

**Indiana State University  
Community Engagement Activities  
Department Annual Report  
2006**

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Project Name:  
Internships in Public History

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**Description**

An internship course that places students in local museums and archives, giving them "hands-on" experience in public history. These experiences offer students a look at possible careers in history and get them involved in the history of the Wabash Valley.

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

We are expanding our efforts at public history and community engagement.

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

Students have been excited by the work they accomplished and the Department feels positive about the connections made with members of the community.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Chris Olsen

**Who from the community is involved?**

Sponsors for the first year included: the Clabber Girl Museum, Vigo County Historical Society, Terre Haute Native American Museum, and C.A.N.D.L.E.S.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Prof. Chris Olsen teaches the Internship class.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
5	Terre Haute/Wabash Valley	Yes

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Project Name:  
Community History Day

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**Description**

Hosted by the Clabber Girl Museum, Community History Day was a chance for local residents to have their historical documents digitized (as part of the Cunningham Library's Visions and Voices project) and their recollections of Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley recorded. Faculty and students from the Department of History helped record oral histories.

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

We hope to help with another Community History Day next year.

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

Community members have become more familiar with the Department and its faculty, and more faculty and students have become interested in local history.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Ann Chirhart  
Chris Olsen

**Who from the community is involved?**

The Clabber Girl Museum, particularly Tom Payne.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Prof. Ann Chirhart  
Kiel Majewski (UG history major)  
Lauren Wennig (UG history major)  
Prof. Chris Olsen  
Cinda May, Cunningham Library and Director of Wabash Valley Visions and Voices

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2	Terre Haute	Yes