

Department of

# HISTORY

Newsletter 2008



*Indian Family on the Wabash* by George Winters. Courtesy of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis.

## LETTER FROM THE HEAD



The Department of History experienced an incredibly busy and productive year. The faculty published ten books and a host of articles and essays. Many graduate students presented their research at national and international conferences. Several of our skilled faculty earned prestigious teaching awards. Robert May received the Charles B. Murphy Award and Nancy Gabin the CLA Excellence in Teaching Award. Gordon Young, Nancy Gabin, and Robert May were inducted to Purdue's Book of Great Teachers, and John Contreni joined the Teaching Academy. The Board of Trustees named Randy Roberts Distinguished Professor of History; Sally Hastings received a Fulbright Fellowship for study in Japan; Darren Dochuk earned an Associate Research Fellowship from the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, and Janet Afary received the Keddie/Balzan Fellowship from the Balzan Prize Foundation. Jennifer Foray participated in the National History Center's seminar on "Decolonization", and Juan Wang received a fellowship for study at Academia Sinica in Taiwan.

The department's reputation and visibility will be immeasurably enhanced by William Oesterle's generous endowment of the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History. David Bischoff expanded our scholarship offerings by establishing the David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Scholarship. In addition, alumnus Walter Bryant returned to campus to participate in the "CLA Influentials" program, and Ron Carpinella received a CLA Emerging Voice Award. The department also sponsored eight speakers who gave public lectures that enriched the intellectual life of the department, college, and university. The Honors Program, under the direction of Professor Robert May, set a high standard and became the model program for the College of Liberal Arts.

You will find the details of these and other faculty and student achievements in the following pages. As always, we welcome alumni, students, and friends to visit Purdue and participate in the activities of our vibrant and dynamic department.

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## KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you would like to share your accomplishments or reflections of your experience in the Department of History either e-mail [history@purdue.edu](mailto:history@purdue.edu) or write to:

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### FEATURE – ENGAGEMENT

Purdue University has placed the standard of “engagement” as a priority for the colleges and departments. Engagement simply means “involvement” with other disciplines throughout the university and the community. The Department of History is very proud that the faculty has become pro-active in this endeavor. One fine example was Assistant Professor Dawn Marsh’s ability to engage her students, the Indiana Historical Bureau, nationally known Native American authorities and those within the local community interested in learning the facts of Prophetstown, near Battle Ground, IN.

After many months of organizing, collaborating, researching and involving her students, Professor Marsh’s “Prophetstown Revisited: An Early Native American Studies Summit” took place April 3-5, 2008. Held in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the founding of Prophetstown, the three day summit engaged participants in discussions and workshops about the Shawnee community and other Native American issues. The original Prophetstown was established by Shawnee brothers Tecumseh and

Tenskwatawa, more widely known as “The Prophet”. Andy Warrior, director of cultural preservation for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, which is based in Oklahoma, took the opportunity to connect with the “stopping point” for the Shawnee, Delaware, Miami, and Potawatami tribes, to name but a few. The Keynote Event was “An Evening with Chris Eyre”. Mr. Eyre, an award-winning Native American filmmaker, presented, at the Lafayette Long Center, his 2005 film “A Thousand Roads” as well as excerpts of his upcoming 2009 PBS documentary “We Shall Remain: Tecumseh”.

Community and university involvement included two docents from Historic Prophetstown who audited the course and provided their expertise. Graduate student Patrick Pospisek provided valuable observations and suggestions to Professor Marsh. During the fall 2007 semester, seven students developed a service-learning course for the summit. The course combined indigenous history and local historic resources. Students received first-hand knowledge of careers and opportunities in public history and non-profit venues. Students were inspired through planting a “Three Sisters” garden. This ancient method of gardening uses an intercropping system which grows corn, beans and squash crops simultaneously in the same growing area. Corn is the oldest sister standing in the center. Squash is the middle sister who grows over the mound protecting the others from weeds and shading the soil from the sun with her leaves. Beans are the third sister climbing through the squash and up the corn to bind all together, keeping the soil fertile. The students also developed several display components for the Prophetstown site, and created activities for school age children that focused on Native American trade and community life along the Wabash River.

The community of Prophetstown was founded in 1808 as a religious community with the religious revival led by the Prophet. The community, which was much bigger than what is represented in the re-creation, drew hundreds of Native Americans from several tribes. While Tecumseh was trying to unify the tribes throughout the southern region – the Prophet and the community was embroiled with the U.S. Army in the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe. To prevent further meetings of the tribes, the U.S. Army attacked and burned Prophetstown to the ground. While other area commemorations focused on the community’s destruction, Professor Marsh and the participants of this summit wanted to celebrate the founding of the Prophetstown community and its importance to Native American, local and national history.

Professor Marsh’s success with the “Prophetstown Revisited: An Early Native American Studies Summit” is only one of several success stories of the Department of History’s participation in Engagement. To learn more about the department’s engagement activities go to [www.cl.purdue.edu/history](http://www.cl.purdue.edu/history) or contact Rebecca Gwin, Administrative Assistant, at 765.494.4121. To learn more about the College of Liberal Art’s engagement activities go to <http://www.cl.purdue.edu/engagement/> or contact Associate Dean Joann Miller or Debbie Nahlik, IDIS/Engagement, at 765.496.1848.



*Assistant Professor Dawn Marsh conducting a tour at the re-created Prophetstown for the “Prophetstown Revisited: An Early Native American Studies Summit”*



## DEPARTMENT NEWS

*SPRING AWARDS BANQUET*

On April 10th, 2008, the Department of History Awards Banquet hosted 135 students, parents, friends, faculty, administrators, emeriti, alumni and staff. They gathered to honor the achievements of the department's undergraduate, graduate students and faculty.

Congratulations to:

The Phi Alpha Theta Initiates: **KATHERINE ALLISON** (Senior), **EDWARD DEL BECCARO** (Senior), **DANIEL DIXON** (Senior), **MEREDITH HORN** (Senior), **EMMA MEYER** (Junior), **MAUREEN MULLEN** (Junior), **RACHEL SMEDEROVAC** (Senior), **KYLE SWEENEY** (Junior), **NATALIE TOBEY** (Senior), **DUSTIN WHITE** (Senior), and **LANCE YODER** (Junior).

The Waltmann Award recipient: **ADAM DOERR** (Junior).

The Graduate Student Teaching Award recipient: **MEGAN BIRK** (Ph.D. Graduate Student).

The Flaningam Award recipient: **MARK FURNISH** (Ph.D. Graduate Student).

The Woodman Graduate Research Award recipients: **DOROTHÉE BOUQUET**, **JOHN ELLIS**, **COREEN DERIFIELD**, and **CARLA FISHER**. All the recipients were in the department's Ph.D. program.

The Paul and Reed Benhamou Graduate Scholarship in History recipients: **ELISE DERMINEUR** and **AMY DEAN**. Both recipients were in the department's Ph.D. program.

The Phi Beta Kappa Initiates: **ADAM DOERR**, **SEAN EDDINGTON**, **MARK JOHNSON**, and

**SAMUEL NEEDHAM**. All the recipients were Juniors in the history program.

Department of History's Study Abroad Scholarship recipient: **JORDAN BAILEY** (Junior).

The James J. Shevlin Study Abroad Scholarship recipients: **ADAM DOERR** and **CORRINA SMITH**. Both recipients were Juniors in the history program.

The Stover Undergraduate Scholarship recipient: **ANDREW OLOFFSON** (Junior).

The Outstanding Senior Award recipient: **TODD ALLEN**.



*Professors Randy Roberts and James Farr with DoH undergraduates  
Certificates of Superior Achievement recipients*

30 Certificates of Superior Achievement were awarded.

62 Certificates of Achievement were awarded.

2009 2009 2009 2009  
*Annual History  
Awards Banquet*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009  
RECEPTION AT 6:00PM – DINNER AT 6:30PM  
PMU SOUTH BALLROOM

*ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY ARE INVITED  
TO HONOR THE 2008-09 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STUDENTS AND FACULTY.*

FOR FURTHER BANQUET DETAILS AND DINNER RESERVATION FORMS  
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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### GUEST SPEAKERS

The department of History has had the honor of hosting and/or co-sponsoring several speakers during this past year.

**CHRISTOPHER BROWNING**, the Frank Porter Graham Professor of History at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill was the keynote speaker of the 27th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Conference, on Sunday April 6, 2008. His topic was “Remembering Survival: Post-war Testimonies from the Starachowice Factory Slave Labor Camps”. Professor Browning was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

**MICHAEL BESCHLOSS**, award winning author, NBC News Presidential Historian, a regular guest on *Meet the Press*, *Today* and all NBC Network programs and PBS’s *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, was a speaker for the Purdue University Libraries Distinguished Lecture Series. On Wednesday October 1, 2008, Mr. Beschloss was a guest at an informal session with the graduate students and faculty of the Departments of History and Political Science. Later that evening, he presented “Presidential Courage & the Upcoming 2008 Elections”. His visit was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

**WILLIS REGIER**, Professor and Director of University of Illinois Press, spoke Friday October 24th to the graduate students and faculty on “How to... when to...what to...submit for academic publication”. Professor Regier was hosted by the Department of History.

**ZIAD FAHED**, Professor of sociology and religion at Notre Dame University in Lebanon, presented on October 30th “The Future of Lebanon: Muslim-Christian Relations and National Reconciliation”. Professor Fahed was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

**JEFF CORNTASSEL**, Assistant Professor and Graduate Advisor for the Indigenous Governance Programs at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, presented on November 4th “Rich Indian Racism: Indigenous Peoples Confront New Stereotypes in the Forced Federalism Era”. Professor Corntassel was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

The College of Liberal Arts presented its second annual “Experience Liberal Arts”. This month long event took place in October. The Department was honored to participate by hosting and/or co-sponsoring several speakers throughout the month.

**JAMES BARTHOLOMEW**, Professor of History at Ohio State University, presented “Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?” on October 6th. On October 7th, Professor Bartholomew conducted a Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium entitled “The Nobel Science Prizes and Global History”. Professor Bartholomew was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

**ALEJANDRO HERRERO-OLAIZOLA**, Professor of Spanish at University of Michigan, presented on October 8th “The Censorship Files: Latin American Writers and Franco’s Spain”. Professor Herrero-Olaizola was co-sponsored by the Department of History.

**WILSON MOSES**, Ferree Professor of American History at Penn State University, presented on October 22nd “Problematizing Thomas Jefferson’s Role in the Enlightenment”. Professor Moses was co-sponsored by the Department of History.



*R. Douglas Hurt, Department Head, Timothy Lombardo, Ph.D. Graduate Student, Michael Beschloss, and Erica Morin, Ph.D. Graduate Student*

## GERMAINE SEELYE OESTERLE CHAIR IN HISTORY



*Mrs. Germaine Seelye Oesterle*

The Department of History is proud to announce the newly established Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History.

Mr. William S. Oesterle (B.A. 1987 in economics) has established an endowment fund within the Department of History in honor of his mother Germaine Seelye Oesterle. The Oesterle Chair will allow the Department of History to further enhance its faculty by attracting a distinguished scholar who will provide leadership in discovery, learning and engagement as they relate to the goals of the Department of History and the College of Liberal Arts.

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

home and was an expert gardener. She was very active in her church and in various cultural organizations in the community.

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

The Department of History is very appreciative of Mr. Oesterle's generous endowment of the Germaine Seelye Oesterle Chair in History.



*M.A. graduate students Beau Gaitors and Mauricio Castro at the 2008 DoH Fall Reception*

*Alumni and friends,  
faculty and staff, graduate  
and undergraduate students  
are cordially invited to the*

### **Department of History's Annual Fall Reception**

*Thursday, September 24, 2009*

*4:30-7:00 p.m.*

*Purdue Memorial Union 118*

## NEW FACES IN THE DEPARTMENT

In 2008, the faculty, students and staff welcomed several new people to the Department of History. We are pleased to introduce:

### NEW FACULTY

**REBEKAH KLEIN-PEJŠOVÁ** joined the faculty, in August, as the Jewish Studies Assistant Professor of History. She will be teaching an undergraduate survey course in modern Jewish history from 1492 to the present, developing undergraduate and graduate courses in this area of specialization, and participating in the graduate program. She will also work closely with CLA's Jewish Studies program. Dr. Klein-Pejšová and her family moved from New York City.



### NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

**ADRIEN BARBIER**, from Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, is a year-long exchange M.A. candidate. He will be studying European and American history while at Purdue. He will be working with Professor R. Douglas Hurt.

**ERIKA CORNELIUS** transferred from the political science department into the Department of History's Ph.D. program. Erika earned her B.A. degree at Millikin University in Illinois and earned a M.A. in political science at Eastern Illinois University. She will be researching recent U.S. history and women's history. Her primary professors are Associate Professor Nancy Gabin and Assistant Professor Alicia Decker.

**BEAU GAITORS** earned his B.A. in international relations from Brown University in Providence, RI. He has studied in Spain and has a useful knowledge of Spanish and Portuguese. At Purdue, he will be working on his M.A. in Latin American history and Latin America's involvement with Atlantic slavery systems. His aspiration is to earn a Ph.D. in the same research area. He will be working with Associate Professor Charles Cutter.

**ALISHA HILLAM** recently graduated with a major in creative and professional writing and with a minor in history from Purdue. She was awarded a Chappelle Fellowship by the Purdue Graduate School, which allows her to pursue a M.A. in U.S. history with research interests in the antebellum period and the Mormon experience. Her advisor is Professor John Larson.

**RUTH TURPIN** holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology from Purdue and a M.A. in history from Purdue-Calumet. Her first career was as a technical specialist and instructor with Amoco (now British Petroleum). She has entered the Ph.D. program with aspirations of launching a second career as a history teacher. Her interests center in the medieval and early modern Atlantic period and the slave trade. She will be working with Assistant Professor Mike Ryan.



*Exchange students Luo Wang of Peking University and Adrien Barbier of Université Marc Bloch*

**LUO WANG** is a year-long exchange M.A. graduate student from Peking University in Beijing, China where she earned a B.A. in finance and banking. She will be studying European history and medieval studies. She will be working with Professor R. Douglas Hurt.

**YASIR YILMAZ** is a native of Turkey who received his B.A. in public finance from Gazi University and his M.A. in history from Bilkent University both in Ankara. Receiving a Ross Fellowship from the Purdue Graduate School, he is pursuing a Ph.D. in early modern European history and its relations with the Ottoman Empire. He is working with Professor Charles Ingrao.

### NEW STAFF

**HEIDI CAMPBELL** became the department's Business Manager in October. As the business manager she will assist the faculty on study abroad programs, grants, account management, travel, and budgeting. She is new to the Lafayette/W. Lafayette area and to Purdue University.

**TAMARA "TAMI" JOHNSON** took on the duties of the department's Business Account Clerk in September. She works closely with faculty on their funds and with their travel, departmental purchasing and payroll. Tami transferred from the College of Agriculture.



*Tami Johnson, DoH's new Account Clerk*



## FACULTY IN THE NEWS

The Department of History's faculty, as usual, has been busy. They have been interviewed by local, state and national media as they continue to enhance their careers.

**JANET AFARY** (Professor - global history) was quoted in the article "Inside Iran's Fury" which was featured in *Smithsonian* magazine's October 2008 issue. One of her areas of interest is Iran's Constitutional Revolution, which the article discusses.

**CORNELIUS BYNUM** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) was interviewed for *The Exponent*, December 16th article "Election 2008: Obama wins to become first black president". Professor Bynum spoke on the impact that this historic election will have on the country and on children like his son.

**SUSAN CURTIS** (Professor - U.S. history) stepped down from the duties of CLA's Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs (IDIS) and Engagement. While in the position, one of her many achievements was the development of PLACE (Purdue Liberal Arts Community Engagement program). This program encourages faculty and students to share expertise with the community. Professor Curtis returned to the history department 2008.

**RAY DUMETT** (Professor - global history) In addition to his university duties, Professor Dumett is a member of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Greater Lafayette, IN.

**CAROLINE JANNEY** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) was featured in the: May 20, 2008 *Purdue Today* "Historian wants people to remember Memorial Day's beginnings"; May 23, 2008 *The Purdue Exponent* "Who should get the credit for holiday's history?" and the *Journal and Courier* with the release of her new book *Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and Lost Cause*.



Caroline Janney,  
Assistant Professor

**RANDY ROBERTS** (Professor - U.S. history) was featured in the February 21, 2008 *Purdue Today* article "Sports historian to appear in HBO documentary, live interview". Professor Roberts appeared in the HBO documentary "Joe Louis: America's Hero... Betrayed" which aired February 23, 2008. He also participated in a live panel discussion about the famous boxer. Professor Roberts also was interviewed in the October 21, 2008 *Purdue Today* article "Historian talks about how politics, elections are portrayed in movies". Professor Roberts discussed themes which recur in political and election films.

**MICHAEL SMITH** (Associate Professor - European history) was featured in the November 19, 2008 *Purdue Today* article "Prof: Lingering JFK conspiracies tarnish history". The article tells of Professor Smith's regard of the "conspiracy theories" that still surround President John F. Kennedy's assassination 45 years after the fact, and how it is time to "focus on the historical events". He also was featured in the November 22, 2008 *The Toronto Star's* article "Can Obama eclipse Kennedy legacy? The anniversary of JFK assassination takes on fresh meaning as new era dawns". In the article, Professor Smith states that "America may have a truer successor to the Kennedy legacy" so that we can "focus instead on the best, not the worst, of the early 1960's."

**JUAN WANG** (Assistant Professor - global history) was cited in the May 21, 2008 *Purdue Exponent* article "Asian/Pacific Heritage Month: Prof: Month should be celebrated". The article was concerned with making May Asian/Pacific Heritage month. Professor Wang, originally from Nanjing, China, feels that celebrating this heritage "will help reduce prejudices in America."

## PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

Congratulations to:

**JANET AFARY's** promotion from Associate Professor to Professor.

**TITHI BHATTACHARYA's** promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure.

**WILLIAM GRAY's** promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure.

## FACULTY SEARCHES

During the 2008 spring semester the Department of History conducted interviews for the "Jewish Studies Assistant Professor of History". For more information please refer to the "New Faces in the Department" section.

During the 2008 fall semester the Department of History began its nation wide search for a global/world history associate professor.



**FACULTY HONORS**

**JANET AFARY** (Professor - global history) received the Keddie/Balzan Fellowship. This fellowship, awarded by the International Balzan Prize Foundation, is awarded by invitation only. It permitted her to spend 2008-2009 at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). Professor Afary is known for her work in Iranian studies and is the past president of the International Society for Iranian Studies.

**JOHN CONTRENI** (Justin S. Morrill Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Professor - European history) was honored for his career and scholarship in medieval literary, intellectual and monastic culture. Due to his scholarship, specifically of the Carolingian Age when Charlemagne and his descendants in the 8th and 9th centuries rebuilt European society, three conference sessions were dedicated to him at the May International Congress on Medieval Studies, held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. In addition, 19 medievalist scholars, from around the world, are writing essays which will be compiled into a commemorative volume to honor his accomplishments. Dean Contreni also was inducted as a fellow of the Purdue's Teaching Academy.

**DARREN DOCHUK** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) was awarded the Associate Research Fellowship from the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. He also received the Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellowship for study at the Huntington Library.

**JENNIFER FORAY** (Assistant Professor - European history) was selected to participate in the National History Center's Seminar on "Decolonization". As a participant in the month long seminar, held in Washington D.C. over the 2008 summer, she conducted research at the Library of Congress and National Archives.

**NANCY GABIN** (Associate Professor - U.S. history) was awarded the College of Liberal Arts' Excellence in Teaching Award.

**SALLY HASTINGS** (Associate Professor - global history) was awarded a Fullbright Fellowship for study in Japan for spring 2008.

**DAWN MARSH** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) was named, by the Office of the Provost, as a recipient of the "Teaching for Tomorrow" Award.

**ROBERT MAY** (Professor - U.S. history) was recognized by the Teaching Academy for receiving the 2007 Charles B. Murphy Award. Professor May is a Teaching Academy member.

**RANDY ROBERTS** (Professor - U.S. history) was named by the Purdue Board of Trustees "Distinguished Professor of History".

**JUAN WANG** (Assistant Professor - global history) was awarded an eighteen month postdoctoral fellowship at Academia Sinica for 2008-2009. Academia Sinica is a research institute in Taiwan.

**NANCY GABIN**, Associate Professor, **ROBERT MAY**, Professor, **GORDON YOUNG**, Associate Professor, and (posthumously) **VICTOR ALBJERG**, Professor, were honored at the August 28, 2008 Purdue's "Book of Great Teachers" induction reception. This year 49 professors were bestowed this honor for having demonstrated excellence in the classroom and having served for at least 10 years as a Purdue faculty.

Seven CLA faculty members were awarded Library Scholars Grants during 2008. These grants allowed faculty to travel world-wide to unique libraries and archive collections when the research information sought was not available at Purdue. Four of these grants went to faculty in the Department of History.

**ALICIA DECKER** (Assistant Professor - global history) received funding to conduct research at the High Court of Uganda. Her research focused on possible textual, legal, and ethnographic manipulation of the Idi Amin's regime's maintenance of power from decrees published in 1978 and/or 1979.



*Randy Woodson, Provost, Gordon D. Young, Associate Professor of History and Frances A. Córdova, President*

**CAROLINE JANNEY** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) received support to visit archives in Washington D.C. She researched the interdisciplinary area of social, African-American, and women's history, and memory within political historical concerns. Her project, when completed, will be included in the 13-volume *Littlefield History of the Civil War Era*, published by the University of North Carolina Press.

**YVONNE PITTS** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) received a grant to conduct research at the National Archives regarding slaves, social history, inheritance, and property rights.

**DAWN MARSH** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) received financial support to research archives in Eastern Pennsylvania. This research enhanced her manuscript in women's studies, women's history, and ethnographic analysis.

Three Department of History faculty received Summer Faculty grants from the Purdue Research Foundation:

**ALICIA DECKER** (Assistant Professor - global history) for the completion of her manuscript (in progress) *Beyond the Barrel: Gender, Power, and Militarism in Idi Amin's Uganda, 1971-1979*.

**DARREN DOCHUK** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) for the completion of his forthcoming manuscript *God and Black Gold: The Politics of Faith, Energy, and Environment in Twentieth-Century America*.

**JENNIFER FORAY** (Assistant Professor - European history) for the completion of her first manuscript – *The Kingdom Shall Rise Again: Dutch Resistance, Collaboration, and Imperial Planning in the Nazi-Occupied Netherlands*.

## FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

**JANET AFARY** (Professor - global history) presented "The Frankfurt School, Foucault, and Islamist Politics in Modern Iran". The presentation was part of *Illuminations* Ninth Annual Series sponsored by the CLA Philosophy and Literature Ph.D. Program.

**ALICIA DECKER** (Assistant Professor - global history) presented "Sex, Gender, and the Nation: Musings on the Five Wives of Idi Amin". The brownbag presentation was sponsored by the Women's Studies and the Women's Resource Center.

**SALLY HASTINGS** (Associate Professor - global history) was the Distinguished Lecturer for the Tohoku Association for American Studies at Tohoku University, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan. She presented "Japanese Women in American Colleges and Universities in the 1920s and 1930s". She also participated in the Presidential Panel-Roundtable Discussion "The Challenges MCAA Faces: What Do We Expect from the MCAA?" at the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

**STACY HOLDEN** (Assistant Professor - global history) was invited to present "Political Legitimacy and Popular Participation in the *Royal Musalla* of Fez" at a conference organized by the UCLA's Center for Near Eastern Studies. The conference's theme was "Fez, Morocco, Crossroads of Knowledge and Power: Celebrating 1,200 Years of Urban Life." She also presented "Documenting the Iraq War" at the *How Scholars Work Seminar* sponsored by HSSE Library. The presentation emphasized that the Iraq War will be studied throughout the future and the importance of collecting primary sources while they are available – right now.

**R. DOUGLAS HURT** (Professor - agricultural history) presented the paper "American and Chinese Agricultural Policy since 1949: An Overview" at the 2008 Beijing Forum, Beijing China. He also gave a lecture entitled "The Great Plains during World War II", Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO. In addition, he presented the paper "The Canadian West: Teaching Prairie Agricultural and Rural History" at the Canadian Studies Roundtable, Franklin College, Franklin, IN. Professor Hurt also presented three lectures on "The Great Plains: Expansion and Settlement" at Peking University, Beijing; Fudan University, Shanghai and Hangzhou Normal University in Hangzhou, China. He also gave five lectures on "The Ohio Valley in the Early Nineteenth-Century" at the Teaching American History Workshop, Cape Girardeau, MO. He chaired the session "Culture and Identity" at the Annual Meeting of the Indiana Association of Historians at IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, and he chaired the session "Amerindians in the Heart of North America" at the Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society, Quebec City, Canada.



Assistant Professors Yvonne Pitts, Michael Ryan, Alicia Decker and Caroline Janney

**CHARLES INGRAO** (Professor - European history) presented “U.S. Recognition of Kosovo: Causes and Consequences” as part of the Purdue Global Perspectives series. The presentation gave a history of Kosovo and the role of U.S. policy in the region, the ethnic conflict in the Balkans and the renewed conflict with Russia and Serbia. The series was sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Department of History.

**GORDON MORK** (Professor - European history) was a guest lecturer aboard the Mediterranean Sea cruise ship “Legend of the Seas” in October.

**YVONNE PITTS** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) was a panel member for the PLACE/ACLU-IN panel discussion entitled “Freedom to Vote: Protecting the Ballot”, Lafayette, IN.

**RANDY ROBERTS** (Professor - U.S. history) presented “Popular Culture in World War II” to the members of the Lafayette Rotary Club.

**MICHAEL RYAN** (Assistant Professor - European history) was the first presenter of the Spring 2008 CLA Medieval and Renaissance Studies series. He presented: “Pilgrimage and Power: The Restriction of Mudéjares’ Movement in the Kingdom of Valencia”.

**MICHAEL SMITH** (Associate Professor - global history) presented “A New Cold War? America, Russia and the Georgia Crisis”. Professor Smith’s presentation gave a perspective of the 2008 summer Russian invasion of Georgia. The presentation was part of the Global Perspectives series, which was sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Department of History. September 3, 2008.

**WHITNEY WALTON** (Professor - European history) presented “Transatlantic Research in a Digital Age” at the *How Scholars Work Seminar* sponsored by HSSE Library. The presentation focused on research in France and the United States that included archives, print sources, and oral interviews combining traditional and modern strategies.

**MELINDA ZOOK** (Associate Professor - European history) presented “Nursing Mothers and Sanctified Jilts: Women, Politics and Religion in England, 1660-1714”. The presentation was part of the CLA Faculty Development Center Fellowships.



*Professor Gordon Mork*

## DONORS

The Department of History would like to express appreciation to our newest scholarship donor **DAVID BISCHOFF** (B.A. '70). He has established the David W. and Geryl L. Bischoff Scholarship in the memory of his wife Geryl “Gerrie” Bischoff.

The Department of History wishes to extend – on behalf of its undergraduate and graduate students and faculty – appreciation to all those who have generously contributed to the Department of History and its various scholarships. Many of the students who have received scholarships have been able to pursue their degrees to a higher level of achievement.

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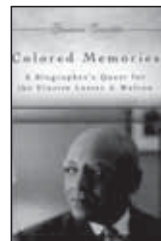
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## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

**SUSAN CURTIS**, (Professor - U.S. history) ) authored *Colored Memories: A Biographer's Quest for the Elusive Lester A. Walton*. Professor Curtis while working on her manuscript *Dancing to a Black Man's Tune: A Life of Scott Joplin* discovered Lester A. Walton and his story. Although Mr. Walton appeared in other publications' footnotes, publications devoted to the man himself were not to be found. Professor Curtis' publication corrects that wrong. The University of Missouri Press released this publication in July, 2008.



**RAY DUMETT** (Professor - global history) edited *Mining Tycoons in the Age of Empire, 1870-1945: Entrepreneurship, High Finance, Politics and Territorial Expansion*. This volume was published by Ashgate Publishing, United Kingdom, in December 2008. His article "African Merchants of the Gold Coast: Dynamics of Indigenous Entrepreneurship" was reprinted in the two-volume work *Entrepreneurship and Global Capitalism*. Editors: Geoffrey Jones and R.D. Wadhvani, Edward Elgar Press, London, 2008.



**JAMES FARR** (Professor -European history) authored *The Work of France: Labor and Culture in Early Modern Times, 1350-1800*. The book explores the nature and meaning of work in early modern France. The book was released in November 2008 by Rowman and Littlefield.

**WILLIAM GRAY** (Associate Professor - European history) was one of five editors of *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: Volumes I and II*.

**SALLY HASTINGS** (Associate Professor - global history) published "Empress Nagako and the Family State" in the *Handbook of the Emperors of Modern Japan*, ed. Ben-Ami Shillony, Brill. She also published "Ichikawa Fusae" in *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Bonnie G. Smith, Oxford University Press.

**PATRICK HEARDEN** (Professor - U.S. history) has had a third edition released of his book *The Tragedy of Vietnam* by Pearson Longman.

**STACY HOLDEN** (Assistant Professor - global history) authored "The Legacy of French Colonialism: A Historian's View of Preservation in Morocco's Fez Medina." This publication shows that the preservation of the medieval mosques of the medina of Fez is a romanticized legacy of French colonialism, and not, as it purports to be, an accurate representation of Moroccan history. The publication will be featured in *APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology (Association for Preservation Technology)*.

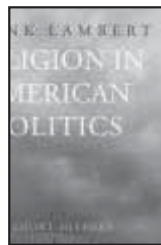
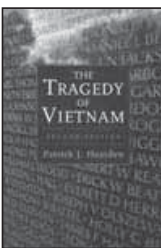
**R. DOUGLAS HURT** (Professor - agricultural history) authored *The Great Plains during World War II*. He also published "Agricultural Politics in the Twentieth-Century American West," in *The Political Culture of the New West*, University Press of Kansas.

**CHARLES INGRAO** (Professor - European history) edited, with Franz A. J. Szabo, *The Germans and the East*, Purdue University Press.

**CAROLINE JANNEY** (Assistant Professor - U.S. history) authored *Burying the Dead but not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations & the Lost Cause*. She recounts how Virginia upper and middle-class Southern white women used the burials of nearly 72,000 Confederate soldiers as a political voice and helped establish Memorial Day. This 2008 publication was released by the University of North Carolina Press. She also published: "Mothers of the Lost Cause," in *America's Civil War*, and, "'One of the Best Loved, North and South': The Appropriation of National Reconciliation by LaSalle Corbell Picket", in *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.

**FRANK LAMBERT** (Professor - U.S. history) authored *Religion in American Politics: A Short History*. Professor Lambert examines religion, politics and their tumultuous relationship from the beginning of America to present day. This 2008 publication was released by Princeton University Press.

**WHITNEY WALTON** (Professor - European history) authored "Professional Women and Travel in the Albert Kahn Around-the-World Boursieres' Reports on France and the United States, 1898-1930". This is part of the publication *Gender and Travel*, which is being edited by Nicolas Bourguinat and Rebecca Rogers. This 2008 publication was released by University of Strasbourg Press.





## EMERITI NEWS

The Department of History's emeriti may have retired from Purdue but they are still very active in their academic pursuits and their personal endeavors. Appreciation is extended to Professor Emeritus Donald Parman for compiling the following emeriti news.

**DONALD BERTHRONG** reports that his grandson Michael still works for a medical support company, and his granddaughter Kerry received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Another grandson, Sean, is working on his dissertation at Duke University.

**LEONARD GORDON** is finishing an essay, "Sun Yatsen (Sun Yixian)," which will appear in *Encyclopedia of Modern China*. He also gave a luncheon talk, "The Jews of China," at the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Bloomington, IN on November 20, 2008.

**OAKAH JONES** and his wife, Marjorie, attended the annual meeting of the New Mexico Historical Society in Deming, NM in October. A month later they drove to Sul Ross University in Texas for a meeting at the Big Bend Studies Center. As a member of the editorial board, Oakah reads all the articles published by the *New Mexico Historical Review*, which awards a prize for the best essay of the year.

**ANNE LOMMEL** is faring well in retirement and sends greetings to her former students and advisees.

**DONALD PARMAN** revised an encyclopedia entry "Indian Removals" which is now in press. The entry will appear in *Encyclopedia of US Political History*. **MICHAEL MORRISON**, associate professor of history, is editing the volume in which Parman's essay will appear. Last spring, Parman gave a talk on Civil War pensions to the Tippecanoe Civil War Round Table. He is currently working on two book reviews.

**JON TEAFORD** continues his strong publication record with his published "Governors and Economic Development", in *A Legacy of Innovation: Governors and Public Policy*, ed. Ethan G. Sribnick; "Caro versus Moses, Round Two: Robert Caro's The Power Broker," *Technology and Culture*; and "Review Essay – Stopping Sprawl," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. Professor Teaford, also, authored *The American Suburb: The Basics*. This 2008 publication was released by Routledge (a member of the Taylor and Francis Group), New York, London.

**HAROLD WOODMAN** celebrated his eighth birthday with a surprise party attended by family and friends. Woodman recently moved from his home on Grant Street to a cottage at Westminster Village. Congratulations!

Professor Emeritus  
Teaford's *American  
Suburb: The Basics*.



*The Purdue University  
History Graduate Students' Association (HGSA)  
will conduct the  
3rd annual Internal Academic Conference  
Saturday April 18, 2009  
Location TBA*

## HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (HGSA)

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

Throughout 2008, HGSA hosted "Work-in-Progress" (WIP) meetings. These meetings are a venue for graduate students and faculty to share their research projects and receive constructive feedback.

On Saturday April 12, 2008, the HGSA held its second annual HGSA-Purdue University Department of History Internal Academic Conference: "The Boundaries of History: National, International and Transnational Interpretations of the Past for the Present". The conference included three sessions. The first session was a panel discussing *Faith, Worship and Religion*; the second session had two panels – *Negotiating Gender and Identity Formation*; the third session's two panels were *American Race and Civil Rights* and *Post-War World*. Assistant professors **ALICIA DECKER**, **YVONNE PITTS** and **MICHAEL RYAN** conducted a roundtable entitled "Reflection & Direction: Purdue Faculty Members Discuss the Transition from Graduate Student to Professor".



*DoH graduate students and faculty participating in the 2nd Annual HGSA-Purdue University Department of History Internal Academic Conference*

## GRADUATE STUDENT HONORS

**COREEN DERIFIELD** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) received a Summer Research Fellowship and a SSHA-Rockefeller Graduate Student Travel Award for her to attend the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Miami, FL.

**ELISE DERMINEUR** (Ph.D. - European history) was the 2008-2009 PRF recipient for her dissertation project "Women in Rural Society: Peasants, Patriarchy and Popular Culture in Northeast France, 1500-1789".

**MARK FURNISH** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) was awarded Indiana Society of Pioneers Research Fellowship.

**RONALD JOHNSON** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) was awarded \$1,000.00 by the CLA's Research and Discovery Support Program. This award allowed Mr. Johnson to attend the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic's (SHEAR) annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, where he presented a paper.

**JAMAL RATCHFORD** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) was the National Council of Black Studies graduate essay contest first prize winner. Mr. Ratchford had previously won the first prize for the Council's Undergraduate competition.

**ANDREW THOMAS** (Ph.D. - European history) was awarded the 2008 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Dissertation Award.



*Jamal L. Ratchford,  
Ph.D. graduate  
student*

## FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following graduate students who had received various fellowships: **ELISE DERMINEUR** (Ph.D. - European history), **ERIC HALL** (Ph.D. - U.S. history), **AMY HARRIS** (Ph.D. - European history), **ALISHA HILLAM** (M.A. - U.S. history), **JACQUELINE BETHEL-MOUGOUE** (Ph.D. - Global history), **ANDREW SMITH** (Ph.D. - U.S. history), **GARRETT WASHINGTON** (Ph.D. - Global history), and **YASIR YILMAZ** (Ph.D. - European history).

## MOVING UP IN THE DEPARTMENT

**JACQUELINE BETHEL-MOUGOUE** and **ANDREW SMITH**, last spring, earned their M.A. degrees from the Department of History and were accepted into the Department's Ph.D. program.

**GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

**DOROTHÉE BOUQUET** (Ph.D. - European history) presented “Jeune Alsace, A Journal and a Society for the Alsatian Youth Readjustment to a ‘Style De Vie Francais’ 1945-1955” at the 36th Western Society for French History Conference, Quebec City, Quebec.

**COREEN DERIFIELD** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) presented “That’s a Job I Can Do: Gender and the Dissolution of Sex Based Jobs in the Industrial Workforce, 1960-1980” at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, Miami, FL.

**ELISE DERMINEUR** (Ph.D. - European history) presented “Female Peasants and the Market Economy in Early Modern France” at the Society for French History, St. Louis, MO.

**JOSHUA FLANERY** (Ph.D. - European history) presented “A Shepherd for the Poor: The Rhetoric of Carolingian Poverty” at the CLA’s Medieval and Renaissance Studies series.

**ANGELA GHIONEA** (Ph.D. - European history) presented “Contributions to Voynich Manuscript’s Mystery” at the CLA’s Medieval and Renaissance Studies series.

**AMY HARRIS** (Ph.D. - European history) presented “French Women Authors, Children’s Literature and the First World War” at the 36th Western Society for French History Conference, Quebec City, Quebec.

**ADRIANNA LOZANO** (Ph.D. - global history) presented “Reel Lives: Filmic Depictions of Free Black Women in Antebellum New Orleans” at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, San Andres, Columbia. She also presented “The Public Rhetoric of Maendeleo Ya Wanawake” at the African Studies Conference, Chicago, IL.

**ERICA MORIN** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) presented “Contextualizing the Adirondack Wind Energy Park Debate: Incorporating Environmental History into Environmental Policy-Making” at the: Midwest Political Science Association Conferences, Chicago, IL; Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO; Conference of New York State History, Saratoga, NY, and the American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

**JAMAL RATCHFORD** (Ph.D. - U.S. history) was a panel participant in Purdue University’s African American Studies and Research Center’s Talkin’ & Testifyin’: Works-in-Progress Series: “The Other Side of the Game: African American Athletes and the Sport Industry.” The panel examined African American athletes and the impact of their contributions on society.

**ANDREW SMITH** (M.A. - U.S. history) presented “And a Credit to His Race? Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, and the Interplay of Image, Celebrity, and Hero Worship in Black Boxers” at the Mid-American Conference on History.

**UNDERGRADUATE HONORS**

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

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

The Department of History’s first Undergraduate History Honors Program was held April 21, 2008. This program allowed the following honor students to showcase their HIST 422 spring semester projects.

**IYAD ISHIHADE** (Junior) “They Also Served: Untold Story of the Egyptian Labour Corps in the Great War.” Faculty mentors: Associate Professor Melinda Zook and Assistant Professor Stacy Holden.

**EMMA MEYER** (Junior) “Myth of Nations: The Aryan Myth in British, Indian and German Nationalist Discourses.” Faculty mentors: Associate Professor Tithi Battacharya and William Gray.

**SIOBHAN McGUIRE** (Senior) “Conformity and Recusancy in Sixteenth-Century England: The Apostasy of Thomas Bell.” Faculty mentor: Associate Professor Melinda Zook.



*Dorothee Bouquet,  
Ph.D. graduate student.*

**MEREDITH HORN** (Senior) “The Persecution of German Americans during World War I: The Peculiar Experience in Evansville, IN.” Faculty mentor: Professor R. Douglas Hurt.

**MARK JOHNSON** (Junior) “Freedom through Exile: Mme. de la Tour du Pin and the Emigration to the United States during the French Revolution.” Faculty mentor: Professor Whitney Walton.

Scholarly opportunities arose for two participants of the first Undergraduate History Honors Program.

**IYAD ISHIHADE**'s and **MARK JOHNSON**'s (Juniors) papers were nominated to the *Columbian Undergraduate Journal of History's* (website:<http://www.cujh.columbia.edu>). Their papers were two of 58 undergraduate papers nominated throughout the U.S. For a complete listing of the papers nominated, please visit the address previously mentioned.

**IYAD ISHIHADE** (Junior) will spend his final spring semester (2009) at the London School of Economics, where he will be studying under the Hansard Scholars. He was also awarded an internship with a Parliament member.

There are other means, than just from books, for students to grasp historical events. This held true in Assistant Professor Jennifer Foray's HIST 104 “Introduction to the Modern World”. To compete for extra credit, students were encouraged to express their creativeness by accurately depicting European historical events from 1500 to 1990 through costumes. Some costumes created to represent events were: a French peasant during the 1789 Wives' March on Versailles; the sewage problem of 19th-century Paris and several students created the Berlin Wall. Professor Foray showed her creativity by dressing in World War II attire.



2008 Undergraduate History Honors participants: Iyad Ishihade, Emma Meyer, Siobhan McGuire, Meredith Horn and Mark Johnson

*The 2009 Second Annual Undergraduate History Honors Program will be held Tuesday April 21, 2009 at 5:30pm in BRNG 1268.*

*For more details visit <http://www.cla.purdue.edu/history/>, click “Events”.*



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

2008 has been very eventful for Department of History alumni.

**ANDREW ABNEY** (B.A. - 1993): Mr. Abney and his wife, Julie Wilsbacher (B.S. in Pharmacy-1995) became parents on March 8, 2008. They named their daughter Lillian.

**DAVID ARNOLD** (B.A. - 1989): Lieutenant Colonel Arnold became deputy commander of 821st Air Base Group, Thule Air Base in Greenland. He is responsible for base support of missile warning, space surveillance, and satellite command and control missions. He commands more than 130 Air Force personnel and 450 international and U.S. contractors. The base supports 24/7 U.S. Air Force space operations 700 miles north of the Arctic Circle. He received his Ph.D. in History of Technology from Auburn University, Auburn, AL in 2004.

**PETER BOOTH** (Ph.D. - 2000) During the summer, Dr. Booth resigned his position with an educational firm in Tucson and became the director of the Mission Mill Museum, Salem, OR. Dr. Booth has returned to his first love—museum work.

**WALTER “WALLY” BRYANT III** (B.A. - 1971): Mr. Bryant was a participant in the fall 2008 “CLA Influentials” course offered to CLA juniors and seniors. As the third generation owner of Indiana Oxygen, which was founded in 1915, his company has built up a network of 40 warehouses throughout Indiana. Mr. Bryant’s grandfather and uncle – Walter and John Bryant – were owners of the Indianapolis-based Lozier car agency and had sponsored two cars in the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911. When they founded Indiana Oxygen, they continued being a part of the Speedway’s racing history. The “CLA Influentials” course was part of October’s Experience Liberal Arts.

**SUSANNA CALKINS** (M.A. [1995] - Ph.D. [2001]): Professor Calkins is the associate director for the Searle Center for Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University. The Searle Center was established in 1992 for the advancement of learning in higher education. Her responsibilities include helping faculty to determine what they want their students to learn. She continues her research on teacher/student dynamics.

**RON CARPINELLA** (B.A. - 1991): Mr. Carpinella was one of three recipients of the 2008 Emerging Voice Awards as awarded by the CLA Alumni Board. After receiving his MBA from Duke University, Mr. Carpinella began his sales career at Flycast and moved forward to Regional Sales Manager at Google, Sales Vice President at All Connect, Inc., East Coast Senior Director of Advertising Sales for VEOH Networks and is currently team leader of ID Management for Equifax. Equifax compiles credit reporting data in order to create a credit file that reflects personal credit history. The Emerging Voice Award is given to alumni who are deemed, or proven to be “rising stars” in their respective fields.

**ALTON CARROLL** (M.A. - 2001): Dr. Carroll is currently a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Indonesia at Hasanuddin University where he is guest lecturing on American and Native American history. He is the author of the newly published book titled *Medicine Bags and Dog Tags: American Indian Veterans from Colonial Times to the Second Iraq War*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. He has written several articles that have appeared in *Alternate History: Native America*, *The Encyclopedia of Latino/a History*, *Americans at War on the Home Front*, *The Encyclopedia of Pseudo-Science*, and the British environmental journal *Bristle*. While in Indonesia he is researching his next book on tribes of Asia with modern veteran traditions – *Tribal Soldiers of Southeast Asia*. In 2007, he was one of the principle participants in the documentary *Spirits for Sale*. This documentary won the Best International Film at the South Dakota Film Festival. He received his Ph.D. from Arizona State University in 2004.

**RUSSELL CATE**, Esq. (B.A. - 2004): Mr. Cate was admitted to the Indiana State Bar and became a member of the Stuart & Branigin Law Offices, Lafayette, IN.

**CULLEN CHANDLER** (Ph.D. - 2003): Assistant Professor Chandler of Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA specializes in Medieval history. In 2008, he was awarded an NEH Summer Stipend to support his research project, “Carolingian Catalonia: Politics and Culture in the Spanish March”.

**WILLIAM COMBS** (Ph.D. - 1982): In May, 2008, Professor Combs retired from Western Illinois University where he taught German and Modern Europe history for 42 years.



Professors Randy Roberts (L) and Gordon Mork (R) with Mr. Ron Carpinella

**DARRIN COX** (Ph.D. - 2008): Assistant Professor Cox accepted a position in history at West Liberty State College, West Liberty, VA.

**PAULA DAVIS** (B.A.s in history and organizational communication - 1988): Ms. Davis was nominated for the Purdue Alumni of the Year award by the Purdue University Black Alumni Association. She is the owner of Adam & Eve Organic Flowers and the Fit 4 Ever Personal Training & Pilates Studio, Lafayette, IN.

**WILLIAM FORSTCHEN** (Ph.D. - 1993): Professor Forstchen is the New York Times best selling author who has written two new novels *One Second After* which is an apocalyptic novel set in North Carolina, and *Gefangen auf Waldennia* which is a fantasy novel written in the German language. Associate Professor Forstchen began his academic career in 1993 at Montreat College, Montreat, NC. Currently, he is involved with archeological research in Mongolia as he pursues his interest in the empire of Chinggis Khan. Professor Forstchen is the author of over forty novels.

**RICHARD “RICKY” GARLITZ** (B.A. - 1998): Assistant Professor Garlitz received his Ph.D. from Ohio University, Athens, OH. He accepted a tenure track position at the University of Tennessee, Martin, TN. He will be teaching American cultural and intellectual history, Middle Eastern history, 20th -Century European history and contemporary history.

**JENNIFER GONZALEZ** (M.A. - 2006): Ms. Gonzalez was awarded the Leslie B. Rout, Jr. Recruitment Fellowship for Exceptionally Promising Scholars of Latin American history. She is pursuing her Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

**JEFFREY LAMBERT** (B.A. - 2006): Mr. Lambert accepted the position of Management Assistant at Ace Rent-A-Car.

**FRED LASH** (B.A. - 1966): Mr. Lash is a Senior Advisor for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C.

**ARTHUR LEIGHTON** (B.A. [1992] and Ph.D. [2007]): Last summer, Dr. Leighton moved to the Washington, DC, area. He is employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to investigate Indian tribes and bands' applications for federal recognition.

**JAMES PULA** (M.A. [1970] and Ph.D. [1972]): Professor Pula teaches history at Purdue University North Central and has an accomplished publication list. He published “Fighting for Time: Carl Schurz on the First Day at Gettysburg,” *Gettysburg Magazine*, and “The Second Great Awakening: Abolitionism in Oneida County,” *Mohawk Valley History*. He is the editor of the scholarly journal *Polish American Studies* and serves as a member of the series advisory board for the *Polish and Polish American Studies Series* of Ohio University Press. Recently, Professor Pula was named editor-in-chief of *Polish American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia* which will be published by McFarland Publishers.

**SCOTT RANDOLPH** (Ph.D. - 2008): Dr. Randolph accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position at the University of Wyoming. He is also the curator of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Collection.

**KIMBERLY ROSENFELD** (B.A. in history and anthropology – 2008): Ms. Rosenfeld is currently working on her Masters degree in American Diplomatic History at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**FREDERICK SCHNEID** (M.A. [1990] and Ph.D. [1993]): Professor Schneid was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Purdue until 1994 when he took a position at High Point University, High Point, NC. He was appointed the Director of the University Honors Program in 2000. Professor Schneid is also the coordinator of the “Gunther E. Rothenberg Seminar in Military History” at High Point University. He has received the prestigious Exemplary Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church (2004), and the Alpha Chi Award from the University Honors Society (2003-2004). He is the author of: *Soldiers of Napoleon’s Kingdom of Italy: Army, State and Society, 1800-1815* (Westview: 1995); *Napoleon’s Italian Campaigns: 1805-1815* (Praeger: 2002) and most recently, *Napoleon’s Conquest of Europe: The War of the Third Coalition* (Praeger: 2005).

**LEON SCHWEIR** (B.A. - 1974): Mr. Schweir was a participant in the new “CLA Influentials” course offered to CLA juniors and seniors. Mr. Schweir was named Executive Producer/Vice President, Production of the Big Ten Network. Throughout his career in production, programming and management he has been recognized with two national and 27 local Sports Emmy Awards. The “CLA Influentials” course was part of October’s Experience Liberal Arts.

**SEAN SCOTT** (Ph.D. - 2008): Assistant Professor Scott accepted a tenure-track appointment at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR. His research interests include U.S., Civil War and Reconstruction and U.S. religious history.

**FRANK SHIRER** (M.A. - 1974): Mr. Shirer was featured on PBS “The History Detectives”. A World War II recording of a show called “Hi, Yank” was made at Fort Dix. The question was if “Hi, Yank” had been performed for the troops overseas. Mr. Shirer found that indeed the show had been performed for troops in Italy in the fall of 1944. Mr. Shirer is a historical archivist at the U.S. Army Centre of Military History in Washington D.C.

**ADAM STANLEY** (Ph.D. - 2004): Assistant Professor Stanley published *Modernizing Tradition: Gender and Consumerism in Interwar France and Germany* (Louisiana State University Press). He is currently an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin- Platteville, where he specializes in French and German history in the first half of the 20th-Century. His research interests are gender and consumerism in France and Germany in the 20’s and 30’s.

**STEVEN STOFFERAHN** (M.A. [1997] and Ph.D. [2003]): Associate Professor Stoffarahn joined Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, in 2004. Specializing in medieval history, he has expanded his teaching of the Middle Ages to a “hands-on” experience for his students. His spring 2008 class conducted research at St. Meinrad Archabbey and Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, both with ties to the Middle Ages, the Carmelite nuns in Allendale, Allen Chapel, and St. Benedict’s Church in Terre Haute. Students comprised four research groups – monastic life; churches and cathedrals, saints and shrines; and stained glass, sculpture and art. The assignment was to research the medieval roots of these topics and how they are implacable to today’s local practices and institutions.

**JASON TETZLOFF** (Ph.D. - 1996): Professor Tetzloff, in August, left his position as department chair at Owens Community College, Findlay, OH to become Dean of Instructional and Academic Support at Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA.

**ANDREW THOMAS** (M.A. [2000] and Ph.D. [2008]): Assistant Professor Thomas accepted a tenure-track position at Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC.

**JOHN WAKEFIELD**, Esq. (B.A. - 2002): Mr. Wakefield is Assistant District Attorney for the Harris County District Attorney’s office, Houston, TX.

**KEVIN WALKER**, Esq. (B.A. - 1985): Mr. Walker is General Counsel for the National Drug Intelligence Center.

**DAVID WELKY** (M. A. [1996] and Ph.D. [2001]): Assistant Professor Welky of University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR published two books in 2008: *Everything Was Better in America: Print Culture in the Great Depression*, (University of Illinois Press), and *The Moguls and the Dictators: Hollywood and the Coming of World War II*, (The Johns Hopkins University Press).

**BRADFORD WRIGHT** (M.A. [1992] and Ph.D. [1998]): Professor Wright is a Behavioral/Social Sciences Division – History instructor at Imperial Valley College, Imperial, CA. He teaches Early Western Civilization, United States to 1877, United States from 1877, Early Latin America, Modern Latin America and History of Mexico.

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## ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

**JACK LEWIS** (B.A. - 1969): Dean of College Counseling at Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, IL, reflected on how history professors Bill Collins and Paul Million “launched me into a 40-year career in education.” The former pre-pharmacy student credits “Because of these two inspiring professors, I learned that great teaching is a splendid combination of scholarship and a connectedness with students that often lasts a life time.” (Excerpts from CLA’s publication “THiNK” Magazine, Fall 2008.)

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