

**INDIANA HISTORIANS
TO MEET IN NEW HARMONY**



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The Indiana Association of Historians will hold their 14th annual conference February 25-26 at the New Harmony Inn in New Harmony, Indiana. Developed on the theme of "Democracy in Historical Perspective," the session is expected to attract up to 150 Hoosier historians.

It is being hosted by Historic Southern Indiana Project (HSI), whose work prompted IAH to bring the conference to this area, and by the University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville history departments. HSI is headquartered at USI.

Dr. Paul K. Conkin of Vanderbilt University will discuss "Democracy Within the Context of Consent, Limits, and Balance" at the keynote luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 26, in the New Harmony Inn Conference Center. Dr. Conkin, Distinguished Professor of History at Vanderbilt since 1979, is one of the most respected U.S. historians. Extensively published in a broad range of fields, he currently is writing a history of democracy in the U.S. He is deemed provocative, both as a writer and speaker.

Kevin Radaker of Anderson University will present "An Evening with Henry David Thoreau" in a free public Chautauqua program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Thrall's Opera House. This program is supported by a grant from the Indiana Humanities Council with assistance from Harmonie Associates. Radaker is with the Great Plains Chautauqua Society's American Renaissance Chautauqua section, which features first-person programs commemorating literary and political figures of mid-19th century America.

Dr. Darrel E. Bigham, USI professor of history and HSI director, is co-chair of the conference, coordinating planning. Dr. Robert L. Reid, USI vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of history, is co-chair for program planning.

The basic registration is \$30 for IAH members, \$38 for non-members, and \$20 for full-time students; various options are available. USI students may register for the \$20 fee and participate in all events, or they may skip the meals and attend sessions free.

Friday, February 18, is the deadline for registration. Call USI Extended Services, 812/464-1989 or 800-467-8600, for information or to register.

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