The past year has been very eventful for the Department of History. We have experienced significant changes in faculty personnel and staffing and will embark upon new recruitment ventures next year (2007–08). I am especially pleased to note that our graduate program has been generously assisted by a sizable gift from the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation. Our undergraduate division, while healthy, is presently undergoing an internal assessment in light of a new campuswide general education policy. Additionally, the department hosted or co-sponsored a number of lectures, workshops, and conferences last year, including the Indiana Association of Historians conference (which included the annual Paul V. McNutt Lecture given by Professor Dwight Pitcaithley of New Mexico State University), the Liberian Studies Association conference, and the Paul Lucas Conference in History.

The department hired four new professors, who are assuming their teaching duties this fall. Padraic Kenney comes to us from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His scholarship and teaching focus on central and eastern Europe during the Communist and post-Soviet periods. His most recent monograph is The Burdens of Freedom: Eastern Europe since 1989. Jason McGraw has been appointed assistant professor of history and American studies. He earned his PhD from the University of Chicago, specializing in Latin American history. His current book project examines the history of people of African descent on the Caribbean coast of Columbia from 1850 to 1930. Klaus Muehlhahn, formerly director of the Centre for East Asian Studies at the University of Turku in Finland, specializes in modern Chinese history. His forthcoming monograph, Criminal Justice in China: A History, examines the nature and evolution of Chinese law enforcement and imprisonment practices during the 20th century. Recruited through our search in Asian American history, Ellen Wu joins the department as an assistant professor. Her work centers on the Asian American experience in the United States, particularly in regard to conceptions of citizenship and “race” formation. Additionally, the department welcomes Sara Scalenghe as an assistant professor of Middle Eastern history. Scalenghe was initially hired in 2005–06, but is assuming her teaching duties this fall following the completion of a postdoctoral fellowship elsewhere.

In addition to having an exemplary recruitment cycle, the department did experience some attrition last year. George Alter, having joined the faculty in 1979, officially retired from IU, but has accepted an administrative post at another university. He is the author of dozens of articles and book chapters, in addition to the monograph Family and the Female Life Course: The Women of Verviers, Belgium, 1849–1880. Larry Friedman, a biographer and specialist in philanthropic studies, retired in December 2006. During his career, he wrote several important works, including Gregarious Saints: Self and Community in American Abolitionism, 1830–1870 and Identity’s Architect: A Biography of Erik Erikson.

Additionally, after more than 30 years of service to Indiana University, Jim Riley, Distinguished Professor of history, retired this summer. Riley has contributed much to our understanding of such global issues as public health, life expectancy, and social change. He is also the author of numerous monographs and articles, including Rising Life Expectancy: A Global History. Finally, Tom Keirstead, a specialist in Japanese history, departed IU for a teaching position elsewhere. The department wishes all of these fine scholars success in these new phases of their careers and lives.

— Claude Clegg
Gamber, Shopkow take on administrative posts

Beginning July 1, 2007, Professor Wendy Gamber became director of graduate studies for the Department of History, replacing Peter Guardino. In this role, Gamber will be responsible for coordinating graduate admissions and funding, crafting and implementing policies related to the graduate program, and working with the Graduate Affairs Committee to ensure the vitality of our master’s and doctoral tracks. Gamber is a specialist in United States history, focusing especially on the historical experiences of women in the realm of business.

Additionally, Professor Leah Shopkow will assume the directorship of the department’s honors program during 2007–08, following the tenure of Tom Keirstead. Shopkow will supervise the writing of the capstone thesis papers, collaborate with the Honors College, participate in awards ceremonies, attend paper defenses, and explore ways to improve both the honors program and its links to the department’s larger undergraduate division. Shopkow is a scholar of medieval intellectual and cultural history.

Watt honored as Outstanding Junior Faculty

Professor Ed Watt was honored with the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award for his exemplary contributions in the areas of research, teaching, and service. Watts, an expert in ancient and late antique history, received this award in the annual competition that Indiana University sponsors to recognize assistant professors who have revealed great promise as scholars and teachers. Watts has published a monograph, titled City and School in Late Antique Athens and Alexandria (University of California Press, 2006), and is working on a second book that deals with religious interactions in fifth-century Egypt. He has taught courses in Roman history and medieval Mediterranean religious exchanges.

Gift adds funding for graduate education

In fall 2006, the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation provided the department with a gift of $1 million to support graduate education. That sum was matched by the IU Foundation as part of its “Matching the Promise” initiative. This $2 million endowment will provide a 5 percent annual return of $100,000 to be used to fund graduate student recruitment, retention, and research.

Perspectives

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Alumni Notebook

Before 1960

The Indiana Academy inducted Beurt R. SerVaas, BA’41, MedScD’78, chair of the board of SerVaas Inc., former member and president of the Indianapolis City–County Council, and former editor and publisher of the Saturday Evening Post, into the organization. Established by the Independent Colleges of Indiana, the Indiana Academy strives to further the development of public service, higher education, the arts and sciences, and the general culture of the state.

Martha Wilson Willis, BA’46, MA’48, lives in Portage, Ind. She volunteers with the community’s historical society, food pantry, and League of Women Voters. Willis writes that she enjoys IU Bloomington’s Mini University.

Betty Thralls Randall, MA’58, and her husband, Maurice “Mac,” BS’51, MS’52, are both retired from the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. in southeastern Indiana. They have moved from their home of 40 years east of Columbus to the Four Seasons Retirement Community in Columbus.

1960s

Paul E. Burns, MA’63, Cert/PhD’67, is an adjunct professor at Minnesota State University in Mankato. He is a professor emeritus of history at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Harvey Asher, MA’64, PhD’67, is a retired professor of history at Drury University. His wife, Sandra (Fenichel), BA’64, is the author of children’s books and plays. They live in Lancaster, Pa.

Joseph T. Fuhrmann, MA’64, Cert/PhD’68, is a professor of history at Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

George P. Majeska, Cert/MA’64, PhD’68, an associate professor emeritus of history, is retired from the Russian and East European Studies Program at the University of Maryland in College Park. He now devotes himself to research and travel.

Vera Stillabower Murphy, BA’64, MAT’67, and her husband, William, BS’64, MS’67, are both retired from teaching after 40 and 29 years, respectively. They are both enjoying retirement in Shelbyville, Ind., and like to attend IU football games. The Murphys have one son and three grandchildren.

Wilma King, MA’65, PhD’82, is the author of The Essence of Liberty: Free Black Women During the Slave Era, published by the University of Missouri Press. She is the Arvarh E. Strickland Distinguished Professor in African-American History and Culture at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Gale Stokes, MA’65, Cert’67, PhD’70, is the Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of History Emeritus at Rice University in Houston. Before his retirement, he was dean of humanities at Rice and president of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Stokes splits his time between Houston and Redstone, Colo.

In September, Michael R. Bash, BA’66, MS’73, retired from Anatolia College in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Ann L. Blickensderfer, BA’67, is a managing director and a senior trust officer at Private Bank–Chicago, a unit of PrivateBancorp Inc.

Michael F. Hamm, MA’67, PhD’71, is the Ewing T. Boles Professor of History at Centre College in Danville, Ky. He is on the board of trustees of the Kentucky chapter of the Nature Conservancy and serves on the board of directors of the Central Kentucky Wildlife Refuge.

Sara L. Stone, BA’67, writes that she retired from her federal career, where she was an archivist with the National Archives and with the National Park Service. She continues working as a consultant in archives and records. Stone maintains homes in Arlington, Va., and Harrisville, N.H.

In March, John G. Baker, BA’68, JD’71, started his three-year term as chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis. He was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals in 1989 by then-Gov. Evan Bayh, BS’78, LLD’96. Since 1980, Baker has taught as an adjunct professor at IU’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He also taught for three years at the School of Law–Bloomington. He lives in Zionsville with his wife, Margaret “Peggy” Paul Baker, BA’67, a teacher at Carmel High School.

1970s

Suellen M. Hoy, MA’70, PhD’75, is a guest professor of history at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. She is the author of Good Hearts: Catholic Sisters in Chicago’s Past, published by the University of Illinois Press in 2006. She and her husband, Walter Nugent, live in Highland Park, Ill.

Chris Le Bris, MA’70, has been named a managing director of United States Trust Co. of New York, located in New York City. His wife, Vicki (Dearholt), BA’75, is president of the New Canaan (Conn.) chapter of the American Association of University Women. They live in New Canaan.

After 15 years as vice president of SunCorp, Bruce R. Sutchar, BA’70, MS’74, is now a financial analyst at Pearre & Associates, the Chicago agency of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Sutchar continues his roles as executive director of the American Family Coalition and as the special assistant to the bishop of the American Clergy Leadership Conference in Chicago. Sutchar and his wife, Ilse, live in Hanover Park, Ill. They have five children, ages 14 through 20.

Frederick J. Stielow, BA’71, MA’72, PhD’77, was appointed dean of libraries and educational materials at American Military University in January.

Placement report, 2006–07

Tenure track

Martin Blackwell, PhD’05, accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of history at Gainesville College in Gainesville, Ga. This four-year-year college is part of the University of Georgia.

Elisabeth McMahon, PhD’05, accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor, specializing in East African history, at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

Janine Peterson, PhD’06, accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of medieval history at Marist College, a comprehensive liberal arts college in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She will be teaching the medieval and early modern survey courses, as well as upper-division medieval courses.

Will Van Arragon, PhD’06, accepted a tenure-track job at King’s University College in Edmonton, Alberta.
Linda Louise McReynolds, Cert’76, MA’77, is a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously, she taught for 20 years at the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. She is the author of Russia at Play: Leisure Activities at the End of the Tsarist Era and The News Under Russia’s Old Regime: The Development of the Mass Circulation Press.

Alphonso Smir, BA’76, is retired and living in Los Angeles.

Craig L. Webb, BA’76, is the editor of ProSales magazine. He brings to the magazine more than 30 years of experience as a reporter and editor. Webb works and lives in Washington, D.C.

Among his numerous military accomplishments and awards, David L. Anderson, BA’77, spent five years of service in the Middle East. He has a master’s degree in administration and information technology and a specialist in education degree in computing technology in education.

Alexander Karagiannis, MA’77, PhD’81, is the deputy chief of missions at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria. He was previously director of the Office for United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Ireland Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Karagiannis lives in Dulles, Va.


Reggie D. Howell, MA’83, published his doctorate in education at the University of Arizona in August 2006. He is the lead history faculty member at the northwest campus of Pima Community College in Tucson, Ariz. He lives in Tucson.

Mari A. Firkatian, MA’84, PhD’91, is an assistant professor of history at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. She is the author of “Struggling for Each Other: The Stancioff Family at Work,” published in the Journal of Family History: Studies in Family, Kinship, and Demography in April 2006. She has a book chapter and book that are forthcoming.

Christine Davidson Berman, BA’85, freelance with John Wiley and Sons Inc., editing computer titles in the “For Dummies” series. Her husband, Eric M., BA’86, is one of three “quizzicists,” devising and broadcasting on-air world puzzles with the hosts of A Way with Words, which airs weekly on KPBS Radio in San Diego and on Wisconsin Public Radio. He is the chief political reporter for WIBC Radio in Indianapolis, the statewide radio wire service. The couple live in Noblesville, Ind., with their 3-year-old son, Christian.

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Rob Schutt, BA’87, is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, moved to Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota, where he is commander of the fifth communications squadron.

Stephen P. Bintinger Jr., BA’88, is pursuing a master of science degree in language education and Spanish at IUB’s School of Education.

Paul J. Gordon Jr., BA’88, is pursuing a master of science degree in language education and Spanish at IUB’s School of Education.

James P. Niessen, MA’79, PhD’89, is the world history librarian at the Archibald S. Alexander Library at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. He published “Museums, Nationality, and Public Research Libraries in Nineteenth-Century Transylvania” in Libraries & the Cultural Record in summer 2006.

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Gyoo-Hyoung Kahng, MA’89, is an associate professor and chair of the School of Basic Studies at Myongji University in Seoul, Korea. He lives in South Korea.

Steven H. Silver, BA’89, is a nationally listed published by Woodward/White in South Carolina. In this year’s publication, 340 Indiana lawyers are listed, but Mallor is the only Bloomington lawyer included. His profile can be found in the family law section. Mallor is a partner at Mallor Clendening Grodner & Bohlner.

Charles “Chuck” Crabb, BA’73, is associate athletic director/facilities at IU Bloomington. He is perhaps best known as the voice of Hoosier athletics. The IU Foundation presented Crabb with the 2006 Jerry F. Tardy (BS’62) Pride of Indiana Award, named for the former president of the IUAA. Crabb was co-advisor for the Student Athletic Board for 11 years and provides support for the IU cheerleading and spirit squads. The IU Crabb Band, which performs at men’s and women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, and women’s basketball games, is named in his honor. For his association with the Department of Bands as the athletics liaison, he is an honorary member of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi music honoraries.

Kim Irwin Manlove, BA’74, MS’78, and Marissa Sison–Manlove, MS’77, are the recipients of the Richard M. Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award for 2006 from Fairbanks Alcohol and Drug Treatment in Indianapolis. The Manloves lost their 16-year-old son, David, in summer 2003, as a result of huffing, the inhaling of household chemicals. They have used their personal experience with addiction as an opportunity to educate adolescents, parents, educators, and community members about drug and alcohol prevention and adolescent addiction treatment. The Manloves, of Indianapolis, have been instrumental in the development of Parents for a Drug-Free America, Fairbanks Adolescent Parent Support Group, Parent Advisory Board, National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, and the Vigil for Lost Promise.

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MA’92, is the publisher and editor of Illinois Science Fiction in Chicago (ISFiC) Press, an independent book publisher specializing in science fiction.

1990s
Krista Robison Feinberg, MA’90, PhD’97, is an assistant professor of history at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis.
Ted A. Guhr Jr., BA’90, is director of business development with Tarlton Corp. in St. Louis, where he has worked since 1998. He was named to St. Louis Business Journal’s 2007 “40 Under 40” list. Guhr has served in leadership positions for the St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers; the Society for Marketing Professional Services; and the Construction Career Center, the Associated General Contractors St. Louis charter school.
Michelle L. Johnson, BA’90, transferred to the Milwaukee office of the Associated Press to work as an editor. She previously worked as AP’s statehouse reporter in Rhode Island.
Haiwang Yuan, BA’90, MLS’95, is the web site and virtual library coordinator at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. He is the author of The Magic Lotus Lantern and Other Tales from the Han Chinese, published by Libraries Unlimited. Yuan is working on the book’s sequel, tentatively titled Princess Peacock and Tales from Other Chinese Peoples.

Former Indianapolis Deputy Mayor Melina Maniatis Kennedy, BA’91, MS/JD’95, joined the Indianapolis law firm of Baker & Daniels as a partner. She concentrates her practice in public finance, focusing on economic development and complex business litigation.

Wook Jin Cheun, MA/MLS’93, is the Slavic Collection and East European Library Catalogue librarian at IUB’s Herman B Wells Library. Previously, he worked as a Slavic acquisitions specialist in the library’s technical services department and as an assistant to the Slavic biographer from 1998 to 2002.

Since June 2005, Steven T. Duke, MA’93, PhD’99, has been assistant program director for education abroad at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

In August, Trena L. Depel, Cert/BA’95, planned to start the Sloan master’s program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business in California. She has served as director of regulatory and clinical affairs for Sanarus Medical in Pleasanton, Calif. She lives in San Francisco.

Michael J. Foote, BA’95, is a deputy district attorney in Boulder, Colo. He lives in Lafayette.

In February, Rob Jentgens, BA’95, of Boston, reported he was serving as the new deputy CFO for the Mitt Romney for President Exploratory Committee Inc.

Suzanne E. Ament, PhD’96, Cert’97, is an assistant professor of history at Radford University in Virginia. Her chapter “Reflecting Individual and Collective Identities: Songs of World War II” is included in Gender and National Identity in Twentieth-Century Russian Culture, published in 2006 by Northern Illinois University Press. Previously, Ament was an adjunct professor at IU Bloomington.

Scott W. Rostock, BA’96, is an associate at Akerman Senterfitt in Miami. He specializes in litigation and commercial litigation. He lives with his wife, Jennifer Rostock, in Miami Beach. He can be reached at scott.rostock@akerman.com.

Wade D. Wyckoff, BA’96, MA/MLS’99, is a cataloging policy librarian at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Matthew T. Albaugh, BA’97, JD’01, is an associate at the law firm of Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis. He is one of seven professionals to receive the first-ever Charles L. Whistler Pro Bono Awards from the law firm. Albaugh argued the firm’s first appellate pro bono case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is helping to organize a state appellate pro bono initiative, working with the Indiana State Bar Association and Indiana Supreme Court.

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2006–07 PhDs

Cyprian Adupa (BA, Makerere University; MA, Makerere University), “Conflict Continuous: the Historical Context for the Northern Uganda Conflict, 1890–1990” — Hanson
Matthew Carotenuto (BA, SUNY Cortland; MA, Indiana University), “Cultivating an African Community: The Luo Union in 20th-Century East Africa” — Hanson
Anthony Dixon (BS, Florida A&M University; MA, Florida A&M University), “Black Seminole Involvement and Leadership During the Second Seminole War, 1835–1842” — Clegg
Phillip Guerty (BA, Florida Atlantic University; MA, Florida Atlantic University), “Domesticating Exoticism: Asian Decorative Objects and Identity in Eighteenth-Century Britain” — Wahrman
Robin Henry (BA, Austin College; MA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst), “Criminalizing Sex, Defining Sexuality: Sodomy, Law, and Manhood in Nineteenth-Century Colorado” — Grossberg
Deborah Howard (BA, Houghton College; MA, Binghamton University, SUNY; MA, Indiana University), “Elite Secondary Education in Late Imperial Russia, 1880–1905” — Eklof
Kara Dixon Vuic (BA, Marshall University; MA, Indiana University), “‘Officer. Nurse. Woman’: Defining Gender in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in the Vietnam War” — McGerr

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Andrew D. LeMar, BA’00, JD’03, of Chicago, joined the law firm of Dykema Gossett as an associate in its litigation department. His practice focuses on consumer financial services, litigation, and particularly on the defense of class actions.

Abram B. Gregory, BA’02, JD’05, is an associate at the Indianapolis law office of Sommer Barnard, where he joined the litigation practice group.

Rachel L. Kipp, BA’02, is the higher-education reporter at The News Journal in New Castle, Del. She lives in Wilmington.

Heather Coon Lissner, BA’02, is a communications specialist at AIG Financial Advisors in Phoenix. On June 16, 2006, she was married to Gerard “Jay” Lissner Jr., and the couple honeymooned in Greece. They live in Phoenix.

Matthew L. Fox, BA’03, planned to graduate from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in May 2007.

In summer 2006, I–Man in track

Michael R. Minton, Cert’03, BA’04, was married to Britteny (Aldrich), BS’05, who writes: “We met his senior year in a third-grade classroom, while I was working for the Indiana Reading & Math Team at Fairview Elementary [in Richmond, Ind.]. Mike was doing observations for Teach for America.” The MINTONs now live in Normal, Ill., where they bought their first home in February. Mike is an academic advisor for Illinois State University, pursuing a master’s degree. She is a Title I reading teacher in Heyworth, pursuing a master’s degree in reading at ISU. “We like Illinois, but greatly miss IU,” she adds.

A law student at IU Bloomington,

Emily Rich Collins, BA’04, is a visiting law student at the University of Missouri’s Kansas City School of Law for 2006–07.

Jaime A. Eskridge, BA’04, writes that she has opened a retail store, Cabin & Cottage Style, in Lafayette, Ind. The shop specializes in hand-painted and one-of-a-kind furniture and home décor.

Kyle G. Springman, BA/BS’05, of Rochester, Minn., is a financial analyst at IBM in Rochester. He previously worked in New York City.

Jason C. Vuic, Ph.D’05, is an instructor of history at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

Kathryn E. Pardo, BAJ’06, is pursuing her law degree at IU Bloomington.