

**Indiana State University
Community Engagement Activities
Department Annual Report
2007**

Project Name:

The Research Center for Local History and Culture

Description

A center to encourage students and faculty to conduct research on topics of Indiana or Illinois history or culture. It also supports research of undergraduate students through grants for travel and purchases of materials, and provides technical support to local residents.

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

We are working to enroll more students in the Research Center's activities, as well as the Department's internship program.

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

Better community relations, enhanced profile for I. S. U. and the Department.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Christopher Olsen
Anne Foster
Cinda May
Ann Chirhart

Who from the community is involved?

People at: the Vigo County Historical Society, the Clabber Girl Museum, the Mayor's office, other organizations.

Who from ISU is involved?

Christopher Olsen
Anne Foster
Ann Chirhart
Cinda May

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
5-20 per year	Terre Haute and the region	Yes

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Project Name:
Internships in Public History

Description

A course that allows students to work at historic sites such as museums and archives.

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

We are working to enroll more students into the public history/internship class; we have developed an oral history class; we have revised our public history concentration (within the major).

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

Better relations with public historians working in Terre Haute and the region; enhanced profile for the University and the Department.

Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class

Cinda May

Who from the community is involved?

A range of sites: Clabber Girl Museum, Native American Museum, Vigo County Historical Society, and more.

Who from ISU is involved?

Christopher Olsen

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
3-10 per year	Terre Haute and the region	Yes