

**Indiana State University
Community Engagement Activities
Department Annual Report
2005**

Project Name:
History and Historians

Description

Oral history interviews, conducted by students, with residents in the Wabash Valley. The students' final reports and projects were presented at the HMSU in December, 2004. In fall, 2005 we will repeat the project, this time focused around the theme of "Remembering the Holocaust" in the Wabash Valley. This project, we anticipate, will result in several new exhibits for the re-opened CANDLES museum.

How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?

We are expanding our efforts to create an oral history center and are offering "Internships in Public History" for the first time in fall, 2005.

What do you feel has been the impact of the project?

Increased publicity for the department and the University, tremendous good will among those interviewed and their families. Nearly a hundred people came to our public presentation of the students' work.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Anne Foster

Who from the community is involved?

Subjects of the interviews. This fall there were about a dozen individuals, including Chuck Miles, Geneva and Dorothy Ross, Marilyn Toops, and Robert Clouse.

Who from ISU is involved?

History majors and others enrolled in HIST 300: History and Historians; Prof. Anne Foster, instructor for HIST 300; graduate assistant(s) to help undergraduate students and facilitate with editing of interviews and presentation of final projects.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
about 30	Wabash Valley	Yes