of the Gulf Museum, and the Point Isabel Lighthouse and Keepers Cottage. He also serves as the heritage officer for Port Isabel's Historic Downtown District. He will be in charge of fundraising, grant writing, exhibit preparation, collections management, special events and programs, membership, publicity, building maintenance and participating with regional and state level museum associations and historical commissions.

SEAN SCOTT (Ph.D. – 2008) accepted a position with the *Papers of Abraham Lincoln* project at the Lincoln library and museum in Springfield, IL. He will be conducting research, for the project, at the National Archives in Washington D.C. for the next three years. Also, Oxford University Press has extended him a contract to publish his revised dissertation *A Visitation of God: Northern Civilians Interpret the Civil War*.

JOHN A. SCHWENK (B.A. in history and political science – 2003) works as a foreign affairs officer with the U.S. Department of State.

JASON TETZLOFF (Ph.D. in history – 1996) accepted the position of Dean of Liberal Studies/General Studies at St. Cloud Technical College in St. Cloud, MN. He received his Ph.D. in American and Native American History. His responsibilities include supervising general studies programming and the changes over the next year as the College becomes a comprehensive community college and offers its own transfer and associate's degrees.

SHANE WEIST (B.A. – 2003) accepted the general manager position of Coyote Crossing Golf Course in West Lafayette, IN and the Battle Ground Golf Club in Battle Ground, IN.

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