

The Department of History

Undergraduate News

»»A Message from the Department Head««



Hello everyone! Although it seems as though we just sent the autumn issue of the [Undergraduate News](#), the time has arrived for the spring communication. I am delighted to report that the faculty, students, and staff in the Department of History have had many achievements that merit everyone's attention. The faculty have completed a host of other research projects. In addition, Whitney Walton conducted research in Paris as a Fulbright Fellow, while John Larson pursued his research on a fellowship at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies. Janet Afary has her research supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Our graduate students also were active publishing articles and presenting their research at professional conferences. Phi Alpha Theta planned a book of refereed student papers under the direction of Frank Lambert, and other history majors organized programs for the Purdue History Organization under the guidance of Ariel de la Fuente.

During the autumn semester, the department sponsored the Purdue History Forum. Brian Ward, chair of the Department of History at the University of Florida, presented an address entitled "From Elvis to the Beatles, from Memphis to the Merseyssippi: Imaging and Experiencing the American South in British Popular Music." Alexander S. Khodneve, professor of history at Yaroslavl State Pedagogical University in Russia presented a department-sponsored public lecture on "Russia's Collapse and the Rise of Globalism," and Stanley Engerman, John Munro Professor of Economics and History at the University of Rochester, presented a public address for the department on "Slavery and Its Aftermath in the United States." The department also sponsored a public lecture by Hans Arnold, recently retired from the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of German, on "Europe and the U.S.: Where Do We Go From Here?--A German Perspective."

I particularly want you to know that Catherine Pierce, (M.A. 1964) endowed the James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship. We are appreciative of her generosity, and the scholarship will help the department further internationalize the educational experience of its students. The department has made a major commitment to the study abroad program. In that regard, Gordon Mork and Gordon Young led classes to Germany and Turkey respectively last year. Professors Mork and Young will lead study abroad classes to Germany and Greece during spring break. Professor Young will lead another class to Turkey in May. We continue working to further expand the study abroad opportunities for our students.

The department hired two assistant professors last year. Neil Bynum (Ph.D.

University of Virginia), joined the department as its African American specialist. Will Gray, (Ph.D. Yale) joined the department via Texas Tech University as a specialist in modern European history with an emphasis on Germany. The department also received approval to hire specialists in Islamic Civilization, U.S. Political History Since World War II, Late Medieval, and Modern China. The planning and interviewing processes began in 2004, and I will report the results in the Newsletter next year.

Doug Hurt

▶▶ In Memorium ◀◀

Shane Partin, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and a History major, died Saturday, February 19 of complications from a congenital heart defect. Shane traveled to Germany as part of a class with Professor Gordon Mork, and also took a class with Dr. Mork on the Holocaust and genocide. Shane will be remembered as a warm, friendly, and enthusiastic person who loved Purdue and who was also a serious student. His passing is a loss greatly felt by members of the Department of History.

He is survived by his mother, Karen (husband-Kenneth) McKeehan of Moorleland, Ind.; his father, Jerry (wife-Lida) Partin of Middletown, Ind.; his fiancée, Kristin Maurer of Boonville, Ind.; his maternal grandparents, Warren and Annabel Estes of Greenwood, Ind.; his paternal grandmother, Edna Mae Partin of Barberville, Ky.; two sisters, Laura (husband-David) Spears of Lewisville, Ind. and Andrea (husband-Robert) North of Muncie, Ind.; three brothers, Brian Carney of Mooreland, Ind.; Aaron (wife-Katasha) Carney of Hartford City, Ind. and Michael (wife-Tawni) Partin of Nobelsville, Ind.

▶▶ What's coming up in History ◀◀		
Saturday/Sunday March 4 and 5		American Studies Spring Symposium [click here for details]
Monday March 7		Deadline for applications for the History Study Abroad Scholarship Submit the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ resume (complete with contact information) ★ short personal statement as to why and where you wish to study abroad ★ writing sample (preferably from a paper written in a history course) to the History Department Main office (UNIV 231) no later than 5:00 pm.

		Registration begins for Maymester, Summer, and Fall 2005 courses
Wednesday March 30	University Drawing Room	College of Liberal Arts Honors Colloquium
Tuesday April 5	UNIV 203 3:30-4:30 pm.	Department of History, Asian Studies and Religious Studies Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Hatcher Professor of Religion, Illinois Wesleyan University "Working Hard and Following God's Laws: Bourgeois Hindu Theism in Early Colonial Calcutta"
Wednesday April 13	Stewart Center 107 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Phi Alpha Theta Book Sale
Thursday April 14	6:00 pm Purdue Memorial Union South Ballroom	Department of History Spring Banquet Guest Speaker: Dr. Vernon Burton Professor of History, University of Illinois "South as Other; Southerner as Stranger"
Tuesday April 26	7:30 pm FRNY G140	The Departments of History and Political Science Guest Speaker: Justice Brent E. Dickson Indiana State Supreme Court "The Emerging Role of State Constitutions"

»» Specializations ««

The Department of History offers four areas of specialization	The History of <u>Law and Public Policy</u>	This specialization is designed for students applying to law school and to assist those pursuing careers in
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<p>for its majors and minors.</p> <p>Students wishing to specialize need only take three courses (nine credit hours) in one area, although a grade of "C" or better must be earned to fulfill the specialization requirement. The Specialization will be recorded on the student's transcript. Further, these courses can be 'double counted' to fulfill other requirements, including the history major and minor.</p>		<p>paralegal services, policy research, public administration, public office, and planning agencies</p>
	<p>The History of Science and Technology</p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in technological, medical, nursing, scientific, military services, and technical writing and editing.</p>
	<p>The History of Popular Culture</p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, the entertainment industry, market research and advertising, publishing, and public relations.</p>
	<p>The History of Modernity</p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, media coverage, international business, foreign service, intelligence agencies, and military service.</p>

▶▶▶Check out [Phi Alpha Theta](#) ~ the History Honor Society◀◀◀

From the President, Maura Smith

While the semester continues into warmer weather, Phi Alpha Theta is continuing to become more active with our spring activities. As Purdue's national history honor society it is our goal to promote the study of history through the recognition of scholastic achievement, promote educational reading and experiences, and publication of student works of historical research.

Each spring Phi Alpha Theta is honored to present the Waltmann Award to the outstanding junior in history at Purdue University. It is a monetary award presented to a junior majoring in history with an excellent academic record and good citizenship qualities.

To promote scholarly learning, Phi Alpha Theta holds an annual book sale in Stewart Hall room 107. This year the book sale will run for only one day, Tuesday April 12th with extended hours. Come and take a look because there are some excellent history and non-history books on sale at a

	<p>low cost. Books range from 50 cents to a few dollars!</p> <p>This February, Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School will sponsor its 10th annual History Day. History Day is a national academic program that encourages 8th-12th students to explore history in a hands-on historical research process. Member of Phi Alpha Theta have been asked to come back and give their time and talent as academic judges of the competition.</p> <p>The Nu Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta is proud to announce that this spring it will publish its first undergraduate run scholarly journal. The journal will feature five to seven well-researched papers written by undergraduate Purdue students on an array of history related topics.</p>
<p>From Faculty Advisor, Professor Lambert</p>	<p>This spring, members of Purdue's Nu Omega chapter of Phi Alpha Theta are engaged in promoting the study of history on a number of fronts. The most ambitious and innovative endeavor is the publication of the first annual undergraduate history journal due out in April. The editorial board of Maura Smith, Liz Dahlmann, Damian Miller, and Rebecca Gillespie are vetting more than two dozen submissions from Purdue students and will eventually select six to eight for publication. In addition, members Patrick Donovan, Ron Geier, Ben Reinhard, and Justin Riskus served as judges for student history projects at Lafayette Central Catholic's History Day on February 25. And, finally, the chapter has scheduled its annual book sale for Tuesday, April 12, from 8 AM until 6 PM in Elliott Center across from the newsstand. Faculty, students, and friends are invited to stop by and take advantage of some terrific values.</p>

»» Scholarships, Internships, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities ««

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- ★ be a registered undergraduate history major at Purdue University, West Lafayette campus;
- ★ be scheduled to participate in a history course sponsored by Purdue University for credit this summer (an approved program by Study Abroad);
- ★ be planning to take a course outside the United States;
- ★ have a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- ★ submit a resume or CV and a one-page (double

	<p>spaced) essay explaining how study abroad will be beneficial to your major in history. Additional explanation of financial benefits will be taken into consideration by the committee.</p> <p>Applications should be submitted to: Department of History Undergraduate Committee Chair Professor Frank Lambert University Hall 231</p> <p><u>Deadline for applications is Monday, March 7, 2005.</u></p> <p>The recipient will be acknowledged at the History Department Spring Banquet on April 14, 2005.</p>						
<p>DO YOU DREAM OF WORKING IN ATHLETICS?</p>	<p>Summer '05/Fall and Spring Internships Available!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Promotions and Advertising ★ John Purdue Club ★ Purdue Sports Properties ★ Sales <p>Call-out dates and times:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wednesday, March 2</td> <td>6:00 pm.</td> <td>Mackey Arena VIP Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday, March 24</td> <td>6:00 pm.</td> <td>Ross-Ade Pavilion</td> </tr> </table> <p>For more information, email sportspromo@purdue.edu</p>	Wednesday, March 2	6:00 pm.	Mackey Arena VIP Room	Thursday, March 24	6:00 pm.	Ross-Ade Pavilion
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<p>ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p><u>Click here for more information!</u></p>						
<p>SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM</p>	<p>June 13 to August 14, 2005 ~ Deerfield, Massachusetts</p> <p>Historic Deerfield Inc., one of the nation's top American decorative arts museums, located in the beautiful Connecticut River Valley of western Massachusetts, invites applications from undergraduates in their junior and senior years for the Summer Fellowship Program. Based in Historic Deerfield's fourteen museum buildings, state-of-the-art exhibition and storage facility and library, all within the village of Old Deerfield (New England's best-documented town), this all-expenses paid, nine-week program offers a rare view of the workings of a museum, and a thorough investigation of early New England history and material life.</p> <p>Applications must include:</p>						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Summer Fellowship Program application form ★ Resume ★ Personal statement discussing why you want to participate and how your interests and experiences have prepared you for the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Official transcript ★ Non-refundable fee of \$15 ★ Two letters of recommendation from college faculty members
<p>Applications must be postmarked by March 15. Decisions will be announced in early April.</p>		
<p>For application forms and further information, email sfp@historic-deerfield.org.</p>		

»» Summer Reading ~ Havin' a Blast! ««

A baker's dozen of great books to fill your summer hours (listed in no particular order)...

- ★ Susan J. Douglas, Where the Girls Are: Growing Up Female with the Mass Media
- ★ Robert Graves, I, Claudius: From the Autobiography of Tiberius Claudius, Born 10 B.C. Murdered and Deified A.D. 54
- ★ Josephine Tey, Daughter of Time
- ★ Mary Beth Norton, In the Devil's Snare: The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692
- ★ Irene Quenzler Brown and Richard D. Brown, The Hanging of Ephraim Wheeler: A Story of Rape, Incest, and Justice in Early America
- ★ Michael Shaara, Killer Angels
- ★ Charles Frazier, Cold Mountain: A Novel
- ★ Erik Larson, The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America
- ★ Eliot Asinof, Stephen Jay Gould, Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series
- ★ Jack Finney, Time and Again
- ★ Kevin Boyle, Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age
- ★ Brian Ward, Just My Soul Responding: Rhythm and Blues, Black

Consciousness, and Race Relations

★ Mary Karr, The Liar's Club: A Memoir

list courtesy of Professors Morrison and Gabin ~ thank you!

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