

THE OBSERVATOR

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for Undergraduate History Majors, Minors & Friends

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**"The historical sense involves a perception, not only of the
pastness of the past, but of its presence."**

T.S. Eliot

Hello and welcome to *The Observer*, the Department of History's e-newsletter. All Purdue undergraduates enrolled in history courses receive this quarterly newsletter absolutely free! It is *The Observer's* great pleasure to inform students of all the special events, programs, and new course offerings in the Department of History as well as study abroad, internship and scholarship opportunities.

So take your time. Below you find opportunities of credits, cash, and inner enlightenment. Happy scrolling!

I. Message from the new Head of the Department of History: Professor R. Douglas Hurt

Welcome to the Department of History at Purdue University. As many of you know, I am new to the Department. I began my tenure at Purdue as Head of the department on August 1, and I am looking forward to meeting you at the Undergraduate Open House on Monday, October 1 and to visiting with you in University Hall and on campus.

We have a busy year ahead of us. In late October or early November (the date has not been decided), the department will sponsor a seminar tentatively titled "Women in the Sudan." Dr. Stephanie Beswick, professor of history at Ball State University, will make the presentation. On February 20-21, the department will also host the annual meeting of the Indiana Classical Conference. During the late winter we will also sponsor the Purdue History Forum. The speaker has not yet been selected but he or she will be someone of national reputation who works in the field of American history. In April, the department will also sponsor a seminar by Professor Rebecca Rogers of the University of Strasbourg. She will discuss cultural exchange in the French colonies. I urge you to place these dates on your calendars and attend. These seminars, conferences, and forums are opportunities for you to enhance your intellectual life as a history major at Purdue.

Students can easily feel isolated at an institution of higher education as large as Purdue, and I want our department to be friendly and supportive. My door is always open figuratively, if not literally, and I welcome the opportunity to meet you. If I can be service in any way, please let me know. Welcome, once again, to the Department of History at Purdue University

R. Douglas Hurt

II. Undergraduate Reception/Open House

All History Majors and Minors and students interested in the history program are invited to our annual Open House. This year the Open House is set for **Monday, October 1st in University Hall 201**. The festivities start at 6:00 pm and will run to 7:30. The History Department will provide pizza, subs, snacks, and soda. All your favorite professors will be there, plus information on Study Abroad, Spring History courses, the Specializations, Internship Opportunities and lots more. So come: dinner is on us!

III. New Course Offerings for 2004

[Spring Break in Germany!](#)

History 1041 (Introduction to the Modern World) will meet once a week during spring semester at Purdue, with an intensive week in Munich over spring break. The Munich area provides an excellent venue to experience first hand the history that students are studying in West Lafayette. Included on the itinerary will be Gothic churches, Baroque palaces, museums of fine art and of science and technology, the Dachau concentration camp, Oberammergau (home of the Passion Play since 1634), and the popular culture of Munich itself. Cost will be moderate since this pilot program is being partially subsidized by a grant from Purdue International Programs. Professor Gordon Mork will be in Munich in September working out the details. The program is limited to thirty students.

[History 302 – Transatlantic Revolutions, 1689-1804 \(Professor Frank Lambert\)](#)

The eighteenth century was a time of great revolution. Men and women throughout the Atlantic World challenged old patterns of power and privilege. Far from isolated affairs, the revolutions were interconnected, with each providing grievances, ideas, and institutions that influenced the next. The first upheaval was a bloodless affair, the Glorious Revolution of 1689, when England's Parliament forced James II into exile and imposed limits on the monarchy. In 1776, revolution crossed to the western side of the Atlantic. Some of the same Enlightenment arguments leveled against James' tyranny found new expression in America as colonists revolted against George III in the War of Independence. The triumph of natural rights in the New World reverberated in Old World courts. By emptying the French treasury in aiding the Americans, Louis XVI had no choice but to seek funds from subjects who, inspired by their transatlantic allies, made revolutionary demands in 1789 that toppled the monarchy and many of the ancient privileges upon which it rested. Once again, the revolutionary tide flowed toward America. On the French Caribbean Island of Haiti two years later, African slaves, echoing some of the same slogans shouted from Parisian revolutionaries, rebelled against their masters and in 1804 succeeded in winning political independence.

This course will explore the ideological, social, economic, and political causes of the Transatlantic Revolutions. It will examine how they altered the relationships between monarch and subjects, lords and peasants, church leaders and believers, slave owners, and black Africans, husbands and wives, and manufacturers/traders and consumers.

Maymester in Cuba!

"Experiencing Cuba," a three-hour interdisciplinary course on Cuba (including three weeks on the island) will be offered in 2004. Some scholarship assistance will be made available for the first twenty registrants. The "Experiencing Cuba" Maymester callout will be Wednesday, September 17, at 5:30 on Whistler Hall (WSLR) room 116. For more information, please contact Harry Targ at 494-4169 or targ@polsci.purdue.edu.

IV. Writing Lab

Fall 2003 Writing Lab (Heavilon Hall 226, 49-43723). Remember that the Writing Lab is always available to assist in preparing your history papers. Their hours are:

Tutorial hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 6:00
Friday 9:00 – 1:00
Conversation groups: Monday 11:30 – 12:30
Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30
Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30
Thursday 1:00 – 2:00
Or log on to <http://owl/english.purdue.edu>

V. Study Abroad

If you are interested in receiving a monthly Study Abroad newsletter with updates on new programs, profiles on people and places, and other fun and/or important information, please click on the following link and submit your email address. <http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/email>.

VI) Specializations

The Department of History offers the following areas of specialization for its majors and minors: 1) The History of Law & Public Policy; 2) The History of Science & Technology; 3) The History of Popular Culture; 4) The History of Modernity.

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.

Specialization areas and their course options are:

The History of Law & Public Policy: This specialization is designed for students applying to law school and to assist those pursuing careers in paralegal services, policy research, public administration, public office, and planning agencies.

- HIST 382 - American Constitutional History
- HIST 383 - Recent American Constitutional History
- HIST 332 - English Constitutional History
- HIST 345 - The Modernization of the Middle East
- HIST 463 - Creation of American Legal Culture
- HIST 358 - The American Business System



- HIST 386 - History of American Foreign Relations
- HIST 385 - American Political History
- HIST 585 - American Labor History
- HIST 465 - The Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850 to 1877
- HIST 469 - Black Civil Rights Movement
- HIST 596 - The American City

The History of Science & Technology: This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in technological, medical, nursing, scientific, military services, and technical writing and editing.

- HIST 352 - A History of Biology
- HIST 353 - A History of Medicine
- HIST 399 - A History of Medicine in America
- HIST 387 - History of the Space Age
- HIST 334 - Science and Technology in Western Civilization II
- HIST 350 - Science and Technology in the Twentieth Century World
- HIST 494 - Science and Technology in American Civilization
- HIST 497 - Special Topics in Biology and Medicine
- HIST 409 - Gender and Science



The History of Popular Culture: 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.



- HIST 326 - Popular Culture in Preindustrial
- HIST 371 - Society, Culture, and Rock and Roll
- HIST 377 - History and Culture of Native America
- HIST 391 - History of Russian Popular
- HIST 412 - The Cultural History of the Middle
- HIST 416 - Culture and Society in the Age of
- HIST 414 - Potters & Society in Antiquity

The History of Modernity: 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.

- HIST 324 - Modern France
- HIST 327 - The Habsburg Legacy: Central Europe, 1500-2000
- HIST 340 - Modern China



HIST 344 - History of Modern Japan
 HIST 330 - History of the British Empire and Commonwealth,
 1783 to 1960
 HIST 337 - Europe in the Age of the Cold War
 HIST 359 - Gender in East Asian History
 HIST 440 - History of Tsarist and Soviet Russia since 1861
 HIST 408 - History of Europe since 1920
 HIST 441 - Africa in the Twentieth Century
 HIST 472 - History of Mexico
 HIST 545 - The Middle East in the Twentieth Century
 HIST 577 - Contemporary Latin America History
 HIST 587 - United States Foreign Affairs: World War I to Present

VII. Competition, Fellowship, and Scholarship Information

A) Burton D. Morgan 2004 Entrepreneurship Competition

The Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship at Discovery Park is pleased to announce the callout for the 2004 Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurial Competition. The total prize package for this year's competition is \$100,000 with \$50,000 awarded to the 1st place finisher in the competition. Entrants may be teams formed from undergraduate students, graduate students, researchers and faculty from Purdue University; however a Purdue student must make the final presentation. The competition is open to all Purdue students with a unique idea for a new product or service. For more information contact Don Blewett at 765-494-4485 or blewett@krannert.purdue.edu. Critical dates to know are:

By September 12	Register online at www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/bdmcompetition/
October 31	Mini plans due
January 6, 2004	Full business plans due
February 19, 2004	The Competition

B) Early English Books Online Essay Competition

The EEBO In Undergraduate Studies Essay Competition Committee is seeking undergraduate research papers that rely on research conducted via the Early English Books Online? collection of primary texts. Essays may reflect the approach of any number of academic disciplines ? history, literary studies, philosophy, anthropology, religious studies, and more ? or they may be interdisciplinary in nature. The chief requirement is that each paper draws substantial evidence from the works included in EEBO.

EEBO will contain page images of 125,000 books listed in the Pollard and Redgrave, Wing, and Thomason Tracts catalogs. With its substantial coverage of printed material found in England between 1473 and 1700, EEBO provides rich research possibilities for students interested in a wide variety of topics in early modern studies.

For more information about the Undergraduate essay contest, please view http://www.lib.umich.edu/eebo/edu/edu_essay.html. For more information about the project, please visit <http://www.lib.umich.edu/eebo/>.

You can also contact Shawn Martin, Project Outreach Librarian by e-mail at shawnmar@umich.edu or by phone at (734) 936-5611

C) American Heritage Fellowships

Connor Prairie is providing two undergraduate fellowships with the support of the Lumina Foundation for Education. These twelve-month fellowships will be designed for first-generation college students. Recipients will receive hands-on training as well as a stipend award and academic credit. Students will choose between a focus in Historic Trades OR Agriculture and Rural Life. For further information, please contact:

Cinda Baldwin
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Fishers IN 46038

Phone: 317-776-6000 ext. 379
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D) Purdue University B'nai B'rith Barzillai Lodge 111 Prize in Jewish Studies

Competition is now underway and open to all undergraduates at Purdue. A prize of \$150 will be awarded for the outstanding original essay, research paper, or similar creative project in the general area of Jewish Studies produced in the academic year 2003-04. The deadline for entries for the prize is Monday, April 19, 2004. For more information, contact the Jewish Studies Program office at 49-47965 or via email at jewishstudies@purdue.edu.

VIII. Internships

A) Internships in Washington DC

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars offers opportunities to gain internship experience within the environment of our capital's politics, policies, places, and people. Components of the internship program include: 4 to 4½ days per week internship, academic courses, Congressional Breakfast Series, Presidential Lecture Series, Embassy Visit Program, small group discussions and workshops, and internship portfolio. Listed among the possible placement sites are Amnesty International, CNN, The Environmental Protection Agency, Walter Reed Hospital, offices of US representatives and senators, and the NAACP. Visit the website at www.twc.edu to make an on-line request for more information.

B) Internships in Indianapolis

One method of earning credit hours and professional training at the same time is through internships. The Indiana House of Representatives and the Senate are always looking for smart undergraduates, and they are especially fond (quite naturally!) of Purdue History majors.

1) The Indiana House of Representatives Democratic and Republican Caucus Staffs are seeking undergraduate interns for the 2004 session of the Indiana General Assembly. These are paid internship, \$275 per week; designed with an educational intent. Applications will be accepted through October 15, 2003 (apply online at www.IN.gov/legislative/house_democrats/infointern.html or www.IN.gov/legislative/house_republicans/student). Interviews will be held in Indianapolis during October. As an additional incentive, interns are eligible for a \$2500 scholarship offered by Verizon. If you need more information, contact Ms. Angie Bixler at 317-232-9648 or 1-800-382-9842 ext. 9648, or via email at abixler@iga.state.in.us.

2) The Indiana House Democrat Internship Program offers full-time paid legislative internships for juniors, seniors, or graduate students. The application deadline is October 15, 2003, and you can apply online at www.in.gov/senate_democrats/internships. Interviews will

take place at the Statehouse in Indianapolis October 6-21. Interns will be paid \$275 per week for work Monday-Friday, 8:30 am. To 4:45 pm, December 29 through March 21 and will receive college credit. For more information, contact Tricia Stratman at 800-382-9467 or tstratma@iga.state.in.us.

3) Republican Caucus of the Indiana Senate is seeking interns for the Spring 2004 semester. Interns will receive \$275 per week. These internships provide valuable experience in journalism, media relations, law and finance. Appointments will be announced in early November. Call Kathleen Hursh at 317-232-9519 or 800-482-9467.

4) The Democratic Caucus of the Indiana Senate is looking for qualified applicants for their Legislative Internship Program. The program begins in January and will last through May 6, 2004. This is a paid internship for which students earn collage credit. If interested, please contact Tricia Stratam at 317-232-9496 or 1-800-382-9467.

VIII) Call for Papers/Abstracts/Proposals

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities January 8 - 11, 2004, Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, Hawaii, USA.

Since many people have individually asked for an extension of the submission deadline, we are extending the deadline for submissions to Wednesday, September 17, 2003.

Call for papers, abstracts, student papers, work-in-progress reports, research proposals, workshop proposals, poster sessions, research tables, reports, practitioner forums, panel discussions, tutorials, or performances related to arts and humanities. For more information on the format of submissions visit our website at: http://www.hichumanities.org/cfp_artshumanities.htm.

All areas of arts and humanities are invited, including performing artists. For a complete list of suggested topic areas see http://www.hichumanities.org/cfp_artshumanities.htm. Submissions may be made electronically via e-mail to humanities@hichumanities.org.

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