

# The Department of History Undergraduate News

Remember the Undergrad Open House!

Wednesday September 29  
11:30-1:30 ~ BRNG 1206

**REFRESHMENTS! DOOR PRIZES!**

**Meet your history academic advisor, faculty, staff, and local alumni**

## A Message from the Department Head ~



Welcome back! The Department of History begins a new academic year with more than 300 majors and minors. You have recognized the importance of history to your lives and career goals, and the Department has a campus-wide reputation for excellent teaching. I need not tell you that History courses fill quickly and the wait lists are long. You also will notice some changes in the faculty. Please join me in welcoming William Gray, who specializes in modern European and German history, and Neil Bynum, who emphasizes African American history. I am certain that you will find their courses challenging and worthwhile.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. This year we are searching for faculty to fill four positions: Islamic Civilization, Modern China, Late Medieval, and U.S. Political History Since 1945. These positions will enable the department to expand substantially its course offerings. The search and interview process will take us into the spring, at which time I will announce the successful candidates so that you can plan ahead.

The Department will also sponsor several import lectures this academic year as well as offer study abroad opportunities in Germany, Greece, and Turkey. These events and courses are explained in this newsletter.

If I can be of any assistance this year, please do not hesitate to stop by my office in University Hall. **See you at the Undergraduate Open House on September 29, from 11:30-1:30, in Beering 1206!**

## A Message from your Academic Advisor ~

There are numerous opportunities at Purdue-West Lafayette to combine a History major or minor with the study of other disciplines. While sampling the many and varied course offerings, you may find an area that particularly appeals to you and wish to take additional courses in that field. As you do, bear in mind that it is possible to graduate with multiple majors and/or minors.

Plan of Study sheets listing the requirements for Liberal Arts majors, minors and specializations are located in the lobby of the Liberal Arts Advising Office in room 1114 of Beering Hall.

Several programs within the School of Liberal Arts may especially resonate with students of History. For example, Classical Studies, Medieval Studies, and Religious Studies are natural complements to History. Additionally, African-American Studies, Jewish Studies, and Women's Studies have a lot to offer. You may elect to supplement your degree with Asian Studies or Italian Studies or perhaps a Peace Studies minor. Or you might wish to explore Comparative Literature, Linguistics or Interdisciplinary Film/Video offerings. Of course, there are also majors and minors in other academic disciplines like Anthropology, English, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology that can work in tandem with your studies of History.

Liberal Arts Students may also complete minors in certain subjects outside the School of Liberal Arts. Currently minors are available in a wide range of subjects including Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Child Development and Family Studies, Computer Technology (CPT), Entomology, Management, Organizational Leadership, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Mathematics and Physics to name just a few. For a complete list, check the "outside minors" files in the Liberal Arts Advising Office reception area.

Be sure to remember the Specializations, which are only available to History majors and minors. You can complete a specialization in Science and Technology, History of Popular Culture, Law and Public Policy or History of Modernity.

If you are not in the School of Liberal Arts but wish to be a History minor, consult your academic advisor to see whether minors from outside your home school may be posted with your major. If they may, pick up a copy of the History minor requirement sheet for yourself and one for your advisor.

Once you decide you want to pursue a major or minor, inform your academic advisor and, as always, if you have any questions about program or degree requirements, ask your academic advisor.

### What's coming up in History ~

<b>Monday October 4</b>	7:30 pm Purdue Memorial Union East Faculty	What is the future of American relations with Germany and the so-called "Old Europe"? This question will be addressed by Dr. Hans Arnold, a German expert and retired diplomat who is touring the United States in October.
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	Lounge	<p>Dr. Arnold has had a distinguished career with the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany. After study at the universities of Munich, Paris, and Georgetown University in Washington, DC, he served at the German Embassies in Washington, Paris, the Hague, Rome, and Geneva. In Germany he was bureau chief for Foreign Minister Willy Brandt and head of the cultural section of the Foreign Ministry. Currently he lectures at the Academy for Political Science in Munich.</p> <p>Dr. Arnold has published widely on transatlantic issues, including "Germany's Power" (1995) and "Security for Europe" (2002), and often appears on German TV.</p> <p>The lecture, "Europe and the U.S., Where Do We Go From Here? - A German Perspective," is sponsored by the Departments of History, Political Science, and Foreign Languages and Literatures. It is free and open to the public. A reception for Dr. Arnold will follow his presentation.</p>
<b>Wednesday December 1</b>	7:30-8:30 Fowler Hall 1	<p>The History Department Forum speaker will be Professor Brian Ward, chair of the History Department at the University of Florida, where he teaches southern and African American history. His presentation is entitled, <b><i>"From Elvis to the Beatles, From Memphis to the Merseysippi: Imagining and Experiencing the American South in British Popular Music,"</i></b> and it will include audio and video materials. Professor Ward is a graduate of both the University of Cambridge and, improbably, of two British punk groups, the Wiltons and the Shagpiles. His first book, <i>Just My Soul Responding: Rhythm and Blues, Black Consciousness, and Race Relations</i>, won the Organization of American Historians' James A. Rawley Award for the best book dealing with race relations in the United States. It was also a selection among the New York "Notable Books" published in 1998. Professor Ward's most recent publication is <i>Radio and the Struggle for Civil Rights in the South</i>. He is a member of the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program, and his presentations have included "By Elvis and all the Saints: Images of the American South and The World of British Popular Music in the 1950s" and "Get Back: The Beatles, Race, Religion, and the American South."</p>

**Study Abroad!!!**

Did you know there's a Study Abroad newsletter?

Click on  
<http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/info/newsletter/>  
to check out the latest issue.  
You can also sign up to receive email notification  
when new information is available!

## Spring Break 2004 in Munich

Twenty-six Purdue undergraduates took a "field trip" for HIST 104I over spring break last March. All the way to Munich, Germany! In eight intensive days, they engaged in experiential learning, getting an "Introduction to the Modern World" which went well beyond what they could gain from readings, lectures, and tests here in West Lafayette.



"The class was awesome," wrote one student on an anonymous feedback form, "a great experience." Another wrote "The trip to Munich was not just vacation time like many might think, it made a significant difference in understanding the material."

The professor in charge, Gordon Mork, designed the trip so that students would personally experience major aspects of the history they had been studying. Site visits ranged from the sublimely beautiful, like the Frauenkirche (the massive Gothic cathedral), to a place of humankind's worst inhumanity (the Dachau concentration camp). Major art museums and a ballet performance at the royal palace opera house put students in touch with top rate elite culture. And popular culture was not ignored – the closing feast was at the festival hall of the Hofbräuhaus.

A similar program is set for Spring Semester 2005. This time students will have the choice of either HIST 102I (The Ancient World) with Professor Gordon Young or HIST 104I (The Modern World) with Professor Mork; the whole group will visit both Munich and Athens. For details, please contact either one at [gyoung@sla.purdue.edu](mailto:gyoung@sla.purdue.edu) or [gmork@purdue.edu](mailto:gmork@purdue.edu). Enrollment is limited to 18 students per class, so please get in touch ASAP.

## Maymester in Merrie Olde England!

In May 2004 a class of Purdue undergraduates headed off to England for a combined study of history, horticulture, and landscape architecture. Called "In the English Landscape," this course looks for the intersections of human history, natural landscapes, and the interventions of gardeners to change that landscape. It may

sound far-fetched, but the idea really works. Carefully prepped by a 2 ½-day “crash course” of lectures from historian **John Larson**, landscape architect **Paul Siciliano**, and horticulturist **Mike Dana**, students quickly discovered they could “read” the landscape and begin to see evidence of the hands of the past laid out before us in both urban and country settings.

Our stops ranged from Henry VIII’s Hampton Court palace to the latest urban renewal projects in industrial Manchester. The class spend five days exploring London and its environs, quickly toured into the industrial midlands, and finally settled in Corsham, near Bath, where we took up residence in (took *over*, really) an 18<sup>th</sup>-century public house called the Methuen Arms. (Yes, in England a public house is a “pub”; and yes, it *is* nice to have the bar right downstairs from the sleeping rooms!) Assisted by our trusty driver, Mick, and his big purple motorcoach (think Barney on wheels), we saw gardens, castles, villages, canal locks, twisty roads, and hedgerows—enough to satisfy the heartiest tourist.

Although real education took place (we have exam papers to prove it!), our students had a pretty good time as well. The class is scheduled to go again in 2006. If you are interested see professors Larson (HIST), Siciliano (LA), or Dana (HORT), and watch for announcements early in the fall of 2005.

## History Study Abroad Options for Spring 2005!

History 102I and History 104I

[Munich and Greece ~  
Spring Break 2005](#)

<b>Specializations ~</b>		
<p><b>The Department of History offers four areas of specialization for its majors and minors.</b></p> <p><b>Students wishing to specialize need only take three courses (nine credit hours) in one area, although a grade of “C” or better must be earned to fulfill the specialization requirement. The Specialization will be recorded on the student’s transcript. Further, these courses can be 'double</b></p>	<p>The History of <a href="#">Law and Public Policy</a></p>	<p>This specialization is designed for students applying to law school and to assist those pursuing careers in paralegal services, policy research, public administration, public office, and planning agencies</p>
	<p>The History of <a href="#">Science and Technology</a></p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in technological, medical, nursing, scientific, military services, and technical writing and editing.</p>
	<p>The History of <a href="#">Popular Culture</a></p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, the entertainment industry, market research and advertising, publishing, and public</p>

<p>counted' to fulfill other requirements, including the history major and minor.</p>		relations.
	<p>The History of <a href="#">Modernity</a></p>	<p>This specialization is designed to assist students pursuing careers or advanced training in communications, journalism, media coverage, international business, foreign service, intelligence agencies, and military service.</p>

**[Check out Phi Alpha Theta ~ the History Honor Society](#)**

**From the President, Maura Smith**

The Nu Omega chapter of the national history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, is one of 820 active chapters around the nation. The organization is a "professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways."

The Purdue chapter of Phi Alpha Theta is a growing organization, where history majors/minors are able to meet on a common ground with members of all class rank and the history department's faculty. Members must have 12 hours (4 courses) of history classes with a GPA of 3.0 in History and/or an overall GPA of 3.0. There is a one-time fee of \$40.00 to join the national organization, which includes a membership certificate and four issues of *The Historian*. The local Phi Alpha Theta chapter also asks all members for \$10/year in dues for chapter events.

We welcome Professor Frank Lambert as our new faculty advisor. If you were unable to attend our callout but would like to join, please feel free to e-mail at [smith103@purdue.edu](mailto:smith103@purdue.edu).

**From Faculty Advisor, Professor Lambert**

I am pleased to be working with Phi Alpha Theta this year and look forward to what promises to be an engaging and enjoyable agenda. The Purdue chapter seeks to enrich the intellectual life of history majors through a variety of activities, including some new initiatives this year. We hope to inaugurate an annual lecture series featuring invited historians from the Midwest who will address topics of broad, public interest. We also hope to launch a Phi Alpha Theta journal that will feature undergraduate articles adapted from papers written for classes during the year. And, we plan to sponsor a student-faculty soiree that will

afford a casual setting for students and faculty social exchanges.

I join Maura in inviting all History majors and minors who wish to become members.

## Scholarships, Internships, Fellowships, and Other Opportunities ~

**The Maudie L. Anderson Scholarship** pays all expenses (lodging for one night, meals, and registration) for an African American college student in history, historic preservation, architecture, education, or African American studies to attend the Cornelius O'Brien Conference on Historic Preservation to be held in Madison on **October 29-30**. The scholarship was established by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in memory of a devoted staff member, Maudie L. Anderson, who stressed the importance of education to the many young people she encountered.

To apply, please complete the following form, typing or printing legibly.

**Applications must be submitted by October 11.** [Return this form via mail, fax, or e-mail](#)

**The Filson Historical Society**, Louisville, Ky., reminds scholars that **applications for fellowships and internships must be received by October 15, 2004.**

Detailed information about fellowships, internships, and application procedures can be found on The Filson's website [www.filsonhistorical.org/fellowships.html](http://www.filsonhistorical.org/fellowships.html). Information about The Filson's research collections can be found on the online catalog.

Questions regarding the fellowships and internships program, contact: Mark Wetherington, Director - [markweth@filsonhistorical.org](mailto:markweth@filsonhistorical.org)

Organized May 15, 1884, the mission of The Filson Historical Society is to collect, preserve and publish historical material pertaining to Kentucky, the Ohio Valley, and the Upper South. The Filson is headquartered in the Ferguson Mansion in Old Louisville and houses a library, a museum, and a special collections department.

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### Greetings from the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago!

It is recruiting season once more for the **Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program**, one of the largest and most respected exchange program in the world.

Many students believe that JET is only for those who speak Japanese or want to be teachers, but this is far from the case. Most JETs speak little or no Japanese before becoming a JET, and JET alumni often go on to become lawyers, doctors, teachers, professors, Foreign Service Officers, cultural consultants, entrepreneurs, and many

other types of professionals.

If you would like more information or materials (pamphlets, videos, posters, or applications) about the JET Program, please let me know.

Best regards,  
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You may submit your articles on-line at:  
[www.undergradquarterly.com](http://www.undergradquarterly.com)

**General Guidelines**

- Essays could be on any theme, topic or study in the area of History.
- Essays should be double spaced and 10-30 pages in length.
- Senior Honor's theses and class written papers are acceptable.

I look forward to reading your submissions.

Andy M. Zaky, Editor-In-Chief  
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