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Indiana Association of Historians
Thirty-Second Annual Meeting

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Hosted by the Department of History
Hanover College
Hanover, Indiana
The Indiana Association of Historians

The Indiana Association of Historians, founded in 1980, is dedicated to promoting the study and enjoyment of history. The IAH brings together educators, scholars, genealogists, archivists, public historians, librarians, and the interested public in pursuit of history. Since 1981, the IAH has been attracting those interested in history from across the state and nation to its annual meeting. In addition to its annual meeting, the IAH sponsors a public lecture, hosted by Butler University. The Thornbrough Lecture, named in honor of Emma Lou and Gayle Thornbrough, both among the founders of the IAH, invites some of the leading practitioners of the historical craft working on subjects of broad interest and appeal.

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8:00-8:45 a.m. Registration – Classic Hall
Continental Breakfast

8:15-8:45 a.m. “Obstacles to Success”
Douglas Denné, Archivist and Curator of Rare Books
An informal hands-on presentation of nineteenth-century travel literature from Hanover College Duggan Library’s Special Collections

8:45-10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I

I A. Whigs, Republicans, and Spies: Midwestern Transportation, Politics, Business, and War – Classic Hall 214

Chair and Commentator: Anita Morgan (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis)

“The Travels of an Ambitious Young Man, 1835-1840”
Matthew N. Vosmeier (Hanover College)

“The Nationalist Road: The Intersection of Roads and Ideas in the Life of Oliver Morton”
A. James Fuller (University of Indianapolis)

“The Embattled River: The Ohio River as Military Frontier, Battlefield, and Spy Haven during the American Civil War, 1861-1865”
Stephen A. Towne (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis)

I B. Youth and American Popular Culture: Camp Songs and Boys with Guns - Classic Hall 213

Chair and Commentator: Daniel P. Murphy (Hanover College)

“Magalena Hagalena: The World View of a Camp Song”
Fredericka Schmadel (Indiana University, Bloomington)

“Boys with Guns: Gun Culture, Violence, and Manhood in the Rover Boys and Tom Swift Series”
Joel D. Shrock (Anderson University)
I C. Migration and Ethnic Identity – Classic Hall 202

Chair and Commentator: Marianne Wokeck (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis)

“Serbs in Albania: Language, Allegiance, and Activism”
Rebecca Mueller (Indiana University, Bloomington)

“Where is My Homeland? Czechs and Slovaks in the USA and Their Ties to the Motherland, 1880-1918”
Stepanka Korytova (Indiana University, Bloomington)

I D. Politics, Basketball, and Medicine in 20th-Century Indiana – Classic Hall 203

Chair and Commentator: Edward Frantz (University of Indianapolis)

“Road Warriors: Wingate High School’s Basketball Championship Odysseys, 1913 & 1914”
S. Chandler Lighty (Papers of Abraham Lincoln)

“Great Expectations: Charles P. Emerson and the Indiana University School of Medicine, 1911-1922”
Elizabeth J. Van Allen (Kentucky Historical Society)

“The 1948 Truman Campaign in Indiana”
Philip A. Grant, Jr. (Pace University)

10:15-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break (Classic Hall, first floor)
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions II

II A. Publishing and Moral Improvement in the Antebellum Ohio Valley and Upper South – Classic Hall 202

Chair and Commentator: Sara Patterson (Hanover College)

“The Unpopular Mr. Morrow, Publisher and Abolitionist”
Steven H. Jobe (Hanover College)

“Spreading the Gospel in the Upper South: Evangelical Efforts to Create a Marketplace for Religious Newspapers in the 1850s”
Scott Stephan (Ball State University)

II B. Preserving and Constructing Historical Space and Memory at National Parks and Presidential Homes – Classic Hall 203

Chair and Commentator: Tovah Bender (Hanover College)

“Visceral History: Interpreting Independence National Historical Park”
Michael Chornesky (Purdue University)

“The James A. Garfield House, Mentor, Ohio: Living and Vibrant in the 21st Century”
Erwin F. Erhardt, III (Thomas More College)

“Paving the Way Underground: Building a National Park In and Above Mammoth Cave”
David H. Kime (Northern Kentucky University)

II C. Germans Abroad – Classic Hall 214

Chair and Commentator: David T. Murphy (Anderson University)

“They Smack of the Steppe: German Colonists on the Cusp of Russian Asia”
Timothy Olin (Purdue University)

“Germans in Paradise: Immigration and Community Formation in Costa Rica in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries”
Christine C. Nemcik (Franklin College)

Kevin R. Ostoyich (Valparaiso University)
II D. Urban Indiana: Exploring the Growth, Decline, and Revival of Hoosier Cities — Classic Hall 213

Chair and Commentator: Jon C. Teaford (Purdue University)

“Indiana’s Small Urban Network: A Century of Change”
Eric Sandweiss (Indiana University, Bloomington)

“Gary, Indiana, and the Heyday of American Industrialism”
S. Paul O’Hara (Xavier University)

“Reconnecting Indiana’s Industrial Small Cities: Evidence from America’s Middletown”
James Connolly (Ball State University)

12:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Luncheon Program — J. Graham Brown Campus Center Lobby

Welcome — Joel D. Shrock (Anderson University), IAH President

1:00-2:00 Keynote Address — J. Graham Brown Campus Center Lobby
The Hanover History Department and the IAH thank the Rivers Institute at Hanover College for their generosity in bringing Prof. Faragher to campus.

“The Ohio and the Trans-Appalachian West: Images of a Settler Society”

John Mack Faragher

Arthur Unobsky Professor of American History and Director of the Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, Yale University
2:15-3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions III

III A. Contest for the Old Northwest: Law and Politics in the Early National and Antebellum Eras – Classic Hall 213

Chair and Commentator: George W. Geib (Butler University)

“Legal Baggage of Early Indiana Judges”
Elizabeth Brand Monroe (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis)

“Most People in this Country would advise the killing of every Savage young, & Old’: How the Conquest of Canada Myth has Obscured White-Native Interactions in the Northwest Territory”
Brandon C. Downing (University of Cincinnati)

“The true and living principle of States Rights and Popular Sovereignty’: Indiana Republicans and Douglas Democrats Allied”
Gregory Peek (Pennsylvania College of Technology)

III B. Merian Cooper and the Call of the Wild – Classic Hall 102

Comments by the Audience

Film: Grass: A Nation's Battle for Life (1925)

“Merian Cooper and the Call of the Wild”
Daniel P. Murphy (Hanover College)

III C. Mapping Migrations: Identity and Movement from the Carolingians to Modern Genealogists – Classic Hall 214

Chair and Commentator: Samantha Meigs (University of Indianapolis)

“Where is Gothia?”
James B. Williams (University of Indianapolis)

“Connecting the Dots: A Proposal for Cooperation between Historians and Genealogists about Mapping Ancestors’ Migrations”
Marianne S. Wokeck (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis)
III D. Adventure, Reclusiveness, and Gender in Nineteenth-Century America – Classic Hall 202

Chair and Commentator: Robyn R. Ryle (Hanover College)

“The Wife Believed in Her Husband: Lydia Roosevelt and the 1811-1812 Voyage of the New Orleans”
Sarah McNair Vosmeier (Hanover College)

“Symptoms of Withdrawal: An Anti-Social History of Reclusiveness in 19th-Century America”
Colin R. Johnson (Indiana University)

3:50-4:05 p.m. Indiana Association of Historians Business Meeting – Classic Hall 102

4:10 p.m. Indiana Magazine of History Board Meeting – Classic Hall 101

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Keynote Address

We are pleased that Dr. John R. Hale is presenting

“Dragons of the North:
Voyages of the Viking Longships”

Dr. John R. Hale is an archaeologist and the Director of the Liberal Studies Program at the University of Louisville. His recent book *Lords of the Sea: The Epic Story of the Athenian Navy and the Birth of Democracy* was published in 2009.

We are grateful to the Rivers Institute at Hanover College for its generous support in bringing Professor Hale to campus.