

Greeting from the Chair

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Department loses valued faculty member.

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It has been a year of significant change for the department. The most visible changes took place in the administrative positions. After three years of careful guidance, Dr. Wang Xi stepped down as chair to devote more time to his scholarship. In fact, Dr. Wang Xi will be on leave for the spring semester and on sabbatical for all of next year as he focuses on his scholarship. In addition to the change in Chairs, Dr. Lu agreed to become Assistant Chair, Dr. Baumler was named Graduate Coordinator, and Dr. Lippert took over as Social Studies Education Coordinator.

The department continues to maintain a high level of scholarly research and output. Dr. Ricketts and Dr. Bailey are on sabbatical this year and are spending their time working on a book project. Over the last year the department's members have presented papers at conferences around the world, including Australia, China, England, Germany, Italy, and Scotland, in addition to publishing articles and books.

Our new public historian, Dr. Kevin Britz, decided to accept a position as Director of the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College and left at the end of the spring semester in 2008. Fortunately, despite the tough economic situation the university is facing, the department has been allowed to conduct a search for Dr. Britz's replacement in the spring of 2009 and we look forward to welcoming a new colleague to the department next fall. Dr. Paul Arpaia has returned from spending a year in Rome as the winner of a National Endowment for the Humanities/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Rome Prize, which funded an 11-month fellowship in Rome where he conducted research.

The number of students taking history courses, both majors and non-majors, continues to increase as IUP's overall enrollment grows. The department faces a challenge in the coming year as the University's Liberal Stud-

ies Program undergoes its first major overhaul in quite some time. The department is in the process of creating replacements for History 195 and modifying our curriculum for history majors to take advantage of changes in the LS curriculum.

The Eric Slebodnik Scholarship fund reached its initial goal of fund-raising last year and was able to make its first award to an IUP history major. At last spring's commencement, Corey Scharbo an IUP History graduate, was on hand to present the award. On a sad note, one of our new temporary faculty, Dr. Sonya Barclay, passed away over Christmas break after a brief battle with cancer. Sonya was an IUP undergraduate before going on to Carnegie Mellon to pursue her Ph.D. Dr. Charles Cashdollar was kind enough to write a brief memorial for Sonya, and this can be found on the following pages.

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History Department Faculty News



Paul Arpaia made the transition back to Indiana with relative ease. With the little time available to us faculty who teach a 4-4 teaching load, he has begun sifting through the

primary sources he copied while in Italy, including some interesting documents, such as the diary of Emlio De Bono, a Quadrumvir and Governor of Tripolitania (Libya). Because of the closure of several key archives while he was in Rome, last year, he is trying to get back over the summer. In the meantime, he will be presenting a paper on the antagonism between liberalism and democracy at the Midwest Political Science Association in April 2009.

Drs. Elizabeth Ricketts and Gary Bailey are both on sabbatical this academic year, working together on a book project on work in 19th century America for Greenwood Press. The final product will be part of the “Everyday Life in America” series. This project will be based on research on a number of specific occupations and will explore the changing meaning of work across the century, the impact of changing technology and market conditions, typical work routines, work culture, and related issues. The unusual nature of the project means they must be rather creative in tracking down sources, but thus far both are enjoying their research and have learned far too much about such jobs as lumbering, printing, railroading, and cigarmaking—none of which appears to have been a better job than university teaching!

Alan Baumler continues to work on citizenship education in West China, a project that will take him to various Chinese archives during his sabbati-

cal next fall. He is also serving as Graduate Coordinator and Coordinator for Asian Studies this semester.

Wayne Bodle spent another interesting year in 2007-2008. In early September, before classes were very far underway, he went to France for five days to present a paper at a colloquium organized by the *Societe Vendomois Archeologique et Historique* in Vendome, France. The event commemorated the two hundredth anniversary of the death in 2007 of the Comte de Rochambeau, the commander of the French army whose arrival in Rhode Island in 1778—as the fruit of the Franco-American alliance concluded that year—began to turn the War for Independence in favor of the American rebels. The event involved nobles, castles, champagne, and banquets, in addition to the usual academic ceremonials, and it was both pleasant and educational. Just before returning to Indiana this August Dr. Bodle received the translated copy of the paper, to be published later this year in the *Bulletin de la Societe Archeologique du Vendome*. In December, 2007, he read a slightly revised version of the same paper to a colloquium on “Rochambeau Remembered,” organized by the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route of Pennsylvania. The colloquium was held at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies in Philadelphia. In September Dr. Bodle learned that his paper on combined Franco-American Revolutionary War logistical operations, presented at a colloquium at the Ecole Militaire in



Paris in May of 2006, would soon appear in an edited volume of essays published by the Presses Universitaires Sorbonne.

In January, Dr. Bodle began a term on the Executive Council of the McNeil

Center while keeping his place in the lower house, the Advisory Council. (It may be that monarchical ideas about multiple office-holding have their place in modern society after all). He began to shed any anti-electronic scholarly biases by writing a review essay on an archival collection for *Common Place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, and agreeing to write an entry on “Women in the Middle Colonies” for *History Compass*, a self-described “electronic online survey journal.” He will also be writing a chapter on “The Middle Colonies” for a projected new colonial American textbook, *Converging Worlds*, scheduled for 2010 by Routledge Publishers.

Bodle served on the dissertation fellowship selection committee for the Program in Early American Economy and Society at the Library Company of Philadelphia, and in April he published an op-ed piece in the Harrisburg *Patriot*, opposing the location of the American Revolutionary Center in a precarious and historically significant piece of land within the authorized boundary of Valley Forge National Historical Park. He has informally advised consulted with the superintendent at Valley Forge Park and with the National Parks Conservation Association, both of whom oppose the museum project at this place and under the current administrative plan.

The summer has been typically busy. Dr. Bodle presented a paper in June on his research on Charles Wollstonecraft, the younger brother of the English feminist, Mary Wollstonecraft, at the triennial meeting of the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. He gave a slightly different version of the same paper several weeks later at the meeting of the Australia/New Zealand American Studies Association, in Sydney, Au. During the summer he also served as an electronic preliminary round judge and then a semi-final round judge for *Now Debate This: The Great Debate, Lincoln vs. Washington, 2008*.

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This was a national college scholarship competition for eleventh graders. The finalists traveled from Mount Vernon to Springfield Illinois and debated in person in Philadelphia in early August. Despite these various activities, Dr. Bodle found the time to push his long-suffering book manuscript, "The Fabricated Region: Making the Middle Colonies if British North America," closer to completion. He hopes to be able to announce a publication date this time next year.

Lynn Botelho has had a busy year. At the end of last year, she was named Distinguished Faculty for Research. In April, the first four volumes of an eight volume collection of primary sources was published, *OLD AGE IN ENGLAND, 1600-188*, co-edited with S. Otaway. In September, she began her term as Treasurer for the North American Conference on British Studies, as well as President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies. Also in September, she co-hosted an international conference in Mainz, Germany, '(Re)constructing the aging body: Western medical cultures and gender 1600-2000'. The material presented there is currently being shaped into two special editions of scholarly journals. Lynn continues to fence competitively throughout the United States, as well as walk her border collie, Bailey, for miles each day!

Caleb Finegan earned his doctorate (Ph.D - 1999) from the University of Florida with a concentration in colonial Latin American History. Dr. Finegan teaches courses primarily on Latin American history. In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Finegan coordinates the university's Alternative Spring Break program and is currently in second year as the Director of IUP's Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative. To acknowledge his many contributions to the university, to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, to his students, and to the Indiana community at large, Dr. Finegan received the 2007 Distinguished

Faculty Award in the Area of Service. Dr. Finegan's ongoing research project focuses on the heritage of resistance to colonial rule established by native elite families in the Lake Titicaca region which culminated in the violent Catari rebellions of the late 18th century. He is also exploring the possibility of scholarly publications in the field of civic engagement from a faculty perspective.

Werner Lippert is now serving as coordinator for Social Studies Education.

In the past year **Dr. Joseph Mannard** offered a new special topics course HIST 481 "Mob Violence in U.S. History" during summer 2008. The class explored the phenomenon of collective violence in the United States from the Colonial era to the present by means of social science theory and the examination of historical



examples of ethnic, religious, racial, and labor riots.

Mannard also continued his research into the experience of Catholic sisters in nineteenth-century America by publishing "Widows in Convents of the Early Republic: The Archdiocese of Baltimore, 1790-1860." The article was solicited by the editor of the *U. S. Catholic Historian* (Spring 2008) for a special issue of the journal focusing on Catholic life in the Colonial/Revolutionary and Early National eras. He also served as an Advisory Board Member for *Annual Editions: American History: Volume I:*

Colonial through Reconstruction 20th edition (McGraw-Hill Higher Education, 2008)

Wang Xi regained the long lost freedom of mind after finishing his term as department chair in May. He returned to full time teaching in fall 2008. He was invited to present papers on the American experience of reform from the Progressive Era through the Great Society at two international conferences, respectively held in Guangzhou (June) and Shanghai (September). He continues to lead the editorial group that has brought out two thick issues of *The Chinese Historical Review* (CHR), which has been housed by the department for five years now and has seen a steady increase in its worldwide subscription. Wang Xi's publications include a review of Michael Les Benedict's *Preserving the Constitution: Essays on Politics and the Constitution in the Reconstruction Era* (*Journal of Southern History*, August 2008), an article, "CHUS: An Unfinished Journey of Transnationalism," (*CHR*, Spring 2008), and, believe it or not, seven column pieces on the 2008 presidential election published in Shanghai-based *China Business News*, which claims to be China's *Wall Street Journal*. He blamed both the chair's job and the dramatic election for his failure to finish the mega Chinese translation of Eric Foner's *Give Me Liberty* by November, but was pleased to be granted a two-month extension by the publisher.



Retired Faculty News

Charles D. Cashdollar

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Charles Cashdollar's two-year stint as president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association has come to an end. Three other projects are finished or nearly so—a bicentennial history of Indiana's Calvary Presbyterian Church (published by the church in 2008), a chapter in the history of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania (due out from Penn State University Press in 2009), and several articles in the *New Westminster Dictionary of Church History* (due out from Westminster Press in 2009). Now, the IUP history faculty and President Atwater have talked him into writing a new history of IUP, a project that promises to keep him pleasantly occupied for the next three years.

Tom Goodrich

Sarah and I continue to flourish in our physical decay in Wilmington, DE. We are active in the Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware, perhaps the most interesting adult education program in the country. She helps teach the recorder, and I give courses in Islam, Islamic art, and last spring on the History of Cartography.

In May-June we spent five weeks abroad, three weeks in Turkey and two in the Lowlands. One great activity in Turkey was to spend a long weekend in a 50th reunion of the Middle School Class of 1958 at Talas, near the center of Turkey. I have much closer relations with these men than with any of the IUP graduates. Perhaps it is because it was a boarding school, and we got to know each other so well, seven days a week for months at a time.

A new tourist place for us was Safranbolu, which we can recommend. (Look it up.) In Istanbul we met lots of

friends, and I did a little research on Ottoman cartography. I have a short piece on the subject in the next volume of the History of Cartography.

In Brussels we attended the ceremonies for seniors at the International School. That granddaughter is now in college, IU, not IUP.

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Jack Larner, still in the wilds of east-central Texas, is getting re-acquainted with Texas history. Much of the movement for the Texas Revolution and the creation of the Republic of Texas occurred in the nearby vicinity. In fact, the current Texas flag was designed by a Kentucky lady just up the road from Larner's village of Richards, Texas. It was used during the Revolution and, of course, became the flag of the Republic and, in turn, of the state. An old lodging house and watering hole, Fanthorp Inn, is located about ten miles away in the historic and scenic (well, in a Texas sort of way) town of Richards. The Texas Declaration of Independence and first provisional capital is not far away over at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Lots to see, do, and contemplate. Many from this county served in General Hood's Texas brigade during "the late unpleasantness among the states", as a British news reporter once called it. There is a really moving Confederate memorial park, also in Anderson.

A local high school history teacher involved Larner and our former IUP colleague, Michele Wagner of University of Minnesota in helping her students ready for state History Day. Seems these kids, 21 of them, were top winners at the regional History Day event; therefore, were to go to Austin. What fun we had.

Two girls, one black, one white, had a superb project on the Rwanda genocide, an area of gross familiarity to Michele, as many of us know. I sent her the news item portraying these kids and their project to Michele; she, in turn, contacted their teacher and got me involved. Michele and I were very active with the regional History Day hosted by our department at IUP, so it was great to be working together again--this time coaching kids rather than merely judging them.

I am enjoying frequent contact with our social studies teacher graduates. All fare very well, some remarkably so. At least two are now principals; several have won Teacher-of-the-Year awards from their respective districts. It is a constant joy to be in touch. Often we are on the phone; and, I regale them with Texas teaching tales of yore. Amazing how little has changed over the years; and, yet, so very much. Please be in touch. You have the contact information; I really look forward to renewing our IUP friendships.

Irwin Marcus has been offering numerous short courses at the Indiana Free Library, including "Clashing Interpretations of the American Revolution" and has also given presentations in State College and at the Heinz Center in Pittsburgh.

Merle Rife and Wanda are still living in Indiana, and Merle has retired again, this time from his post as Chairman of the Board of Four-Footed Friends, Indiana's no-kill animal shelter. They now spend most of their time in Indiana.

Alumni News

SONYA M. BARCLAY Sonya earned her Ph.D. in History at Carnegie Mellon University. Her dissertation, "Reading the Social Landscape: A Lexicon of Rural Class, Western Pennsylvania, 1790-1860," examines the types of displays made among social classes of farmers, primarily in Indiana County, during the early nineteenth century. Using a combination of material culture and social scripts, she uncovers what are sometimes surprising revelations about rural class. Her advisor for the project was Scott A. Sandage. Barclay took her B.A. in History from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May of 1999. She is currently a temporary faculty member at IUP. (*The preceding was submitted by Sonya prior to her death.*)

DAVID M. BIRD (1998) It's been almost four years since my family and I moved to Savannah, GA. Currently, I am the corporate historian for the Gretsch Company. We manufacture drums and guitars and 2008 marks the 125th Anniversary of the company. I am doing the first ever cataloging of the historical instrument and corporate records collection as well as working with museums around the country on Gretsch themed exhibits. Additionally, I oversaw the acquisition of Randy Bachman's (Bachman Turner Overdrive) 300+ Gretsch guitar collection, which will become the foundation for a Gretsch museum in the future.

My wife Julie (who I met at IUP) and I celebrated our 11th anniversary in October 2008 and our son Liam turns five in November 2008. Julie is Director of Marketing for The Mulberry Inn, Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express, all located in the heart of Savannah's historic district. Email: david.m.bird@gmail.com

MALCOLM B. BROWN (1992) is semi-retired and living along the shores

of Puget Sound in Washington. He is currently completing the long-anticipated Sci-Fi novel than he has been working on for years.

ELIZABETH CROZIER (1968) is retired after 35 years of teaching Political Science at IUP and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and is currently living in Indianapolis.

JIM DOWNEY (1995) I am still employed as a sportswriter at the Uniontown Herald-Standard, a position I've held since the days as a graduate student at IUP. The only difference was my elevation from part-time to full-time about three years ago.

I am using my education as an adjunct faculty member of the history departments at Westmoreland County Community College and Community College of Allegheny County's South campus. I'm currently teaching two courses (Early Western Civ and Early US History) at WCCC, and usually teach one at WCCC and CCAC's Washington County campus in the spring. I also taught a couple semesters for Wayneburg University's Communication Dept. (sports writing). The chair's trying to get me to come back, but, quite honestly, my heart is in history. I hopefully will find a full-time job, not that the sports writing job is that bad.

I haven't been up to campus in a while, but talk to local young folks who attend and they tell me all my parking lots now house buildings of some kind. I do follow the IUP football and basketball teams, not hard to do with Cal U in the PSAC. Email: Jdowney@heraldstandard.com

BRIAN AND MARYANN (GERMAIN) KELLY (2005) We are in new situations since the last IUP History newsletter. Maryann has begun full-

time doctoral work at SUNY Albany, with a focus on modern Latin American history. She spent three weeks in Mexico this past summer, studying Spanish and visiting ancient ruins. Brian spent 2007 teaching history and government at a pair of community colleges, but he's now settled into a position at the Dutchess County Board of Elections. His roles include the recruitment and training of poll workers for the implementation of New York's new electronic voting machines. With a busy campaign season also in the mix, it was a packed year for the Kellys.

The duo has escaped suburbia and now resides in the village of Red Hook, across the river from the Catskill Mountains in the heart of Dutchess County's farm country. On weekends Maryann can be found competing in the East Hudson Women's Soccer League, while Brian is spending the winter as a defensive specialist on his rec league basketball squad.

MARTIN KUHAR (1979) Having retired from the Army at the rank of Colonel after 28 years of service, Marty is still living in Johnstown and serving with various veterans and civic groups, especially the Veterans Leadership Program of Western PA. Email: kuharm@vlpwpa.org



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GARY LINK (1989) In 2008 I passed my ten year anniversary as Corporate Records Manager at Astorino, an architectural & engineering firm in Pittsburgh. Prior to coming to Astorino I was the County Records Manager for Allegheny County. I still have an archival component to my professional duties.. In the past several years I've served on the Grants Review Panel for Archives and Records Management Grants for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. And in 2008 I worked as a consultant for a PHMC Technical Assistance Grant, providing an evaluation and recommendations for a local historical society.

In 2008 I published the third novel in my "Pittsburgh Historical Mystery Series," -- a series of crime/mystery novels, each of which explores an historical event or theme in Pittsburgh's antebellum period. I still live in Freeport, PA with my wife Terri, also an IUP grad, and our four children -- Tyler, Megan, Connor, and Emily. (Actually, Tyler is grown and out of the house.) We live in a rural setting just a few miles from IUP's Northpointe campus. So nearly twenty years later, history still plays a large role in my life. Email: theburntdistrict@hotmail.com

DOUG MACGREGOR (2000) Since leaving IUP, I worked as an archivist at the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania (Heinz History Center) and IUP Special Collections before arriving at Fort Pitt Museum in Pittsburgh, PA in 2002. My title is Museum Educator, but of course we all do many things at the museum. In addition to work at Fort Pitt Museum, I have been trying to keep active in writing articles and presenting at conferences. Email: dougmaccgregor@yahoo.com

ROBERT (BOB) MCDEVITT (1979) Robert is still working with U.S. Customs & Border Protection at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry in San Diego. He

finds that a history background is definitely a big advantage, since he meets people from all over the world in the course of his duties. Email: Robert.mcdevitt@dhs.gov

DONALD S. MCPHERSON (1971) Dr. Donald McPherson retired from IUP after 35 years in 2004 and is University Professor and Professor of Industrial Relations Emeritus. He continues his professional practice as a labor arbitrator, primarily working in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Mid-West from his base in Indiana, PA. Don was recently elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators and has just completed a three-year term as managing editor of the NAA's in-house magazine, *The Chronicle*. Email: donald.mcperson@auxmail.iup.edu

OLYMPIA PAPADEMETRIOU (2007) After returning to my home country, I started working as a translator for Sigma TV station. I enjoy translating movies, sitcoms and soap operas from English and Spanish to Greek. It is not really History related, but it helps me keep up with my language skills until something else comes along. I am also in the process of renewing my license as a tourist interpreter (guide) for archaeological sites in the near future. Email: o.papademetriou@alum.iup.edu

ANDREW PHILLIPS (1994) Currently, I am serving on Active Duty as a Major and a student at the Command General Staff College Resident Course in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Being part of the Army Reserve Active Reserve program since 2003, I served in assignments in Richmond, Virginia and recently left, Salt Lake City, Utah where I served as executive officer for a Personnel Services Battalion.



In 2007, I received orders for Afghanistan to serve as a Historian for the 82nd Airborne Division. Since I have a MA in history, I had obtained a special skill identifier of Historian (ASI 5X) and never dreamed this skill would get me deployed. My job consisted of the collection of documents (electronically preserved on an external hard drive), development of a division deployment chronology; and conduct oral interviews. I interviewed over 75 Soldiers, mostly senior leaders and staff officers. The purpose of this assignment was to assist the Army's historical proponent, The Center of Military History, in preserving documentation. The Center of Military History is responsible for producing the official Army history of the Afghanistan Campaign. Email: andrew.j.phillips@us.army.mil

KATRINA JESICK QUINN (1992) My master's program in history at IUP was an experience that had significant long-term benefits for me and my family. After leaving IUP with a master's degree in history at the end of 1992, I was hired at the USDA Food and Nutrition Service in Boston to conduct public affairs communication for the fourteen federal food and nutrition assistance programs. I stayed in New England for 10 years--drinking up the history which meets you at every corner--and returned to Pennsylvania in 2003 with my three children. Luckily, I was hired first to teach writing part-time at Westmoreland County Community College and then to teach public relations and journalism full-time at IUP.

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During my three years at IUP, I enrolled in IUP's English Literature and Criticism program, completing my Ph.D. in 2007. I never left history far behind, however - my dissertation was substantially historical in nature, and my graduate study in the history department served as crucial preparation for this project. Entitled, "Journalism, Letters, and Nation: The Newspaper Letters of Samuel Bowles's *Across the Continent* (1865)," the project integrated my interests in history and literature with my professional role teaching public relations and journalism. I am now working at Slippery Rock University as a faculty member in the Communication Department, but I remember fondly my years as a master's student at IUP and the faculty members who helped me along the way - including George Wiley, Irwin Marcus, Gary Bailey, Dale Landon, and Dorothy Vogel. Email: katrina.quinn@sru.edu

ED ROACH (1997) Let's see... in the last year, the Secretary of the Interior accepted a nomination that I wrote to place four Wright brothers-related sites in the Dayton area on the new U.S. World Heritage Tentative List this past January; it is probable that these four sites will be added by UNESCO to the World Heritage List at some point in the next decade. I've also been closely involved with actions in support of proposed boundary expansion at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, making major contributions to a historic furnishings report for Orville Wright's Hawthorn Hill mansion in Oakwood, Ohio, and working with Delphi, Inc. representatives in pursuit of the eventual transfer of the Wright Company factory buildings (the first dedicated airplane factory buildings in the world) to the NPS after the Delphi plant closes in December. I also served on the program committee for the 2008 National Council on Public History meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Personally, my girlfriend and I took a lovely trip to

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in May and June, investigating several natural and historic sites in the maritimes. The Halifax Citadel is a very impressive Parks Canada site. Email: edwardjroach@yahoo.com

SONYA STEWART (1996) The PHMC grant project that I was working on in my "spare time" for the past few years with Theresa McDevitt - to record



oral histories and gather information about the various Black communities from older Indiana County African American residents so that this era of history is not lost to their descendants and the County's history - came to a close during Black History Month this year with a display in the Stapleton library. The resulting slide and film presentations may be found at: <http://www.lib.iup.edu/instruction/guides/africanamericansindiana.html>

After taking some time off and doing some painting and repairing of our 1890's row house, I am back to work in the social services field working with the disabled. I also started a young adult group at First Baptist Church to reach out to the college community in Oakland and in addition to weekly Bible studies we have gone hiking in Cook's Forest and also repackaged medical supplies

discarded by area hospitals for use in the Third World.

My husband, Rizwan, and I took a short getaway to the Poconos this fall and enjoyed touring Governor Gofford Pinchot's summer home, Grey Towers, in Milford as well as an anthracite coal mine in Scranton. We agreed that the area is not nearly as lovely as Western Pennsylvania though. Is our prejudice showing? I still try to squeeze in some time for genealogy, biking, playing my guitar and reading anything that interests me, although lately my "reading" has been more on CD than in paper form and probably way too much fiction than is actually good for me. Email: sonya_stewart@yahoo.com

In November 2008, **SCOTT S. TAYLOR** (1999) celebrated his 11th-year anniversary of working as a Manuscripts Processor in the Georgetown University Library Special Collections and Archives Division in Washington, D.C. Scott catalogs historical-document collections, helps researchers use those collections, and continues to have many interesting experiences on the job. Email: taylor@georgetown.edu

FREDERICK G. YUN (1968) I taught for 13 years in the Blairsville Junior and Senior High Schools where I taught social studies. I then taught at Indiana Area Senior High for 13 years. Since my retirement I have continued as an officer in the Indiana Kiwanis Club and am busy with the club's activities. My wife and I have 7 grandchildren and we try to visit them as often as possible. I also serve on a board for the Oncology Center and belong to Master Gardeners. As a garden steward (correct spelling), I am responsible for planting 2400 plants and overseeing the care of the gardens at the corner of Route 286 and Indian Springs Road. This site is maintained by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

BOOK AND WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HISTORY FACULTY

Marcella Hazan, *Amarcord*: *Marcella Remembers*. NY: Gotham, 2008. The title of the book can be roughly translated from the dialect of Emilia Romagna as "I remember." After falling in love with a Jewish Italian refugee to the United States after World War I, Hazan came to America and became one of a few Italians who marketed what they passed off in America as Italian cuisine. (It's mostly the cuisine from her region or what she gleaned from the cookbooks of Ada Boni, one of Italy's most important recipe-writers.) Hazan's memoir has the feeling you might get from sitting at the feet of your grandmother as she relates a disjointed narrative, filled with stories meaningful mostly to her. At times overly boastful and surprisingly naive, the book gives insight into how very different post-World War II Italian immigration was from immigration that preceded World War I. Hazan's account is also interesting from the perspective of women's history, depicting what it was like to be a middle-class woman in a northern Italian provincial town and in New York City. If you are into food and culinary history, as I am, you will appreciate Hazan's discussion of Italian cuisine. You might even forgive her annoying anti-southern Italian and anti-peasant prejudices and marvel at her ties to neo-Fascist figures (who are never identified as such in the memoir—tsk, tsk!).

Peck, Graham. *Two Kinds of Time*. University of Washington Press, 2008. Finally reprinted in full, this account of Peck's wanderings in wartime West China from 1940 to 1945 has been a favorite of China specialists for years. Peck was unusual among foreign observers of China at this point in that he knew Chinese, did not work for the government (or indeed for anyone) and was free to roam the countryside talking to whoever interested him. He understood both history and current politics well enough to give an incisive picture of the state of the Chinese 'war machine.' At the same time he was interested in the absurdities of daily life (his illustrations are perhaps the best part of the book) and he rambles through a maze of interesting people and events, covering everything from air raids on Chunking to attacks by Communist poultry to encounters with educational administrators.

Rick Atkinson. *Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944*. NY: Holt, 2007. This is the second volume to journalist and popular historian Atkinson's trilogy on World War II entitled "The Liberation Trilogy." Atkinson has the cameraperson's eye for narrative. Reading his account of the Allied invasion of Sicily and the war up the boot of Italy gives the impression of watching vintage newsreels. Grand strategies, diplomacy, politics and military history—it's all there in a chronicle of short vignettes, peppered with maps to help you follow accounts of key battles. What makes Atkinson's telling of the tale compelling is his ability to convey a soldier's-eye view to the war by drawing on soldier diaries and letters. We participate in the dying moments of an otherwise forgotten soldier and see his incomprehension of the grand strategies, diplomacy and politics. We get first-hand accounts of what trench foot did to soldiers. We learn about the soldiers and sailors' superstitions and even their improvised uses for condoms in warfare. We get a sense of anti-Italian and anti-Semitic sentiments among the Americans and British. In contrast, we hardly get any sense of the experiences of the enemy or the civilians, except through the eyes of the Allies. This defect comes from Atkinson's failure to use German and Italian sources (owing to linguistic limitations, I assume). Still, he does use American and British sources adeptly to paint images of the combatants and civilians that will haunt you long after you put down the book. His use of sources and his narrative style reinforce the gripping newsreel-like narrative of the Italian theater during World War II.

**Alumni submissions for newsletter
are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year
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2008 M.A. Graduates

May 2008

Sara Altemus

Sandra Kimble

Jonathan Knorr

Jonathan Rogosky

Kelly Smith

August 2008

Bradley Rohlf

Congratulations!!!



In Memory of Dr. Sonya Barclay

A member of the IUP history faculty, Sonya Barclay, Ph.D., died of cancer on December 25, 2008. Dr. Barclay was born in Florida in 1959, but had grown up in Indiana County. She graduated from IUP in 1999 with a major in history and minors in women's studies and English. A superb student, she won both the 1999 Alice K. Schuster Award as the most outstanding senior history major and the department's Senior Seminar Award for the year's best research paper, which was used to explore the lives of widows and unmarried daughters in Indiana County, 1807-1837.

Dr. Barclay continued her interest in the early-nineteenth-century countryside during her graduate study at Carnegie Mellon University, where she completed an M.A. in 2000 and a Ph.D. in 2008. She was the 2007 winner of CMU's Goldman Fellowship Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching. Enthusiastic and innovative in the classroom, she was known for her creative assignments—such as churning butter—that made old-time rural life come alive for her students.



As a researcher, Dr. Barclay's work was path breaking. Previous historical work on class structure in nineteenth-century America was nearly all based on urban settings, but her dissertation, "Reading the Social Landscape: A Lexicon of Rural Class in Western Pennsylvania, 1790-1860," argued persuasively that "the notion of class in rural areas is a meaningful concept." Using one county (Indiana) as a case study, she drew on over one thousand estate inventories as well as other material culture evidence and even the land itself to help us "understand the experience of those living in the rural North prior to the Civil War."

At the time of her death, Dr. Barclay was in the midst of a one-year appointment as an assistant professor of history at IUP. She had already established a record as a dynamic teacher who was liked and respected by her students and colleagues.

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