

Sabbatical Application of Anne L. Foster, Department of History

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Summary of Leave Project(s)

I am requesting a full year sabbatical leave for the calendar year 2013. This will be my first supported leave since I arrived at Indiana State University in the fall of 2003. I had an unpaid leave in spring semester 2006.

The primary focus of my leave will be completion of a book manuscript, tentatively titled *The State of Opium: Commodity, Medicine, Revenues, Control, and Morals in Southeast Asia*. The University of Wisconsin Press has expressed interest in publishing the book upon completion. A letter from Gwen Walker, the acquisitions editor for the press, is attached. Nearly all the research for this book has been completed, and I have already published four peer-reviewed articles from this research.

I will be conducting a small amount of additional research for the book while on leave. I am in the process of applying for funding to support research in Singapore, and I intend as well to return briefly to research sites I have visited previously: Paris and Aix-en-Provence, France; the Hague, the Netherlands; London, England; Washington, DC, USA and possibly Geneva, Switzerland.

I also will develop two undergraduate classes to propose as part of the History curriculum. The first course, a topics course offered under the History 113 number, will be for Foundational Studies, and will be titled "Commodities and Consumption in Modern History." This course will enhance the Department's ability to offer appealing courses for undergraduates across the university. The second course will be an upper-level history course, counting toward the major, on World Empires. This course enhances Departmental offerings in World History.

Objectives and Expected Outcomes, in Chronological Order

1. Revisit archives to conduct research important to completing book manuscript. This research will be conducted in the Foreign Ministry Archives in Paris, France; the Colonial Ministry Archives in Aix-en-Provence, France; the Netherlands National Archives in the Hague, the Netherlands; the British National Archives in London, England; the India Office Library in London, England; the League of Nations Archives in Geneva, Switzerland, and the United States National Archives in College Park, Maryland. I have previously conducted research in each of these sites, and anticipate one or two weeks at each site to supplement the work done at each in 2006 during my unpaid leave.
2. Visit two new archives to conduct research important to completing book manuscript. I will also visit two archives in the United States which I have not used for this

- project, the Hartman Center for Marketing and Advertising History at Duke University and the Rockefeller Archives in New York. The Hartman Center has a wonderful collection of advertisements, which will be useful both for my work on the history of opiates in patent medicines and for the Commodities course I will develop. The Rockefeller Archives contains material about the initiatives of the Rockefeller Foundation regarding public health in Southeast Asia. I am in the process of applying for funding support from each of these centers to fund my travel there.
3. If funded, I will conduct research in Singapore. This research would enhance my book manuscript if I am able to do it. I have one possible funding source, a visiting fellowship at the National University of Singapore, which I am in the process of applying for, and I am searching for other sources.
 4. Complete a book manuscript on the history of opium in colonial Southeast Asia. My book, tentatively titled *The State of Opium: Commodity, Medicine, Revenues, Control and Morals in Southeast Asia* argues that ideas, policies, and disputes about opium in colonial Southeast Asia during the years 1890-1940 were critical to shaping the power of the state, people's ideas about their relationship to the state, and the international politics of the region. The proposed book has seven chapters. I plan to have written two of them during summer 2012, so that during this supported leave I will be able to complete the other five and submit the manuscript to the University of Wisconsin Press for peer review. Both the book proposal and letter of support from Gwen Walker, the editor at UW Press, are attached.
 5. Create two new history courses. I will develop History 113: Commodities and Consumption in Modern History. History 113 is an existing topics course in Foundational Studies, so I will develop a new topics course to offer under this number. I will also develop World Empires, probably to be offered at the 400-level. I have taught this course once as a topic course, and will prepare it to be proposed as a permanent offering in the Department, enhancing our offerings in World History. Social Studies Education majors may find this course particularly useful as a way of thinking about the World History courses they may be required to teach.

Contributions to self, department, and university

1. This leave will enable me to have time to complete a second book manuscript, the standard for promotion to full professor, and indicating continued research productivity in the field of history. This manuscript will complete a project I have been working on for several years. Having a full 12 months will allow me to travel to fill in gaps in research conducted earlier in my thinking about this topic, as well as have time to complete a manuscript ready to be submitted to a press for peer review. This leave is important to my continuing ability to maintain a scholarly research agenda, and to be able to apply for promotion to full professor. I also look forward to having the time to assess how my teaching can serve departmental, college and

- university needs to offer courses with global emphasis and courses which connect students to the local and global implications of their own choices.
2. As the attached book proposal suggests, *The State of Opium* will make an important contribution to the fields of imperial history and of the history of drugs, and also connects to on-going scholarship in the field of the history of consumption. There are studies which explore the criminal aspects of narcotics in Southeast Asia, and there are some country-specific studies which explore the economic, political and to some extent social history of opium in individual Southeast Asian countries, but my book explores new ground. I suggest that opium was a critical commodity, providing revenue streams underpinning colonial projects while legal, providing a justification for extending the reach of colonial power as it became more regulated, and a place of contestation among Southeast Asians, Europeans and Americans over what constituted medicine and intoxication in a modern society.
 3. The publication of my book serves to enhance the reputation of ISU as a place which supports scholarly research. The grants I am in the midst of applying for will primarily support my own work, but also bring positive benefits to the university since they are primarily for travel, and will enable me to extend my contacts on behalf of not only myself, but also our students and the university community more generally. The courses I intend to develop will serve the department and university well. The World Empires course provide an additional offering in World History, an area critical for future teachers but also an area in which we are currently understaffed as a department. The Commodities course will appeal to the broader undergraduate population, encouraging them to take History courses at ISU and thereby enhancing the number of hours they take at ISU.

Timetable

January-March 2013: Travel in Europe to complete research in European archives

April 2013: Travel within the United States to complete research in US archives

May-June 2013: Travel to Singapore to complete research in Asian archives

June 2013-December 2013: Write manuscript

Contingencies: It would be easiest to complete the travel and the research first, but so long as I have at least four months at the end for writing, after having done all the travel, it will be possible to finish the book manuscript. The chapters in many respects stand on their own, and can be written out of order.

When and where:

Most of the archives where I will conduct research are public institutions, and do not require an invitation or permission, other than providing identification and sometimes demonstrating that one is a trained scholar. The specific cities are noted above in the objectives section. I have previously conducted research in nearly all of these archives.

I am in the process of applying for a visiting fellowship at the National University of Singapore, and will conduct that research only if successful. That research is not crucial to completion of the project, although would enhance it substantially.

I will write the book manuscript at home and using the resources of my ISU office and Cunningham Memorial Library.

Time-specific characteristics:

Since this application is being submitted a full year before I anticipate beginning my sabbatical, I have not yet received any grants of funding support. If I receive funding, it may be time-specific in the beginning and end dates.

Anticipated financial support

I am applying for financial support, but if I am awarded a full year sabbatical, I will take it whether or not I have received outside funding. I have just begun to apply for support for this sabbatical, so I list here some places to which I am applying, beginning soon but with some deadlines as far away as spring 2012.

Potential funding (list is not exhaustive):

- Hartman Center at Duke University, up to \$1000 for research expenses
- Rockefeller Archives, up to \$5000 for research expenses
- National Endowment for Humanities Faculty Fellowship, up to \$50,400 for living expenses
- American Council of Learned Societies, up to \$45,000 for living expenses
- Visiting Scholar program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, airfare and living expenses for one month in Singapore

Previous work and preparation for this project:

During spring 2006, I had an unpaid leave from ISU, during which time I conducted research on this project in the European archives listed above.

I have published four peer-reviewed articles in the general area of this research project, and so have developed a reputation in my field as an expert in this area.

I have cultivated a relationship with Gwen Walker, acquisitions editor at the University of Wisconsin Press. She sent my book proposal to the series editors for Southeast Asian History, and based on their comments, has sent an email in which she expresses strong interest in publishing the book. A copy of the email is included with this application. By the end of summer 2012, I should have an advance contract in hand for this manuscript.

Coverage:

My service as the Liberal Studies representative to Interdisciplinary Programs will end May 2012. My service on CAS Faculty Council likewise will end in May 2012. My term as a full member of the Institutional Review Board does not expire until May 2013, but I have discussed with Tom Steiger, co-chair of IRB, either taking a leave from the IRB and returning to complete my term, or serving a greatly diminished role, perhaps as an alternate member, during my sabbatical. He said that the IRB is able to accommodate either option easily.

In my department, new faculty advisers have begun training and taking students this fall (2011) in anticipation of upcoming leaves by currently serving advisers, and there are sufficient History faculty to serve that need.