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BENGALS PAST & PRESENT

Official newsletter of Idaho State University's Department of History

PHI ALPHA THETA

Warm congratulations to our new Phi Alpha Theta officers for the year!

President: Tyler Holman

Vice President-Historian: Taneil Oswald

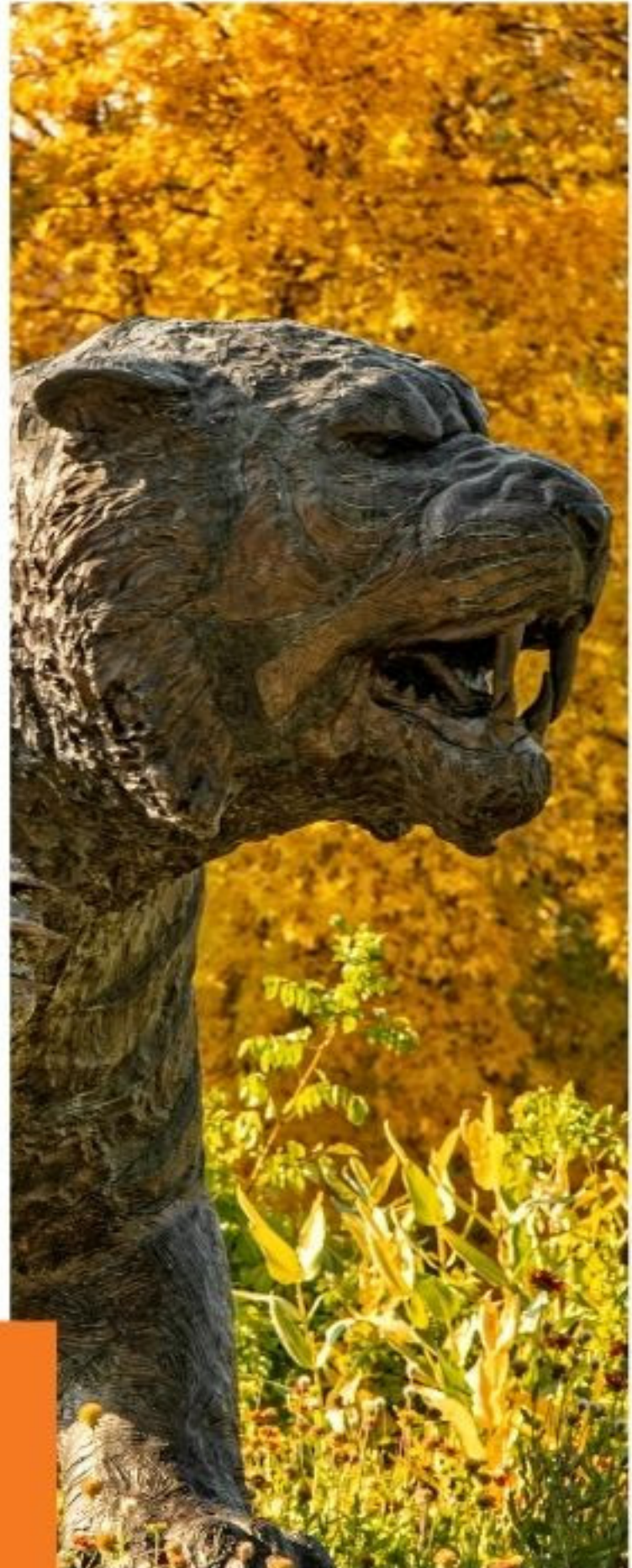
Secretary-Treasurer: Maya Peters-Greño

DR. DATTA ON THE AIRWAVES

Dr. Arunima Datta will be appearing on BBC Radio 4 in the near future to talk about the history of Shampoo and South Asian migrants in Great Britain.

Dr. Datta has been invited by the Indian Heritage Center in Singapore, which is part of the national museums of Singapore, to train their docents to better represent the history of South Asians in Southeast Asia.

Save the Date: Dr. Datta has been invited by the Idaho Humanities Council to present her research in their Connected Conversations program on November 9, 2021.





BENGALS MAKE HISTORY

IDAHO HUMANITIES COUNCIL HONORS DR. BENEDICT

ISU History Department's Dr. Hope Benedict has been named by the Idaho Humanities Council as the Recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award. This award is IHC's highest honor and is awarded annually to recognize a high achievement that fosters greater understanding or appreciation of the humanities. Dr. Benedict has served as the President of the Lemhi County Historical Society for over two decades. Her organizational leadership rejuvenated the Lemhi County Historical Society and she oversaw the purchase of the Salmon Public Library's former building to expand educational opportunities in 2020. Due to her efforts, community engagement through historical tours, exhibits and public programs in Salmon have increased dramatically.



DR. FARDY AND THE REAL IS RADICAL

Dr. Jonathan Fardy's new book, *The Real is Radical: Marx after Laruelle*, will be published by Bloomsbury in September. From the publisher: *The Real is Radical provides a much-needed introduction to non-standard Marxism and a useful starting point for the development of its theoretical potential.*

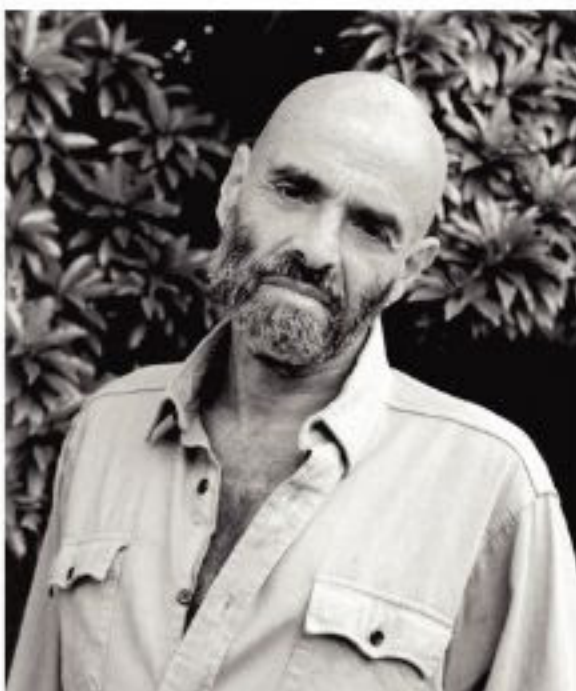
ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tabatha Butler, B.A. 2009, was recently hired as the Director of Development for the Idaho State University College of Education and the Idaho Museum of Natural History. As a History major at ISU, she was active as an officer for Phi Alpha Theta.

Charlotte Wells, M.A. 2021, is starting a new position as a secondary teacher of history and social studies for the Mackay School District.

STUDENT RESEARCH ON POLIO IN IDAHO

During Summer 2021, ISU students in HIST 4423/5523, *Idaho History*, researched newspapers and other primary-source documents to write blog posts on various aspects of polio in Idaho in the 20th century. Working with Dr. Marsh, students examined seasonal waves of poliomyelitis outbreaks in Idaho and the ways that Idahoans participated in the campaigns to raise awareness and money to fight the disease, culminating in the development and distribution of vaccines to eliminate the illness. Together, these students provide valuable insights into disease and vaccination campaigns in Idaho history. See the result of their research in "Polio in Idaho" on [this website](#).



"But all the magic I have known, I've had to make myself."
- Shel Silverstein

September 25, 1930 - Shel Silverstein's birthday.