“Historians in Public: Sources, Interpretations, Audiences”

As professional historians we try to understand the relation of individuals to a larger public sphere: whether at the level of family, community, region, or nation. Yet how often do we consider how our own practice fits within those larger contexts? How widely do we cast for our sources, how do our interpretations of those sources reflect or alter the circumstances in which we work, how “public” an audience do we really seek for our ideas? Join us as we consider these questions and more at the 2007 IAH conference.
Friday, February 23

4:00pm-5:00pm: Morrison Hall, IU Campus, 3rd Floor
The Kinsey Institute tour

6:00pm-7:00pm: Fountain Square Ballroom, 101 W. Kirkwood Avenue, 3rd floor
IAH board meeting

7:00pm: Fountain Square Ballroom, 101 W. Kirkwood Avenue
Reception and Talk: “Creating a Landscape of Memory,”
David J. Bodenhamer, IUPUI and Polis Center
Co-sponsored by the IU “Putting Memory in Place” Workshop

Saturday, February 24

8:00am—12:30pm: Frangipani Room, Indiana Memorial Union
Conference Registration

8:00am—5:00pm: Frangipani Room, Indiana Memorial Union
Book Displays

8:00am—9:00am: Frangipani Room, Indiana Memorial Union
Continental Breakfast

9:00am—10:20am: IMU Tree Suites (Maple, Oak, Walnut, Persimmon)
Paper Sessions and Roundtables

‘The Region’ and Its Image
Chair and Comment: Glory-June Greiff, Independent Historian
“‘To protect, enhance, preserve and wisely use’: Public Sentiments toward the Use of
Natural Resources in Indiana,” Brittany Bayless, Purdue University
“City and Suburb Unite: History, Material Culture and the Twenty-First Century Redefini
tion of the Calumet Region,” Joseph Biggott, Purdue University Calumet
“The City of Gary’s Centennial and The Perils of Writing Contemporary History,”
James Lane, IU Northwest

Kinsey for the 21st Century
Chair and Comment: Lynn Gorchov, Denison University
“Jeanette Howard Foster, Alfred C. Kinsey, and the Study of Female Sex Variance,”
Joanne Passet, IU-East
“The President and the Professor: Establishing Sex Research at Indiana University,”
James Capshew, IU Bloomington
“Donors and Users: Building of and Access to The Kinsey Institute Archives,”
Liana Zhou, Kinsey Institute

THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIANS

The Indiana Association of Historians brings together educators, scholars, genealogists, archivists, public historians, librarians and the interested public in pursuit of history.

The organization, founded in 1980, is open to anyone interested in the study, enjoyment and promotion of history.

Membership revenues support the Indiana Council for History Education, an IAH committee that hosts a biennial conference on the teaching of history, grants an annual Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Teaching of History, supports professional development activities for K-12 teachers, maintains a web site, and monitors relevant developments in statewide curricular and teacher licensing standards. Members also underwrite a variety of public advocacy projects of the IAH and support ongoing administrative expenses.

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http://www.iub.edu/~imaghist/IAH/index.html
Roundtable: Collaborations in Experiential History
A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis
Samantha Meigs, University of Indianapolis
Jane Hetrick, Conner Prairie

History Meets Public: Local History in Indiana
Chair: James H. Madison, IU Bloomington
Charlotte Sellers, Jackson County Historian
Joe Skvarenina, Hancock County Historian
Respondent: David Vanderstel, Marion County Historian

10:30am–11:50am: IMU Tree Suites (Maple, Oak, Walnut, Persimmon)
Paper Sessions and Roundtables

Roundtable: The Last Picture Show: Historic Downtown Theaters and Community Life
Moderator: Barbara Truesdell, IU Bloomington
“Seventy Years of Movie Dreams: Bloomington’s Indiana Theatre,” Susan Ferentinos, Organization of American Historians
“Saving Indiana’s Historic Theaters,” Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
“‘Bring it Back for an Encore!’: Marketing a Theater’s History,” Danielle McClelland, Buskirk-Chumley Theatre

Northern Women in the Civil War Era
Chair and Comment: Stephen Towne, IUPUI
“Putnam County, Indiana, Women in the Civil War Era,” Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University
“Preserving Unions: Midwestern Women on the Civil War Home Front,” Ginette Aley, University of Southern Indiana
“The John Brown Women and Historical Memory,” Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz, IU Bloomington

Roundtable: History and the Documentarian
Moderator: R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University
Steven Krahneke, Indiana University Radio and TV Services
Eugene Brancolini, Indiana University Radio and TV Services
Susanne K. Schwibs, Indiana University Radio and TV Services
Rich Remsberg, Archival Image Researcher
Public Commemoration of a Centenary: Indiana and the Legacy of Eugenics, 1907-2007
Chair and Comment: William H. Schneider, IUPUI
“The History of Eugenics in Indiana,” Jason Lantzker, IUPUI
“Human Farming: Sowing the Perfect Seed’ A Museum Exhibit on the History of Eugenics in Indiana, 1907-2007,” Matt Groshek, Herron School of Art
“100 Words: A Historical Marker and Indiana Eugenics Sterilization Laws,” Amanda Jones, IUPUI
“Using the History of Eugenics in Medical Education,” Peter Marcus, IU School of Medicine

12:00: IMU Frangipani Room
Lunch Buffet and IAH Keynote/IU McNutt Lecture:
“Why aren’t We All Public Historians?”
Dwight Pitcaithley, New Mexico State University, and former chief historian, National Park Service

1:45pm to 3:05pm: IMU Tree Suites (Maple, Oak, Walnut, Persimmon)
Paper Sessions and Roundtables

Roundtable: Collaborations to Save Indiana Women’s History
Moderator: Pam Bennett, Indiana Historical Bureau
Beth Van Vorst Gray, Indiana Women’s History Association
Jill Chambers, Indiana Women’s History Association
Jeremy Hackerd, Indiana Historical Bureau

Roundtable: Journalism as a Source for Historians
Moderator: Carol Polsgrove, IU Bloomington
“Journalism and the Civil Rights Movement,” Carol Polsgrove
“Photographs as Evidence,” Claude Cookman, IU Bloomington
“Journalistic Evidence for the Life of Ernie Pyle,” Owen Johnson, IU Bloomington

Lincoln, Historians and the Public
Chair: Mike Capps, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial
“Historians and the Lincoln Bicentennial,” Darrel Bigham, University of Southern Indiana
“Sources for Lincoln’s Indiana Years,” William Bartelt, University of Southern Indiana
“Lincoln is Everybody’s Subject,” Keith Erekson, IU Bloomington
Comment: Matthew Vosmeier, Hanover College

Turning Historians’ Tools on Ourselves: Historians in their own Public Contexts
Chair and Comment: Edward Linenthal, IU Bloomington
“A Seat at the Table’: Worker Resistance and the Minnesota Historical Society Interpreter’s Caucus,” Amy M. Tyson, DePaul University
“We Can’t Interpret Ourselves!: Public Historians and Postindustrial Lowell,” Cathy Stanton, Tufts University
“We’re Not Actors: Historical Interpreters as Reluctant Edutainers” Scott Magelissen, Augustana College

3:15pm to 4:35pm: IMU Tree Suites (Maple, Oak, Walnut, Persimmon)
Paper Sessions and Roundtables

20th-Century Biography: Private Lives, Public Culture
Chair and Comment: Susan Curtis, Purdue University
“Prelude to a Public Life: The Early Years of Governor Paul V. McNutt,”
Dean Kotlowski, Salisbury University

Collecting and Documenting: Case Studies *
Chair and Comment: Rebecca Cape, Lilly Library, IU Bloomington
“Private’ Publics: The Role of a Consulting Archivist,” Noraleen Young, Independent Archivist
“Engaging the Public,” Cinda Ann May, Indiana State University
“Oral History as Historical Method,” Carla Hostetler, Purdue U.
* this session will be held in the Lilly Library, IU Campus

Roundtable: Controversy, Audience and Good History: Using Museum Programs to Convey Multiple Perspectives
Moderator: David Allison, Conner Prairie Living History Museum
Alithir McGill, Conner Prairie
Faith Revell, Indiana Historical Society
Comment: Dwight Pitcaithley, New Mexico State University

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