



IUP History

Alumni Newsletter

2019

Department News

Greetings from the History Department. Another academic year has now come and gone. It has been a very busy year and we are very excited about several new initiatives that the department has begun or will be starting this fall.

First, we undertook a two-year process of completely overhauling our History B.A. curriculum. While we have been pleased with our curriculum, we felt it was time to make some changes. The primary focus in the new B.A. curriculum will be on better positioning our majors for successful careers in public service (government, law, non-profits, etc.), private sector, and public history (museums, archives, national parks, etc.).

Second, this fall we will be unveiling our Digital Indiana (digitalindiana.org) project which will be a multiyear digital initiative focused on creating an interactive exploration of the history of Indiana. While the project will begin by providing history majors the opportunity to conduct research with faculty, we hope to collaborate with other academic departments, as well as local institutions. Our goal is for Digital Indiana to increase knowledge about the local area, while providing our students hands-on research experience.

We are very pleased that our existing scholarships (the Eric Slebodnik Memorial Scholarship, the John F. Kadlubowski Memorial Scholarship, the Frank and Jean Yosie Scholarship, the Charles Cashdollar Scholarship, and the Irwin Marcus Go and Do Fund) provide invaluable financial assistance to our deserving majors. Our goal in the coming year is to work with the Foundation and University Advancement to increase the funds for all these scholarships so that we can help an even greater number of our majors.

Finally, we hope that you will keep us updated on how things are going for you. We certainly appreciate any insight you can provide our current students about the professional world that awaits them after graduation, and any suggestions for us on how we can better prepare them. Feel free to send me an email or give me a telephone call. We look forward to hearing from you.



Department Chair
R. Scott Moore

Alumni Interview

Kyle Eagleton graduated in 2017. After serving in the Air Force he has gone on to a career in the defense industry



Kyle Eagleton B.A. Pre-Law, 2017

Senior Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton

What do you do?

I work for Booz Allen Hamilton as a Senior Consultant. In my current role, I am a project manager/project lead for a Department of Defense (DoD) client in the Washington D.C. Metro area. In this role, I manage the cost, schedule, and performance of a portfolio of the client's defense-related projects. Basically, I ensure that the government is getting the most value for every taxpayer dollar spent, and that the mission requirements are met for the end user.

Booz Allen Hamilton serves a wide range of clients as one of the top consulting firms in the world. With clients ranging from NASA to the NFL, there is a wide range of business being conducted that is not all project management. We have scientists, doctors, attorneys, engineers, cybersecurity folks, and so many more individuals with talent that is both obscure and fascinating. That is one thing I like about the company itself – each day, I know I have the resources available for me to solve any problem my client has.

Looking back, what did you find most valuable about your time at IUP?

The most valuable thing that I can recollect – not joking – was writing papers and taking exams. The time spent researching, and the long hours of writing pay dividends for me every day. Those written communication skills being sharpened by professors like Dr. Paul Arpaia. By extension, the writing done for Dr. Baker's exams – which required quick retention and comprehensive understanding, aid directly in my ability today to engage with a client, become acclimated to an issue that has arisen on a project, and quickly begin to start on a mitigation effort.

How has your background in History helped you in your career?

It's helped immensely. I call on the skillsets that the professors in IUP's history department helped me develop every day. Everything from interpersonal skills, written/oral communication, research development, and more all aide me in my job. One important thing I learned indirectly from them was to view things as conceptual. When I do this, I'm able to solve the problem without getting bogged down with any unneeded details – an extremely vital skill for any analytical type of employment. I personally believe that my History/pre-law degree positions me to not only be equal to graduates with business degrees, but also competitive with them.

What advice would you give to a student thinking of following the same path you did?

If you want to do government work – look in the DC area. All of the major agencies and supporting industry partners are either headquartered here or have a major presence. In a broader sense, if you want to use your history degree for something outside of the perceived norm/immediate scope, think conceptually. Consider your skillsets when reviewing a job posting and extract the bottom line information. Most companies want reliable, intelligent, well-written employees. Those qualities should be inherent in any new college graduate, so deduce the proper way to convey that within your resume/interview.

What advice would you give to current IUP students?

Don't be afraid of change. If you identify skillsets earned from your History (or other degree), and you are nervous to apply them to a job that you don't feel usually is associated with that type of degree – try anyways. The worst you can be told is no.

Believe in yourself. It sounds trivial, but understand that with proper planning and correct action, along with the confidence to propel yourself, you really can obtain whatever career you wish. It's all incumbent on you!

How have you stayed involved in history, outside of work?

Being so close to DC and the various museums there, I stay involved. There's always something going on, with associated new things to learn or take interest in. As interesting as I found my history course content to be while obtaining my degree at IUP, I didn't think that the actual historic portion would apply so heavily to what I do now. Now, I use it as foundational understanding that is integral in the work I do now. History isn't just in the past!

Alumni Interview

Gina (Russo) Tam graduated with a B.A. in History and Asian Studies. After completing her Ph.D. in History at Stanford University she has gone on to a career as a college professor.



Gina Tam B.A. History, 2008

Assistant Professor of Modern Chinese History at Trinity University.

What do you do?

I'm an assistant professor of modern Chinese history at Trinity University. I chose this career path my first semester at IUP—to some extent, I stumbled into it, since I didn't really know what I was getting into when I was 18 years old. I wanted, more than anything, to teach history at a college level. This today is still one of my favorite parts of the job. I love engaging with students about not just the content of what I teach—East Asian history—but also about how historians look at the world. What I did not anticipate was how much of my job included researching and writing and how difficult it is to do. Ultimately, I'm quite lucky, because it turns out I really love to write, but I truly did not know what it would be like to be a full-time researcher when I chose this career back in undergraduate.

Looking back, what did you find most valuable about your time at IUP?

It's hard to narrow it down, but I think primarily two things: 1.) The amount of time faculty invested in their students, and 2.) The critical thinking encouraged in history and Honors College classes. I don't think I would have been successful without the opportunity to frequently engage with faculty on my research, career goals, grant proposals, and graduate school applications. The Honors College model, on the other hand, gave me the skills to think about, debate, and grapple with complex difficult issues, a model I try to replicate in my own classroom.

Is there anything you wish you had done, or done more of, or not done, during your time at IUP?

Given that my career is to be a professional historian, I wish I had taken classes more broadly. I wish I had taken classes on US history, classes on Ancient Greece or Rome, or classes on Latin America. I also wish I had taken classes that would have been outside my comfort zone; I regret never having taken a class in basic finance, computer science, or physics.

How has your background in History helped you?

I believe the ability to think historically has served me in more ways than simply just in the content I teach. History gives us a unique lens through which to see the world. It forces us to reckon with the fact that our present is a product of our past, and it empowers us to draw upon that past to imagine a malleable future. It also teaches us empathy; no matter how much we personally disagree with the people we study, we have to try and grapple with why they thought what they did, and how they legitimized their actions and ideas. These skills have, I believe, made me a more empathetic person, and a better critical thinker, two skills that have the potential to serve me even if I no longer worked as a professional historian.

What advice would you give to current IUP students?

Take the opportunity in college to learn broadly. It's obviously scary to not focus *exclusively* on the ever-precarious job market. But I think people who are most successful are the ones who are adaptable, or whose skills can be put to work in a variety of settings. The ability to identify problems, research possible solutions and gather empirical evidence, and solve them with creativity, empathy, and logical reasoning are the ones who will be most successful. You gain that by studying widely and really engaging with the way that different disciplines view the world. History, I believe, gives us a unique methodology to incorporate these diverse perspectives. It's one of the reasons a degree in history is supremely valuable.

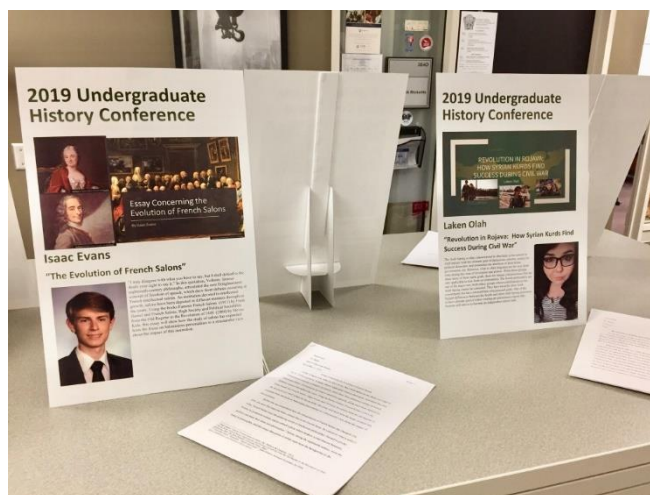


Undergraduate History conference

This year, the Fourth Annual IUP History Department Conference took place on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019. We had three panels featuring twelve student research papers and a panel on "Career-building Experiences for History Majors" with some of our juniors and seniors discussing student teaching, applying for law school, study abroad, and internships. The first panel of the day, "Threats and Conspiracies: Slavery, the Illuminati, Lizards, and the KKK," was the most popular, with upwards of sixty students and faculty in attendance. But all of the panels were well attended.

Our keynote speaker this year was Dr. Philip Nash, Associate Professor of History at Penn State, Shenango. He gave a presentation on "Myths and Misconceptions of World War II." Dr. Nash is an award-winning teaching professor who is also a frequent guest of "Professor Buzzkill," buster of historical myths, whose podcasts can be found at professorbuzzkill.com. He is author of *The Other Missiles of October* (1997) and his new book, *Breaking Protocol: America's First Female Ambassadors, 1933-1964*, will appear in early 2020. The keynote had approximately sixty students, faculty, and community members in attendance.

In addition to the panels and keynote, this year we also incorporated three new activities into the conference day. First, before the opening of the conference, Dr. Conlin and Dr. Baker walked students down to the Kovalchick Center for the Spring Career Fair where students had the opportunity to talk to potential future employers. Second, Dr. Tamara Whited created a display to celebrate student writing. The display featured the photos of student presenters along with an abstract of their papers. Third, Mr. Samuel Roha, IUP Social Studies Education student and certified range safety officer, brought in reenactment gear from both World War I and the French & Indian War. The display involved several historic firearms as well as uniforms, papers, and equipment.



Celebration of student writing



Display of historical reenactment gear

Moore named Distinguished Professor



Dr R. Scott Moore has been named the University Distinguished Professor for Research for 2019-2020

Moore's roles as Hellenistic and Roman ceramicist for six classical archaeology projects and as director of the Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project in Cyprus has resulted in international recognition in his field.

Due to Moore's successful prior work on the island, the Cypriot Department of Antiquities awarded him the archaeological project 16 years ago, one of the highest honors for an archaeologist working on Cyprus. As director, he manages all scholarly, physical, and financial elements, including securing government permits, arranging logistics, securing grants, supervising all work, and scholarly production. As the project's lead ceramicist and historian, the historical interpretation of archaeological evidence is his responsibility, and each year the project continues to yield significant findings.

"The ultimate goal for a classical archaeologist is directing one's own archaeological project," Moore said. "Being granted a permit for archaeological work on Cyprus is a major career accomplishment since the Cypriot government views archaeological sites as national treasures and only proven archaeologists are awarded a permit."

He has also been part of a team that developed a new system for the classification of archaeological artifacts, which has been adopted by several other projects in Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey; and he has incorporated technology from other fields and has worked with the American Schools of Oriental Research to explore the possibilities of digitally enriched scholarship.

"When I began work on my archaeological project in Cyprus in 2002, I made a conscious effort to involve IUP students during the fieldwork phase of the project, providing them with invaluable hands-on archeological and technological experience," Moore said. To date, 23 undergraduate and six graduate students from IUP have participated in his fieldwork program. He secured two collaborative National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation grants, which provided IUP students with valuable hands-on experience using the most current technological equipment in the field, such as differential GPS, ground penetrating radar, 3D scanning, and aerial photography.

Moore has a robust history of scholarship with three books, 38 articles or chapters, and numerous encyclopedia entries, book reviews, international and national conference papers, with more than \$1 million in external grants and over \$90,000 in internal grants.

Upcoming events

We have a lot coming up next year and would welcome your participation and support.

Pennsylvania Historical Association Conference

IUP will be hosting the 2019 Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting October 17-19, 2019. This is the first time since 1986 that the department will host the conference, and only the fourth time since 1932 (1954, 1970, 1986 and 2019). The PHA holds its annual meeting in a different Pennsylvania location each fall. The annual meetings bring together historians, educators and history buffs to participate in a wide variety of panel discussions, to hear speakers, and to enjoy meeting others interested in Pennsylvania history. This year's conference theme will be "Constructing Citizenship and Community," but the program committee welcomes proposals on all aspects of Pennsylvania and Mid-Atlantic history. In addition to sessions focused on traditional scholarship, the program committee encourages panels that feature pedagogy, public history, or material culture. There is also an opportunity for undergraduate students to present their research at poster forum held on the last day of the conference. For more information on the Pennsylvania Historical Association or its annual meeting, please go to <https://pa-history.org/>

For more information, contact Jeanine Mazak Kahne at jmkahne@iup.edu.

Digital Indiana

In Fall 2019, the History Department will be kicking off a new public history project entitled Digital Indiana. The project is a collaborative, digital, interactive, web-based exploration of Indiana. It will begin with content about the Borough and then expand to include the county at large. The project is a multi-faceted collaboration. History faculty and students will work together researching and creating content for interesting projects that can be highlighted on the website. We will also partner with other academic departments at IUP to develop even more robust content for the project. Furthermore, we will continue to work closely with local institutions like the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, so that our students can further develop their skills community-based work and tap into the valuable resources available through the HGSIC. We can also support the mission of the HGSIC to make history accessible to county residents. As Digital Indiana grows, we also plan to create educational resources for local teachers to utilize in their classrooms and to potentially collaborate on future projects that we can showcase on the website. Our goal is for Digital Indiana to increase knowledge and awareness about the university, town, and county, and to help our students get hands-on experience doing history. Students will be able to see the fruits of their labor being used and that they will graduate with increased set of employable skills.

For more information, contact Erin Conlin at elconlin@iup.edu.

Scholarship and award winners for AY 2018-19

The Kadlubowski Memorial Scholarship

The Kadlubowski Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a student who plans to pursue a career in teaching. The scholarship is given in honor of Dr. Jack Kadlubowski, who taught the history of Russia and eastern Europe here at IUP for 36 years, from 1967 until his death in 1999.

Samuel Roha

The Eric Slobodnik Memorial Scholarship

The Eric Slobodnik Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a student who demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement at the local, national, or global level. The scholarship is given in honor of Sergeant Eric Slobodnik, a history major who was called to active duty during his junior year and was killed in action in Ramadi, Iraq on September 29, 2005.

Kelsey DeLozier

The Charles D. Cashdollar Scholarship

During his tenure as a History Department faculty member, Dr. Cashdollar exemplified the department's commitment to our students and their education, and to honor him, the department established this scholarship in his name.

Evan Marino

The Frank and Jean Yosie Tuition Scholarship

Dr. Terry Yosie is one of our distinguished alumni and has graciously provided funding for this scholarship awarded to history majors who demonstrate great potential. The scholarship is named for his parents.

Kelsey DeLozier

Jacob Wilt

Alice Schuster Award for Outstanding Achievement in the B.A. Program in History

Joseph Gregory

Judith McDonough Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Social Studies Education Program

Roy Lynn

Topics paper award

Each year an award is given to the student whose topics paper is selected as the best paper in the topics courses for the academic year. The winning paper is selected based on the strengths of the paper's thesis and research, as well as the quality of writing, arguments and documentation. This year we had two winners

Joseph Casese

"China's Female Beauties: *Yuefenpai*, Women, and Propaganda in the Early People's Republic, 1949-1966"

Courtney Warren

"Tall Tales: Building Conspiracy Around Capital Art and Architecture in Washington D.C."

Honors graduate

The following student completed the requirements for departmental honors program, including a senior thesis.

Roy Lynn – Thesis directed by Soo Lu

"The Lines are Becoming More and More Clearly Drawn, British Responses to the Emancipation Proclamation"

All our scholarships and awards are supported by donations from alumni and friends of the History Department. To make a donation please contact the department or contact the Office of Annual Giving at 724-357-5555 or email iup-giving@iup.edu.

News from our alumni

Donald Barnes '68



Is an Adjunct Professor at Rowan Cabarrus Community College in North Carolina.

Joshua Beener '06

Is currently living in Greensburg, PA

Michele Bendekov '89

Is Director of Diversity & Inclusion at Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC in Nashville TN.

Maureen (Payne) Berezna '04

I am married with two kids, ages 6 & 3. I have worked at the PA House of Representatives for 14 years where I am currently a Research Analyst for the House Children & Youth Committee.

Sarah Bliss '16 M

I have been working at SUNY Morrisville as a CSTEP Advisor for a little over two years now. I am expecting my second child in April.

Alicia Britton '16

Is living in Erie, PA.

Bradly Bumsted

Is Harrisburg Bureau Chief of The Caucus, an award-winning watchdog weekly print and digital newspaper focused on improving transparency and exposing corruption in state government -- part of LNP Media Group.

Timothy Casserly '68

Is living in Charles Town WV.

Francis Checchio '15

Since graduating from IUP in 2015, I have had the opportunity to do a large range of things professionally. In August 2017, I received my master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. Along with that, I have been employed by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh since 2016, where I am currently a Library Assistant at the Downtown and Business Branch. Furthermore, I also work as a Reference Librarian at Robert Morris University.

Courtney Dennis '05

I recently secured grant funding for the Paul R. Stewart Museum at Waynesburg University, where I serve as Associate Director. It is a Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions through the National Endowment for the Humanities. The funds will be used to purchase preservation supplies/materials for the portion of the archival collection pertaining to the history of the University.

Emily (Torrero) Duley '04

Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Saint Vincent College in 2007. 12 year of teaching history and government at

Battlefield High School in Haymarket, VA

Richard Fullam '96

Is a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves and living in Halfmoon, NY.

Gary Fulton '90

Is a Registered Nurse working at Mount Nittany Hospital. State College, PA

Donald Giesmann '71



Pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ. I have been a pastor in the Toledo, OH area for 7 years and have served as a pastor most of my career. Folks in the churches I have served have all appreciated my knowledge and love of history and I use that in sermons, teachings, and in helping folks.

Carol Gioquindo '95

Is a Special Education Teacher at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in Plymouth PA. She is recovering from a car accident suffered in November of 2016.

Arthur Glaser '63

I have retired from the Heinz History Center and as educator for Pitt's Allegheny Observatory. We have moved permanently to Ocean City, MD, where friends can find us on the beach or fishing

James Glymph '98

Is a Social Studies teacher at North Forsyth High School in Cumming, GA.

Gilbert Gott '70

Executive Director of Plant City Photo Archives and History Center in Plant City FL. First, kudos for the support IUP has given for public history organizations. Second, finding no format for a Junior Archivist Club, we started our own and are now in our second year of classes with our Jr. Archivists Club at the Plant City Photo Archives and History Center. The kids range from 9 to 14 years old and study processes and procedures for becoming a History Detective! Their parents seem to be enjoying the classes, too.

Joann Grosik '98

Is a Retail Service Specialist at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Indiana, PA.

Andy Hazelton '05

Ph.D. in History, Georgetown University, 2012. After I finished working as a fixed-term instructor at IUP in 2015, I moved to Texas. I'm an assistant professor of history at Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border. I teach courses in US labor, immigration, and Mexican American history, and I'm preparing a book on guestworkers in the U.S. after World War II. In my spare time, I enjoy all South Texas has to offer with my spouse, Morgan, and my son Abram.

Richard Howes '15

After graduating from IUP I received my masters in secondary education. I now teach 8th grade Social Studies in Carroll County Public Schools in Sykesville, MD.

Kristopher James '02

Is a Social Studies teacher at Shue-Medill Middle School in Newark, DE.

Lewis Kauffman '68

My use of history not only has not ended since retirement it has greatly increased. I completed my Masters in History from IUP in 1970. I had a great time as a Grad Assistant in the Department of International studies under Dr. Raymond Lee and Dr. Robert Morris. Then off to the Army for a period of years (IUP ROTC Commission) and eventually retired from the Army after being assigned to the Pentagon for 7 plus years as a Senior Logistics Staff Officer. In a civilian capacity, I retired from the PA Fish and Boat commission as Director of Human Resources in 2004. So, where was the use of history in all those years? More than you may imagine. At the Pentagon in the late 1980's and early 1990's we were constantly reviewing the operational history of previous wars and the past cultural tendencies of certain Arab Nations, so as to avoid potential mistakes. Operation Desert Storm was very successful. Years later In the Fish and Boat Commission, there was much effort placed upon the history of the Agency since its creation in 1866 and the famous PA conservationists in the century to follow. Also there was much press given to the role fish played in our nation's history from the days of the first colonists (and preceding Native Americans) to the obstruction of fish migrations by hydroelectric dams on some of our major rivers.

In recent years I have been called upon to do presentations on military history subjects in the public schools. In June 2018 I graduated from the PA Master Naturalist Program (the learning never ceases), am now preparing presentations on subjects such as The History of Elk in PA, the Importance of the Fur Trade in PA History, and the Biblical History of our amazing Natural Resources.

These volunteer things are not only fun, but of some importance to future generations. I enjoy History now more than ever before. History is entwined in all most every occupation. I am thankful for my years in History at IUP and I trust that others will experience even greater successes from their IUP years.

Brian Kelly '05

I'm now serving as the Deputy Legislative Director in External Relations for the New York State Senate Democratic Conference.

Alexandra (Hildich) Kensinger '14

Is an attorney with Goldberg Segalla LLP in Greensboro NC.

Larry Kleitches '04

After earning my Ph.D. in 2013 (Geographic Education, Texas State University), I taught in Bloomsburg PA, Texas, Georgia, and Colorado. I then returned to Western Pennsylvania. I currently work for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown as a Skills Development Coordinator at Martha & Mary House

Joseph Kolo '93

Help Center Analyst Duquesne Light. I have been with Duquesne Light officially for 20 years now. Twenty-one counting the year spent as a

consultant. I have been married for just over 12 years. Joined the Western PA Civil War Roundtable last year and regret that I did not do so years ago. Was thrilled my teenaged nephews asked me to accompany, with their father, and guide them on a recent trip to Gettysburg.

Rudolph Koser '73

Is retired and living in North Las Vegas NV.

Christopher Lambert '95

Is Associate Executive Director at the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges in Arlington VA.

Shannon LaPoint '17

Public Program Facilitator, New England Air Museum. I am currently in the final semester of my Masters of Public History degree from Central Connecticut State University, working mainly on my master's thesis and capstone project. For that, I have partnered with the New England Air Museum, New England's leading aviation museum, to develop an interpretive manual of the museum's aircraft collection. I am also writing the organizations institutional history. I have also recently been awarded an Academic Achievement Award by the Graduate School at CCSU in recognition of my academic performance in my graduate program.

Since moving to Connecticut two years ago I have had the opportunity to work with several cultural institutions including the State Historic Preservation Office, Coltsville National Historical Park, the Connecticut Historical Society, and the Florence Griswold Museum. During the summer of 2018, I was

selected for a competitive museum studies internship at Mystic Seaport Museum, the nation's leading maritime history museum. At the Seaport I worked as a museum interpreter and as a collection's cataloger and researcher. While interning I developed an interactive story map based on the sixth round the world voyage performed by Irving and Electa Johnson which has since been published on Mystic Seaport for Educators website.

Mykael Lawrence '13



After IUP, I went back to school. I graduated from Saint Joseph's University with my MS in Citizenship Education. I have been living in Orlando, Florida since I graduated. I have been teaching at Kissimmee Middle School and coaching every single sport I can get my hand on. I have also married my IUP sweetheart this past fall. We have been together since our sophomore year at IUP (about to be 10 years now!) Looking back, IUP was the best years of my life and will always have a special place in my heart.

Lawrence Lentz '78

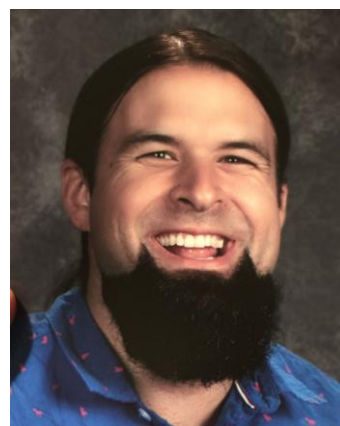


President, Red Kite Gardening. Working as a volunteer to help restore the gardens at Burghley House UK. Also running my own gardening business. There are a lot of historical research applications in garden restoration.

Joshua Liss '92

Assistant VP for Development, Holy Family University.

Stephen Logan '08



Is a Humanities Teacher at High Tech High International in San Diego, CA.

John Lukehart '70

F-22 Advanced Tactical Fighter Program, Physical Security Specialist, Lockheed Martin Corporation

Jonathan Majiros '15 M

I teach 10th grade Global History and Geography in Elmira, New York. My family has been growing as my wife and I were married in July 2017, and we have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl who was born in May 2018.

Kellie (Brown) Makar '06

Received a Masters in Education Degree at Duquesne University in 2009. Currently a Social Studies Teacher at North Catholic High School in Cranberry Twp., PA

Lee Malcolm '15

Is living in Bellefonte, PA.

Edward Martin '73

I am a retired Elementary school guidance counselor. I have authored one children's book with numerous others finished and am currently seeking a literary agent or publisher. I coach girls jv basketball at my alma mater and have two wonderful grandchildren. I am a 1973 graduate who visited IUP in the summer of 2017 for the first time since graduation & didn't know the place!!!

Andrew Mauritz '14

Contract Manager at Siemens Govt. Technologies

Heather McNabb '90

Secretary/Treasurer/Co-Owner, Selin's Grove Brewing Company, Selingsgrove PA.

Donald McPherson '69

BA History & Political Science '69, MA History '71 has retired for a second (final!) time, most recently from 37 years of practice as a Labor Arbitrator. He retired in 2004 from a 35-year IUP career as Distinguished University Professor and Professor of

Employment and Labor Relations. (Obviously, the two career paths overlapped!). He is now comfortably ensconced in Sonoma County California Wine Country where he and his wife, Linda (IUP English '69, MEd. '76; retired IUP English Faculty, 2004) are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary this August and annually celebrate their meeting at IUP on the first day of school in September 1969. In retirement they have taken up avid competitive pursuit of both bocce and pétanque and the many joys of living in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

T. Brice Pearce '04

Working as the Training Manager for a brand-new Wayfair Contact center in Southern Tier NY, going from 0-300 employees in six months!

Deanne (Redick) Peterson '04

After pursuing coursework as part of the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture as a fellow, I decided to switch career paths and pursue a Library Science degree. I started working at Ohio Wesleyan University 10 years ago and have been working as the acting director of the libraries for the past 2.5 years. Along the way I also married and have two children and one furbaby.

Ronald Pivrotto '84

Is retired from his career as a Loss Control Specialist at Allied Insurance.

Jeffrey Popchock '74

I received my B.A. in 1973 and my M.A. in 1974. I have been retired from teaching high school history for almost eight years. My wife, Joan (B.S. 1974), is a retired high school English teacher. Five years ago we moved to Lancaster County, PA. We live close to our older daughter, who is a middle school English teacher and we enjoy regularly seeing our two grandchildren. Our younger daughter is an exhibit developer at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. We spend much of our time doing genealogical research, writing family history, and travelling to ancestral sites. We have made two trips to France to walk the battlefields where my grandfather fought as a doughboy in World War I. I am nearly finished with a book about his experiences. We have been to Slovakia and Poland twice, connecting with relatives from both my family and my wife's. We have also connected with many relatives throughout the U.S., sharing our findings about our family histories.

This September, we will be travelling to Germany to continue our family research. On a side note, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Irwin Marcus, who had a major impact on both me and my brother Barry (B.A. 1972).

Rea Redd '76



Director of Eberly Library & Instructor of American History, Waynesburg University. Recent publications include "The 1864 Presidential Election and the Doom of the Confederacy", Chapter 9 in *Turning Points of the American Civil War*, Southern Illinois University Press [2018] Currently working on 'From Altars to Amputations: Gettysburg Churches Become Battlefield Hospitals: A Walking Tour and Introduction of American Civil War Medicine' which is under contract with Savas Beattie Publishing with a 2019 publication date.

Brett Reigh '97



I am still gainfully employed in the public history field - working as an archivist at the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg, where I've been since February 2002. In addition, I've been president of our local union, FOSCEP Local 2382, since July 2017. I've taken a number of trips out West in recent years, I've included a picture of my from my most recent trip this past October. This was taken at John Ford's Point in Monument Valley, Arizona.

Tracy Ritenour '15

I am in my final semester at the University of Maryland, College Park where I will earn my Master of Library and Information Science. I currently intern at Montgomery History, the Montgomery County Historical Society where I am processing, updating, and digitizing their special collections for public access.

Barry Rudel '81

I am a development officer working with the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

Marian (McGurk) Schad '86

For the past 23 years I have worked at the Joseph Krauskopf Memorial Library at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA. I earned my MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. I currently hold the rank of Associate Professor. In my spare time I like to garden, knit, and read.

Robert Schmitt '72

Retired in 2017 from the Virginia Dept of Treasury after spending 30 years in the banking industry. Worked for the State for 10 years. Now spend my time golfing and reading political, historical, and suspense (John Grisham) novels. My wife and I (IUP 1974) have 1 granddaughter with another and a grandson on the way.

Edward Shephard '96

I am currently a tenured Associate Professor of Education at Bethany College in Bethany, WV. I began my tenure at Bethany in 2011. I teach various courses including Social Studies Methods courses.

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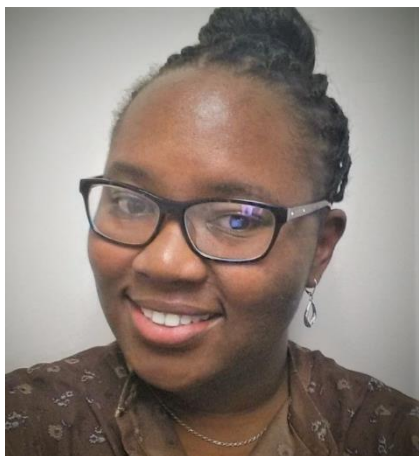
Appointed Acting University Archivist of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in May 2018. Recent publications include "Catholic University's Gilded Age and Progressive Era Labor Collections" *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies* (85:3), Summer 2018, pp. 406-414; 'What We Learned From Blenheim, 1704,' *Military History* (35:6), March 2019, p. 18; 'Hallowed Ground: Monocacy Junction, Maryland,' *Military History* (34:5), January 2018, pp. 76-77.; 'Hallowed Ground: Bushy Run Battlefield, Pennsylvania,' *Military History* (34:2), July 2017, pp. 76-77.; 'Hallowed Ground: Moore's Creek

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Andrew Thompson '09

After completing two graduate degrees I now work as an archivist (Special Collections Accessions Supervisor) at the University of Chicago

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Denise (Dusza) (Weber) '68

In September 2018, the Pennsylvania Pessimist completed the 50th anniversary of St. Thomas More University Parish on Oakland Avenue. The history also included the history of St. James Chapel, aka

the Macaroni Factory which opened in 1958.

Robert Wray '73

I am retired from the residential construction industry. I served as a foreman and was personally responsible for doing the plumbing and wiring as well as layout and saw man. Other tasks included laying block and brickwork pouring and finishing cement. I hate plumbing and building stair forms. My interests have led me into Living History and I am a member of IBWCP Independent Battalion Westmoreland County Pa. The original unit flag is on display at the Point Museum in Pittsburgh Pa. We attend French and Indian and Revolutionary War events in PA and Virginia.

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