



Greeting from the Chair

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It has been an interesting year for the department. We have had a number of minor accidents, surgeries, and illnesses that have slowed everything and everyone down. Despite these setbacks, the department has increased its presence on important university committees and continues to maintain a high level of scholarly research and output. The department's faculty members have presented papers at conferences and proceedings around the world, as well as continuing to publish numerous articles, book reviews, and books. While no one is on sabbatical this year, two faculty members (Dr. Arpaia, and Dr. Wang Xi) will be on sabbatical or leave next year conducting research, and raising awareness of the department at other institutions and in other countries.

The positive trend of our increasing number of history majors that we have noticed over the last few years continues, and in fact, due to the sudden surge in the number of our majors this fall, we had to add additional classes to ensure that these new majors had a history

course that they could fit into their schedule. In addition, the overall number of students taking history courses, both majors and non-majors, continues to increase steadily as IUP's enrollment grows. This increase in enrollment was also seen in our graduate program, which doubled in enrollment in the last year. Hopefully the budget shortfalls that the state, the system, and IUP all face in the next few years will not affect the department and our ability to offer a wide variety of courses to our students.

The department faces an intriguing challenge in the coming years as the University's new Liberal Studies Program is finally integrated into the University's curriculum. This will present new challenges to the department as we examine our own departmental curriculum and look at ways for us to adapt our courses and major requirements to fit into the revised Liberal Studies. In fact, the department has undertaken a discussion of our current curriculum that will help guide some important changes that we plan to make to our curriculum over the next few years.

Finally, I would like to make you aware that over the years the department has established several IUP Foundation accounts that support our departmental scholarships and other activities of the department. If you are considering the possibility of making a tax deductible contribution to an organization, I would like to ask you to keep the department in mind.

R. Scott Moore



Alumni News

Allison Charney (M.A. '10) accepted a position this past summer as a collegiate program coordinator with SAE International (Society of Automotive Engineers), a non-profit organization in Warrendale, PA. In this position Allison is responsible for coordinating engineering student competitions from registration to onsite logistics for events such as the building and racing of Formula cars as well as AeroDesign, Clean Snowmobile, and Baja programs. These events intend to instill real-world engineering experience for students through the design, building, and the presentation/racing of their finished product. Because the events are spread across the United States and vary by year, Allison is required to travel extensively from March through June – the duration of the competition season. Allison notes that history currently plays an integral part in her career as the division in which she works is contemplating creating an archive of past competition photos, results, and statistics of their members. She has also found that the skills acquired through the planning and coordinating work as the graduate assistant to the 2010 History Day has translated well into her current job duties. In her personal life in May 2010, Allison became engaged to be married and has set an October 2012 wedding date.

In September 2010, **Merleen Dibert (M.A. '78)** passed away from ovarian cancer. Merleen had worked as a state librarian in Springfield, Illinois for the past 27 years.

Kathryn (Brown) Gaudreau (M.A. '10) was married in July 2010 at State College, PA in a Medieval-themed handfasting ceremony. The couple honeymooned on the Yucatan Peninsula where she and her husband visited Tulum and Chichenitza and their beautiful and awe-inspiring sites. Upon her return, Kathryn has been gaining valuable experience volunteering with the Indiana County Historical Society. Kathryn also intends to write a book on the subject of women on the home front during the Great War.

She continues to spend free time at museums, libraries, and Medieval and Civil War reenactments. Kathryn wants her professors to know that “there were many at IUP who inspired as well as educated me and I would like to say that I came away from IUP with a lot more than a diploma.”

Eric B. Greisinger (M.A. '01) was married in June 2009 in historic Winchester, Virginia. That year he and his wife moved to New Brunswick, Canada where he is currently in his second year of the New Brunswick University's Ph.D. program. He is currently finishing his teaching apprenticeship as well as his final phases of coursework before moving on to the dissertation stage. Eric and his wife hope to return to the Pittsburgh area upon completion of his degree. Eric is still actively involved with military veteran oral history collection at the Center for Northern Appalachian Studies at St. Vincent College. The Center has expanded its mission to include Cold War veterans from the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Eric is also interested in collecting the stories of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and welcomes all possible leads. He can be contacted at ebgreisinger@hotmail.com

Martin J. Kuhar (M.A. '79) retired from the military at the end of 1997 as an Active Duty Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) where his last assignment was as a Battalion Commander of an Engineer Battalion. He is currently a Program Specialist with the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania, Inc. Veteran Community Initiatives in Johnstown, PA. This is a government-funded nonprofit for job search assistance to veterans and family members covering the Laurel Highlands. He is married with four adult children.

Pamela (Pletcher) Speis (M.A. '91) continues to work as an archivist for the Mahoning Valley Historical Society in Youngstown, Ohio. She recently wrapped up serving a year in a state-appointed position as a member of the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board. Pamela notes that her job affords her the opportunities to teach history and history-related topics on

a regular basis through group presentations and as a guest lecturer on a regular basis. Some of her most requested lecture and presentation topics include: Introduction to the Archives, Keeping Your Family's Treasures, Introduction to Genealogy, and the History of Still Photography and Its Care. Pamela continues to have a busy and fulfilling family life. She and her husband have recently re-entered the world of scouting through her son who has just started his Cub Scout venture. Their daughter also participates in the pack meetings as she prepares for kindergarten next year. Pamela can be reached at plletcher@att.net.

Sonya Stewart (M.A. '96) is living a life marked by constant change. The loss of a job from The Technology Collaborative was the result of Pennsylvania's recent budget crisis. After brief employment at a technology company (also affected by the economic downturn), Sonya has been working at PNC in their Corporate Realty department where she has been receiving much coveted accounting and construction experience and hopes to make the next opportunity a permanent one. She continues to be involved with leading the Young Adult Group (YAGers) at the First Baptist Church in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Sonya finds that the exit and entrance of new students brings variety and excitement into her life. She has coordinated many activities such as welcome dinners and a fall hike at McConnell's Mill. She also maintains the group's website <http://fbcpggh.org/YoungAdultGroup.aspx>. In her spare time Sonya continues to work on genealogy and enjoys hiking, biking, playing guitar, and going to the movies.

Scott S. Taylor (M.A. '99) works as a Manuscripts Processor in the Georgetown University Library Special Collections Research Center in Washington, D.C. He recently published two articles. One article titled “Golden Letters: E.O.C. Ord and the California Gold Rush, 1848” can be found in *Manu-*

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scripts, the journal of the Manuscript Society. The second article titled "Testimony From the Court House: The Civil War Letters of Z.T. Miller from Fairfax County Courthouse, 1862" can be found in *Yearbook*, the publication of the Fairfax County (Virginia) Historical Society.

Follow the graduate program blog for student and program news and events:

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Join your fellow alumni on the IUP History Alumni group on Facebook.

Students in this spring's Topics in Public History class are involved in an oral history project documenting the history of women's studies at IUP. Their work will be deposited at the university archives. It will also be used as the basis for an exhibit commemorating the anniversary of the Women's Studies Program and scheduled for display in the library, fall 2011.

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Dr. Paul Arpaia presented several scholarly papers around the world and submitted several articles for publication -- focusing this year on ties between Roman Catholicism and Fascism, Fascist war diaries, and the Italo-Turkish War of 1911-1912. He is currently preparing for a research trip to Rome this spring and summer where he will work in the Vatican Secret Archives, the Archives of the Italian Senate and the Italian Central State Archives. This latest research is part of his work on a biography of Luigi Federzoni, a co-founder of the Italian Nationalist Party in 1910, a Fascist leader and a central figure in the official world of high culture until the fall of Fascism in 1943. This work is yet another prelude to a sabbatical year (2011-2012) when he will piece together his research from twenty-six private and public archives in Italy, France and the US and draw on the extensive holdings in the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library Research Division. Dr. Arpaia has also been working with several colleagues to develop an undergraduate film studies minor and is working on a new departmental course on documentaries. In his spare time, Dr. Arpaia advises the IUP Veterans Association and does volunteer work with 9/11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows.

Dr. Lynn Botelho just finished her term as the President of the Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies. In November 2010, she capped her tenure by hosting the national meeting of the North

American Conference on British Studies (NACBS) in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Botelho continues to serve as the NACBS Executive Treasurer as well as a member of their Foundation Board. She also serves as Secretary and Director of the American Friends of the Institute of Historical Research (IHR), University of London. This international charity supports IHR activities through gifts to the library, as well as subsidizing doctoral student research in England.

In terms of her own research, Dr. Botelho recently published a short essay titled "Old Age Outside the Bosom of the Family: Elizabeth Freke of Norfolk, England." She chaired a panel on religion, belief, and the body in early modern England at the NACBS conference, and continues to edit a monograph series "The Body, Gender, and Culture, 1450-1850" for Pickering Chatto Press, LTD, London. Dr. Botelho notes that the highlight of her academic year was getting "stranded" after a conference in Ghent, Belgium, for an extra week do to the volcanic eruption in Iceland.

Dr. Caleb P.S. Finegan was one of 75 scholars worldwide invited to participate in the inaugural Pilgrimage Studies Workshop held in Washington, D.C. in February. The workshop featured film stars Emilio Estevez and Martin Sheen hosting a screening of their new movie, *The Way*, a fictional

account of one man's journey on the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James). Scholars attending the workshop are seeking to create a consortium of over 30 American and Canadian universities that will offer summer seminars in Pilgrimage Studies in Spain starting in 2012.

Dr. Finegan will be leading a course this summer titled "The Road to Santiago: A Medieval Pilgrimage Across Northern Spain." According to Dr. Finegan, the course is designed to unite "the academic, artistic, spiritual, and physical realms of life by focusing on and participating in one of the most traditional and perennial activities of human beings: pilgrimage." In addition to seven days of study in Madrid, students will take a five-week, 500-mile hiking journey across northern Spain along the ancient Camino Francés to the city of Santiago de Compostela located in the province of Galicia in Northwest Spain.

Dr. Joseph Mannard recently published an article entitled "Mission and Duties of Young Women: Charles White and the Promotion of Catholic Domesticity in Antebellum Baltimore" in the journal *American Catholic Studies* (vol. 121, no. 1, Spring 2010). This article brings to the forefront the work of Reverend Charles Ignatius White, a leading member of the Catholic Press in antebellum America, whose most significant contribution was in advancing a Catholic version of the ideology of domesticity.

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Left to Right: Steve Jackson, Joe Mannard, David Chambers, Mac Fiddner and Paul Morandell.

Dr. Mannard also presented a paper at the Eighth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, *Confronting Challenges: Women Religious Respond to Change*, hosted by the University of Scranton in June 2010. His paper, "The 'Escaped Nun' Phenomenon in Antebellum America: The Case of Olivia Neale" examines the case of Olivia Neale, a Carmelite who fled from her Baltimore monastery in 1839 and produced great controversy. Beginning in the 1830s with books allegedly authored by Rebecca Reed and Maria Monk, the phenomenon of the "escaped nun" became a staple of anti-Catholic literature and sentiment in nineteenth-century America. In one sense Neale appeared to embody a stock character in anti-convent fiction – the nun who loses her mind because of forced confinement. But, her story was also unique. Dr. Mannard's research analyzes how those differences complicate our understand-

ing of the historical and cultural significance of the "escaped nun" phenomenon in antebellum America.

Dr. Mannard also serves as an advisory board member to *Annual Editions: American History: Volume I: Colonial through Reconstruction* 21st edition (McGraw-Hill Higher Education, 2011). In September 2010 he also participated in Constitution Day events portraying James Madison in the Six O'Clock Series "Chat with the Founders."

Dr. Joseph Mannard, Gwen Torges, and Theresa McDevitt have organized a program in to raise awareness on campus of the Sesquicentennial of the U.S. Civil War. It is titled "Secession, States' Rights, and Slavery: A Conversation on the Sesquicentennial of the U.S. Civil War" and is scheduled for the Six O'Clock Series on Monday,

March 14. A panel of six members of the IUP faculty members and two IUP graduates will portray different participants in the sectional debate between North and South and discuss the issues that led to the Crisis of Union from 1861-1865.

Dr. Moore continued his work on the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project which conducted its 8th field season in June. The project expanded its work last summer into both aerial photography and ground-penetrating radar. The project continues to grow as more than 30 people from around the world participated. The project plans to publish its first monograph on its excavation and survey work in 2012. In addition to his work with PKAP, Dr. Moore continued his work with the 2 other projects on Cyprus as their Roman ceramicist.

Dr. Wang Xi returned to Keith Hall in late summer after spending three semesters (spring 2009-spring 2010) in Beijing.

The year of 2010 was record-setting for him in terms of book publication. He published *Discovering History in America: Reflections of Chinese Historians in the United States* (Beijing: Peking University Press, 2010), co-edited with Professor Ping Yao of California State University at Los Angeles. This 514-page book is a unique collection of 31 essays (including Wang Xi's) written by U.S. trained historians of Chinese origin who reflect on the evolution of their scholarly experiences in a transnational setting. He also published a two-volume Chinese translation of Eric Foner's *Give Me Liberty: An American History* (Beijing: The Commercial Press, 2010). The publisher expects the text —1,467 page in length and close to a million Chinese words — to become the standard text of U.S. history in China for the years to come.

In addition, at the end of 2010, the University of Georgia Press informed him that it plans to issue a paperback edition, in 2011, of his *The Trial of Democracy: Black Suffrage and Northern Republi-*

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cans, 1860-1910 (originally published in 1997).

Dr. Wang Xi's other publications include a peer-reviewed article on the evolution of public history in the United States, published in *Historical Research* (June 2010), the Chinese counterpart of *The American Historical Review*. The article was reprinted several times on scholarly journals in China and helped start a public history program at Nankai University. He also published an interview with Professor Jin Chongji, the chief historian of the Central Archives of the Chinese Communist Party, on the challenges of writing the party's history (*The Chinese Historical Review*, Fall 2009).

During his stay in Beijing, Dr. Wang Xi spent a significant portion of his time doing research on a project titled "Black America and Red China: The Extended Problem of the Color Line across the Pacific," for which he was awarded an IUP Provost Innovation Grant. A by-product of the project was a paper, titled "The Teaching of U.S. History in China, 1949-2009," which examines how U.S. history was written and taught in China since 1949. He presented the paper at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Historical Association in San Diego, together with Americanists from the United States, Germany, Tunisia, Russia, and Australia.

While in Beijing, he also taught a graduate colloquium in African American

history and a graduate seminar on the evolution of American citizenship in the History Department of Peking University. Two of his recent trips were particularly memorable. One was the trip to Berlin in February 2010, where he had for the first time tasted different brands of authentic German beer after a panel discussion at the Free University on the triangular relationship between the United States, China and Europe. The other was a trip to Lhasa in November 2009, where he was granted the privilege to visit the Regional Archives, closed to general public, as a courtesy in return for his invited lecture on the American Civil War and Emancipation delivered to the public relation officials of the Government of the Tibetan Autonomous Region.

Retired Faculty News

Dr. Charles Cashdollar continues to work on his new history of IUP from its founding to the present. He notes that it is a project which promises to keep him pleasantly occupied for another two years. At the end of 2010, Dr. Cashdollar finished his term as immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. This concluded 18 years of service on the PHA Executive Committee which includes earlier service as secretary, vice-president, and president. He has also been a consultant for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as it plans its 2011 theme, Religion in Pennsylvania History.

Dr. Irwin Marcus continues to present and publishing work on regional history as well as serve the greater Indiana community. Dr. Marcus recently gave a talk entitled "The Future of Energy in Northern Appalachia" as part of an IUP Symposium, as well as



presented at the Conference of Coal and the Environment with a presentation titled "Coal Miners of Western Pennsylvania: A Historical Perspective." He also co-authored the article "The Role of Women in the Indiana Normal School: Jane Leonard and Clare Johnson" in *Studies in the Humanities*. Dr. Marcus continues his community outreach with bi-weekly presentations at the Indiana Free Library. Recent topics include: Abraham Lincoln, the 1970s and the American Revolution.

Dr. Merle Rife and his wife have remained in Indiana after his retirement from 36 years of service at IUP. Dr. Rife enjoys attending Pittsburgh Symphony concerts, and in June 2010 spent 16 days in France dividing his time between Paris and Pau. He continues to spend time reading and working on family genealogy. His daughter remains employed with Amnesty International in London.

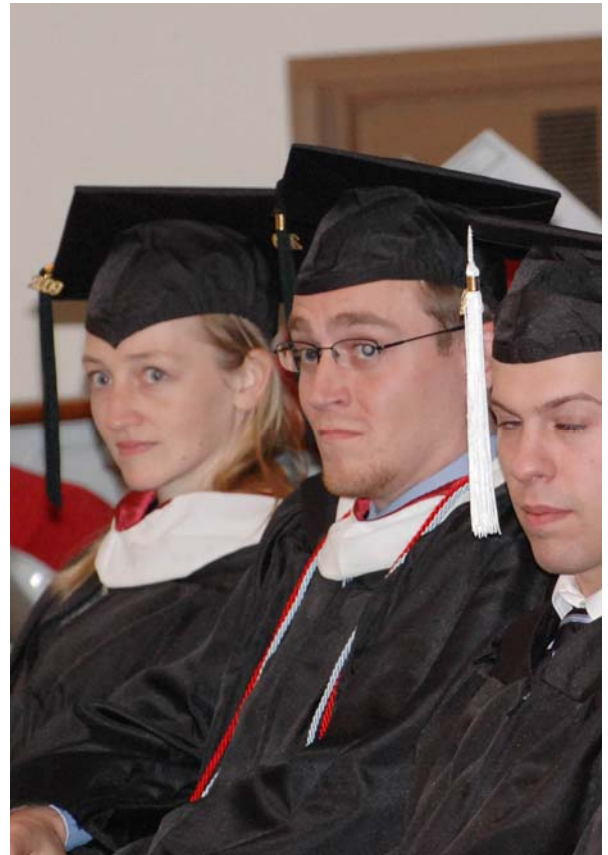
2010 M.A. Graduates

On September 23, 2010 **David Demaree** successfully defended his master's thesis titled: "A Gentleman of Substance: Abraham Lincoln and the Changing Perceptions About Presidential Appearance and Character." His committee included Dr. Wang Xi, Dr. Gary Bailey, and was chaired by Dr. Joe Mannard. Everyone present engaged in a lively intellectual exchange in discussing David's argument that Lincoln's presidency marked a transformation in the public perception over what constituted a true gentleman in regards to matters of outward appearance and inner character and the Railsplitter's legacy to subsequent aspirants to the White House in the 19th century.

David Demaree (MA '10) was invited to submit a conference paper for publication in the recently released work *Lincoln's Enduring Legacy: Perspective from Great Thinkers, Great Leaders,*

and the American Experiment (Lexington Books).

On November 5, 2010 **Megan Sheesley** successfully defended her master's thesis titled: "A Gilded Moment: Theodore Roosevelt's 1902 Visit to Pittsburgh and Its Representation of America at the Time." In her work, Megan chronicled both preparation for and visit of President Theodore Roosevelt to Pittsburgh on the Fourth of July, 1902. Her committee included Dr. Werner Lippert, Dr. Gary Bailey, and was chaired by Dr. Jeanine Mazak-Kahne.



Graduate Program

For their Fall 2010 class project the graduate students of HIST 605 (Introduction to Public History) researched and wrote a walking tour of Sutton Hall, the oldest campus building and first site of the Indiana Normal School. Their tour replaces one originally written by faculty wives in the 1970s. Careful research done by this team of students recast the focus of the tour to not just description of the architecture and highlights of the founding of the University but also integrates a heavy focus on the development of student culture at IUP since its founding in 1875. Their work will be further developed into a web-ready film tour to be out next year. A copy of the tour has been deposited at the IUP Archives. The students responsible for this project

are: **Jonathan Crowley, Seth Farley, Paul Hershberger, Hilary Lewis, Jeffrey Meyer, Ashlie Mikush, Christina Parise, Amanda Peters, Lynn Rice, Adam Shaffer, Jeremy Smith, Melissa Stanley, and Aaron Vescovi.**

During the Spring 2011 semester graduate students will be taking the new course HIST 770: Archival Principles and Practice. This course focuses on the research and methods integral to the archives profession. For their major project students will be processing collections for the Indiana County Historical and Genealogical Society. This is part of a partnership recently formed between the graduate program and the Society.

Congratulations!!!

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Kathryn Brown

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December 2010

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Memorial Scholarships

ERIC SLEBODNIK SCHOLARSHIP

In conjunction with the Foundation for IUP, the History Department has spearheaded the creation of the Eric Slobodnik Memorial Scholarship for History. Eric, a History major, was killed in action in Iraq on September 28, 2005. We encourage readers of this newsletter to contribute to the scholarship fund so that we can reach an endowment level of \$15,000. If you wish to donate, please note Account 5289, Eric Slobodnik Memorial Scholarship for History, and mail to the Foundation, Sutton Hall 103, or to the History Department. Contributions are tax-deductible.



KADLUBOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We continue to honor the memory of Professor John F. "Jack" Kadlubowski, who passed away in 1999. Many program graduates will remember Dr. Kadlubowski's popular (and often moving) classes on concentration camps, as well as Russian and Soviet history. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he was chair of the history department for over a decade, was active in the faculty union on both the local and state levels and served a term as local president, and devoted tremendous energy and insight to countless university committees, task forces, and other policy- and decision-making bodies. He worked tirelessly to support and advance the cause of high-quality, affordable higher education for Pennsylvanians. This fund annually provides a \$500 scholarship to a History student (junior, senior, or graduate) chosen by a committee of History faculty. Donations should be made payable to Foundation for IUP, Account 0387, and mailed to the Foundation, Sutton Hall 103, or to the History Department. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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