

**THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION
OF HISTORIANS**

**27TH ANNUAL MEETING
23-24 FEBRUARY 2007
INDIANA MEMORIAL UNION
INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON**

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"LANDSCAPE AS OBJECT" STUDY GROUP



**“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?



IAH Conference Program

Friday, February 23

4:00pm-5:00pm: Morrison Hall, IU Campus, 3rd Floor
Kinsey Institute tour (by advance registration only)

6:30pm-7:30pm: 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 and the IU "Landscape as Object" study group

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

Paper Sessions and Roundtables

MAPLE ROOM:

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, Bloomington

OAK ROOM:

Kinsey for the 21st Century

Chair and Comment: Lynn Gorchoy, Denison University

"Jeannette 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



PERSIMMON ROOM:

Roundtable: Collaborations in Experiential History

A. James Fuller, University of Indianapolis

Samantha Meigs, University of Indianapolis

Jane Hetrick, Conner Prairie

WALNUT ROOM:

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

Paper Sessions and Roundtables

MAPLE ROOM:

'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 Redefinition 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

OAK ROOM:

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

WALNUT ROOM:

Roundtable: History and the Documentarian

Moderator: R. Douglas Hurt, Purdue University

Steven Krahnke, 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, N. Adams, Massachusetts



IAH Conference Program



PERSIMMON ROOM:

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 Lantzer, 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 Paul V. McNutt Lecture:

"Why aren't We All Public Historians?"

Dwight Pitcaithley, New Mexico State University, and retired chief historian, National Park Service

1:45pm to 3:05pm: IMU Tree Suites

Paper Sessions and Roundtables

MAPLE ROOM:

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

PERSIMMON ROOM:

Roundtable: Journalism as a Source for Historians

Moderator: Carol Polsgrove, IU Bloomington

"Journalism and the JAH," David Nord, IU Bloomington

"Journalism and the Civil Rights Movement," Carol Polsgrove

"Early Television Journalism as a Historical Source," Mike Conway, IU Bloomington

"Journalistic Evidence for the Life of Ernie Pyle," Owen Johnson, IU Bloomington

OAK ROOM:

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 Erikson, IU Bloomington

Comment: Matthew Vosmeier, Hanover College

WALNUT ROOM:

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 Magelssen, Augustana College

3:15pm to 4:35pm: IMU Tree Suites

Paper Sessions and Roundtables

MAPLE ROOM:

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

"A Hoosier History Lesson: Thomas Hart Benton's Indiana Murals," Nan Brewer, IU Art Museum

WALNUT ROOM:

Roundtable: Controversy, Audience and Good History: Using Museum Programs to Convey Multiple Perspectives

Moderator: David Allison, Conner Prairie Living History Museum

Ailithir McGill, Conner Prairie

Faith Revell, Indiana Historical Society

Comment: Dwight Pitcaithley, New Mexico State University

LILLY LIBRARY, IU CAMPUS:

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

"O Miners Awake": Documenting Indiana's Coal Mining Communities" Cinda Ann May, Indiana State University

"Oral History as Historical Method," Carla Hostetler, Purdue University

4:45pm-5:30pm Lilly Library, IU Campus

Lilly Library tour (by advance registration only)

4:35pm-5:00pm IMU Oak Room

Indiana Magazine of History Advisory Board meeting

5:00pm-5:45pm IMU Walnut Room

IAH Executive Council Meeting