



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIANS



Historical Intelligence

44th Annual Conference
Fri. April 5-Sat. April 6, 2024
IUPUI Campus

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1

Friday, April 5, 2024, 6 pm-8 pm

OPENING RECEPTION

The Rathskeller at the Athenaeum

401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN

DAY 2

(Fill-in Your Session Choice) Saturday, April 6, 2024

7:30 am-5:00 pm Registration and Help Desk, Hine Hall Auditorium Library, 2nd Floor

7:30 am-9:30 am Breakfast Service, Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor

8:15 am-9:15 am Session 1:

9:15 am-9:30 am Coffee Break, Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor

9:30 am-10:45 am Session 2:

11:00 am-12:15 pm Robert M. Taylor Memorial Lecture, Dr. Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Campus Center Theater (CE002), 420 University Blvd (The Campus Center is across the street from University Tower/Hine Hall at the diagonal)

12:30 pm-2:00 pm Lunch, University Tower, Presidents Room

2:15 pm-3:30 pm Session 3:

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Coffee Service/Snacks, Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor

3:45 pm-5:15 pm Session 4:

44TH ANNUAL IAH CONFERENCE



DAY 1

Friday, April 5, 2024, 6 pm–8 pm



OPENING RECEPTION

The Rathskeller

Join us at The Rathskeller, 401 E. Michigan St. for an evening of networking and collegial conversation with IAH members.

DAY 2

Saturday, April 6, 2024



REGISTRATION & HELP DESK

7:30 am–5:00 pm

Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor



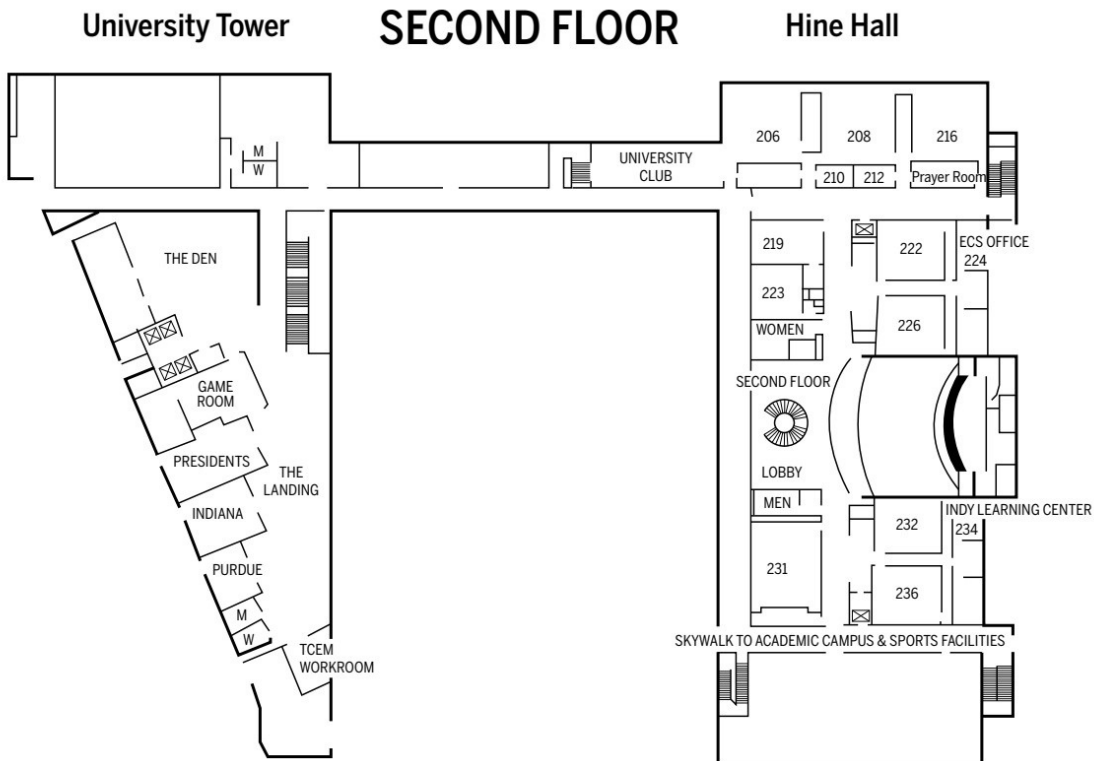
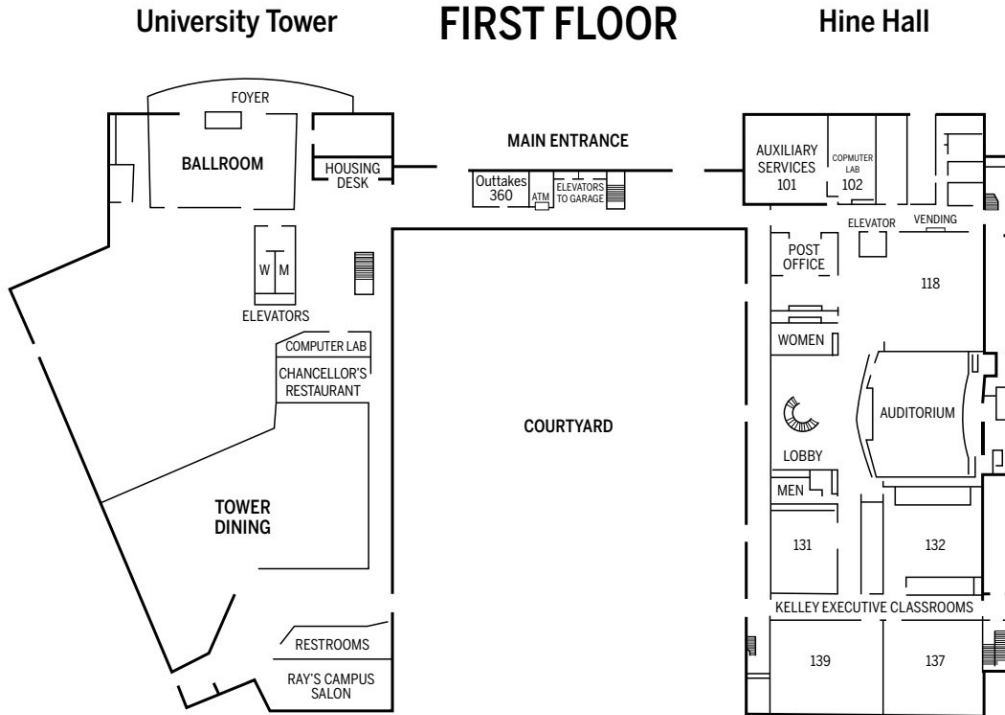
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:30 am–9:30 am

Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor

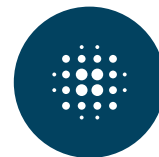
CONFERENCE MAP

Hine Hall, 875 W. North St.



IAH CONFERENCE

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SESSION 1

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8:15 am–9:15 am

A

ORDER IN THE CITY

Chair: David Parnell, IU Northwest Hine Hall 206

"We Will Compete": The New Reality of AFSCME Workers in Goldsmith's Indianapolis, Cale Erwin, IUPUI

Law Enforcement and the Second Amendment in the 1930s, Ruth Savidge Turpin, IU Northwest

B

COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE

Chair: Janna Bennett, Carnegie Museum of Montgomery Co. Hine Hall 208

Environmental Injustice in Indianapolis, Benjamin Clark, IUPUI

Madison and Kitty Smith, Underground Railroad Agents, and the Human Intelligence of Cemeteries, Ned Berghausen, Assumption HS, Louisville, KY

C

DIPLOMACY AND NATIONHOOD

Chair: Elana Passman, Earlham College Hine Hall 216

Potawatomi Nationhood and Diplomatic Diversity in the Post War of 1812 Central Great Lakes, John Peyton, IUPUI

"Sisterly Love" from the Hoosier State to the Taiwan Straits: Sino-American Relations, Indiana, and the "Taiwan Question" Since 1979, Anthony Miller, Hanover College

D

HISTORY, HUMANITY, AND TECHNOLOGY

Chair: Huitan Xu, IUPUI Hine Hall 222

Improbable Partners: Epistemic Barriers to AI in the History Field, Samuel Klee, University of Oslo

The Technocracy Movement: Rise, Fall, and Legacy, Ben Weller-Passman, Ulndy



COFFEE BREAK

9:15 am-9:30 am, Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor



SESSION 2

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:30 am-10:45 am

A

AFTERLIVES

Chair: Anne Mahady, Indep. Scholar Hine Hall 206

Dead! Dead! Dead!: The Triple Homicide of Albert Martin in Port Huron, Michigan, 1889, Rochelle Danquah, Wayne State & Oakland University

A Lynching at the Hands of Law Enforcement: The Killing, Disappearance, and Impact of the Death of Henry "Hellcat" Thomas, 1920, Leon Bates, University of Louisville

B

TRANSMITTING HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE WHILE TEACHING ONLINE

Chair: Daron Olson, IU East Hine Hall 208

Backgrounds and Abilities of Students in an Online Degree Research Seminar, Nicole Anslover, IU Northwest, & Sarah Heath, IU Kokomo

Gender and Biography in an Online World History Course, Lisa Fetheringill Zwicker, IU South Bend

Applying Research in a Traditional 1st Year Seminar, David Parnell, IU Northwest

C

DOING LOCAL HISTORY

Chair: Thomas Mason, IUPUI Hine Hall 216

Doing Local History, Joseph L. Skvarenina, Hancock Co. Historian

Fortville's Origin Myths, Rebecca Crowe, Indep. Scholar

Discovering Black History in Hancock County, Linda Dunn, Indep. Scholar

The Horseback "Circuit Riders" and the Challenges of Local History, Gary Wright, Barclay College

SESSION 2

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:30 am-10:45 am

D BECOMING STEWARDS OF HISTORY

Chair: *Bethany Hrachovec, Director of Education & Engagement, IHS* Hine Hall 118

Presenters:

Jessica Baloun, IUPUI, Education and Engagement Intern, Indiana Historical Society

Emma Donaghy, IUPUI, Exhibits Intern, Indiana Historical Society

Kayley Schacht, IUPUI, Public History Intern, Indiana Medical History Museum

E WOMEN, INTIMACY, AND INSTITUTIONS

Chair: *Kathryn Brownell, Purdue* Hine Hall 222

Intimacy and Violence at Indiana's Central State Hospital c. 1990, Elizabeth Nelson, IUPUI

Bodies of Intelligence: Carceral Gynecology and Specular Ways of Knowing, Vivian Deno, Butler University

Before the Boom: Women, Family Size, and Reproductive Rights, 1940-1945, Kathleen Tobin, Purdue Northwest

KEYNOTE

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 11:00 am-12:15 pm

ROBERT M. TAYLOR MEMORIAL LECTURE

Campus Center Theater (CE 002)

Welcoming Remarks

Daniella Kostroun, History Department, IUPUI and President, IAH
Tamela Eitle, Dean, IU School of Liberal Arts, IUPUI

Introduction of Speaker

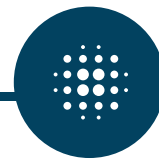
Leslie K. Etienne, Founding Executive Director, Center for Africana Studies and Culture, IUPUI



DR. HASAN KWAME JEFFRIES,
The Ohio State University

**"ABOVE ALL ELSE TEACH THE TRUTH: THE POWER OF PLACE
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL HISTORY"**

DR. HASAN KWAME JEFFRIES



2024 Robert M. Taylor Memorial Lecture

Hasan Kwame Jeffries teaches, researches, and writes about the African American experience from a historical perspective.

He has chronicled the civil rights movement in the ten-episode Audible Originals series “Great Figures of the Civil Rights Movement,” and has told the remarkable story of the original Black Panther Party in *Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama’s Black Belt*, which has been praised as “the book historians of the black freedom movement have been waiting for.”

Hasan has collaborated on several public history projects, including serving as the lead scholar and primary scriptwriter for the \$27 million redesign of the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He currently serves as the chairperson of the Board of Directors of The Montpelier Foundation, which stewards the Virginia estate of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States and the architect of the Constitution.

Hasan regularly shares his expertise on African American history and contemporary Black politics through public lectures, op-eds, and interviews with print, radio, and television news outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, NPR, CNN, and MSNBC.

He has also contributed to several documentary film projects as an historical advisor and featured on-camera scholar, including the 2023 documentaries *Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World* (PBS) and *Lowndes County and the Road to Black Power* (NBC/Peacock). And his 2020 TEDx Talk “Why we must confront the painful parts of US history” has been viewed more than 2 million times.

For his public history work, the King Arts Center in Columbus, Ohio honored him with a 2023 Legacy and Legends Award.

Hasan’s commitment to teaching what he calls “Hard History” led him to edit *Understanding and Teaching the Civil Rights Movement*, a collection of essays by leading civil rights scholars and teachers that explores how to teach civil rights history accurately and effectively, and to host the podcast “Teaching Hard History,” a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Learning for Justice division. Hasan also helps school districts develop anti-racist programming and culturally responsive curricular content centered on social studies by conducting professional development workshops for teachers and administrators.

A College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Associate Professor in the Department of History at The Ohio State University, Hasan takes great pride in opening students’ minds to new ways of understanding the past and the present. For his pedagogical creativity and effectiveness, he has received numerous awards, including Ohio State’s highest commendation for teaching – the Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Hasan graduated from Morehouse College in 1994 with a BA in history and earned his PhD in American history with a specialization in African American history from Duke University in 2002.

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LUNCH

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 12:30 pm–2:00 pm



LUNCH, IAH ELECTIONS, & AWARDS CEREMONY

IAH President, Daniella Kostroun, IUPUI
University Tower, Presidents Room

SESSION 3

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 2:15 pm–3:30 pm

A

MYTH MAKING IN THE OLD NORTHWEST

Chair: John Peyton, IUPUI Hine Hall 206

Life and Death on *La Belle Riviere*: Fantasy Meets Reality in French Descriptions of the Ohio River and the Old Northwest Territory in the Eighteenth Century, G. Matthew Adkins, Columbus State Community College

General Lafayette's Celebratory Visit to the Ohio River Border Region in May 1825, Michael Raley, Hanover College

"The Gentlest Memory of Our World": Robert Ingersoll and the Memorialization of Abraham Lincoln, Justin Clark, Indiana Historical Bureau

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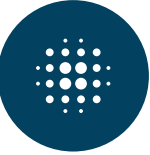
MATERIAL CULTURE AS A METHODOLOGY TO INFORM LOCAL HISTORY

Chair: Janna Bennett, Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County Hine Hall 208

The Lost Treasurer's Cup, Megan Bennett, IUPUI

May Wright Sewall's Trowell Used in the Indianapolis Propylaeum Cornerstone Ceremony, Huitan Xu, IUPUI

Duck and...Cover your Waste?: A Study of Nuclear Fallout Planning During the Cold War, Hannah Murphy, IUPUI



SESSION 3

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 2:15 pm-3:30 pm

C HISTORICAL AND LITERARY INTERSECTIONS

Chair: Kathryn Brownell, Purdue University Hine Hall 222

Chivalry in Shelbyville: Historical Thinking through *When Knighthood Was in Flower (1898)*, Kristina Bross, Purdue, Maria Conners, Purdue, Anna Wrobel, Purdue

An American in Istanbul: How Experiences Abroad Provided General Lew Wallace with Knowledge about the "Oriental" East, Shelby Jones, Purdue University

Threats from Inner and Outer Space: H.P. Lovecraft, William Sloane, Hadley Cantril and Cosmic Horror in the 1930s, Daniel Murphy, Hanover College

D CHAIRING HISTORY DEPARTMENTS IN INDIANA

Roundtable Hine Hall 216

Roundtable Discussants:

- Justin Carroll, IU East
- Quinn Dauer, IU Southeast
- Edward O. Frantz, UIndy
- Jason Kelly, IUPUI
- Andrew McFarland, IU Kokomo
- Steve Stofferahn, ISU
- Lisa Fetheringill Zwicker, IU South Bend

E WAAPIKAMINKI PIONEERS: THE COMPLEX FAMILY HISTORIES OF WILLIAM CONNER AND MEKINGES ANDERSEN

Chair: Thomas Mason, IUPUI Hine Hall 118

The World of the Conner Family, Rachel Wheeler, IUPUI

The Complex Life of Peggy, William Conner's Mother, Hiba Alalami, IUPUI

Mekinges Revealed Through Moravian Records, Caroline Emenaker, IUPUI



AFTERNOON SNACK

3:30 pm-4:30 pm, Hine Hall Auditorium Lobby, 2nd Floor



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SESSION 4

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A **IDENTITY CREATION THROUGH WAR, DISASTER, AND SPORT IN THE MODERN ATLANTIC WORLD**

Chair: Justin Carroll, IU East Hine Hall 206

Deconstructing Rudolf Berthold: The Brittle, Violent Life of Germany's "Iron Aviator," Robert Rennie, IU Southeast

Building the State and Imagining the Nation: The 1861 Mendoza, Argentina Earthquake, Quinn Dauer, IU Southeast

Changing Codes and Changing Identities: Pelota's Origins, Growth, and Differences Across Latin America and Spain, Andrew McFarland, IU Kokomo

B **DISAPPEARING DIGITAL RECORDS: AN UNDOCUMENTED FUTURE**

Chair: S. Chandler Lighty, Indiana Archives and Records Administration Hine Hall 216

Roundtable Discussants:

Stephen E. Towne, IUPUI Special Collections and Archives

Meaghan Fukunaga, IARA

Laura Merrifield Wilson, UIndy

C **IMMIGRATION IN 19TH CENTURY**

Chair: Mathieu W. Billings, UIndy Hine Hall 222

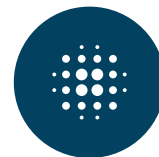
Champion for the Chinese: Oliver P. Morton's Fight Against Chinese Exclusion, A. James Fuller, UIndy

Chinese Immigration at the Centennial, Krista Kinslow, University of Texas OnRamps

Chinese Immigration in Indianapolis in the Era of the Exclusion Act, Kelsey D. Green, Indiana Historical Bureau

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D THE CRAFT OF HISTORY PODCASTING

Hine Hall 118

Presenters:

Chris Spangle, Host, Podcasting and Platforms; History of Modern Politics

Justin Clark, Host, Talking Hoosier History

Jason Kelly, Host, Practicing History

Casey Terry, Host, Unbound: A Collection of Indiana Stories

E UNCOVERING THE HISTORY OF THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY YWCA: WORKING WITH COMMUNITY-BASED INTELLIGENCE

Hine Hall 208

Documentary Screening: *Abundant Life: Remembering the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association* (40 minutes)

Presenters:

Joseph Tucker Edmonds, IUPUI

Nancy Marie Robertson, IUPUI

Kim Williams-Pulfer, Indep. Scholar/ACLS Fellow

Comment: Tyrone McKinley Freeman, IUPUI

Extended
Session Time:
3:15-5:15, for
Film Screening
& Discussion



EXCERPT FROM THE 1995 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM:



“Founding: The idea of establishing an organization of state historians surfaced in 1979-1980 as part of the planning for the sesquicentennial of the Indiana Historical Society (IHS). Although the idea did not become a constituent part of the IHS celebration, subsequent discussions, particularly among Emma Lou Thornbrough (Butler University), Gayle Thornbrough (IHS), and Errol Stevens (IHS), led to the calling of an exploratory meeting of interested historians at the Society on May 20, 1980. A steering committee met August 11, 1980, to plan a preliminary organizational meeting of the state’s historians. The more than one hundred persons attending this meeting on October 31, 1980, in the auditorium of the State Library and Historical Building in Indianapolis had the privilege of hearing Prof. John Higham (John Hopkins) speak on the subject “Historians and Their Communities Today.” On March 13-14, 1981, seventy-seven historians from within the state assembled at Purdue University for the first annual meeting of the Indiana Association of Historians. An initial discussion session on Friday night chaired by Clifton J. Phillips was followed on Saturday by three sessions: “Non-Teaching Uses of History”; “Social and Economic Issues in the History of the United States”; and “World Events and Philosophies in a Changing Europe.” At the business meeting the historians officially chose to call their nascent organization “Indiana Association of Historians,” a name originally suggested by Emma Lou Thornbrough....

Selected as the first officers of the IAH were:

President: Walter Nugent (IU-Bloomington)

Vice President: Emma Lou Thornbrough (Butler)

Secretary-Treasurer: Oakah L. Jones (Purdue)

Program Chair: Peter Sehlinger (IU-Indianapolis)



BENNETT-TINSLEY AWARD

for Undergraduate History Research and Writing

The Bennett-Tinsley award encourages undergraduate research in a broad range of subjects related to Indiana and rewards excellence in history research and writing. Many areas of the state's past, especially related to the history of women, minorities (including race, ethnicity, and gender/sexuality), refugees, peace and social justice issues, and the environment have received limited attention in Indiana historiography. The purpose of this competition is to recognize students who examine these topics and produce scholarship that advances our knowledge of these understudied areas of Indiana history. The Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) of the Indiana State Library, coordinates the award in partnership with the Indiana Association of Historians. It is given in honor of Pamela J. Bennett, long-time director of the IHB, and Katherine Tinsley, Manchester University professor, former president of the IAH, and coordinator of the Peggy Siegel Writing Competition, which was the predecessor of this award.



WALTER K. NUGENT

Best Graduate Student Paper Award

The award, presented at the annual IAH conference, is named in honor of Walter K. Nugent. Professor Nugent, a renowned historian of the American West, was the Andrew V. Tackes Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame. He authored eleven books, including *Crossings: The Great Transatlantic Migrations, 1870-1914* (1992) and the acclaimed *Into the West: The Story of Its People* (1999), which won the Caughey Prize of the Western Historical Association, and is considered an ideal example of social-demographic history. In 1981, Professor Nugent, then teaching at IU Bloomington, was elected as the first president of the IAH.

JAMES H. MADISON

Best Indiana Magazine of History Article Award

The award is named in honor of James H. Madison, Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor of History Emeritus at Indiana University Bloomington. Professor Madison is the dean of Indiana history, as his significant publications have shaped the way we interpret the state and its history. Among his many publications are *Hoosiers: A New History of Indiana* (2016), *Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys: An American Woman in World War II* (2007), and *Lynching in the Heartland: Race and Memory in America* (2001). A long-time member and supporter of the IAH, Professor Madison served as president of the organization in 1991-1992.



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1985-1986
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1984-1985
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Harold Woodman
1983-1984
Purdue University

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1982-1983
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Walter T.K. Nugent
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