The Brinkman Family with Professor and Department Head R. Douglas Hurt at the 2011 Awards Reception. Thomas Brinkman (second from the right) was the 2011 James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship recipient. Mr. Brinkman used his scholarship to travel and study in Spain and Germany.

Katrina Galt (L), family member and Melinda Zook, Associate Professor and the Director of the Department of History’s Honors Program, at the 2011 History Honors Forum. Ms. Galt’s honors thesis was “Drama, Divorce, and Diplomacy: Royal Marriage in Georgian England.”

Students of Assistant Professor Jennifer Foray’s HIST 104 class Introduction to the Modern World depicting historical figures on Halloween Day.

Associate Professor Caroline Janney and her HIST 476 class The Civil War in Myth and Memory during 2011 Spring Break class trip to the Shiloh and Corinth Battlefields.
The Department of History had an exceptionally productive and successful year. The faculty published a host of books, articles, and essays and received important grants that brought further national and international recognition. The department maintained its reputation for excellent teaching and taught more than 6,000 undergraduate and 65 graduate students during the calendar year. Highlights of the year included welcoming David Atkinson to the department as our specialist in U.S. Foreign Relations, a spring break trip led by Professor Carrie Janney to the Shiloh and Corinth battlefields as part of her course on memory and the Civil War, and Deborah Fleetham's development of an award winning online course for the Introduction to the Modern World. Professors Alicia Decker, Sally Hastings, Stacy Holden, Charles Ingrao, Frank Lambert, and Yvonne Pitts presented papers at international conferences, and our graduate students published a battery of articles and presented their research at professional conferences. The department's Honors Program, under the direction of Professor Melinda Zook, continued to set the standard for excellence among all Honors programs on campus, and Phi Alpha Theta with the guidance of Professor Stacy Holden and the History Organization with the leadership of Professor Zook provided a variety of opportunities for students to engage in the study of history beyond the classroom. Our alumni have been busy establishing and pursuing their careers, and we are particularly glad to know about their activities and families. In the pages that follow you can learn about the achievements of our students, faculty, and alumni. On behalf of the Department of History we are grateful for your support. We look forward to another year of providing excellent teaching, conducting research and publication, and maintaining our contacts with our friends and alumni.
The Department of History Newsletter introduces a new feature *Department of History Scholarships and their Donors*. Annually, a scholarship and its donor will be highlighted. The Department of History is fortunate to have friends who are dedicated to furthering the education of undergraduate and graduate students by providing funds which help to pay for books, tuition and to defray the cost for research travel.

**FEATURE: DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS AND THEIR DONORS**

The inaugural feature is dedicated to the *PAUL AND REED BENHAMOU GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP*. In 2006, Paul (Professor Emeritus of French in Purdue University’s Foreign Language and Literature Department) and Reed (Professor Emerita of Interior Design at Indiana University) Benhamou established the Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship for graduate students who specialize in Early Modern European history with a concentration in early modern France from 1615 through 1815.

Professor Emeritus Paul Benhamou grew up in French Algeria. He received a Licence-es-Lettres from the University of Dijon, France with a major in English and American literature. He taught English in an Algerian high school until the political situation forced his family to relocate to France. He moved to the United States and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in French Literature. Beginning his academic career at Purdue University in 1969, Professor Benhamou taught eighteenth-century French literature and French civilization. During his thirty-one years at Purdue he published extensively on the pre-revolutionary French periodical press, on the reading trade in Lyons and on the Anti-Philosophes (particularly Elie-Catherine Freron). Also during his tenure, he chaired the French section of the Foreign Language and Literature department, founded the Association of the Friends of French which supports undergraduate and graduate French students in study abroad programs and their ability to attend professional conferences. In November 2001, Professor Benhamou was honored by the French Government with the Palmes Académiques Award for his service in promoting French culture and language in the United States. This award, established in 1808 by Napoleon, is considered the most prestigious award a scholar can receive from the French government. Since his retirement, he cultivates his garden (à la Voltaire), writes the occasional review, participates in eighteenth-century conferences, cooks Sephardic delicacies, and delights in books by David Liss and Carlos Ruiz-Zafón.

Professor Emerita Reed Benhamou received her B.A. in French from the University of Iowa, her M.A. in interior design and her Ph.D. in history from Purdue University. Her dissertation, “Public and Private Art Education in France (1648-1793),” directed by Prof. Vern Foley, became her first book. She taught at Purdue (2-D design, interior design, and interior design history) and Washington State University (interior design and interior design history) before joining the faculty of Indiana University’s Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design in 1999, where she directed the Interior Design program and became department chair in 2000. She was associated with the national accrediting agency for academic programs of interior design programs (1985-2008), and served as associate editor of Technology and Culture (2005-2010). Her most recent work, Regulating the Académie: Art, Rules and Power in Ancien Régime France, was published by the Voltaire Foundation in 2009; other publications focus on art and architectural education in eighteenth-century France, and French and English material culture, including automata, decorative arts and materials, fashion, public baths, and space planning. Her current project is a biography of eighteenth-century artist and academic administrator Charles-Joseph Natoire.

Since 2007, with Alexandra K. Yackovich being the inaugural scholarship recipient, the Department of History has presented The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship to eight graduate students with Ms. Natalie Latteri being the 2011 recipient. Ms. Latteri is a member of the first class in the Department of History’s “fast-track” program. Last year she completed her M.A. and immediately went into the Ph.D. program. Ms. Latteri will be using her scholarship for her Ph.D. research at the archives in France.

The Department of History is grateful to the Benhamou’s for their continued support to the graduate students in realizing their professional goals as historians.
Dr. Deborah Fleetham received her B.A. from Calvin College, a Visiting Fellowship to the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. Her major field is Europe since 1789 with specializations in modern Germany, Women’s/Gender, and Religious history. Dr. Fleetham came to the Department of History in the fall of 2002 as a Visiting Scholar and in 2007 she became a Continuing Lecturer.

During the summer 2010, Dr. Fleetham developed an on-line version of HIST 104—Introduction to the Modern World for the Department of History and Continuing Education. The course was first offered in the spring 2011 with great success. For her outstanding work in developing this course, Dr. Fleetham received the 2011 Award for Excellence in Distance Learning which is awarded by Continuing Education. Because of the success with Professor Fleetham’s HIST 104, two more distant learning classes—HIST 151 American History to 1877 and 152 United States since 1877—were offered in the fall 2011.

Kara Kvaran and Karen Sonnelitter are spring 2011 Ph.D. graduates from the Department of History. They both taught on-line courses during the fall 2011.

Kara Kvaran received her B.A. from Eastern Michigan University and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Purdue University’s Department of History in U.S. History. She accepted a Limited Term Lecturer position with the Department of History and Continuing Education. Dr. Kvaran taught the HIST 151 American History to 1877 on-line course.

Karen Sonnelitter received her B.A. from Ithaca College, one M.A. from the University of Connecticut and a second M.A. from the Queen’s University-Belfast, Ireland, and her Ph.D. from Purdue University’s Department of History in European History. She accepted a Continuing Lecturer position with the Department of History and Continuing Education. Dr. Sonnelitter taught HIST 104 Introduction to the Modern World and 152 United States since 1877 on-line courses.
Department of History says “farewell” to Associate Professors Rainer Buschmann and Michael Ryan

In 2011 the Department of History congratulated and said “farewell” to two faculty members.

Rainer Buschmann (Associate Professor – Pacific history) returned to California State University-Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA. He took the position of professor of history where he will teach 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).

Michael Ryan (Associate Professor—European history) accepted an associate professor position at the University of New Mexico’s Department of History. He will be teaching their Medieval courses and will work with the department’s Latin American and Iberian Institute and Institute for Medieval Studies.

Memorial

In the spring of 2011, Mrs. Joanne Troutner established THE LARY W. TROUTNER SCHOLARSHIP IN HISTORY to honor her husband Lary W. Troutner. Mr. Troutner obtained his B.A. (1976) in History from Purdue University and his M.B.A. from the University of North Dakota. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1977-1981 as a missile launch officer at Minot AFB, ND. Mr. Troutner returned to the Greater Lafayette area and worked at Purdue University for 28 years. For most of his career he was the Director of Financial Affairs in the College of Technology. His last position was the Business Process Manager. Mr. Troutner was active in the Central Association of College and University Business Officers (CACUBO), enjoyed Purdue sports, golf and reading. He was born September 6, 1954, in Van Nuys, California, educated in California and South Carolina, and graduated from high school in Japan.

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Gordon Mork was the Destination Lecturer for Royal Caribbean International Cruise, February 25-March 7, 2011.

___ was recognized for his thirty years of meritorious service to the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Committee at their 31st Conference (November 13-15, 2011) titled “Reflections on KRISTALLNACHT”.

Donald Parman wrote an encyclopedia entry on the “Mormon War of 1857-58.” The essay will be published in The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History. Parman also spoke on the American Civil War for a class offered by WALLA (Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association). He attended the symposium “Wiping Away the Tears: The Battle of Tippecanoe in History and Memory” that took place on November 3-5 which was co-chaired by Dawn Marsh (Assistant Professor of U.S. History).

Jon Teaford was elected president of the Urban History Association.
CORNELIUS BYNUM (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure in July 2011.

JOHN CONTRENi (Professor of European history) was appointed to the editorial board of Speculum for a four-year term. Speculum is a journal of the Medieval Academy of America, the flagship professional organization of North American Medievalists.

_____ continues as an appointed member of the Medieval Academy of America’s Finance Committee.

_____ was honored for forty years at Purdue University.

SUSAN CURTIS (Professor of U.S. history) received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation to support her project “The Spanish Harlem Renaissance Puerto Rican Cultural Production in New York 1930’s—1960’s: A Tri-Racial People in Bi-Racial America.”

CHARLES CUTTER (Professor of Latin-American history) was honored for twenty years at Purdue University.

_____ received sabbatical leave for the 2011-2012 academic year.

ALICIA DECKER (Assistant Professor of African history) received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation to support her project “The Taste of Modernity: Beauty, Domesticity, and National Identity in Post-Colonial Cameroon, 1960-1982.”

_____ has been appointed the coordinator of the new Women’s Studies in Uganda program.

DARREN DOCHUK (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure in July 2011.

_____ won the American Historical Association’s John H. Dunning Prize in recognition of outstanding historical writing in United States History with his publication From Bible Belt to Sunbelt.

_____ received an Enhancing Research in the Humanities and Arts Grant.

DEBORAH FLEETHAM (Continuing Lecturer) was awarded the 2011 Award for Excellence in Distance Learning for developing and teaching the HIST 104 on-line course.

NANCY GABIN (Associate Professor of U.S. history) received Mortar Board’s Helen B. Schleman Gold Medallion Award on March 31, 2011.

SALLY HASTINGS (Associate Professor of Asian history) received sabbatical leave for the fall of 2011.

STACY HOLDEN (Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and North African history) was promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure in July 2011.

_____ received funding from Purdue University to support her project “Historic Preservation in the Medinas of Colonial Morocco.”
STACY HOLDEN received a Summer Faculty Grant from the Purdue Research Foundation. She traveled to Nantes, France, to research her next book which looks at the colonial policy of historic preservation in French Morocco between 1912 and 1940.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor of European history) was a Fulbright Fellow in Cyprus (Jan.-July) teaching and working with colleagues in the island’s Greek-and Turkish-Cypriot communities.

_________was honored for thirty-five years at Purdue University.

CAROLINE JANNEY (Associate Professor of U.S. history) received a College of Liberal Arts’ Center for Humanistic Studies Fellowship which allowed her to take research leave in the fall 2011.

FRANKLIN LAMBERT (Professor of U.S. history) was honored for twenty years at Purdue University

JOHN LARSON (Professor of U.S. history) received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation to support his project “Galena, Illinois: The Rise and Fall of Frontier Urbanization in the American Midwest, 1820 - 1870.”

DAWN MARSH (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) was awarded a semester fellowship from the Center for Undergraduate Instructional Excellence for her project “Prophetstown Revisited: Local History, Global Legacy.” This fellowship allowed her to take research leave during fall 2011.

ROBERT MAY (Professor of U.S. history) was chair of the book prize committee for the Mississippi Historical Society.

MICHAEL MORRISON (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was rated 17th best professor in the U.S. by RateMyProfessors.com.

_____ was voted “best professor” by The Exponent Readers’ Choice Awards. His class HIST 371 Society, Culture, and Rock and Roll was voted “best class”.

_____ honored for twenty years at Purdue University.

_____ was appointed interim director of the College of Liberal Arts Honors Program for fall 2011.

YVONNE PITTS (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation National Institute on Drug Abuse to support her project “When White Men Merit Lynching: Racialized Violence in the United States, 1880 -1930.”

RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor of U.S. history) was selected by the College of Liberal Art’s Educational Excellence Committee as the 2011 Educational Excellence Award recipient.

_____ Joe Louis: Hard Times Man (Yale University Press, 2010): was named runner-up for the Los Angeles Book Festival “best book” prize.

_____ was selected by Kirkus Reviews as one of the best books of the year on both its nonfiction and biography lists.

_____ was chosen by Choice as an Outstanding Academic Book for 2011.
FACULTY HONORED—CONTINUES

RANDY ROBERTS was voted runner up for “best professor” by The Exponent Readers’ Choice Awards.

___ received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation to support his project “No More Blues in the Night: George Foreman and the World in Crisis.”

MICHAEL SMITH (Associate Professor of European history) was honored for fifteen years at Purdue University.

WHITNEY WALTON (Professor of European history) received a sabbatical for the 2011-2012 academic year.

FACULTY – PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

JOHN CONTRENI (Professor of European history) presented “Carolingian Glosses on Bede: ‘Old Orthodoxies Dies Hard’.” Forty-Sixth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12, 2011.

___ made a presentation to the Colonial Dames XVII Century organization in August 2011.

___ presented “David Letterman Meets the Crusades.” Plenary Address, 21st Annual Conference of the Texas Medieval Association, Baylor University, Waco, TX, September 30, 2011.

___ presented “The Recorded Word in the Middle Ages: From the Codex to the Printing Press.” WALLA (Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association), West Lafayette, IN, October 9, 2011.


ALICIA DECKER (Assistant Professor of African history) presented “Militarism, Nationalism, and Intimacy: Musings on the Five Wives of Idi Amin.” Sub-Saharan Africa in the 1970s: Crisis, Conflicts and Transformations International Conference, University of Bologna, Italy, January, 2011.

___ presented “‘Sometime you may leave your husband in Karuma Falls or in the forest there’: A Gendered History of Disappearance in Idi Amin’s Uganda.” Reframing Knowledge Production on 1970’s Uganda, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, February, 2011.

___ participated in the Women’s Studies North and South: Addressing Global Gender and Social Justice Issues International Conference, Bellagio Center, Italy, September 2011.


___ coordinated the fourth annual Women’s Studies Film Festival, October 2011.

___ participated in a roundtable discussion on “Women’s Studies North and South: Theory, Policy, Activism.” NWSA meetings, Atlanta, GA, November 2011.
RAY DUMETT (Professor of African history) presented a conference paper titled “British and French Trade and Imperialism in West Africa in the late nineteenth-century.” The symposium honored Professor Antony G. Hopkins of the University of Texas. University of Texas, Austin, TX, April 12-13, 2011.

WILLIAM GRAY (Associate Professor of European history) presented “Signs of Euroson: Germany’s Waning Commitment to Europe in Historical Perspective” at the Erdogan Kumcu Memorial Lecture. Ball State University, Muncie, IN, March 2011.

SALLY HASTINGS (Associate Professor of Asian history) presented “Mount Holyoke College: Teachers to Japan, Students from Japan.” Asian Studies Conference Japan, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, June 25-26, 2011.

________ presented the Keynote Address: “Japanese Women Legislators: Getting into Office and Staying There.” Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Canakkale, Turkey, October 14, 2011.

R. DOUGLAS HURT (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Indian Policy and the Ohio Frontier.” Garst Museum, Greenville, OH, October 23, 2011.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor of European history) gave seminars on the Scholars’ Initiative and Israeli-Palestinian conflicts at universities in Cyprus, Lebanon and Britain’s House of Commons.

______ presented four lectures on the Balkans conflicts at the State Department’s Foreign Service Institute in January and August and at Camp Atterbury in January and September to U.S. Army intelligence and command units en route to Kosovo.

REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ (Assistant Professor of European history) presented “The Emergence of Slovak Jewish Identity in Interwar Czechoslovakia” as part of the three-part lecture series Nationalism in the Lands of the Habsburg Monarchy. The series was sponsored by the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews and the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences at the Bohemian National Hall, New York City, NY, February 24, 2011.

FRANKLIN LAMBERT (Professor of U.S. history) was the Keynote Lecturer at the Pietists and Lutherans in the Pre-revolutionary and Revolutionary Atlantic World Conference, Halle, Germany, August 24-27, 2011. This International Symposium marked the 300th birthday of Henry Melchior Mühlenberg. Mühlenberg is considered the patriarch of the Lutheran Church in the United States.

JOHN LARSON (Professor of U.S. history) and MICHAEL MORRISON (Associate Professor of U.S. history) co-directed an NEH Summer Seminar for university and college teachers at the Library Company of Philadelphia. The topic was “The Problem of Governance in the Early Republic.” Philadelphia, PA, June 19-July 13, 2011.

________ presented “History, Public Opinion and Environment.” Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, September 28, 2011. This presentation was part of Purdue University’s Green Week.

ROBERT MAY (Professor of U.S. history) gave many public presentations on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War to commemorate the Sesquicentennial.
FACULTY - PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES CONTINUES

YVONNE PITTS (Assistant Professor in U.S. history) presented “Sex, Death and Insanity: Female Sexuality and Evidence of Mental Unsoundness in 19th Century American Inheritance Disputes.” 30th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society. The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, December 13, 2011.

MICHAEL SMITH (Associate Professor in European history) was a presenter at “It Takes a Team: Reflections at the 50th Anniversary of Human Spaceflight.” Purdue University, W. Lafayette IN, November 10, 2011. The panel commemorated the first space flight by Yuri Gagarin of Russia, the Cold War between the USSR and the U.S., the first U.S. flight by Alan Shepard and the impact of Kennedy’s election on the U.S. space program.

until lions have their historians, talks of the hunt shall always glorify the hunters.  
African proverb

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

JOHN CONTRENI (Professor of European history) published “Gregorius Turonensis” in the Catalogus Translationum et Commentariorum: Mediaeval and Renaissance Latin Translations and Commentaries, vol. IX, ed. Virginia Brown. Washington D.C.: Catholic University of American Press (2011). The Catalogus aims to publish studies of all authors before 600 C.E. (Greek and Latin) whose works were the subjects of translations or commentaries in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Gregory of Tours, who died in 594, just barely qualified for a chapter.


STACY HOLDEN (Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and North African history) published “Pomp and Circumstance: Royal Symbolism and the ‘Id al-Kabir Sacrifice in Morocco,” Arab Studies Journal 19, no. 1 (Spring 2011).


CAROLINE JANNEY (Associate Professor of U.S. history) published “War over a Shrine of Peace: The Appomattox Peace Monument and Retreat from Reconciliation,” Journal of Southern History, 72 (February 2011).

DAWN MARSH (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) [and Linda Joyce Forristal] published “Revisiting MacCannell’s Site Sacralization Theory as an Analytical Tool: Historic Prophetstown as a Case Study,” International Journal of Tourism Research, 12, issue 6 (November/December 2011).


JOHN CONTRENI (Professor of European history) published Learning and Culture in Carolingian Europe: Letters, Numbers, Exegesis, and Manuscripts. Variorum Collected Studies Series. Farnham: Ashgate, 2011.

DARREN DOCHUK (Associate Professor of U.S. history) published Sunbelt Rising: The Politics of Space, Place, and Religion, co-edited with Michelle Nickerson. The University of Pennsylvania Press 2011.
JENNIFER FORAY (Assistant Professor of European history) published *Visions of Empire in the Nazi Occupied Netherlands*. Cambridge University Press, 2011.


Charles Ingrao (Professor of European history) [with Nikola Samardzic and Jovan Peselj] edited *The Peace of Passarowitz, 1718*, Purdue University Press, 2011.

Robert May (Professor of U.S. history) [with Jill May] published *Howard Pyle: Imaging an American School of Art*, University of Illinois Press, 2011.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

SUSAN CURTIS (Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed for the Spring 2011 issue of CLA’s THiNK Magazine in the article “Blurred Lines.”

____ and Charles Cutter (Associate Professor of Latin American history) were interviewed in “Professor makes home in bungalow,” The Exponent, 26 October 2011. This was part of a feature showcasing famous local architecture. The couple’s home, the Reisner House, is a 1920’s modern bungalow.

ARIEL de la FUENTE (Associate Professor of Latin American history) was interviewed for the Spring 2011 issue of CLA’s THiNK Magazine in the article “Blurred Lines.”

VERN FOLEY (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was pictured in “Native American Cultural Center: Heritage Month begins with drum circle,” The Exponent, 2 November 2011.

JENNIFER FORAY (Assistant Professor of European history) was interviewed in “Halloween and history a good pair; some Purdue students even speak up in class,” Lafayette Journal and Courier, 2 November 2011.

WILLIAM GRAY (Associate Professor of European history) participated as an “independent historian” in the German Foreign Ministry investigation of how the German Foreign Service dealt with problems of the Nazi past.

R. DOUGLAS HURT (Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed in the spring by “Farm News Radio” about nineteenth-century U.S. agricultural history.

CAROLINE JANNEY (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed in “Historian talks about memories, memorials as part of 150th Civil War anniversary,” Purdue Today, 15 February 2011.

____ was interviewed in “Civil War: 150th anniversary sparks debate,” The Exponent, 24 February 2011.

____ was interviewed in “Class examines causes, relevance of Civil War,” The Exponent, 12 April 2011.

____ was interviewed in “History prof: A decade of memories, remember the 10th anniversary of 9/11,” Purdue Today, 15 August 2011.

____ was interviewed by WLFI “News” for the September 5 newscast and the September 6, 2011, on-line article “Americans’ memory of 9/11 evolving: How Americans remember 9/11 beginning to change.”

____ was interviewed in “September 11, 2001: Age gap affects memories,” The Exponent, 9 September 2011.

ROBERT MAY (Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed in “Civil War: 150th anniversary sparks debate,” The Exponent, 24 February 2011.
DAWN MARSH (Assistant Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed by WBAA Radio on October 27, 2011 to promote the Wiping Away the Tears Symposium.

_____ was interviewed in “Another shot at telling the story of Prophetstown,” Lafayette Journal and Courier, 30 October 2011.

MICHAEL MORRISON (Associate Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed in “Professor brings new generation rock ‘n’ roll,” The Exponent, 16 January 2011.

_____ was interviewed in “Purdue’s rock ‘n’ roll professor hits No. 17 on national charts,” Journal and Courier, Sunday 1 May 2011.

RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor of history) was interviewed in “Did You Know?: Randy Roberts,” Purdue Today, 18 February 2011.

_____ was interviewed in “Joke’s on those who joke about Japan,” USA Today, 16 March 2011.

_____ was interviewed in “September 11, 2001: Age gap affects Memories,” The Exponent 9 September 2011.

_____ gave many radio interviews on his recently published book A Team for America: The Army-Navy Game That Rallied a Nation

MICHAEL SMITH (Associate Professor of European history) was featured in “Purdue to celebrate human space flight,” The Exponent, 10 November 2011.

_____ was featured in “NASA: speakers commemorate first flight,” The Exponent, 11 November 2011.

M.A. AND PH.D. GRADUATES OF 2011

SPRING 2011 GRADUATES
Elise Dermineur—Ph.D.
Nicholas Gaspar—M.A.
Demetrius Glover—Ph.D.
Eric Hall—Ph.D.
Jill Krasuski—M.A.
Tim Olin—M.A.
Sara Morris—Ph.D.
John Smith—Ph.D.
Karen Sonnelitter—Ph.D.

SUMMER 2011 GRADUATES
Micah Childress—Ph.D.
Sanket Desai—M.A.
Christian Griggs—Ph.D.
Kara Kvaran—Ph.D.
Natalie Latteri—M.A.
Jamal Ratchford—Ph.D.

FALL 2011 GRADUATES
Christopher Petrakos—Ph.D.
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

(L-R back row) Rachel Steeley is pursuing her M.A. in U.S. history. Jordyn Ward is pursuing her M.A. in U.S. history. Patty Hess is pursuing her M.A. in U.S. history. Donald Trevor Burrows is in the fast-track program pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history.

(L-R front row) Max Rieger is pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history. Leanne Skirzynski is pursuing her M.A. in European history. Andrew McGregor is pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history. Brian Alberts is in the fast-track program pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history. Mark Otto is in the fast-track program pursuing his Ph.D. in European history. David Graham is pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history. Keenan Shimko is pursuing his M.A. in European history. (Shimko is behind Graham and Shownir) Matt Shownir is pursuing his M.A. in European history.

Michael Chornesky is pursuing his Ph.D. in U.S. history (not pictured).

WELCOMING PICNIC

John Larson (Professor of U.S. history and Director of Graduate Education) hosted the annual picnic welcoming the new graduate students and allowing senior graduate students to catch up with each other.

New graduate students Brian Alberts, (Max Rieger and Keenan Shimko in background) David Graham and Mark Otto.

Erica Morin and Brittany Bayless-Fremion (both are Ph.D. candidates in U.S. history).

Douglas Hurt (Professor of U.S. history and Department Head), Professor Larson and Jeff Perry (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history).
**HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION’S (HGSA) OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**—Mauricio Castro (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history)  
**VICE PRESIDENT**—Rebecca Venter (Ph.D. candidate in European history)  
**SECRETARY**—Libby Sproat (Ph.D. candidate in European history)  
**AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE**—Jeff Perry (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history)  
**EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE**—John Fahey (Ph.D. candidate in European history)  
**GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVE**—Suparna Chakraborty (Ph.D. candidate in South Asian history)  
**OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVE**—Brandon Ward (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history)  
**REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE**—Josh Jeffers (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history)

**HGSA’S INTERNAL CONFERENCE**

In spring 2011 the History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) organized the third biennial HGSA Internal Conference. A call for papers went out to both history graduate students and to students of related disciplines. The conference consisted of multiple panels covering a variety of topics. Members of the faculty served as chairs of these panels while senior graduate students took on the responsibility of commenting on the papers presented. The conference concluded with the participation of Keynote Speaker Matthew Lassiter, Associate Professor of history and urban and regional planning at the University of Michigan. He is the author of *The Silent Majority Suburban Politics in the Sunbelt South*.

**PANEL MEMBERS (L-R)** Caroline Janney (Associate Professor in U.S. history), Josh Jeffers (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), Jeffrey Perry (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), John Kennedy (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) and Patrick Pospisek (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history)

**GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORED**

**ANGELA GHIONEA** (Ph.D candidate in European history) received the Bilsland-Puskas Fellowship for 2011-2012. Ms. Ghionea had previously received the Purdue fellowship in 2010-2011.

**JOHN FAHEY** (Ph.D. candidate in European history) was accepted into I.U. Bloomington’s SWESL program for Hungarian Language Study.

**AMY HARRIS** (Ph.D. candidate in European history) received an honorable mention in the Grace L. Smart Award for excellence in rhetoric/historical writing in Purdue’s 80th Annual Literary Awards Contest for her essay “God Created Us to be Different: Discourses of Citizenship, African Identity and Gay and Lesbian Activism in Contemporary South Africa.”
GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORED CONTINUES

NATALIE LATTERI (Ph.D. candidate in European history) received a Newberry Renaissance Consortium Grant to attend a Latin Paleography course at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, fall 2011.


JACQUELINE-BETHEL TCHOUTA MOUGOUÉ (Ph.D. candidate in African history) received a 2011-2012 Purdue Research Foundation Award for her dissertation research in Cameroon.

Erica Morin

ERICA MORIN (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) received the 2011 Class of 1922 Helping Students Learn Award for her innovative work “Extra!Extra! Read All About It!: Structuring the History Survey Around the Motif of the Newspaper.” Ms. Morin is the second graduate student to receive this award since its inception in 1972.

_____ received a Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship from the Graduate School.

_____ is the 2011-2012 Peer Ombudsman Coordinator for the Graduate School.

_____ served on the 2010-2011 Editorial Board of the Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research (JPUR).

_____ received the 2011 Award for Editorial Excellence from the Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research (JPUR).

JESSICA NELSON (Ph.D. candidate in European history) taught Western Civilization II at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, spring 2011.

TIM OLIN (Ph.D. candidate in European history) was featured in CLA’s THiNK Magazine, Spring 2011 in the article “Service Spotlight: Peace Corps.” The feature highlights Mr. Olin’s two-year Peace Corp assignment in the Kyrgyz Republic and his one year assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan. He taught English at both locations.

PATRICK POSPISEK (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) received a 2011-2012 Purdue Research Foundation Award.

ANDREW R. M. SMITH (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) received a 2011-2012 Purdue Research Foundation Award.

ERIKA CORNELIUS SMITH (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) received the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Training Grant.

_____ received the Title VIII Fellowship for Research and Training in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, Indiana University Russian and Eastern European Institute.
ERIKA CORNELIUS SMITH received the “Michael J. Hogan Foreign Language Fellowship” by the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) which funded her participation in Czech language training at the Indiana University Summer Workshop for Slavic and Eastern European Languages (SWSEEL).

CHRISS NIVELY (Ph.D. candidate in European history) was the FLAS recipient for Bosian/Serbian/Croatian (BSC) language training at the University of Pittsburgh’s Summer Language Institute.

CHRISS WALKER (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) accepted a full-time history faculty position at Indiana Wesleyan University in the College of Adult & Professional Studies at the Louisville, Kentucky Education Center.

BRANDON WARD (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history) received a Research Travel Fellowship for work at the Michigan Historical Collections for his dissertation titled “Detroit, Wild: Race, Labor, and the Origins of Environmental Justice, 1945-1980.”

_____ received the Frederick N. Andrews Environmental Travel Grant from Purdue University’s Graduate School.

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AMY HARRIS (Ph.D. candidate in European history) presented “Marianne Oswald and the Female Performer as Cultural Icon in Interwar France,” The Idea of France Conference, University of Pittsburgh, November 2011.

JACQUELINE-BETHEL TCHOUTA MOUGOUÉ (Ph.D. candidate in African history) presented the lecture “Big Buttocks and Sultry Behavior: Perception of Post-Colonial African Women in British Women’s Travel Narratives.” She was a visiting/guest lecturer at St. John’s University, Queens, New York, April 5, 2011.


ERIKA CORNELIUS SMITH (Ph.D. candidate in European history) presented “New Approaches to America and the World.” The American Spirit in the Heart of Europe: Transnational Women’s Volunteerism in Interwar Czechoslovakia, University of Chicago, Hyde Park, IL, April 2011.


_____ reviewed Our Unprotected Heritage: Whitewashing the Destruction of Our Cultural and Natural Environment by Thomas F. King. Walnut Creek Left Coast Press, H-Travel, March 2011.


_____ reviewed “From Demon to Darling” by Richard Mendelson. Food and Foodways, Fall 2011.

“History studies not just facts and institutions, its real subject is the human spirit.”

Numa Denis Fustel de Coulangé
LaCité antique (1864)
French historian (1830-1889)
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Members of Phi Alpha Theta (P.A.T.) on a historical field trip with Associate Professor Holden [Front row C ], Dawn Marsh (Assistant Professor in U.S. history, [Front row second from R ] and Douglas Hurt (Professor in U.S. history and Department Head, [Front row R ]).

4TH ANNUAL DOH UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM

On Tuesday April 19, 2011, Melinda Zook (Associate Professor of European history and Director of the Department of History’s Honors Program) introduced the 2011 Undergraduate Honors Forum presenters. These students met the qualifications for the Department of History’s Honors Program, which include: being a history major, having a GPA of 3.3 and having completed twelve prior credit hours in History at Purdue of which three credits must be at the 400 or 500 level. The students are required to take HIST 421H and 422H, which allow them to: conduct research on a topic of their choice; work one-on-one with faculty members; and present their research findings at the annual History Honors’ Forum. The 2011 presenters were:

BRITTANY POE (Senior) “Shifting Perspectives in Philosophy and Witchcraft in the Later Middle Ages.” Mentors: Associate Professor Michael Ryan and Germaine Seelye Oesterle Professor James Farr.


KATRINA GALT (Senior) “Drama, Divorce and Diplomacy: Royal Marriage in Georgian England.” Mentors: Associate Professors Melinda Zook and Nancy Gabin.

Time to mark on your calendars! The 5th Annual Department of History’s Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum will be held Tues. April 17, 2012, at 5:30pm in UNIV 203. For more details visit http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/, click “Events”.

[Image of students on a field trip]
James R. Bartholomew, Professor of History at The Ohio State University presented the third annual John F. Stover Lecture. His March 3, 2011, presentation “Japan and the Nobel Science Prizes, 1901-1950” reviewed the Japanese scientists who had won—or should have won the Nobel Science Prize for their contributions. It was coincidental that Professor Bartholomew’s presentation took place after the October, 2010, announcement that Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, Herbert C. Brown Distinguished Professor of Organic Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University was one of three 2010 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry.


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Ms. Ditmar has authored *Dancing in the No-Fly Zone: A Woman’s Journey through Iraq* (Vancouver: Raincoast Books). Her book was chosen by the *Globe and Mail* as one of 100 best and most influential books of 2005. *Dancing in the No-Fly Zone* recounts her time in Iraq from 1997 until the fall of 2003 and is one of the few books on the troubled nation that covers pre-and post-invasion reality. Ms. Ditmar is a former editor of *New Internationalist* magazine; she has reported for *Sight and Sound* and *Vogue*; she was a regular current affairs commentator on Rogers OMNI television program *The Standard* and has been a regular CBS Radio *Dispatches* contributor since it’s 2001 debut.
During 2011, the Department of History sponsored and/or co-sponsored several speakers and events.

ARAM GOUDSOUZIAN, (Ph.D. 2002) Associate Professor of history, University of Memphis, spoke with graduate students on how to be successful in today’s job market. April 1, 2011.

RANDALL BYTWERK, Professor, Communication Arts and Science (department co-chair), Calvin College was the 30th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Conference speaker. The title of his presentation was “The Propaganda of the Holocaust.” The conference title was “Fear of the ‘OTHER’ Still With Us.” This event was co-sponsored by Evonik, City Bus, Indiana Humanities Council, Gannett Foundation, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, and the Department of History. April 3-8, 2011.

THE PURDUE RENAISSANCE COMPARATIVE PROSE CONFERENCE, co-sponsored with the Purdue Religious Studies, Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Comparative Literature Programs, Purdue University Libraries and the Department of History. September 22-24, 2011.

**Women’s Studies 4th Annual Film Festival**

**“Women, Islam, and Feminisms in the Middle East”**

Over the course of four weeks, a variety of important films were shown that focused on the women’s issues in the Middle East. This event was co-sponsored by the Women Studies Program and Research and Policy Center, Film and Video Studies, and the Departments of Anthropology and History.

*Veiled Voices*  October 3, 2011  Discussion Leader: Dr. Stacy Holden  
Produced in 2009 by Tiny Leaps Productions, Directed by Brigid Maher 59 min.

*Voices Unveiled: Turkish Women Who Dare*  October 12, 2011  
Discussion Leader: Dr. Ayse Ciftci. Produced in 2010 by Women Make Movies, Directed and Produced by Binnur Karaevli, 69 min.

*They Call Me Muslim*  October 17, 2011  Discussion Leader: Dr. Valentine Moghadam  
Produced in 2006 by Women Make Movies, Directed and Produced by Diana Ferrero, 27 min.

*Caramel*  October 24, 2011  Discussion Leader: Dr. Lynne Dahmen  
Produced in 2006 by Les Films des Tournelles, Director Nadine Labaki. 96 mins

**WIPING AWAY THE TEARS SYMPOSIUM** marked the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe by creating an opportunity for multiple groups to share what they know about the history of this site. Battle Ground Park and the events which have taken place there over the last 200 years are of interest to scholars, the local community, government entities, and numerous Native American communities. This symposium shed light on: the circumstances leading up to the Battle of Tippecanoe, its role in the War of 1812, and the experiences of Native participants. The goal of sharing this collective knowledge was to improve and expand on collaborative efforts to interpret this and other important historic sites in the area. Co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice President of Research, Office of the Provost, College of Liberal Arts, Native American Educational and Cultural Center, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Departments of Anthropology and History. November 3 - 5, 2011.
IT TAKES A TEAM: REFLECTIONS ON 50 YEARS OF HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT was a one-hour panel discussion which celebrated the 50th anniversary of human spaceflight highlighting the geo-political, human and technological challenges behind the original Space Race between the USA and the Soviet Union in the early 1960s. “Purdue is rightly proud of being the ‘cradle of astronauts.’ But it takes a team to launch an astronaut into space, and Purdue graduates, researchers and scholars have contributed in many different ways to making human space travel possible and to helping us understand the broader social, political and historical significance of these technological accomplishments.” The panel included Gary Horlacher (flight director with NASA, serving in that capacity for the Endeavor flight and an alumnus of the School of Engineering’s Interdisciplinary Engineering program) and Michael Smith (Associate Professor of European history specializing in Russian History in the Department of History). Co-sponsored by the Colleges of Technology and Liberal Arts and the Department of History. November 10, 2011.

RICHARD NORTON SMITH, Presidential Historian, presented “Choosing a President: What History Tells Us” as guest speaker of the Project Impact Forum Series. The series is focusing on the 2012 presidential election. The series is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Krannert School of Management, The Center for Educational and Research in Information Assurance and Security, International Programs, the Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence, the Brian Lamb School of Communication, Purdue Alumni Association, the Purdue Exponent, the College of Technology, the Departments of History and Political Science and community contributions. December 1, 2011.

27TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE & PHILOSOPHY. This year’s theme was “Afro-Latin America, Rethinking Identity, Politics & Culture.” Co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the Graduate School, the Black Culture Center, Diversity Resource Office, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Departments of Anthropology, English, Foreign Languages and Literature, History, Political Science and Philosophy. December 1-3, 2011.

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ALUMNUS—JOHN PHELAN'S CONTRIBUTION ASSISTS STUDENTS WITH 2011 SPRING BREAK TRIP

John Phelan (B.A. 1964) helped the students in Caroline Janney’s (Associate Professor of U.S. history) HIST 476 *The Civil War in Myth and Memory* to take a trip during 2011 Spring Break. The class (pictured to the left with Yvonne Pitts (Assistant Professor of U.S. history [L of last row] ) and Professor Janney [R of last row] ) went to the Shiloh (Shiloh, TN) and Corinth (Corinth, MS) Battlefields and surrounding areas.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

BRANT FAMILY INDIANA OXYGEN COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP
Wally Brant (B.A. 1971) is the president and CEO of Indiana Oxygen Company, a third-generation, family owned Indiana company. Mr. Brant served in the U.S. Air Force as a B-52 combat crew navigator in Vietnam, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel. He and his company received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, “Best of Indianapolis” Award and the Indianapolis Colts Community Service Award. He has served, and serves, on several board of directors and local and national trade associations. In 2010, Mr. Brandt was named a College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni. Mr. Brandt endowed the Brant Family Indiana Oxygen Company Scholarship to be awarded to one or more in-state undergraduate(s) who are enrolled in the Department of History.

THE LARY W. TROUTNER SCHOLARSHIP IN HISTORY
Mr. Lary W. Troutner (1954-2011) received a B.A. in History from Purdue in 1976 and was employed by Purdue from 1982-2010 as a business officer. Mrs. Joanne Troutner endowed the Lary W. Troutner Undergraduate Scholarship in History in honor of her husband and their commitment to Purdue University and to the support of undergraduate students who desire to achieve a degree in History from Purdue University. For more information on Mr. Troutner, please refer to the Memorial section on page 5.

The Department of History appreciates the strong support that it has received from its friends.
Thank you.
The Department of History hosted 100 students, parents, friends, faculty, administrators, emeriti, alumnus and staff to honor the achievements of the department’s undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at the April 14, 2011, Spring Awards Reception.

**Congratulations to:**

**The Department of History’s Undergraduate Recipients**

- **The David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Undergraduate Scholarship:** Shelby J. Bell
- **The Lorena Murphy Undergraduate Scholarship:** Lisa M. Olszewski
- **Outstanding Senior Award:** Francisca L. Hoffman
- **The Phi Alpha Theta Initiates:** Shelby J. Bell, Lynch D. Bennett, Michael T. Bley, Jacob E. Breach, Elise M. Carter, Joshua M. Eckart, Evan Eikenberry, Christopher W. Koenig, Sarah A. Kretzmann, Christine N. Latta, Raymond P. Lee, Zachary M. Roberts, Brian A. Rush, Alexis N. Smith, Evan T. Steiner, Filipp Velgach, Christopher R. Wilkening.
- **Senior Graduating with Excellence:** Max A. Vande Vaarst

- **The John F. Stover Undergraduate Scholarship:** Katherine A. Arnold
- **The James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship:** Thomas M. Brinkman
- **The Henry G. Waltmann Award:** Lynch D. Bennett

**The Department of History’s Graduate Recipients**

- **The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History:** Natalie E. Latteri
- **CETA Graduate Student Teaching Award:** Andrew R. M. Smith
- **The Miletus L. Flaningam Award:** Eric A. Hall
- **The Department of History Study Abroad Scholarship:** Liberty P. Sproat
- **The Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award:** Suparna Chakraborty, Amy M. Harris, Erica A. Morin, Andrew R. M. Smith, Erika Cornelius Smith, Brandon M. Ward
The Department of History’s Faculty Recipient

The Jon C. Teaford Faculty Award: Nancy F. Gabin

Alumni, parents, and friends of the Department of History are invited to honor the 2011-2012 achievements of the department’s students and faculty.

2012 History Awards Reception
Thursday April 12, 2012
5:00pm – 7:00pm
PMU 118

For further information please go to http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/
Click on “Events”

“If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay home.”
~James Michener, American novelist (Feb 1907-Oct 1997)

2011 STUDY ABROAD AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

The generous scholarship contributions of our donors give undergraduate and graduate students opportunities to travel abroad for study and research.

Thomas Brinkman (Junior) was the 2011 recipient of the James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship. Mr. Brinkman traveled to Spain in the summer, and Berlin in the fall, 2011.

Amy Harris (Ph.D. candidate in European history) one of the 2011 recipients of the Harold D. Woodman Research Award will be conducting research in Paris for her dissertation.

Natalie Latteri (Ph.D. candidate in European history) was the 2011 recipient of The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History. Ms. Latteri will be traveling to France to conduct archival research. She received the scholarship for her dissertation “Martyrdom, Miscegenation, and Messianism in Medieval and Early Modern Ashkenaz.”
2011 STUDY ABROAD AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUES

**Erica Morin** (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), one of the 2011 recipients of the Harold D. Woodman Research Award, was able to travel home and carry out research in the Adirondack Park for the second consecutive summer. She visited the New York State Archives in Albany, NY, several Adirondack research libraries and museum collections, and conducted over 50 interviews throughout the region. She also might have taken a few hikes in the area, but they were strictly for scholarly purposes!

**Andrew R. M. Smith** (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), one of the 2011 recipients of the Harold D. Woodman Research Award, conducted research at the LBJ Library and the Harry Ransom Center. Both are located at the University of Texas, Austin, TX.

**Erika Cornelius Smith** (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), one of the 2011 recipients of the Harold D. Woodman Research Award, will travel to the Národni archiv (National Archives) in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Liberty Sproat** (Ph.D. candidate in European history) was the 2011 recipient of the Department of History Study Abroad Scholarship, which can be awarded to either a deserving undergraduate or graduate student. Ms. Sproat went to Indonesia with the United States-Indonesia Society Summer Language Program. She studied Indonesian at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

**Brandon Ward** (Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history), one of the 2011 recipients of the Harold D. Woodman Research Award, traveled to Detroit, MI to conduct research at the Walter P. Reuther Library and Archive of Labor and Urban Affairs.

2011 CLA EMERGING VOICE AWARD RECIPIENT

**JENNIFER PING** (B.A. 1995, history and political science) was selected as one (of three) of the 2011 recipients of the College of Liberal Arts’ Emerging Voice Award. Ms. Ping is a principal for Bose Ping Government Strategies, Inc. The Bose Ping Government Strategies, Inc. routinely assists with lobbying and legislative monitoring, issue management, administrative and regulatory affairs, government procurement contracts and other client advocacy matters assisting businesses, nonprofit organizations, universities and local governments to stay connected with the capitols’ key leaders. The business’ expertise covers broad areas, including: energy, transportation, tax, education, insurance, economic development, FDA, product safety, congressional appropriations, homeland security, agriculture, technology, banking, environment, labor and government contracts.

The Emerging Voice Award recognizes young alumni from the College of Liberal Arts who are achieving their career goals, serving their communities, and representing the College's mission by shaping today's world. The Emerging Voice Award reception was held on September 16, 2011.
The graduating seniors have completed a chapter of their lives and are beginning a new one. Some of the 2011 Department of History graduating seniors have shared what they will be doing after receiving a bachelors’ in History.

STEVEN FILIE became a corps member with Teach for America in Indianapolis. He was selected to teach secondary social studies.

KATRINA GALT began the music program at the University of North Carolina.

ALICIA HRACHOVEC moved to Seattle immediately after graduation to begin her job with the environmental engineering firm Natural Systems Designs. In the fall she began law school at Seattle University School of Law.

BRITTANY POE moved to NYC to pursue her M.A. in Medieval Studies at Fordham University.

LANDON RICHMOND began in fall 2011 at the Indiana University School of Law. Landon played the trumpet in Purdue’s Marching Band.

ELLEN TENNYSON planned on entering the workforce with a goal of teaching history and in the future pursuing a Master’s degree.

JON WRIGHT completed his second degree while working full time in the Administrative Computing Department as the Manager of the Solutions and Support Center supporting the Housing and Food Services. He had completed his first B.S. in Interdisciplinary Science with a minor in History. In the fall he was a non-degree seeking student in the History’s Graduate Program. During the summer he co-presented at the Student Technology Conference at Yale on the Purdue’s Digital Signage initiatives.

“The most important thing to remember is this: to be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become.”

W. E. B. DuBois
Sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, author and editor
MARK K. ABBOTT (M.A. 1979, Ph.D. 1985) was honored with a Governor’s Humanities Award for exemplary community outreach for his work to help the public better understand the unique qualities of various neighborhoods in the Saint Louis area.

DAVID ARNOLD (B.A. 1989) was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and assigned to the Pentagon where he supports the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs.

ROSEMARY ARNOLD (B.A. 2009) received her M.A. in Museum Studies from IUPUI in the spring of 2011. She is currently the Education Programs Manager at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park in Fishers, IN.

BETH ATLAS (B.A. 2010) is currently pursuing a Masters of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.


_____ presented “Adrien Mouton, pensionnaire, v. Charles-Joseph Natoire, director ‘Never will a more singular issue have occupied the court.’” Western Society for French History, Lafayette, LA, October 2010.


CHRIS BLAKE (B.A. 1989) is currently the Manager of Operations at G4S Video Monitoring Support and Datacenter in Burlington, MA.

PATRICK S. BOLAND (B.A. 1990) retired from the Army on September 1, 2011 at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, after 21 years on active duty as a Military Intelligence Officer, including 14 years overseas and combat tours to Boznia-Herzegovina, Iraq, and Afghanistan. After retirement, LTC Boland and his wife, Christina, took residence in Sierra Vista, AZ where he is employed as the Program Manager for Data Systems and Technology, Inc.

JACOB E. BEACH (B.A. 2010, History and Political Science) upon graduating he was offered a position with Advanced Micro Targeting as a Team Leader for the campaign of Victor Chaltiel for Mayor of Las Vegas, NV. After the campaign, he was offered a chance to work in the District Office of Congressman Joe Heck, NV-03. He helped develop social media and outreach strategies as well as helped serve constituents to solve problems they had with federal agencies. In August, he accepted a Communications Specialist position with the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. where he will support the armed forces through strategic and operational communications. He plans on pursuing his Master’s degree.

ROBERT BURKETT (B.A. 1977) is the sole practitioner of Burkett Law Office in Indianapolis. His focus is on insurance disputes and legal malpractice matters. http://www.bobburkettlaw.com
SUSANNA CALKINS (M.A. 1995, Ph.D. 2001) will, in the fall 2012, have published through St. Martin’s Press (Minotaur) the first of her historical mysteries. It is titled Monster at the Gate which is set in seventeenth-century England, during the time of the Plague and the Great Fire of London. The second publication in the series From the Charred Remains will be published in fall 2013.

CULLEN CHANDLER (Ph.D. 2003) Lycoming College Assistant Professor of history was awarded a grant from the Program for Cultural Cooperation (PCC) to support a six-week sabbatical in Barcelona, Spain, where he researched medieval Spanish history and culture. While there he had the opportunity to study scholarly works which included hand produced books from the ninth, tenth and eleventh centuries which are inaccessible outside of Barcelona. The PCC was created by the Spanish Government’s Ministry of Culture and a distinguished group of Hispanists from U.S. academic institutions to promote the study of Spain in the U.S. in the humanities and social sciences.

MICAH CHILDRESS (Ph.D. 2011) accepted a position at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI.

SHERARD CLINKSCALES (B.A. 1994) joined the North Carolina State Department of Athletics in July 2011 as an Associate Director of Athletics. He began at NC State after two years serving as an assistant director of championships for the NCAA at its main head quarters in Indianapolis, IN. He began in administration after a long and distinguished career as an athlete (first-round draft pick of, and played three years for, the Kansas City Royals), coach (assistant baseball coach at Notre Dame from 2006-09) and scout for college (Notre Dame) and professional (Atlanta Braves and Tampa Bay Rays) baseball. While at Purdue, he was a record-setting strikeout ace. He was a three-year starter compiling a 5.01 career ERA and 14-14 record in 41 appearances (36 starts) with 190 strikeouts and 38 more innings pitched (196) than hits allowed (158). He still owns Purdue’s op career strikeout average (8.72 K’s/9 IP), ranks fourth in fewest hits allowed per 9.0 innings and eighth in strikeouts (190, most among three-year players). He also walked on and played for Gene Keady’s 1989-90 basketball team. Mr. Clinkscales is the co-founder of “After Sport Group”, an organization that conducts on-campus career workshops for student-athletes.

TREVOR COLBY (B.A. 1995 history and psychology and minored in women’s studies) currently is working in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as the executive director of His Eyes (www.hiseyes.us). His wife—Valerie—is an optometrist (OD, 1999 from Indiana University) and their two children—Cecilia and Soren (both were born in Honduras) have been in Honduras working with this mission for over 11 years. Their mission work includes church development, clothing ministry, clinic work (medical, dental, optometry, laboratory and counseling), hosting short term groups from abroad and coffee farming.

JAMES COX (B.A. 2009 political science and history) after working for his national fraternity for two years was accepted into graduate school at Indiana University for a Masters Degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs. He is studying at IUPUI and works at Marian University as the Assistant Director for Student Activities and Orientation. He works with student activities, events and programs, advises student organizations and helps coordinate the student orientation programs throughout the year.
ADAM CRIBLEZ (Ph.D. 2008) had his book manuscript “Parading Patriotism: Independence Day Celebrations in the Urban Midwest, 1826-1876” accepted for publication by The Northern Illinois University Press.

EMILY DAWES (B.A. 2009) is studying Middle East History at the American University in Beirut.

NICK DeBOER (B.A. 2011) co-created Cellaflora—an app design company, which was featured on Apple’s “What’s Hot” list for iPhone as featured in Journal & Courier, Campus Section, 29 May 2011.

ELISE DERMINER (Ph.D. 2011) accepted a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Umea University in Sweden where she will work on her new project “Peasants and their Emotions in Early Modern France, 1650-1789.”

___ received a “Bernadotte Schmitt Grant” from the American Historical Association in support of work on an article titled “Emotions of Indebted Peasants in Early Modern France, 1680-1785.”

ADAM DOERR (B.A. 2009) went on a short term mission trip for six week to Uganda before beginning Indiana University’s law school in the fall 2011.

FRED DUTTLINGER (B.A. 2005) completed his M.A. in history at Loyola University in modern and early Europe. He is preparing to begin work on his Ph.D. in American History and gender. He is a captain in the Army.

LAURA M. EDWARDS (B.A. 2001) was made Senior Director of Development for Purdue University’s School of Mechanical Engineering in late March 2011.

LINDSAY LYONS (B.A. 1998) and her husband announced the birth of their first child—Pearce Zane Christopher Fitzpatrick. He was born on May 24, 2011.

MICHAEL GERY (B.A. 1966) retired Executive Assistant to the Governor of Indiana was a speaker at the CLA-GS 300 LA Influentials. This class provides an opportunity for CLA students to meet and network with Liberal Arts alumni who hold leadership positions in a variety of fields.

CHRISTIAN GRIGGS (Ph.D. 2011) accepted a position at Dalton State College in Georgia.


ELEANOR ANN (JACOBSEN) HANEMANN (B.A. 1982) PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 33.

JAMIE HECKER (B.A. 1988) has been in the Washington D.C. area for the past twenty-two years working for the federal government. He worked on Capitol Hill for six years for retired U.S. Representative John Myers, who covered the Purdue area. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Hecker has been working as an information technology (IT) contractor in the intelligence community. He has been able to put his History degree to use in his avocational pursuits. As a fan of the Walt Disney Company and its myriad ventures, he researches and writes articles for the Disney fan magazine Celebrations (www.celebrationspress.com). He lives in Dunn Loring, VA with his wife Suzanne, of seventeen years, and two sons (14 and 11).
ALUMNI NEWS CONTINUES

ELEANOR ANN (JACOBSEN) HANNEMANN (B.A. 1982) and her husband Robert E. (B.S. Chem. Eng.) donated an original panel (Brenda Starr, Reporter circa 1941—below) to the College of Liberal Arts. Mrs. Hannemann’s personal connection to the panel took place when she was a little girl. She was presented the panel by the artist and creator of Brenda Starr-Reporter, Dale Messick (whose real name was Dahlia Messick). Mrs. Hannemann’s father, met Ms. Messick when they both were in Commercial Art at the Chicago Art Institute. Because female cartoonists were not taken seriously by publishers, Mr. Jacobsen mentioned “Dale Messick’s” portfolio to his friends at the Chicago Tribune, which lead to: an invitation to show her work; Ms. Messick being hired; and the June 30, 1940 introduction of Brenda Starr-Reporter. The cartoon ran in the Chicago Tribune for over 70 years until its retirement on January 2, 2011.

MEREDITH HORN (B.A. 2008) received her M.A. in Public history from IUPUI. She is currently working at Carillon Historical Park as an Education Assistant in Dayton, Ohio.

RONALD JOHNSON (Ph.D. 2010) published “A Revolutionary Dinner: U.S. Diplomacy Toward Saint Domingue, 1798-1801” in Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. He is an assistant professor of history at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.
TYLER JOHNSON (Ph.D. 2010) is in his second year as an Associate Professor of history at Philadelphia Biblical University. He attended the SHEAR annual meeting where he was able to catch up with current and former Department of History people. In the spring, his book *Devotion to the Adopted Country: Immigrant Volunteers in the Mexican War* will be published by the University of Missouri Press. He, his wife Karen, and their fourteen-month old daughter Kathryn, are involved in their church and are enjoying the historical and natural sights in and around Philadelphia.

FRED LASH (B.A. 1966) spent twenty years in the Marine Corps as an officer, completing tours of duty in Vietnam, Camp David, and Beirut, Lebanon. He recently left the State Department where he served in the press office to return to his “roots” working at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory in Quantico, VA.

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Todd Jay Leonard (B.A. Spanish and General History 1985; M.A. European history 1987) was recently invited to become a faculty member in the Graduate School at Fukuoka University of Education, Japan. He will begin teaching graduate courses and overseeing graduate students' theses research beginning in April 2012. Leonard was promoted to full-professor in April 2011 in the Faculty of Education, where he is a member of the *International Language and Culture Section*. He has lived in Japan for 22-years and has written numerous academic articles and is the author of 20 books in the areas of education, English as a Foreign Language, history and culture. His most recent books include *American Traditions: A Cross-Cultural Skills-Based Reader of Essays* (2009, Macmillan Language House) and *British Traditions: Reading Insights into UK Culture* (co-authored with Dr. Lynne Parmenter) (2010, Macmillan Language House). He also presented the paper “The Passionsspiele Oberammergau: Efforts to Reform Anti-Semitic Elements in the World's Most Famous Religious Melodrama” at the 2011 conference for the Scientific Study of Religion-Southwest (ASSR-SW) in conjunction with the parent organization, the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS). He can be reached at: leonard@fukuoka-edu.ac.jp and his website is: www.toddjayleonard.com

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BRANDON MARIE MILLER (B.A. 1976) has published her tenth history book for young people - *Thomas Jefferson for Kids, His Life and Times* (Chicago Review Press). Reviews of her book include one from R. B. Bernstein, Jefferson author and Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law: “Altogether admirable, Brandon Marie Miller has written a concise, graceful, and accessible biography that carries lightly an astonishing amount of information and insight. This book is illuminating and brimming with respect for its subject and its readers. The activities are well-chosen to give young readers a sense of what Thomas Jefferson’s world was like. Highly, and delightedly, recommended.”

She has also started a blog with two other nonfiction writers called *Hands-On-Books*. She will share insights into history and her writing. (http://hands-on-books.blogspot.com)

Ms. Miller is currently working on a young adult book about women of the Old West.

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LAURA NEWMAN (B.A. 1980) is pursuing a Master of Liberal Studies degree at Rice University in Houston, TX.

COLONEL P. MICHAEL PHILLIPS (B.A. 1987-European history) formerly a senior Pakistan politico-military advisor on The Joint Chief of Staff, has been reassigned as Deputy Director for Intelligence, National joint Operations/Intelligence Center in the Pentagon. Colonel Phillips, his wife, Jennifer Lynn (n. Ancil) Phillips (B.A. Ind Mgmt 1989) and their three children make their home in Gettysburg, PA.

BARBARA (EGERTON) RHINEHART (B.A. 1968, M.A. 1969) retired several years ago from Southeast Arkansas College where she was the North Central Self-Study Coordinator, and taught psychology and sociology. She has been the Past President and Lt. Governor of Kiwanis, Past District Governor of Toastmasters International, Secretary of the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, served on the Advisory Council of the local Salvation Army, and President of the Three Rivers Audubon Society. Currently, she serves two Arkansas State chairmanships and is the local Girls State Chairman, which is a function of being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.
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LEON SCHWEIR (B.A., 1974) has been hired by Versus as executive producer and senior vice president of production.

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ALICE SMEDSTAD (B.A. 1971) was featured in the article “Merrillville Woman Reconstructs the Lives of the Men and Women Buried at a Local Cemetery” in The NWI Times, 17 April 2011. She has documented at least thirty-one Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery.

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EDDIE Van BOGAERT (B.A. 2011) co-created Cellaflora—an app design company, which was featured on Apple’s “What’s Hot” list for iPhone as featured in Journal & Courier, Campus Section, 29 May 2011.

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STEVEN WAGNER (Ph.D. 1999) Professor of history at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Missouri, will spend the fall semester of 2012 teaching in London as a participant in CAPA International Education’s Missouri London Program.

TED WILLIAMS (B.A. 1969, American history & Political Science) serves a Regional Counsel for two Fortune 500 companies, is national counsel for a Fortune 100 corporation and has represented the Canadian Province of Ontario as Crown Counsel. In the fall 2011, he was a speaker at the CLA-GS 300 LA Influentials. This class provides an opportunity for CLA students to meet and network with Liberal Arts alumni who hold leadership positions in a variety of fields.