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A word from the chair

A major decision: Why choose history?

A recent article in *USA Today* (July 24, 2001) reinforced an idea we have long held in the department: History majors move into all kinds of worthwhile endeavors after college. The piece proclaimed the value of the liberal arts degree and featured Carly Fiorina, the current CEO of Hewlett-Packard. Fiorina told an interviewer in no uncertain terms that her major in medieval history and philosophy at Stanford had helped her in understanding changes taking place in the digital age. In fact, the newspaper presented evidence indicating that as many CEOs of America's top 500 corporations majored in the liberal arts as in business administration.

I have heard undergraduates at Indiana University tell me for years that they would like to major in history but were worried that such a path would inhibit their ability to get a job. Often they claimed that their parents were opposed to such a choice on their part. Certainly it makes sense to view a college education and its attendant costs

as a key to the workplace. However, the Department of History has been concerned for the past few years about the perception

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that the value of the history major has declined among the student body. We know that fewer students are electing to major in our subject than 10 years ago. At the same time, the interest they manifest in studying history in general is also upheld by statistics that show the overall enrollments in our classes moving slightly upward in past years — even as enrollments in other humanities disciplines have slipped.

Recently the department mailed a questionnaire to several thousand individuals who majored in history and have

graduated from IU since 1980. The project was carried out largely by Professor Peter Guardino, a specialist in Mexican history who served for a time as the director of undergraduate studies for history. Our goal was to get a better idea of what these people did with their history concentration and what value they attached to it after being out of school. Our idea was to help current and future students make an intelligent choice of whether or not the history major was for them. The results were surprising, and I wanted to share some of them with you.

We expected that the largest group of former majors would be practicing law, since history has long served as an excellent way to prepare for law school. Many of our respondents had, indeed, moved into the legal profession — 23 percent. Amazingly, however, the largest group of graduates turned out to be working in the business field. An impressive 34 percent of the respondents told us they were earning a living in a variety of business endeavors. A sampling of their job titles was impressive: senior energy manager, senior human resources recruiter, account executive, claims specialist, vice president for development, program manager, CEO, and vice president for sales and marketing. Companies that employed our graduates include Bristol-Meyers, Geiger International, Altec Industries, Microsoft, Charles Schwab, DaimlerChrysler, and State Farm Insurance.

A range of other interests and professions attracted our majors. Eleven percent worked for various levels in government and in nonprofit foundations. Another 11 percent spent most of their time in teaching. Government positions included a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force and an analyst for the Department of Defense. Teaching included positions at a junior high school in Chesterton, Ind., at a high school

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Speaking on diversity

A.B. Assensoh, left, speaks with Professor Orlando Patterson, right, of Harvard University. Patterson gave this year's McNutt lecture, titled "Diversity, Security,



and the Contradictions of Freedom in America." The department's Paul V. McNutt lecture series will receive additional resources through a recent contribution from the estate of Louise McNutt, daughter of Paul V. McNutt. For more details on Louise McNutt, see page 2.

Around the department

Word from the chair

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in Jackson, Mich., and at Cornell University. Respondents also worked in journalism (a news producer at a television station in Las Vegas) and in information science (an information services librarian in South Carolina). The list could be extended, but the point was clear: Majoring in history opened up many more opportunities than most of the students and faculty realized.

We also asked our graduates how they felt the skills they learned from their history training might have helped them in fashioning their careers. The responses were wide ranging, but most centered around the idea of learning how to organize and understand a vast amount of information. Many felt that history courses helped them develop good writing and analytical tools. One person, who is in business, made the point succinctly when she said history helped her “think, analyze, write, present, articulate, and persuade.” Another claimed that as a history major he learned “to efficiently manage large amounts of often-complex data and convey information gathered from that data in a clear, concise fashion.” One of my favorite responses went something like this: “Never sell your liberal arts degree short. I am constantly amazed at how many business people can’t write well or speak well in public.”

Other majors wrote about how history courses allowed them to appreciate the diversity of world cultures, opinions, and experiences in the world and linked those discoveries to their real life jobs, which took them into new and unexpected places. Obviously, majoring in history could not account for all of the career achievements these people attained. No one said that there were not other majors and paths to follow into the professional world. Some of our graduates pursued graduate degrees in business — as did Carly Fiorina — to enhance their career prospects. It was clear, however, that many Indiana University students thought majoring in history was a legitimate and effective way to prepare for the real world. Far from being an irrelevant exercise or an escape into the past, the history major has actually helped many IU students move forward into the future.

— John Bodnar

Generous act funds lectures, fellowships, professorship

The Department of History received a major gift from the estate of Louise McNutt.

Through this act of generosity the department will realize a fully endowed professorship, funds for graduate student fellowships, and additional resources for its Paul V. McNutt lecture series.

Louise McNutt was the daughter of Paul V. McNutt, the New Deal governor of Indiana and the



Louise McNutt

first American ambassador to the Philippines. She was born in 1921 and received a bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1943.

Two years later she began a career in the U.S. Department of State, where she served as a trade analyst and a specialist in the Far East Division until she retired in the early 1970s. The department has

sponsored the McNutt lecture series since 1988.

Three faculty join department

Three new faculty members will join the Department of History for the fall term.

Thomas Keirstead, a specialist in Japanese history, will become an associate professor. Keirstead received a PhD from Stanford University in 1989. His book *The Geography of Power in Medieval Japan* was published by Princeton University Press in 1992. During the past academic year, he held the Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars and was in residence at the National Humanities Center.

Sarah Knott comes to the department this fall after having spent last year as a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford University. Knott completed a doctorate at Oxford in 1999 by writing a

dissertation titled “A Cultural History of Sensibility in the Era of the American Revolution.” As an assistant professor of American history, she will be teaching and conducting research on the periods of U.S. colonial history and the American Revolution. She is also co-director of a comparative project to study “Feminism and the Enlightenment.”

Konstantin Dierks will also bring expertise in U.S. colonial history to the department. Dierks completed his dissertation on “Letter Writing, Gender, and Class in America, 1750-1800,” under the direction of Gordon Wood at Brown University. This past year he was a visiting postdoctoral fellow at the Rothermere American Institute and Wolfson College, Oxford University.

Homecoming Weekend

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 12

- 1-3 “Remembering Herman B Wells”
— Chancellor Wells’ Office Open House, Owen Hall
- 3:30 Campus Bus Tour, IMU
- 5:30 Homecoming Parade
- 6:30 Pep Rally and Fireworks, Sample Gates

Saturday, Oct. 13

- 11:00 Alumni Homecoming Luncheon, Mellencamp Pavilion
- 11-1 Virgil T. DeVault Alumni Center Open House, 1000 E. 17th Street
- 1:00 IU vs. Illinois, Memorial Stadium
- 8:00 Homecoming Show, featuring Willie Nelson. (For tickets, call (812) 855-1103.)

Honors & awards

Faculty awards

During 2000-01, departmental faculty received a number of outstanding awards.

- Jeffrey Veldlinger's book *The Moscow State Yiddish Theater: Jewish Culture on the Soviet Stage* won the National Jewish Book Award in the Yiddish language and literature category.
- David Ransel was appointed as the first Robert F. Byrnes Professor of History. This professorship was established by former IU basketball Coach Bob Knight in honor of Byrnes, who taught Russian history in the department for many years.
- James H. Madison was appointed to the Thomas and Kathryn Miller professorship in Indiana history.
- John Bodnar was made Chancellor's Professor of History.
- And Daniel Walker and John Hanson won Trustees' Teaching Awards.

PhDs awarded

- Dominic Abram: "North Star State History: Minnesota Historiography in the 20th Century" (McGerr)
- Barbara Allen: "Worker, Trade Unionist, Revolutionary: A Political Biography of Alexander Shliapnikov, 1905-1922" (Rabinowitch)
- Iain Anderson: "'This is Our Music': Free Jazz, Cultural Hierarchy, and the Sixties" (Blake)
- Randi Barnes-Cox: "The Creation of the Socialist Consumer: Advertising, Citizenship, and NEP" (Kuromiya)
- Andrew Denson: "Cherokees Watching: Indian Autonomy and American Culture, 1839-1900" (Edmunds)
- John Dichtl: "Frontiers of Faith: Transplanting Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic" (Stein)
- Patrick Ettinger: "Preserving a Permeable Border: Smugglers, Migrants, and Ingenuity on the Canadian and Mexican Borders, 1882-1930" (Thelen)
- Stephen Kercher: "The Limits of Irreverence: 'Sick' Humor and Satire in America, 1950-1964" (Blake)
- Derek Larson: "Preserving Eden: The Culture of Conservation in Oregon, 1959-1980" (Thelen)
- Kristine McCusker: "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels: Women, Work, and Barn Dance Radio, 1920-1960" (Stowe)
- Mark McGarvie: "One Nation Under Law: America's Early National Struggles to Separate Church and State" (Friedman)
- Meg Meneghel: "'Heretic': Hannah Whitall Smith, Quakerism, and the 19th-Century Holiness Movement" (McGerr)
- Lydia Murdoch: "Imagined Orphans: Poor Families, the Home, and Child Welfare in England, 1870-1914" (Peterson)
- Won-Yong Park: "Struggles for Proletarianizing Higher Educational Institutions: Rabfaks During the First Decade of Soviet Power, 1919-1928" (Kuromiya)

- Sean Quinlan: "Medicine and the Social Body in France: From the Individual Self to Social Therapy in Learned Medical Practice, 1750-1850" (Cohen)
- Timothy Schmitz: "'Particular Devotions': Tridentine Reform and State Power in the Hieronymite Order, 1563-1598" (Nader)
- Joseph Skoski: "Public Baths and Washhouses in Victorian Britain, 1842-1914" (Peterson)
- Martha Taysom: "'The Hope of the Great Community': The Communal Philosophy of Josiah Royce" (Blake)
- Valentina Tikoff: "Assisted Transitions: Children and Adolescents in the Orphanages of Seville at the End of the Old Regime, 1681-1831" (Nader)
- Stephen Toth: "Neither Myth Nor Monolith: A History of the French Overseas Penal Colonies, 1854-1952" (Cohen)
- Tracy Uebelhor: "'The Ticket Will Be Ike and Dick': Eisenhower, Nixon, and the Republican Nomination of 1956" (Hoff)
- Stephen Warren: "Between Villages and Nations: The Emergence of Shawnee Nationalism, 1800-1870" (Edmunds)
- Linda Weintraut: "'The Community Spirit': Conservatism in Indianapolis, 1900-1977" (Bodnar)
- Yen-Chuan Yu: "Both Mother and Feminist: The Problem of Motherhood in the Second Women's Movement in America" (Hoff)

Left: Carl Ipsen and Jeanne Peterson at the history department's spring party.

Right: Jeffrey Veldlinger, Jean Branch, academic advisor of history, and Jennifer Jordan, a history major.



Alumni notebook

Before 1960

Vincent H. Crane, BA'27, MS'35, was born on April 22, 1901, in Solsberry, Ind. After finishing two degrees at IU, he began his teaching career. He taught at Clayton High School (1940-46), at Danville High School (1946-52), and at Connersville High School (1952-75), where he received the rank of master teacher. He retired in 1975 and moved to Bedford, Ind., to enjoy retirement. He says, "The good Lord lets me live on, for what reason I am not sure. I probably will remain at Roland Manor for the rest of my days." The inaugural Vincent Crane Day held at Roland Manor in Brownsburg, Ind., was celebrated on his 100th birthday.

T. Wendell Thornton, MA'33, retired in 1973 after a long career. He taught at Stinesville High School from 1931 to 1932 and then worked in the steel mills from 1933 to 1973, with a break from 1943 to 1945 to serve in the U.S. Navy. He writes, "I remember William Low Bryan preaching at the Second Presbyterian Church, Herman Wells driving his Packard full of friends, and book nook graduations." In 1999 the FBI invited him to Las Vegas to witness in a scam case. He is living in Valparaiso, Ind.

James A. Huston, BA'39, MA'40, had a publication, *A Hoosier Sampler: An Anthology of Indiana Writers*, released by the University Press of America in 2000. Another work, "A Historian's Handbook," is in progress, and he also wrote the "Military-Industrial Complex" in Scribner's Encyclopedia of American Diplomacy. He is dean emeritus at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va., where he lives, and he was also commander of the Virginia-Piedmont chapter of the Military Order of the World

Final cruise



James Collins, MA'64, made a farewell visit to St. Petersburg at the end of June, shortly before retiring as U.S. ambassador to Russia. Alexander Rabinowitch (right), long-time member of the history faculty, then conducting research in Russia, joined Collins (left) on a last cruise along the canals of Petersburg.

Wars from 2000 to 2001.

Mary E. Whiteman, BA'39, MLS'66, lost her husband in 1999 and moved from a nine-room house to a five-room house on the other side of Syracuse, Ind. She writes, "I hope to be entertaining my two small grandsons quite often."

Gerald S. Woodard, BA'43, MA'48, and his wife, Georgia, BA'48, write, "Nothing has changed except we are a year older, but probably no wiser! I have gained a greater competency on the computer, but I still do not like it and will not have one of my own."

Paul W. Glad, MA'49, PhD'57, writes, "At a glacial rate, I continue to scribble out chapters of the life of Herbert Hoover. Without soliciting commendations, I have tried to coerce colleagues into granting the possibility — however remote — that the prose may prove deathless. Beyond that, I

am laboring conscientiously to repair leaks in the roof, prevent the shutters from falling off, and keep the yard from becoming an attractive nuisance to neighborhood children." He is a professor emeritus at the University of Oklahoma and lives in Norman, Okla.

Kenneth R. Walker, MA'50, PhD'52, was a professor and academic administrator at the U.S. Air Force Academy and Arkansas Tech University from 1955 to 1998. After 30 years in the Air Force and AF Reserve, he retired as a colonel. He has published four books, *Days the Presidents Died*, *History of the Middle West*, *History of First United Church in Russellville (Ark.)*, *History of Arkansas Tech University*, and has also written numerous essays and historical articles. He has two daughters and 13 grandchildren. He lives in Russellville, Ark.

Broadus B. Jackson, MAT'52, PhD'63, published a book, *Civil War and Reconstruction in Mississippi: Mirror of Democracy in America*, by Town Square Books in Jackson, Miss. He lives in Winchester, Ky.

William R. Higgins, Jr., MA'53, has been retired since 1989 and now writes papers for the Indianapolis Literary Club on a variety of topics ranging from Civil War battles to personal reflections. He remembers Professor Lundin as "a fine professor and a fine man," and Professor Boley as "a down-to-earth and stimulating professor."

1960s

Beverly Raffensperger Fauvre, BA'61, has a new book, *Imagining Liza: Memoir of a Fan*, published by Guild Press in December 2000. She also has a Web site at www.lizafan.com. She lives in La Quinta, Calif., and can be e-mailed at maus_tales@aol.com.

Theodore C. Hinckley, PhD'61, who has published three books on the Alaska frontiers, retired from San Jose State University in 1991. In April, he enjoyed seeing his play, *Four Women*, produced. He continues his annual teaching tours with the U.S. Navy and was aboard the missile-firing cruiser *Leyte Gulf* in the Adriatic in 1999. He and his wife, Caryl, MAT'59, live in Sedro Woolley, Wash., and he can be e-mailed at hinckley@cc.wvu.edu.

John T. Alexander, MA'63, PhD'66, had a luxury edition of his work, *Catherine the Great: Life and Legend*, with a new introduction and updated bibliography, published by the Folio Society of London in 1999. He was interviewed by National Public Radio in August 2000 about Catherine the Great in connection with Galuppi's opera, *The World Turned Upside Down*. He is a professor at the University of Kansas history department and

lives in Lawrence, Kan., with his wife, Maria, BA'63.

Howard Jones, BS'63, MA'65, PhD'73, has published *Abraham Lincoln and a New Birth of Freedom: The Union and Slavery in the Diplomacy of the Civil War*. He took a one-year leave last summer to complete books on John F. Kennedy and Vietnam, as well as to coach his grandson's baseball team for the 12th time. He is a researcher, professor, and chair of the history department at the University of Alabama and lives with his wife, Mary, in Northport, Ala.

Stephen Moberly, BA'63, LLB'66, is chair of the U.S. District Court (Southern District of Indiana) Court History Committee by appointment of Chief Judge Sarah Evans Barker. He lives in Shelbyville, Ind., and can be e-mailed at moberly@shelbynet.net.

Ronald W. Davis, MA'65, PhD'68, became assistant provost and director of the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for International and Area Studies at Western Michigan University on July 1, 2000. He has been a WMU faculty member since 1966. He lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., with his wife, Josephine.

Alex Sharma, MA'66, MA'72, MS'74, PhD'81, gave a workshop on "Cartoons for the Classroom" at the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language conference in Brighton, England, in April. He is an associate professor at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, where he also lives. His e-mail is Alsha@vax2.concordia.ca.

J. Eric Smithburn, BS'66, MA'70, JD'73, was a visiting

fellow at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies at Wolfson College, Oxford University during spring 2000. His eighth book, *Cases and Materials in Juvenile Law*, was published by Anderson this year. He is a professor of law at Notre Dame Law School and can be e-mailed at smithburn.1@nd.edu. He and his wife, Aladean M. De Rose, JD'78, live in South Bend, Ind.

Edward D. Wynot Jr., MA'67, PhD'70, is a professor in the history department at Florida State University, where he has completed 30 years. He published *Caldron of Conflict: East Europe, 1918-1945*, by Harlan-Davidson. His daughter, Jennifer, is now a professor at North Georgia College. He and his wife, Kathy, BA'67, live in Tallahassee, Fla., and he can be e-mailed at ewynot@farnet.acns.fsu.edu.

Lawrence P. Meriage, MA'68, PhD'75, was elected vice president of communications and public affairs by the board of directors for Occidental Petroleum Corp. Prior to joining Occidental, he was a member of the faculty for Russian and East European studies at the University of Kansas. He lives with his wife, Lin, in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Steven L. Tuchman, BA'68, JD'71, was named by Gov. O'Bannon to the Indiana Arts Commission in June 2000. He works as an immigration attorney for Lewis & Kappes and was the drama critic for Channel 13 News (1986-94). He lives in Indianapolis.

1970s

Christian P. Le Bris, MA'70, joined HSBC Bank USA as senior vice president in the

domestic private bank. He and his wife, Vicki, BA'75, live in New Canaan, Conn.

Raymond L. Shoemaker, MA'71, PhD'76, is featured on a stamp that is part of the U.S. Postal Service's "Celebrate the Century: 1960s" series. It is a reprinted photo of five American soldiers disembarking from a helicopter on a mountaintop in Vietnam. He was a 25-year-old Army captain when the photo was taken in 1967 and commander of the platoon featured in the photo. He is the administrative director at the Indiana Historical Society and a third-generation West Point graduate. He and his wife, **Rebecca**, MA'70, PhD'76, live in Indianapolis.

Kathryn Washburn Breighner, BA'74, lives in Harbor Springs, Mich., a tiny lakeside resort community, where she publishes seven magazines. Six of the publications are for visitors coming to the different communities served by the magazines; the other, *Healthy Childcare*, is a 40,000 circulation magazine designed to provide health and safety information to childcare providers. It was named Innovation of the Year by the Small Business Association of Michigan in 1998. She and her husband, Marty, have two sons, Nathaniel and Jordan.

Christopher L. Hagenbush, BA'74, JD'79, is senior food law counsel for the Coca-Cola Co. and writes about his family. "Deb [his wife], BS'77, is in law school at Georgia State. Our daughter, Sarah, is majoring in political science at the University of Georgia, and our son, Andrew, is majoring in computer engineering at Georgia Tech. My full-time job is paying for my family's education, but I also help the company stay on good terms with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, and their counterparts around the world." They live in Duluth, Ga., and his e-mail is hagenb@mindspring.com.

Christi E. Short, BA'74, MBA'76, works for Mellon

Bank as the market manager in Greensburg, Pa. She lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Edward F. Schrager, BA'76, JD'80, is an attorney in Indianapolis, where he and his wife, Brenda, BA'81, MA'84, live.

Geoff Paddock, BA'77, MPA'88, was re-appointed as Gov. O'Bannon's representative on the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council, a transportation planning agency in Fort Wayne, Ind. He has been working with other officials to restore Amtrak passenger service to Fort Wayne. He can be e-mailed at geoffreypaddock@aol.com.

Gregory D. Sumner, BA'77, MA'86, PhD'92, was promoted to full professor in the history department at the University of Detroit Mercy. He was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Rome the first six months of 2001, teaching courses on recent American history and culture. He lives in Ferndale, Mich., and can be reached at sumnergd@udmercy.edu.

Marc D. Thomas, BA'77, works as an information specialist for the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, a regional planning agency that covers six counties in the Chicago metropolitan area. As the lead person, he is responsible for disseminating census 2000 results to the 270 municipalities and six counties in NIPC's service area. He and his wife, Judi, live in Elmwood Park, Ill., and can be e-mailed at Marc_Judi@worldnet.att.net.

Robert A. Askew Jr., BA'78, will receive a master's degree in human resources management in December 2001 from Tarleton State University in Central Texas. He is a manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange, and he and his wife, Joyce, live in Killeen, Texas. His e-mail is robertaskew@aol.com.

Kirk E. Grable, BA'78, MPA'88, JD'88, joined the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg as of counsel in January. He practices in the area
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of governmental services and finance. He and his wife, Lori, BA'89, live in Carmel, Ind.

David H. Morgan, BA'78, was appointed director of indirect sales in the state of Georgia for Metrocall in June 2000. He lives in Roswell, Ga., and his e-mail address is morgandh2@aol.com.

Jim Niessen, MA'79, PhD'89, was promoted to associate librarian with continuing appointment at Texas Tech University Libraries. He is also an adjunct professor of history. He was elected vice president for research and publication of *H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online* for 2000-02. He was also elected vice chair/chair elect of the history section of the American Library Association for 2000-01. He lives in Lubbock, Texas, and can be e-mailed at lijpn@lib.ttu.edu.

1980s

Alice J. Cash, BA'80, joined Barnes & Thornburg, Indianapolis, as a paralegal in the litigation department in August 2000.

Harold J. Weiss Jr., PhD'80, continues his research and writing on the Texas Rangers. He took part in a panel discussion on researching the Rangers at the annual meeting of the Western Writers of America in Kerrville, Texas. He also presented a paper, "Texas Ranger Captain Bill McDonald in Fact and Fiction," at the annual conference of the Western Outlaw and Lawman Association in El Paso, Texas. He lives in Leander, Texas. His e-mail is hweiss@accms.net.

William D. Friedman, BA'83, MPA'88, is back in Indiana again after 10 years in the Pacific Northwest and is working as director of planning and grants at the Indiana Port Commission in Indianapolis. His e-mail is wfriedman@indports.com.

Vincent A. Sellers, MAT'83, is principal at

Vincennes Flaget Elementary. He remains owner of Angel Acres Inc., a full-production turkey farm. He has also been teaching part time at Vincennes University through their continuing education department. He lives in Washington, Ind., and can be e-mailed at vsellers@rtccom.net.

John D. DiSalle, BA'86, joined the law firm of Roetzel & Andress as a partner in their Toledo, Ohio-based office, where he works in the business services law group practicing in the areas of real estate, estate planning, probate, business, and related areas. He received his law degree from the University of Toledo after leaving IU.

Ann M. Anderson, BA'87, joined the Indianapolis office of Indiana Capital Management as a vice president and senior employee benefits manager in January. She was a former executive with Bank One and has more than 11 years of financial and employee benefit experience. She can be e-mailed at aanderson@antim.com.

Angus C. Aynsley, BA'88, moved to London, England, and retired to work in the garden. He can be e-mailed at aynsley@cybercable.fr.

George W. Boudreau, MA'88, PhD'98, completed the third volume of *Exploration in Early American Culture*, published in Harrisburg by the Pennsylvania Historical Association in 2000. The volume includes essays on early American historical topics, revised from presentations by leading scholars at the University of Pennsylvania's McNeil Center for Early American Studies. He is an assistant professor of American studies and history at Penn State's Capital College in Middletown, Pa.

Elizabeth A. Cook, BA'88, and her husband, Christopher, had a daughter, Grace Anne, on Oct. 9, 2000. The family lives in Lake Oswego, Ore., and she can be e-mailed at escook@email.msn.com.

Joseph P. Byrne, PhD'89, is an associate professor of honors at Belmont University. He

PhDs accept tenure-track positions

Since last summer 10 departmental PhDs have accepted tenure track positions. Their hiring brings the number of IU doctoral students in history placed into tenure-track jobs since January 2000 to 24.

- Susan Ament, Radford University
- Ray Canoy, University of Oklahoma
- Grace Collidge, Grand Valley State
- Jason Crouthamel, Grand Valley State
- Joseph Heathcott, St. Louis University
- Mark McGarvie, Buffalo Law School
- Christine Nemcik, Elon College
- Sean Quinlin, University of Idaho
- Amy Schutt, Colgate School of Education
- David Stark, Grand Valley State



teaches medieval and early modern honors humanities and advanced seminars in history. He lives in Greenbrier, Tenn., and his e-mail address is byrnej@mail.belmont.edu.

1990s

Benton Baker IV, BA'90, writes, "After practicing law for two years, I moved to Conroe, Texas, to form and develop a law firm. All of my organizational and leadership skills that I apply daily were first conceived as a screaming bison cadet. I very much would like to hear from my classmates, cadre, and underclass troops." His e-mail is bakeriv@hotmail.com.

Mark W. Clark, BA'91, joined Barnes & Thornburg, Indianapolis, in the labor and employment department in August 2000. He earned his law degree from Washington University at St. Louis.

Renae L. Hermann, BA'91, JD'95, joined Barnes & Thornburg, Indianapolis, as an associate in the litigation department in August 2000.

B. Anthony Cremer, BA'92, was voted to the alumni club of Washington, D.C.'s board in 2000. He also started an Internet/e-commerce consulting firm, Cremer Consulting.com, in February 2000. He lives in Arlington, Va., and can be e-mailed at Tony@CremerConsulting.com.

Dana M. Dethy, BA'92, writes, "When I graduated with a BA in history, I never

imagined I would end up being a full-time mom and part-time Weight Watchers leader. But here I am, having the time of my life. I married my high school sweetheart, Glenn, in 1993 and worked in International Customer Service at UPS until 1996. I worked as the marketing manager for a manufacturing firm until the birth of my son, Grant, in 1997." She and her family live in Greenville, Ind., and her e-mail is leanmean92@alumni.indiana.edu.

Peter H. Dykstra, BA'92, MPA'97, JD'97, continues to practice environmental and land use law in Seattle, focusing on endangered salmon and wetlands issues. His e-mail is PeterDykstra@alumni.indiana.edu.

Michael J. Mattler, BA'92, is an attorney-advisor for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. He works on legal issues related to U.S. relations with countries in the Middle East and South Asia. He is also an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches a course on international business transactions. His e-mail is mattlermj@ms.state.gov.

Valerie J. Pacer, BA'92, joined the corporate, business, and securities department of Suelthaus & Walsh as an associate. She earned her law degree from Washington University at St. Louis.

Clarence J. Roberts, BA'92,

MLS'95, began serving as president and CEO of the Mighty Eighty Museum in September 2000. He was previously CAO of the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. His e-mail address is cjroberts@alumni.indiana.edu.

Keenan R. Hauke, BA'93, relocated his family and business from Florida to Indianapolis in October 1999. He is pursuing his MBA at the Kelley School of Business, Indianapolis. He owns Samex Capital Partners, the only hedge fund in Indiana. He lives in Fishers, Ind., and his e-mail is keenan@samexcapital.com.

Wendy May Lussier, BA'93, is a managing director at BSMG Worldwide, a marketing communications firm in New York City. In their travel and lifestyle division, she oversees public relations campaigns for Marriott Intl., Singapore Airlines, and Hilton Head Island. Since graduation, she has traveled to such places as Kenya, Tanzania, Singapore, Sicily, and London.

Andrew F. Miller, BA'93, opened his own business, Complete Installations, in May 1995, and then Complete Moving Systems in January 2000. Both offices specialize in contract furniture installations. He and his wife, Gretchen, live in Scottsdale, Ariz., and can be e-mailed at hoosiers@uswest.net.

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