The Department of History proudly features

Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana, sworn in to office May 15, 2012
(B.S. in History 1964)

&

Loretta H. Rush
Justice of Indiana Supreme Court, sworn in to office November 7, 2012
(B.A. in History 1980)

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Greetings from the Department of History. The past year flew by in a whirlwind of departmental activities. Indeed, it was incredibly productive. You will see in the pages that follow that the students, faculty, and alumni had considerable achievements both professionally and personally. Our undergraduate and graduate students earned a host of awards, published their work, and delivered a battery of conference papers. The History faculty members were similarly busy and earned prestigious grants, published articles, essays and books, and immeasurably enhanced their reputations as scholars in the respective fields as well as brought further credit to the College of Liberal Arts and Purdue University. On behalf of the Department of History, let me say that we always look forward to hearing from our friends and alumni, and we encourage you to communicate with us at any time. You will see that our friends and alumni pursued challenging and exciting careers and added several more potential history majors to their families. We hope that you enjoy our newsletter and until the next one arrives we wish you good reading!

R. Douglas Hurt
Professor of U.S. History, Fellow of the Agricultural History Society and Department of History’s Head

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Brent E. Dickson, Chief Justice, 100th Chief Justice of Indiana (B.S. History-1964)

Brent E. Dickson was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in January 1986 by Governor Robert D. Orr. Prior to his appointment he served seventeen years as a general practice lawyer in Lafayette, Indiana, where he earned certification as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He became Chief Justice of Indiana on May 15, 2012. Justice Dickson's writings, speeches, and activities reflect his longstanding interests in fostering attorney civility, preserving and enhancing the jury trial system, developing and encouraging mediation, and promoting the study and application of state constitutional law. Working to enforce and enhance the high standards of the legal profession, he has long served as the court's liaison to its Disciplinary Commission and Board of Law Examiners. He is co-founder of the Sagamore Chapter of the American Inns of Court in Indianapolis, an elected member of the American Law Institute, a registered mediator, and has been an active participant in a host of local, state, and national judicial and legal organizations. For more than ten years, Justice Dickson served as an adjunct professor teaching an evening course in Indiana Constitutional Law at both Indiana University's Mauer School of Law in Bloomington and its Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. During his tenure as a justice, he also has helped the court tackle the challenges of digital technology and the interrelationship between privacy and openness of court records in light of the advent of the Internet by serving as chair of the Supreme Court Records Management Committee, the Judicial Data Processing Oversight Committee, and the Task Force on Access to Court Records. Justice Dickson and his wife, Jan Aikman Dickson, have three adult sons and nine grandchildren. Mrs. Dickson is founder of the Judicial Family Institute. Chief Justice Dickson was born in Gary, Indiana, in 1941. He was educated at public schools in Hobart, Indiana; Purdue University (B.S. history, 1964); and Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D. 1968).


Loretta H. Rush was elected to the Tippecanoe Superior Court #3 in Lafayette, IN in 1998. She focused on juvenile cases which included guardianships, delinquencies, adoptions and protective order hearings. She served as chair of the Indiana Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee which allowed her to be closely involved with statutory and regulatory efforts on the improvement and standardizing child welfare practices in Indiana. Justice Rush’s involvement in many diverse efforts to improve the justice system include: serving as chair of the Indiana Court Improvement Program Executive Committee; three times she represented Indiana at the National Judicial Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children; she serves on the Indiana Supreme Court Judicial Technology and Automation Committee; and, she is the president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The Council is a group of 113 Indiana judges and magistrates who have juvenile and family law jurisdiction. She has been a volunteer judge for the Indiana University, Mauer School of Law’s moot court competition; she speaks to local school children about the court system and assists with programs that address issues of bullying, social isolation, teen violence and discrimination. Her career, before becoming a judge in the Tippecanoe Superior Court, began as an associate, then a partner, in the firm of Reiling, Teder, Withered and Rush in Lafayette. Her general practice focused on family law, business, corporate and probate cases. She was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Govern Mitch Daniels to replace Justice Frank E. Sullivan Jr. who retired in July. She and her husband, Jim Rush, are the parents of four children. She received her B.A. (1980) from Purdue University’s Department of History and her law degree from the Indiana University, Mauer School of Law.
Assistant Professor David Atkinson joined the department in 2011. Specializing in U.S. Foreign Relations, Professor Atkinson has taught “Historical Topics: The U.S. in the World”, “U.S. Foreign Affairs to WWI”, “U.S. Foreign Affairs WWI to present”, “United States since 1877” and the “Reading Seminar in American History: Americans in the World”. Professor Atkinson’s book *In Theory and In Practice: Harvard’s Center for International Affairs, 1958-1983* was published by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs/Harvard University Press (2008). He is currently working on *The Burdens of White Supremacy and the Global Politics of Asian Immigration Restriction*. This book analyzes the domestic, imperial, and international tensions engendered by Asian immigration restrictions in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, southern Africa, and the United States from 1896 to 1924. Professor Atkinson received his B.A. from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom in American Studies, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Boston University in History.
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY WELCOMES TRACY “T.J.” BOISSEAU – DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Tracy “T.J.” Boisseau began her appointment as Director of Purdue University’s Women’s Studies Program and Associate Professor of History in August, 2012. Professor Boisseau received her Ph.D. from Binghamton University (SUNY, State University of New York), specializing in U.S. women’s history, African-American women’s history and Middle-Eastern women’s studies. She came to Purdue from the University of Akron, Akron, OH where she was an associate professor contributing to campus-wide leadership in various roles: Chair of Women’s Studies Bylaws Committee; Chair of Committee for Research on Women/Gender (CROW); Chair of the AHO Committee on Interdisciplinary and Global Studies; Faculty co-Advisor for Graduate-CROW; member of the Academic Board of the Center for Conflict Studies, and member of the Pan-African Studies Committee. She is the author of several books including *White Queen: May French Sheldon and the Imperial Origins of American Feminist Identity* (IU Press, 2004) and she edited a critical edition of May French Sheldon’s *Sultan to Sultan: Adventures among the Masai and other Tribes*.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY WELCOMES TWO HISTORY PH.D. GRADUATES AS ON-LINE LECTURERS

Dorotheé Bouquet is a summer 2012 Ph.D. graduate and Coreen Derifield is a spring 2012 Ph.D. graduate from the Department of History. They both taught on-line courses during the fall 2012.

Dorotheé Bouquet received her B.A. from Université de Rouen, France, her M.A. from Université Marc Bloch Strasbourg II and Ph.D. from Purdue University’s Department of History in Modern European History. Upon graduating, she accepted a Continuing Lecturer position with the Department of History and Continuing Education. Dr. Bouquet taught HIST 104 *Introduction of the Modern World* and HIST 152 *U.S. since 1877* on-line.

Coreen Derifield received her B.A. from Iowa State University, M.A. from Western Michigan University, and her 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. Derifield taught HIST 152 *U.S. since 1877* on-line courses.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY SAYS “FAREWELL AND ALL THE BEST!”

**DARREN DOCHUK** (Professor of U.S. history) began his new responsibilities the beginning of the fall semester at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, WA.

**KARA KVARAN** (Ph.D. 2011) was a Limited-Term Lecture who taught HIST 152. She accepted a lectureship in the Women’s Studies program at the University of Akron, Akron, OH.

**KAREN SONNELITTER** (Ph.D. 2011) was a Continuing Lecturer who taught HIST 104 and 152. She accepted a visiting assistant professorship in the Department of History at Siena College, Loudonville, NY.

The Department of History wishes the best to Drs. Dochuk, Kvaran and Sonnelitter with their futures.
DAVID ATKINSON (Professor of U.S. history) was awarded a Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant. The grant allowed him to work on a book proposal entitled *The Burdens of White Supremacy and the Global Politics of Asian Immigration Restriction*.

TITHI BHATTACHARYA (Professor of global history) received a Study Abroad and International Education grant from Purdue University.

TRACY “TJ” BOISSEAU (Professor of U.S. women’s history and Director of Women’s Studies Program) and ALICIA DECKER (Professor of global history and Women’s Studies) received a grant from the Office of Engagement to help support their project titled “The Change We Wish to See: Women’s Studies as Anchor and Bridge between India and Purdue University.”

CORNELIUS BYNUM (Professor of U.S. history) was named Associate Director of African American Studies and Research Center. He was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. He was honored to have Tuskegee Airman Colonel Charles McGee as a guest speaker during the events of Purdue’s Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron exhibit (October 10-13) to honor the WWII Tuskegee Airmen.

SUSAN CURTIS (Professor of U.S. history) was appointed the Maxwell C. Weiner Distinguished Visiting Professor of History at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. She will be in residence at the university during the spring semester of 2013.

DARREN DOCHUK (Professor of U.S. history) received the Ellis W. Hawley Prize from the Organization of American Historians.

JENNIFER FORAY (Professor of European history) received a Purdue Research Foundation International Travel Grant to attend the 2012 European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, April 11-14, 2012. She was named a seminar faculty member of the Seventh International Seminar on Decolonization in the 20th Century, hosted by the Library of Congress, Washington D.C., July 8-August 2, 2012.

She received a fellowship from the Remarque Institute of New York University for the spring 2013. She received a Purdue Library Scholars Grant which allowed her to spend the fall 2012 in the Netherlands, where she conducted research for her next book which examines the legacies of Dutch decolonization. In Amsterdam, she visited archives and special collections, at the NIOD Institute of War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies, the Historical Documentation Center for Dutch Protestantism and the office of publication *Vrij Nederland;* in The Hague she visited the National Archives.

She was promoted to associate professor and received tenure.
NANCY GABIN (Professor of U.S. history) received the CLA Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award for 2011-2012.

_____ was one of six university faculty to receive the University’s 2012 Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

_____ was named Interim Director of CLA’s American Studies program.

STACY HOLDEN (Professor of global history) was awarded a year-long sabbatical starting in fall 2012.

_____ received a Purdue University Library Scholars Grant which supported her research travel to Morocco where she spent six weeks in the archives during the summer 2012. She was finishing research on a book regarding historic preservation as a colonial policy in French Morocco between 1912 and 1942.

_____ received a grant from the Romance Writers of America to research and write an article on the representations of political systems in the Arab world in romance novels published since 9/11.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor of European history) received a grant from the Global Policy Research Institute to continue his work with the Scholars’ Initiative.

_____ served as the Smithsonian’s representative making presentations at the British House of Commons in London, England and at the Georg-Eckert-Institut in Braunschweig, Germany, meeting with NATO Supreme Command at SHAPE HQ in Mons, Belgium and representatives at The Hague, promoted the Scholars’ Initiative in Serbia and Croatia and was the Smithsonian’s representative on a Rhine-Main-Danube river cruise. May-July 2012.

CAROLINE JANNEY (Professor of U.S. history) was appointed a co-editor of the Civil War America Series at the University of North Carolina Press.

_____ was named a University Faculty Scholar.

_____ was reappointed as a Distinguished Lecturer for the Organization of American Historians. Her second three-year term began May 2012.

REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ (Professor of European history) was appointed to the Steering Committee of the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History.

DAWN MARSH (Professor of U.S. history) was invited to teach three history courses for a six-week session at Nanjing University, Nanjing, China during the summer. She taught U.S. History Survey to Civil War, U.S. History Survey since Civil War and Twentieth Century World History.

MICHAEL MORRISON’S (Professor of U.S. history) HIST 371 “History of Rock ‘n Roll and Society was named “Best Class” in the February 16, 2012 Exponent’s Reader Choice issue.
FACULTY HONORED CONTINUES

**LAWRENCE MYKYTIUK** (Professor of Library Science—History Librarian) won Purdue University Libraries Second Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2012.

**YVONNE PITTS** (Professor of U.S. history) was appointed to the University LGBTQ Advisory Board.

**RANDY ROBERTS** (Distinguished Professor of U.S. history) was named Runner-Up Best Purdue Professor in the February 16, 2012 *Exponent’s Reader Choice* issue.

_____ received a Study Abroad and International Education grant from Purdue University.

**MELINDA ZOOK** (Professor of European history) was named director of the Interdisciplinary program Religious Studies.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

**DAVID ATKINSON** (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Trans-national America: Randolph Bourne Between the Melting Pot and the Mosaic” at a Public Roundtable on “The Mosaic vs. the Melting Pot? Myths and Realities of Cultural Pluralism in Canada and the United States,” Glendon College, Toronto, Canada, October 20, 2012.


_____ presented “Consolidating Whiteness on the Pacific Rim: The 1924 Johnson-Reed Act in Transnational Perspective” at the British Association for American Studies Annual Meeting, Manchester University, UK, April 14, 2012.

_____ presented “The 1908 London Olympics and Anglo-American Relations” to the Purdue History Organization, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, March 8, 2012.

**T. J. BOISSEAU** (Professor of U.S. women’s history and Director of Women’s Studies) presented “Women’s Studies: A Coming of Age Story in Three Parts” at the Women’s Studies Noon Lecture Series, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, September 5, 2012.

**JOHN CONTRENI** (Professor of European history) presented “Getting to Know Virgil in the Carolingian Age” in honor of Thomas F. X. Noble at the 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI May 10, 2012.

_____ presented “A Fresh Look at Hervagen’s *Bridferti Ramesiensis Glossae*: the glosses on Bede’s *De natura rerum*” at the Fourth International Conference on the Science of Computus, Moore Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway, Galway, Ireland, July 14, 2012.

**SUSAN CURTIS** (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Narrative Arc and Archival Research Strategies in Writing Biographies from the Margins” at the Purdue University College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Symposium on “Life Stories” sponsored by the CLA “Enhancing Research in the Humanities and Arts” Initiative, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, August 30, 2012.
CHARLES CUTTER (Professor of global history) presented “The Challenge of Transatlantic Biography” at the Purdue University College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Symposium on “Life Stories” sponsored by the CLA “Enhancing Research in the Humanities and Arts” Initiative, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, August 30, 2012.

ALICIA DECKER (Professor of global history and women’s studies) presented, with ADRIANNA LOZANO (Ph.D. in global history), “Women’s Studies in Uganda: Rethinking the Possibilities of Feminist Study Abroad” at the Women’s Studies Noon Lecture Series, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, September 26, 2012.

RAY DUMETT (Professor of global history) presented “International Mining Tycoons in the Age of Empires” at the Museum Historical Society of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

JENNIFER FORAY (Professor of European history) presented a conference paper at the 9th European Social Science History Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, April 11-14, 2012.

____ lectured at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam, the Department of History at Royal Holloway University of London, and Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, March 13, 2012.

STACY HOLDEN (Professor of global history) presented “Muslim and Jewish Interaction in Moroccan Meat Markets, 1873-1912” at the Jewish Studies Noon Lecture and Discussion Series, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, February 8, 2012.

____ presented two papers at the Sixth Biennial Urban History Association conference in New York City in October and at the Middle East Studies Association Conference in Denver in November. The papers explored the colonial tensions caused by the 1935 construction of a mausoleum for the first Resident General Hubert Lyautey in the French colony Rabat, Morocco.

DOUGLAS HURT (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Teaching Agricultural History at Land-Grant Institutions” at the conference “Thinking Land Grants: A Celebration of its 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Land-Grant Act.” Mississippi State University, October 4, 2012.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor of European history) made a presentation in the British House of Commons to members of Parliament’s Cyprus caucus, pertinent government officials and academic specialists, London, England.

____ presented “Weapons of Mass Instruction” at the Georg-Eckert-Institut, Braunschweig, Germany.

____ presented five lectures on early modern and central European history as the Smithsonian’s representative on a Rhine-Main-Danube river cruise.

CAROLINE JANNEY (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Remembering the American Civil War: Reunion and the Problems of Reconciliation” at the 2012 Faculty Development Center Fellows Presentations, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, November 5, 2012.
REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ (Professor of European History) presented “The Great Greater Lafayette Jewish Scavenger Hunt” at the Jewish Studies Program Noon Lecture Series, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, March 7, 2012. This presentation featured the work of undergraduate students Jennifer McVeigh and Rachel Levine.

_____ “Jews Between the Nationalities” for the roundtable A Shared and Contested Past: Hungary and Slovakia since 1918 at the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) convention, New Orleans, LA, November 2012.


DAWN MARSH (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Wiping Away the Tears: Beyond Battlefield Commemorations” at the CLA Faculty Development Center Fellows Presentations, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, April 10, 2012.

_____ presented “Needles in a Haystack: Sifting, Negotiating and Imagining Indigenous Women’s History” at the Women’s Studies Noon Lecture Series, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, November 14, 2012.

ROBERT MAY (Professor of U.S. history) presented “Caribbeanizing the 1860 U.S. Presidential Campaign: Stephen Douglas, Cuba, and Saving the Union” at the Southern Historical Association Conference, Mobil, AL, November.

_____ made presentations to various groups including the Tippecanoe/Benton and Carroll Counties Retired Teachers Association throughout the year.


RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor of U. S. History) presented the keynote conference address “Sport, Race, and Ethnicity,” Belfast, Ireland, June 2012.

Yvonne Pitts

WHITNEY WALTON (Professor of European history) presented “Jacqueline Kennedy and the Performance of Frenchness: A Biographical Fragment” at the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Symposium on “Life Stories” sponsored by the CLA “Enhancing Research in the Humanities and Arts” Initiative, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN, August 30, 2012.


MELINDA ZOOK (Professor of European history) presented “Women, Anglican Orthodoxy, and the Church in the Age of Danger” at the Women, Ideas, and the Economy in Early Modern Europe Conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

_____ presented comment on “Occupy Whitehall: Late Stuart Politics and National Identity” at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, San Marina, CA, April 2012.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

TRACY “TJ” BOISSEAU (Professor of U.S. women’s history and Director of Women’s Studies Program) published “Kiss-Kiss, Bang-Bang Nation: Hollywood and the En-Gendering of Modernity in the Youth of the Early Turkish Republic.” The Transnational Turn in American Studies: Turkey and the United States edited by Tanfer Emin Tunc and Bahar Gursel (Peter Lang, 2012).


ALICIA DECKER (Professor of global history) and MAURICIO CASTRO (Ph.D. student in U.S. history) published “Teaching History with Comic Books: A Case Study of Violence, War and the Graphic Novel.” The History Teacher (February 2012).

RAY DUMET (Professor of global history) published “Parallel Mining Frontiers in the Gold Coast and Asante,” Mining Frontiers in Africa, eds. T. Gratz and K. Werthman (Ruediger Koepp Verlag, Cologne, Germany, 2012).

SALLY HASTINGS (Professor of global history) published “Mount Holyoke College: Teachers to Japan, Students from Japan,” Asian Cultural Studies (2012).

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS CONTINUES


YVONNE PITTS (Professor of U.S. history) published “Disability, Scientific Authority, and Women’s Political Participation at the Turn of the Twentieth-Century United States.” *Journal of Women’s History* (Summer 2012).

RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor of U.S. History) published *Joe Louis: Hard Times Man.* (Yale University Press, 2010; paper back 2012).


FACULTY BOOKS

HOLDEN, STACY (Professor of global history) published *A Documentary History of Modern Iraq.* (University Press of Florida, 2012).


DAVID ATKINSON (Professor of U.S. history) was interviewed on the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, “Indy Morning News Show,” WIBC-Radio, Indianapolis, IN, October 16, 2012.

CORNELIUS BYNUM (Professor in U.S. history) was featured on the PBS show “History Detectives” on July 24, 2012.

JOHN CONTRENI (Professor of European history) was featured in “Former Liberal Arts Dean Reminds University of Morrill Act’s Purpose.” *The Purdue Exponent*, July 2, 2012.
JENNIFER FORAY (Professor of European history) was featured in “Eye of the Beholder.” *CLA Think Magazine*, Summer 2012.

SALLY HASTINGS (Professor of global history) was featured in “Students, Faculty Debate Grading Scale.” *The Purdue Exponent*, February 6, 2012.

R. DOUGLAS HURT (Professor of U.S. history and Department Head) was featured in “2012 Drought Surprises and Reminds People of Past, Says Ag Historian.” *Purdue Today*, August 2, 2012.

_____ was featured in “Purdue prof serves as adviser, historian for Ken Burns Dust Bowl documentary.” *Purdue Today*, November 12, 2012.

_____ was featured in “History professor aids in PBS documentary.” *The Exponent*, November 20, 2012.

CHARLES INGRAO (Professor of European history) was featured in “A Quest for World Peace.” *CLA Think Magazine*, Summer 2012.

JOHN LARSON (Professor and Director of Graduate Education) was featured in “Technology Makes Cheating Easier.” *The Purdue Exponent*, August 31, 2012.

RANDY ROBERTS (Distinguished Professor of U.S. History) was featured in “Film Recalls September 11th Attacks.” *The Purdue Exponent*, January 31, 2012.

_____ was featured in “Prof: Rewriting History By Altering Penn State Record is Risky.” *Purdue Today*, July 30, 2012.

_____ was featured in “Sports historian: Boxing close to being down for the count in U.S.” *Purdue Today*, December 7, 2012.

“True education is a kind of never ending story — a matter of continual beginnings, of habitual fresh starts, of persistent newness.”

J. R. R. Tolkien (1892-1973) English author, poet and academic professor
MEMORIALS

DONALD J. BERTHRONG (Professor Emeritus in History) died July 30, 2012. In 1970, Professor Berthrong left the department head position of the University of Oklahoma’s Department of History, to take the responsibilities of department head of Purdue’s Department of History. He resigned as head in 1985 and retired in 1991. Professor Berthrong’s specialty was the trans-Mississippi West with a great interest in the Southern Cheyenne. Because he was recognized by many of the members of the tribe and his peers for his meticulous research, he was called upon as a consultant and expert witness before the Indian Claims Commission involving the Southern Cheyenne and Native-American tribes of northern Indiana and southern Michigan. Professor Berthrong served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II. He was buried next to his wife of sixty years, Rhio Berthrong, at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.

GORDON R. MORK (Professor Emeritus in History) died April 27, 2012. Professor Mork joined the Department of History in 1970, serving as department head from 1998 to 2003 and retiring in 2010. His achievements, which were numerous and influential to the university/college and community, included: becoming the third director of the HSSE/LA Honors Program, working with Professor Gordon Young in establishing the Purdue’s Jewish Studies Program and being a constant contributor to the community’s annual Holocaust Remembrance Conference. His honors included: The Amoco Foundation Award, appointment to Purdue’s Teaching Academy, selection for Purdue’s Book of Great Teachers and in 2006 becoming an honorary member of Mortar Board. Throughout his teaching career, he took numerous students on study abroad trips to Europe. In 1975-76, he served as resident director of the Purdue University-Indiana University Study Program at Germany’s Hamburg University. Professor Mork was very involved in teaching adult learning courses for Wabash Area Lifetime Learning (WALLA) and was a lecturer for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. A research interest he enjoyed sharing was on the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany and twentieth-century Europe. His publications included Modern Western Civilization: A Concise History; and AP European History: Free Response Questions. He was very involved in community activities as a Board of Governors of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, a board member of the Scottish 42nd Royal Highlanders reenactment group (he was known for his talents on the bagpipe), member of the Fortnightly Literary Society and a long time supporter of the Perrin Neighborhood Association and various positions at Central Presbyterian Church.

GORDON D. YOUNG (Professor Emeritus in History) died July 12, 2012. He came to Purdue in 1966 to build a curriculum in Ancient Near Eastern Studies. In 1982, with Professor Gordon Mork, he established the Jewish Studies Program, serving twice as its director (1994-1997 and 2002-2005) and served for more than two decades on its Executive Committee. He also served on the Editorial Board of the program’s scholarly journal, Shofar, an Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies. He was a founding member and past president of the Midwest Historical Society, a past president and frequent officer of the Middle West Branch of the American Oriental Society, a member of the Midwest Historical Society and the Biblical Archaeology Society, and a founding member and frequent officer in the Midwest Jewish Studies Association. Not only did he teach Ancient History, Ancient Israel and the Ancient Near East, but he offered unique classes in Akkadian, Hieroglyphics and Ugaritic. Many of his students participated in his Study Abroad tours to Israel, Greece, Turkey and Egypt. For his teaching, he was recognized with the CLA Excellence in Teaching Award and was inducted into the Book of Great Teachers. Always the teacher, he became involved in teaching adult learning courses for Wabash Area Lifetime Learning (WALLA) after his retirement in 2009.
NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

INTRODUCING THE NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Andrew Bell** received his B.A. in history from Northern Iowa University. He is pursuing his doctorate in U.S. history. His interest is the cross-section between culture, religion, politics and sexuality in postwar American society.

**Renée Gaarder** received her B.A. from the University of Idaho in vocal and music history; her M.A. in musicology from BYU. She is pursuing her M.A. in modern European and American history. Her interest is in the cultural history of music.

**Kristen Thomasberger Higginbotham** received her B.A. in history from IU-South Bend. She is pursuing her M.A. in U.S. history. Her interest is the history of American agriculture.

**Dane Lawson** received his B.A. in international relations at the University of Western Ontario. He is pursuing his M.A. in European history. His interest is German economic policy in the 20th century.

**Daniel Racke** received his B.A. in history from Hillsdale College in Michigan. He is pursuing his M.A. in European history. His interest is in European colonization and imperialism.

**Zachary Schulz** received his B.A. in history from University of Missouri-Columbia. He is pursuing his M.A. in European history. His interest is in medieval and early European history.

**Anne Christine Snider** received her B.A. and M.A. at Cal State University, Sacramento CA. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in European history. Her interest is in Eastern Central Europe and the Balkans.

**Mindy Jasmund Welks** received her B.A. and M.S. from Purdue University. She is a non-degree student studying religion and the history of religion.

**Jon Wright** received his B.S. from Purdue University. He is pursuing his M.A. in U.S. history. His interests include the history of science and technology, and various digital humanities initiatives.
### HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION’S (HGSA) OFFICERS

**ACTING PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT**—Rachel Steeley (M.A., U.S. history)  
**SECRETARY**—Mark Otto (M.A., European history)  
**AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE**—Brian Alberts (Ph.D., U.S. history)  
**EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE**—Matt Schownir (M.A., European history)  
**GLOBAL REPRESENTATIVE**—Leanne Skirzynski (M.A., European history)  
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**REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE**—Max Rieger (Ph.D., U.S. history)  
**FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE**—Renee Gaarder (M.A., U.S. history)

### M. A. AND PH.D. GRADUATES OF 2012

#### SPRING 2012 GRADUATES
- Brittany Bayless Fremion—Ph.D.  
- Coreen Derifield—Ph.D.  
- Ryan Guard—M.A.  
- Erica Morin—Ph.D.  
- Kelly Schimmel—Ph.D.

#### SUMMER 2012 GRADUATES
- Dorothée Bouquet—Ph.D.  
- John Kennedy—M.A.

#### FALL 2012 GRADUATES
- John David Schlosser—Ph.D.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS – HONORS

**MAURICIO CASTRO** (Ph.D., U.S. history) received a Research Fellowship from the University of Miami to support his work in the Cuban Heritage Collection.

_____ was a recipient of the Department of History’s Woodman Research Grant.

_____ was a recipient of the Purdue Research Foundation Fellowship.

_____ received a Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant.

_____ received a Mood Research Grant from the LBJ Foundation to conduct research at the LBJ Presidential Library.

_____ received an Abba Schwartz Fellowship to conduct research at the John F. Kennedy Library.
AMAL CAVENDER (Ph.D., global history) taught courses titled “History of Islamic Architecture” during the summer at the IUPUI-Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN.

ANGELA GHIONEA (Ph.D., European history) received the Bilsland-Puskas Fellowship for 2011-2012. Previously she received the Purdue fellowship in 2010-2011.

_____ accepted an adjunct position at Indiana University Northwest for the spring 2012 semester.

AMY HARRIS (Ph.D., European history) received the 2012 Bernice A. Carroll Award for the best paper by a graduate student for “God Created Us to Be Different: Discourses of Citizenship, African Identity and Gay Lesbian Activism in Contemporary South Africa.”

_____ received the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference Travel Scholarship from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Purdue University, 2012.

JOSHUA JEFFERS (Ph.D., U.S. history) received a Scholarly Research Fellowship to support his work at the Kentucky Historical Society.

TIMOTHY LOMBARDO (Ph.D., U.S. history) was awarded the Graduate Student Research Award from Purdue’s Center for Diversity Inclusion.

_____ was awarded a Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship from the Graduate School.

ADRIANNA LOZANO (Ph.D., global history) was awarded a Purdue Global Synergies Grant.

JACQUELINE-BETHEL TCHOUTA MOUGOUÉ (Ph.D., global history) was a Visiting Scholar in the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University during the summer and fall 2012.

_____ received a research grant from the Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries to support her dissertation research, April 2012

_____ was interviewed by Sahara TV about her dissertation research in Cameroon.

_____ received the Committee for Education of Teaching Assistants Teaching Award, Purdue University, April 2012.

JEFF PERRY (Ph.D., U.S. history) received a research fellowship from the Filson Historical Society.

_____ received a fellowship to conduct research at the Kentucky Historical Society.

PATRICK POSPISEK (Ph.D., U.S. history) received a Graduate Student Travel Grant from the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.

_____ received a research grant from the Mining History Association.
SHIRLEY HUNTER SMITH (Ph.D., U.S. history) is an Adjunct Professor at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN.

_____ teaches in the College of Adult and Professional Studies at various onsite locations throughout Indiana, and on-line for Indiana Wesleyan.

_____ is serving as an Adjunct Professor in History in the on-line program at Bryan College, Dayton, TN.

_____ accepted an invitation to serve as a reader in the field of U.S. history on behalf of the 2012 College Board’s Advanced Placement Program (AP), Louisville, KY, June 1-7, 2012.

LIBERTY SPROAT (Ph.D., European history) received a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of History to participate in the intensive Indonesian language program in Malang, Indonesia, summer 2012.

BRANDON WARD (Ph.D., U.S. history) received a Research Travel Fellowship from Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan for his dissertation, “Detroit Wild: Race, Labor, and the Postwar Origins of Environmental Justice, 1945-1980.”

_____ received the Sam Fishman Travel Grant from the Walter P. Reuther Library and Archive of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University for his dissertation research.

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

_____ received a grant from the Labor and Working-Class History Association to travel to the 2012 Organization of American Historians annual meeting to present a paper entitled “The United Auto Workers, Urban Politics, and the Origins of Environmental Justice in Detroit, 1971-1976.”


MICHAEL CHORNESKY (Ph.D., U.S. history) presented “Visceral History: Interpreting Independence National Historical Park” at the 2012 IAH Annual Conference, Hanover College, Hanover, IN, February 2012.


_____ presented “In Search of the Real Diplomatic Revolution: A Historiography of American Indian Tribal Relationships with the Empires of France and Britain in the Seven Years War” at the 2012 University of Illinois-Chicago Graduate Student Symposium, Chicago, IL, October 2012.
GRADUATE STUDENTS – PRESENTATIONS CONTINUES

ADRIANNA LOZANO (Ph.D., global history) was the moderator for the roundtable session “Study Abroad and Service-Learning in the Global South: Feminist/Womenist Reflections at the National Women’s Studies Association, Oakland, CA, November 2012.


____ presented “Intellectual Diaspora, Gender, and Nation” at the Columbia Graduate Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 10-11, 2012.


SHIRLEY HUNTER SMITH (Ph.D., U.S. history) presented “February 1862: Indiana’s Role in the Fall of Fort Donelson” to the Horseshoe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Noblesville, IN, May 9, 2012.

____ presented “New Jersey Signers of the Declaration of Independence: Did They Really Believe ‘all men are created equal’?” to the Manitou Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Rochester, IN, May 14, 2012.


LIBERTY SPROAT (Ph.D., European history) presented “Mothers United, Mothers Divided: Relationships Between Women’s Organizations in Post-WWI Netherlands Indies” at the Women’s Organizations and Female Activists in the Aftermath of the First World War: Moving Across Borders Conference at Hamline University, St. Paul MN, May 2012.

____ presented ”Performing Citizenship: Women’s Tools of Political Participation in the Dutch East Indies” at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, January 2012.

GRADUATE STUDENTS – PUBLICATIONS


MAURICIO CASTRO (Ph.D., U.S. history) and ALICIA DECKER (Professor of global history and women’s studies) published “Teaching History with Comic Books: A Case Study of Violence, War and the Graphic Novel.” The History Teacher (February 2012).

ANGELA GHIONEA (Ph.D., European history) had her book manuscript “Medicine, Alchemy, Science and the Occult in European Thought” accepted by the Cambridge Scholars Publishing.


OFFICERS OF UNDERGRADUATE ORGANIZATIONS

Purdue History Organization
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(Associate Professor of European history)

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY’S HONORS PROGRAM

The History Honors Program was launched in 2008 to provide an opportunity for advanced History majors to research and write an original piece of historical scholarship, working closely with a faculty member. Its success has made it the flagship of the Liberal Arts Honors program.

The program begins in fall semester with HIST 421 Honors Historical Research taught by the Director, Professor Melinda Zook. This course is designed to introduce students to the tools of the historian’s craft. Students investigate the various interpretative approaches to history as well as discuss the work of various historians, examining how they build their arguments, the sources they use, and the habits of good writing. In the spring semester, students register for HIST422 Honors Thesis Research which offers them 3 credit hours but is not actually a class with meeting times. Rather, students work closely with their faculty mentor and write a 45- to 50-page historical essay based on their research. At the end of the spring semester, students provide an oral defense of their thesis and present their work to the History faculty, members of the Purdue community, and students’ families at a forum.

History Honors can offer aspiring young historians, fellowship with other like-minded students and the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member in an area of history about which both professor and student are enthusiastic. Topics investigated by Honors students have included: The Persecution of German-Americans during World War I; Witchcraft in the Later Middle Ages; the Nineteenth-Century London Metropolitan Police; and the Navy Seals in Desert Storm. The Honors program has been particularly successful at preparing students for graduate school. Honors students have obtained admittance and fellowships to first-rate graduate programs across the U.S. and abroad. Currently, there are Purdue History Honors students at The College of William and Mary, University of North Carolina, Emory University, Boston University, Fordham University, the London School of Economics and the American University of Beirut.

Finally, it should be mentioned that History Honors isn’t all seriousness. Every fall, the students and Professor Zook hold an Open House and Homecoming for faculty and former Honors students. They share homemade goodies in class and discuss the latest history films and controversies. And this year’s class is about to take their first road trip of the season to the Newberry Library, Chicago, to conduct research and eat lunch in the Windy City.

Melinda Zook, Professor of European history and Director, History Honors
On Tuesday April 17, 2012, Melinda Zook (Associate Professor of European history and Director of the Department of History’s Honors Program) introduced the 2012 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 2012 presenters were:

**JESSICA BAIR** “Faster, Higher, Stronger: The Influence of Politics on the Olympic Games.” Mentors: Associate Professor Michael Morrison and Assistant Professor David Atkinson.


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2012 Honors Program presenters
Lynch Bennett, J. T. Lang, Jessica Bair, Kyle Dowd and Vincent Dahl.

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Time to mark on your calendars! The 6th Annual Department of History’s Annual Undergraduate History Honors Forum will be held Wednesday April 17, 2013, at 5:30pm in UNIV 201. For more details visit [http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/](http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/), click “Events”. 
Journalist and author, Ms. Hadani Ditmars 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 the 100 best and most influential books of 2005. Her book recounts her various stays in Iraq from 1997 and 2003, and it is one of the few books on this troubled nation that covers pre-and post-invasion reality. Ms. Ditmars is a former editor of *New Internationalist* magazine. She has reported for *Ms. Magazine*, *Vogue*, and *Sight and Sound*. Ms. Ditmars has been a regular contributor to CBC Radio *Dispatches* since its 2001 debut. Presently, s. Ditmars is working on her next book *Ancient Heart*, a political travelogue through seven historical sites in Iraq.

2013 Stover Lecture Series

Presents

Kelly Lytle Hernandez, associate professor in the Department of History, University of California-Los Angeles.

“Hobos in Heaven: Race, Manifest Destiny, and the Roots of Mass Incarceration in Modern American West, 1880-1910”

Thursday March 7, 2013 - 7:00pm - Fowler Hall, Stewart Center

Kelly Lytle Hernandez is an associate professor in the UCLA Department of History and Director of Why History Matters: The UCLA Public History Initiative, which promotes rigorous historical analysis in the public sphere as an indispensable tool for understanding the present and imagining the future. As such, the UCLA Public History Initiative was established in summer 2012 to thoughtfully engage issues of contemporary import by facilitating public conversations between key policy makers and leading historians, implementing hands-on, community-engagement projects for history students and professionals, and developing excellence in history teaching. Reflecting the Initiative’s broad interest in fostering historical thinking beyond the university, the UCLA Public History Initiative is also the institutional home for the National Center for History in the Schools, a national and global leader in K-12 history education. In her own prize-winning scholarship, Professor Lytle Hernandez explores the history of race, migration, and criminal justice in the American West and U.S.-Mexico borderlands. Her book, *MIGRA! A History of the U.S. Border Patrol* (University of California Press, 2010) chronicled how, why and with what consequences the U.S. Border Patrol began to concentrate its resources upon policing unsanctioned Mexican immigration. Her current research examines the rise of mass incarceration in the American West challenges prevailing notions of mass incarceration as a southern phenomena in Modern American life.

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

The John F. Stover Lecture Series is made possible by the generous donations of Charry and John Stover in memory of their father and professor of history – John F. Stover. Professor Stover came to Purdue in 1947, serving 31 years until his retirement in 1978. He was a leading scholar of American history with a specialization in the history of the American railroads. He continued to actively publish in his field after his retirement and prior to his death in 2007. Professor Stover’s long commitment to Purdue University and the Department of History has been manifested through the establishment of the Stover Undergraduate Scholarship, which annually recognizes an outstanding sophomore history major and through the establishment of the Stover Lecture Series.
2012 GUEST SPEAKERS AND SPONSORED EVENTS

During 2012, the Department of History sponsored and/or co-sponsored several speakers and events.


ALAN MARCUS, Professor of History, Mississippi State University, was a guest lecturer for HIST 302 “Historical Topics: History of U.S. Agriculture,” February 29, 2012. Sponsored by the Department of History.

DR. WALTHER LEISLER KIEP, German business executive, politician and entrepreneur, presented “Volkswagen America and the World: Why Every German Company is a Global Company,” March 7, 2012. Co-sponsored by the Purdue University Press and Department of History.

LIFE STORIES: A SYMPOSIUM ON (AUTO) BIOGRAPHY, August 20, 2012. Co-sponsored by CLA “Enhancing Research in the Humanities and Arts” Initiative, The School of Languages and Culture and Department of History.

BORGES AND THE SCIENCES: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE INTERSECTION OF LITERATURE, MATHEMATICS, AND PHYSICS. Presentations by: Daniel Balderston, Borges’s Scientific Readings; Guillermo Martinez, Borges and Mathematics; Floyd Merrell, Math-Science Complementarity in Borges; and Alberto Rojo, Borges and Quantum Physics, October 2, 2012. Co-sponsored by Krannert School of Management, The Latino Cultural Center, College of Liberal Arts, Departments of History, Physics, and Mathematics, Purdue University Press, School of Languages and Cultures, Jewish Studies Program and the Creative Writing Program.


“Every great decision creates ripples, like a huge boulder dropped in a lake. The ripples merge, rebound off the banks in unforeseeable ways. The heavier the decision, the larger the waves, the more uncertain the consequences.”

Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, KG, PC, FRS, (21 December 1804 – 19 April 1881) British Prime Minister, parliamentarian, Conservative statesman and literary figure.
Women’s Studies 5th Annual Film Festival
“Women in Global Politics”
During the month of October, a variety of important films were shown that focused on women who influenced global politics. This event was co-sponsored by the Women Studies Program, Research and Policy Center, Film and Video Studies, and the Departments of Anthropology and History.

*Evita*  October 23, 2012 - Discussion Leader: Dr. T. J. Boisseau - Produced in 1996 by Hollywood Pictures, Directed by Alan Parker 135 min.

*Chisholm ’72 Unbought and Unbossed*  October 16, 2012 - Discussion Leader: Dr. Jennifer Freeman-Marshall - Produced in 2004 by Women Make Movies, Directed and Produced by Shola Lynch, 75 min.

*The Iron Lady* - October 23, 2012 - Discussion Leader: Dr. Marlo David - Produced in 2011 by Pathé, Film 4, U.K. Film Council, Media Rights Capital and Gold Crest Films Directed by Phyllida Lloyd, 105 min.

*Iron Ladies of Liberia* - October 30, 2012 - Discussion Leader: Dr. Alicia Decker - Produced in 2007 by Just Media, Directors Daniel Judge and Siatta Scott Johnson. 77 min.

UPCOMING DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY SPONSORED EVENT
A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND WOMEN’S HISTORY AT PURDUE
MARCH 20, 2013

March is Women’s History Month. This coming year, Purdue’s Department of History will honor its long and strong contribution to women’s history as well as the contributions of the entire female faculty hired in our Department over the last 50 years (The flyer to the left pictures the current women faculty in the department.). History faculty and graduate students who wrote dissertations on women’s history, will take part in a celebration on March 20, 2013. A special presentation and plaque will be presented to the 100th Ph.D. recipient in the Department of History whose dissertation focused on American women’s history.
FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Under the guidance of R. Douglas Hurt, Professor and Department Head, the Department of History is establishing faculty exchange programs which contribute to the universality of academic research. Faculty exchanges have been established between Central European University in Budapest, Hungary and Peking University in Beijing, China. These exchanges allow the guest faculty to meet one-on-one with undergraduate classes, graduate students and faculty and to make a presentation, open to the public. In past years, as part of the exchange program, Professors Douglas Hurt, Caroline Janney, Charles Ingrao, Jennifer Foray and Rebekah Klein-Pejšová have participated in the exchange programs. Plans are underway to establish a visitors exchange with Sabanci University in Istanbul Turkey.

In 2012 the department was honored to host DAYONG NIU, Executive Vice Dean of the Institute for Advanced Humanities Studies and former chair of the Department of History at Peking University. His visit was co-sponsored by the Department of History, International Programs, and The Confucius Institute. Dr. Niu’s specialty area is China during the Cold War era. He presented (in Chinese) “A Reassessment on PRC Foreign Policies” on October 16, 2012.

The Department looks forward to future faculty exchanges with universities throughout Europe and Asia.

“We must go beyond textbooks, go out into the bypaths and untrodden depths of the wilderness and travel and explore and tell the world the glories of our journey.”

John Phelan’s (B.A. 1964) generous donation once again assisted approximately thirty-two students (undergraduates and graduates) to visit Civil War historical sites. Caroline Janney’s (Professor of U.S. history) HIST 465 Civil War and Reconstruction toured the Shiloh National Military Park at Corinth, Mississippi during spring break 2012.

HIST 465 Students and Faculty at Shiloh National Military Park, Corinth, MS.

SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED IN 2012

GORDON R. MORK GLOBAL HISTORY AWARD
In spring 2012, the Department of History approved a new undergraduate award and in honor of Gordon Mork (Professor Emeritus of History) named it the Gordon R. Mork Global History Award. This award is for the best undergraduate student paper in a history course which addresses a theme or topic in global history. The recipient is presented a monetary prize and a certificate of recognition.

GORDON MORK UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Upon the death (refer to Memorial on page 15) of Gordon Mork (Professor Emeritus of History) in April 2012, his family established the Gordon Mork Undergraduate Scholarship. The inaugural award of this scholarship will be presented at the 2013 History Awards Reception. The Department is grateful for the Mork family and their continued support to the achievements of it’s undergraduates.

THE DONALD PARMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Donald Parman’s (Professor Emeritus of History) sons have honored the Department of History by establishing The Donald Parman Scholarship in support of history undergraduate students.

THE JENNIFER L. PING SCHOLARSHIP
Jennifer L. Ping (B.A. 1995, history and political science) has established The Jennifer L. Ping Scholarship to be awarded to one or more in-state students who are enrolled in the Department of History. Ms. Ping was one of three recipients of the 2011 College of Liberal Arts’ Emerging Voice Award. She is a principal for Bose Ping Government Strategies, Inc. which 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 Department of History is grateful to the Mork and Parman families and to Ms. Ping for their support with the establishment of these scholarships.

The Department of History appreciates the strong support that it has received from its friends. Thank you.
2012 SPRING AWARDS RECEPTION

The Department of History hosted 100 students, parents, friends, faculty, administrators, emeriti, alumnus, donors and staff to honor the achievements of the department’s undergraduate and graduate students and faculty at the April 12, 2012, Spring Awards Reception.

Congratulations to:

The Department of History’s Undergraduate Recipients

The David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Undergraduate Scholarship: **Hayley R. Bowman**

The Lorena Murphy Undergraduate Scholarship: **Hayley R. Bowman**

Outstanding Senior Award: **Lisa M. Olszewski**

Senior Graduating with Excellence: **Bhimsupa Kulthanan**

The Phi Alpha Theta Initiates: **Andrea M. Aikman, Jessica M. Bair, Kristen A. Blankenbaker, Cade A. Carmichael, Kimberly Connelly, Allison Everton, John A. Foerster, Tori O’Dea, Samantha T. Richards, James F. Ryan, and Megan S. Winchester**

The Gordon R. Mork Global History Award: **Lisa M. Olszewski**

The John F. Stover Undergraduate Scholarship: **Madison L. Heslop**

The James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship: **Olivia M. Hagedorn and Samantha T. Richards**

The Henry G. Waltmann Award: **Cade A. Carmichael**

The Department of History’s Graduate Recipients

The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History: **Angela C. Ghionea**

CETA Graduate Student Teaching Award: **Jacqueline-Bethel Mougoué**

The Miletus L. Flaningam Award: **Timothy J. Lombardo**

The Harold D. Woodman Graduate Research Award: **Mauricio F. Castro, Suparna Chakraborty, Joshua J. Jeffers, Andrew R. M. Smith and Liberty P. Sproat.**

NEWEST Phi Beta Kappa inductees

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest honor society in the liberal arts and sciences. Along with 38 other College of Liberal Arts students, history majors—JESSICA M. BAIR, (Honors), OLIVIA M. HAGEDORN and BHIMSUPA KULTHANA were inducted in 2012.

BHIMSUPA KULTHANA
2012 Martin C. Jischke Outstanding International Student of the Year Award

SUMMER INTERNSHIP-
TOMMY PAYNE received a 10-week internship with IN Senator Richard Lugar.
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 2012 UNDERGRADUATE
CLA HONORS PARTICIPANTS

RECIPIENTS OF CLA HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS:

MADISON HESLOP (American Studies/Spanish/History) Outstanding Junior Scholarship in Memory of Winthrop E. Stone

KRISTEN BLANKENBAKER (History/Political Science) CLA Honors Scholarship in Memory of Winthrop E. Stone

LAURA BLACKBURN (Political Science/History) Jill P. and Robert E. May Scholarships for Honors Transfer Students

CLA HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES IN HISTORY

MAY 2012

J. T. LANG (History/Spanish)
CHRISTINE LATTA (History/Classical Studies)
PATRICK NEWTON (Social Studies-History)
JANELLE TIDD (History)
WILLIAM VOGEL (History/Political Science)

LIFE AFTER RECEIVING A BACHELORS IN HISTORY

JESSICA BAIR is looking forward to attending graduate school.

SHELBY BELL will be a manager for the Speedway, LCC and living in Noblesville.

LYNCH BENNETT is pursuing his Ph.D. in Early American and Early Atlantic World History at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

DEREK CAMP began work, two days after graduation, as a campaign manager for a Democratic state senate candidate in Indianapolis, IN. He plans to stay in politics and pursue a specialty in human resources. During the summer he got married to another great Purdue student in dietetics.

ARIEL DADE is attending Marquette Law in Milwaukee, WI. Her goal is to earn a M.B.A. in sports business along with her J.D. or earn a sports certificate. (No picture)
**LIFE AFTER RECEIVING A BACHELORS IN HISTORY CONTINUES**

**VINCE DAHL** over the summer went on a Mediterranean Cruise visiting Rome, Italy, and Greece. Fall 2012 he started working as an Account Manager with Hydrite Chemical Company in Fox Valley, WI.

**KYLE DOWD** became the assistant rowing coach at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY. He is also on a St. Lawrence fellowship to pursue his M.A. in education.

**CHRISTINE LATTA** is working in Carmel IN. As she saves money she will be deciding if she will go to graduate school for history or classical studies, or to Europe to work and travel abroad. In her picture, she is standing in front of a Roman Coliseum.

**EVAN STEINER** accepted a graduate fellowship at the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law in Williamsburg, VA. (No picture)

**CHRISTINE M. WRAY** moved to Austin, TX and will be applying to the University of Texas School of Law for admission in fall 2013.

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

**DAVID C. ARNOLD** (B.A. 1989) is a Colonel of the United States Air Force. He joined the University of Maryland’s University College as an adjunct faculty member to teach history. He is still on active duty with the U.S. Air Force and stationed at the Pentagon where he works on space policy and budget issues.


**SUSANNA CALKINS** (M.A. 1995, Ph.D 2001) was invited to present two keynote addresses on enhancing critical thinking skills in college students: one for the Canadian Law Professors Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and the other for the annual Fall Convocation at the University of Texas-Brownsville, Brownsville, TX. These talks stemmed in part from her NSF-sponsored research on enhancing critical thinking in college students. Her first novel *A Murder at Rosamund’s Gate* (St. Martin’s Press) will be coming out April 2013. It is a historical mystery set in seventeenth-century London.
MEGAN BEVER (B.A. 2007) is currently a doctoral candidate in history at the University of Alabama (UA). Her dissertation examines drinking and temperance in the Civil War. In 2012 she served as editor of The Southern Historian, a peer-reviewed journal devoted to graduate student scholarship. She presented “Saving the Union from Slavery and Sin: Northern Temperance Reformers and the Civil War” at the Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Meeting. And, she was awarded the Christopher G. Swindle Graduate Teaching Award by UA’s Department of History.

JAMES BUSS (Ph.D. 2007) published Winning the West with Words: Language and Conquest in the Lower Great Lakes (University of Oklahoma Press, 2011). He contributed a chapter to the edited volume Contested Territories: Native Americans and Non-Natives in the Lower Great Lakes, 1700-1850 (Michigan State University Press, 2012). He received the Oklahoma Humanities Council Scholars Grant for summer 2012. He was promoted to Associate Professor, assumed the role of Chairperson of the Department of History and was named the new Director of the University Honors Program at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK.

NICOLE CAPEHART (B.A. 2009) married in October 2009 and has two children.

FELIPE COLBY (B.A. 1995 history and psychology/minored in women’s studies) is still serving as the Executive Director of “His Eyes” (www.hiseyes.us) which is a non-denominational Christian mission, working with a clinic (dental/medical/laboratory/optometry/counseling) serving in and around Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Other services include church planting, hosting short-term groups from abroad, coffee farming (www.hillelimbercoffee.com), vegetable farming, operating a local TV station and a feeding program for malnourished children. He and his family—wife Valerie (IU OD, 99) have lived in Honduras since 2000. His children—Cecilia (10) and Soren (8) - were born in Honduras.

ROBERT COLLINS (B.A. social sciences 1970, M.A. history 1972) upon graduating from Purdue he attended the University of Virginia School of Law (1975). He served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico for four years and then went into private practice of law in Albuquerque, NM. He has been a civil trial attorney for 35 years (with no intention of retiring). He played defensive halfback for Purdue (1966-1970) and was a football grad assistant (1971-1972). He officiated football when he settled in Albuquerque, NM, 10 years in Division II and 19 years in Division I with the Western Athletic Conference and the Mountain West Conference. During the 2012 NFL Officials lockout, he served as a NFL Replacement Official. However, he states, the best things he has done in his life after graduating from Purdue “….was marrying Marjorie McFarland Collins (Purdue 1970) and having two spectacular children, Jennifer and Robbie.”

J. MIKE CRANE (M.A. 1998) took an assistant professor position at University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, AR in August 2011. He is submitting his dissertation manuscript proposal to publishers.

RUTH CROCKER (M.A., 1975 and Ph.D., 1982) was a recipient of the 2012 Creative Research and Scholarship from Auburn University, Auburn, AL. She and her family moved to Auburn in 1983. She received tenure in the Department of History in 1992 and was promoted to full professor in 2004. She and others developed Auburn’s Women’s Studies Program which she served two terms as director. Her books include Social Work and Social order (University of Illinois Press, 1992) and Mrs. Russell Sage: Women’s Activism and Philanthropy in Gilded Age and Progressive Era America (Indiana University Press, 2006; paperback, 2008).
EMILY DAWES (B.A. 2009) completed a M.A. in history at the American University of Beirut as well as a second M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy at al-Akhawayn University in Morocco. Upon completing her degree programs she began a job with an organization called The Starfish Project, which is a non-profit that helps women in China overcome exploitation.

BRITTANY BAYLESS FREMION (Ph.D. 2012) was awarded a post-doctoral teaching fellowship in environmental history at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI.

KATRINA GALT (B.A. 2011) is studying music at the University of North Carolina.

RICHARD GARLITZ (B.A. 1998) is an assistant professor of history at the University of Tennessee at Martin, TN. He is an editor of Teaching America to the World and the World to America: Education and Foreign Relations since 1870. He, also, contributed “U.S. University Advisors and Education Modernization in Iran, 1951-1967,” which deals with American technical assistance and its impact on U.S.-Iranian relations during the Cold War. He was pleased that his former professor, Whitney Walton (Professor of European history) contributed “Sex Education: Gender, Sexuality, and Race in French-American Relations in the Twentieth Century” and Dorotheé Bouquet (Ph.D. 2012) contributed “French Academic Propaganda in the United States, 1930-1939.”

GREG HALMI (B.A. 2010) is a Second Lieutenant in the Army with the 173rd Airborne infantry stationed in Vicenza, Italy.

ERICA HAGUE (B.A. 2009) received the National Council on Public History’s 2012 Student Project Award at the OAH/NCPH conference in Milwaukee, WI. Erica and her co-lead curator accepted the award for their work as Lead Curators on a project entitled “Flashback.” The project consisted of a collection of oral histories, an educational program for 8th grade students, and a travelling exhibit that revolved around a collection of photographs from the 1940s-60s. More information about the project can be found at their facebook page http://www.facebook.com/pages/Flashback-The-Mack-Munn-Photography-Exhibit/122230997853872 and in the NCPH awards booklet http://ncph.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2012-Awards-listing.pdf. She also graduated in May with her M.A. in Public History from University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC.

EDMUND C. HIGGINS (M.A. 1967) received his Ph.D. in International Relations from University of Southern California in 1979. He was a high school assistant principal in Darien, CT for four years and then principal of Weston High School, CT for five years. In 1989 he became the principal of Branford High School in CT for 19 years and retired in 2009. He is now an assistant professor of education at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT. 1999 to 2004, he was a member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges’ Commission on Public Secondary Schools; twice he was elected chair (2002-2004); three times he was a member of its accreditation standards revision committee (1997-98, 2004 and 2008). He was selected Connecticut’s ASCD Educational Leader of the State (1998-1999) and Connecticut Association of Schools Letter of Commendation for Educational Leadership (2002).

MEREDITH HORN (B.A. 2008) received an M.A. in Public History from IUPUI in public history. She held several internships, working with the Teaching American History-Martinsville Federal grant program. Currently, she is working at the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton OH as an Education Assistant.
LYNDA KACHUREK (M.A. 1989) took on the duties of the new Head of Rare Books and Special Collections at the University of Richmond, Richmond, VA. She is responsible for the rare book collection of more than 25,000 volumes and special collections centering on the history of Richmond and Virginia, late-19th and early-20th century literary and scholarly journals, related Congressional and alumni collections, and faculty publications. Previously, she worked as Archivist/Collections Manager for special Collections and Archives in the Wright State University Libraries, Dayton, OH.

MARK JOHNSON (B.A. 2008) completed an M.A. in U.S. history from the University of Maryland in 2011. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in African American social history at the University of Alabama. He has published the article “The Best Notes Made the Most Votes: W. C. Handy, E. H. Crump, and Black Music as Politics” in Southern Cultures.

RONALD A. JOHNSON (Ph.D. 2010) was selected as the International Studies Professor of the Year by the students and faculty of the Center for International Studies at Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

CYNTHIA KNUDSON (B.A. 1980) began working with the U.S. foreign service in March 2012. Her post is in São Paulo, Brazil. She works in the world’s largest U.S. visa section, providing consular service to both Brazilian and American citizens.

JILL KRASUSKI (M.A. 2011) accepted the Assistant Director of Admissions at The Art Institutes International Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

RAY KROHN (Ph.D. 2010) accepted a position at Boise State University, Boise, ID.

SAMUEL LONDON (Ph.D. 2006) was promoted to associate professor with tenure, and appointed chair of the Department of History and Political Science at Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL.

REBECCA LUTTON (B.A. 2010) received an M.A. in European and Mediterranean Studies in December 2011 from New York University, New York, NY. She is currently applying for history Ph.D. programs.

SIOBHAN McGuire (B.A. 2008) received her M.A. in medieval history from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in medieval history at the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

EMMA MEYERS (B.A. 2008) is currently studying South Asian history at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

BRANDON MARIE MILLER (B.A. 1976) will have her 11th history title published for young adults Women of the Frontier, 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders, Entrepreneurs and Rabble -Rousers (Chicago Review Press, February 2013). The book relates the lives of frontier women such as Margret Reed, Rachel Plummer, Luzena Wilson, Dr. Bethenia Owens-Adair Suzette LaFlesche and Carry Nation. Brandon can be reached through www.brandonmariemiller.com or through her blog http://hands-on-books.blogspot.com.
ERICA MORIN (Ph.D. 2012) accepted a position as a visiting assistant professor of history at Texas Tech. As a graduate student she presented “Extra! Extra! Read All About It!: Structuring the U.S. History Survey Around the Motif of the Newspaper.” Poster session, 2012 American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL January 2012. Her Purdue talk about her HIST 152 newspaper course motif was TEDx, September 13, 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkmiW01jn5Y>. And, she published “‘No Vacation for Mother’: Traditional Gender Roles in Outdoor Travel Literature, 1940-1955” in Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal (June 2012).

SARA E. MORRIS (Ph.D. 2011) is the 2012-2013 Chair of the American Library Association’s History Section.

SAMUEL NEEDHAM (B.A. 2009) received a M.A. in theology in 2011 from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Fall of 2012 he started a Master’s of Divinity at Boston University, Boston, MA.

MIKE PATULO (B.A. 2007 history/political science) has worked at Morgan Stanley in New York City. As a Director of Operations in the firm’s Institutional Securities Group, Mike has led and managed a group of analysts and associates in the North America Foreign Exchange Client Service Group. He is currently a team leader in the OTC Derivative Client Clearing Trade Support Group. In May 2010, He married his his wonderful wife Sarah whom he met senior year at Purdue. Mike and Sarah live in Brooklyn with their dog Stella.

P. MICHAEL PHILLIPS (B.A. 1987) is a Colonel in the U.S. Army who has been reassigned from Deputy Director for Intelligence, National Joint Operations/Intelligence Center, the Pentagon to Director of Asian Studies, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. He and his family make their home in Gettysburg, PA. He also published an article on Creek Chief William Weatherford in The Journal of the Early Americas.

JENNIFER L. PING (B.A. 1995, history and political science) was named chair of the Women for Pence (Mike Pence for Governor Campaign); became a member of the Board of Trustees and board secretary for Cancer Support Community-Central Indiana; became a member of the National Affiliate Council, Cancer Support Community; elected Indiana Delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention; nominee for Indiana Women of Influence and is working with the College of Liberal Arts to create an endowment dedicated to the Department of History.

BRITTANY POE (B.A. 2010) received her M.A. in medieval studies from Fordham University, New York, NY.

JAMAL RATCHFORD (Ph.D. 2011) accepted an assistant professor position at the University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN.

MARK ROBISON (B.A. 2009) graduated with a M.A. in Library Science in June 2012 from the Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. He is now the instructional librarian at the University of Alabama Libraries in Tuscaloosa, AL working primarily with the students in the College of Communication.

IYAD SHIHADEL (B.A. 2008) received his M.A. in modern history from the London School of Economics. He is currently working for Senator Dianne Feinstein as her Constituent Services Representative.
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CORAINE SMITH (B.A. 2010) is currently attending Indiana University’s School of Law, Bloomington, IN. During the summer she worked at the Indiana Attorney General’s Office doing civil litigation work.

JOHN M. SMITH (Ph.D. 2011) is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. He teaches in the new interdisciplinary program in Sports, Society, & Technology. His book *The Sons of Westwood: John Wooden, UCLA, and the Dynasty That Changed College Basketball* (University of Illinois Press) will be published in September 2013.

TROY SMITH (B.A. 2008) is a teacher, Republican Indiana State Delegate and has published the article *Teddy vs. Calvin*. American Thinker (December 2011).


CHARLIE SPENSER (B.A. 2009) received a M.A. from the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

STEVEN STOFFERAHN (M.A. 1997, Ph.D. 2003) is an assistant professor of history at Indiana State University. He received the 2012 Community-Based Learning and Scholarship Award. The award was established in 2007 to recognize outstanding faculty whose community service joins their academic goals and activities with community issues.

KYLE SWEENEY (B.A. History Honors and Art History, 2009) began his second year of doctoral study in Art and Architectural History at Rice University, Houston, TX. Before the fall semester got underway, he hiked the medieval Via Podiensis pilgrimage trail over 125 miles through southern France. In addition, he gave a conference presentation at the 18th International Medieval Congress in Leeds, UK during July 2012. He continues to research late Gothic architecture in and around Normandy as he completes his final year of graduate coursework and prepares for his qualifying exams.

NATALIE TOBEY (B.A. 2008) received her M.S., in Sports Administration in 2010 from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN. She currently works for the Asheville Tourists. The team is a minor league affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. During the weekend of September 15-16, the Asheville Tourists won the South Atlantic League Championship. This is a feat that had not been accomplished since 1984. The closing pitcher that they beat in the final game was drafted this year out of Purdue.

MAX VANDE VAARST (B.A. 2010) currently is working in Denver, CO as a creative writer. His work has appeared in such publications as *A Few Lines, Jersey Devil Press* and the *Foundling Review*.

WILLIAM VOGEL (B.A. 2012) was named one of fifteen winners of the 2012 Gilder Lehrman History Scholar Award. This national award recognizes outstanding graduating college seniors who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular excellence in American History of American Studies.

STEVEN WAGNER (Ph.D. 1999) was named Missouri Southern State University’s “Outstanding Teacher” for 2011-2012. For the fall semester he has been teaching in the Missouri London Program, London, England.
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GREGORY WERICH (B.A. 1986) received his M.A. of public affairs from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in December 1997. In May 2012 he was recognized at the Indiana Judicial Conference for 25 years service as an Indiana probation officer. He served the courts in Cass and Pulaski counties and is currently Wells county’s chief probation officer.

DANIEL W. WILLIAMS (M.A. 2008), Chief Engineer of Advanced Engineering with TRW Automotive Commercial Steering Systems, was named the winner of the 2012 L. Ray Buckendal Lecture Award from SAE International.

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