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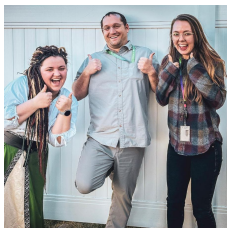
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STORIES: ALUMNI, STUDENTS, FACULTY

[Making History: INL and ISU Alumni Establish an Archive](#)



A history degree is only good for someone who wants to go into teaching, right? Three archivists working at Idaho National Laboratory are proving that myth wrong.

Christa White and Alana Haack, working with their supervisor and mentor, Certified Archivist Austin Schulz, are doing important historical work in creating an archives program to capture the history of Idaho National Laboratory.



Photos:

Archivists for INL: (From left) Haack, Schulz, White

“Technopoly,” a game modeled after “Monopoly” that INL created for its 50th anniversary, found in the institutional objects collection at INL Archives and Special Collections



A LOFT (Loss of Fluid Test) challenge coin from the institutional objects collection at INL Archives and Special Collections.

ISU Anthropology Student Experiences Life Changing Graduate Research in Chile



Jillian Everly was studying wildlife conservation at Virginia Tech when she became interested in social science and how people are connected and involved in conservation. She started looking for positions and found one that interested her at Idaho State University with professor Sarah Ebel. She applied.

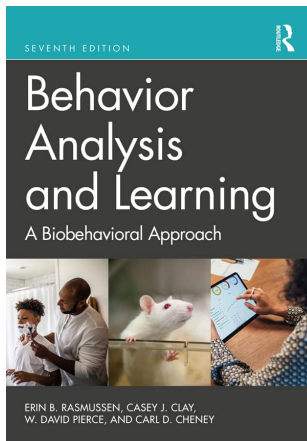
Photos: Ebel and Everly in Chile



Alan Johnson Publishes Book

India's Forests, Real and Imagined: Writing the Nation, was published by Bloomsbury Publishing in December 2022.

Photo: Alan Johnson



Erin Rasmussen Textbook

Erin Rasmussen, PhD, Professor Experimental Psychology, is the 1st author of a new edition of *Behavior Analysis and Learning: A Biobehavioral Approach*, 7th Edition.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

A History Lecture Series: Resistance and Revolution

In this free and public lecture series, scholars will discuss diverse histories of struggle and survival across Russia, Iran, Italy, and the United States. With support from the ISU Cultural Events Committee, the ISU History Department will be hosting talks throughout Spring 2023.

February 6 | 3 p.m.

Zoom

Listening to Feminist Revolution

Negar Mottahedeh, Duke University

Register Feb 6

Art a la Carte

Opening Reception

February 7 | 6-7 p.m.

John B. Davis Gallery in the
Fine Arts Building

Online Silent Auction

February 7-24

Primetime Auctions

[Auction Link](#)

The Department of Art will host its annual Art a la Carte Silent Auction online offering artwork donated by faculty, students, and alumni to raise funds for art student scholarships.

“There is something for everyone in our Art a la Carte auction this year,” Naomi Velasquez, chair of the Department of Art, said. “Faculty, students, alumni and community members have donated more than artwork ranging from paintings and prints to jewelry and wearables.”

In addition to being a great opportunity for the community to see and procure some of the art from the department, the auction will provide funds to help student artists break down some of the cost barriers associated with pursuing an art education.

“In addition to books and tuition, art students also need materials and tools to create artwork, so this helps our students learn and create,” Velasquez said.

Auction artwork may be previewed in person in the John B. Davis Gallery on the 1st floor of the ISU Fine Arts Building. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 12-6PM. The opening art exhibition reception for the auction will be held on February 7, 2023 from 6-7pm.

Cendrillon

February 10, 16, 17, 18 | 7:30 p.m.

February 11 | 2 p.m.

Frazier Hall

Come for the show... Stay for the Afterglow!

The School of Performing Art's production of *Cendrillon: A Cinderella Opera* the whole family can enjoy, is fast approaching! The cast, crew, and orchestra have worked tirelessly to bring this magical fairytale to life! To celebrate, on opening night, come to the show and stay for the Afterglow! You'll enjoy a no-host bar and snacks, and hear a few words from Director, Diana Livingston-Friedley. The cast and crew will also join patrons to mingle and sign autographs for kids with stars in their eyes!

Matthew Levay Sabbatical Presentation

February 9 | 2:30 p.m.

Liberal Arts Room 256

Culture and the Classroom: Teaching American Popular Culture in Poland

Request for Proposals: CAL Undergrad Student Travel

The College of Arts and Letters seeks proposals for travel funds from full-time undergraduate students in the college. Proposals will be accepted until funds are expended. Funds for travel MUST be expended by May 6, 2023 and all paperwork completed by June 2, 2023.

Our goal is to facilitate student presentations across disciplines of the college by helping to support student travel expenses. Competitive funding is expected to be available for up to \$500 per student for research or creative activity presentations at conferences, exhibits, or recitals (or similar dissemination of research or creative activity). Priority will be given to presentations of

original student work at such venues.

Full-time undergraduate majors in the College of Arts and Letters are eligible to apply. Travel must occur during the period of time that the student is enrolled as an undergraduate student. The proposal for student travel must be endorsed by a faculty sponsor.

[Click here for submission guidelines](#)



February Desktops

PROGRAMMATIC EXCELLENCE



Social Work Programs Now Available Fully Online

We are very excited to announce that our Social Work programs, [BASW](#) and [MSW](#), are now also being offered fully online!

With the same curriculum, resources, and support as our on-campus programs, our online programs are ideal for students across the state of Idaho -- whether you live in a city or rural area, a high quality social work education is now available and accessible to you!

For more information about the BASW program, please contact program director Dr. Ines Jindra at ineswengerjindra@isu.edu, and for more information about the MSW program, please contact program director Dr. Darci Graves at darcigraves@isu.edu.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to earn your BASW or MSW degree online. Apply now and take the next step in your social work career!

[URTA Excellence Award for Acting](#)



The University Resident Theatre Association recognizes Idaho State Theatre and Dance with an Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Training in Acting.

Photo: ISU theatre performance



ISU Debate Wins Great Salt Lake Tournament

The Idaho State Rupp Debate team shut out stiff competition claiming first and second in the regional competition at the Great Salt Lake Classic in Salt Lake City. ISU also claimed second place honors for high speaker points.

Photo: Rupp debate team with awards

Outreach: Liberal Arts High Giving high school students a taste of higher education

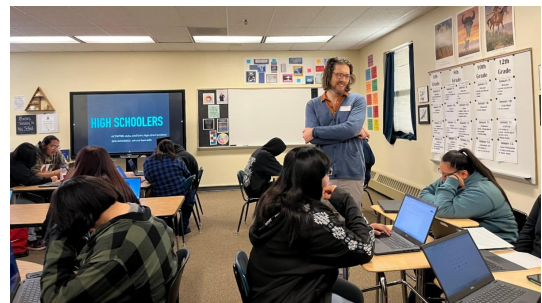
Dr. Watkins Presents to Sho-Ban High School

Dr. Watkins, Professor of English, gave a presentation to juniors and seniors at Sho-Ban High School, going over the basics of a resume and how students could begin to create their own resumes while still in high school.

Sho-Ban English teachers Tomin and Baldwin had invited Watkins to give a presentation to their students. Tomin and Baldwin were recent students in one of Watkins' classes at ISU who thought their high school students could benefit from his presentation.



Tomin, Watkins, Baldwin



Dr. Watkins helps students brainstorm ideas for their resumes

Dr. Blatt Presents to Century High School

Students in Erin Martin's anthropology course at CHS were engaged as Dr. Blatt, Assistant Professor and Teaching Assistant Coordinator of Anthropology, discussed topics of bioarchaeology, the study of human remains in an archaeological context, by talking about vampires and cannibalism.



Dr. Blatt and CHS teacher Erin Martin



Dr. Blatt presents to anthropology students at CHS

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