
University of Southern Indiana Center for Communal Studies
Annual Report, 2021-2022
May 11, 2022, at 11am

<https://usi.zoom.us/j/95819962130>; Meeting ID: 958 1996 2130

Director

Silvia Rode (Professor of German and Assistant Dean College of Liberal Arts, USI); position carries no reassignment time.

Administrative assistant

Ms. Caitlyn Woolsey (Dr. Melinda Roberts, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts approved a shared administrative position, overseeing English, interdisciplinary studies, and the Center for Communal Studies)

Board Members

Franziska Bechtel (Consultant for Diaconal Education Frankfurt, Germany); Gregory W. Brown (Retired Principal Christa McCauliffe Alternative Middle School); Jennifer Greene (Archivist Librarian, USI); Donald E. Janzen (Retired Consulting); Jane Johansen (Professor Emerita of Business Communications, USI); Joshua Lockyer (Professor of Anthropology, Arkansas Tech University); Susan Matarese (Professor Emerita of Political Science, University of Louisville); Carol Medlicott (Associate Professor of Geography, Northern Kentucky University); Graham Perry (Curator of Social History, Tennessee State Museum); Donald Pitzer (Professor Emeritus of History, Director Emeritus Center for Communal Studies, USI); Michael Strezewski (Associate Professor of Anthropology, USI); Leslie Townshend (Director Community Engagement, USI); Wendy Bredhold (Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign, Indiana and Kentucky)

Ex officio

Melinda Roberts (Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts); Jason Hardgrave (Associate Professor and Chair of History Department, USI); Marna Hostetler (Director Rice Library, USI)

Center Location

University of Southern Indiana, University Achieves and Special Collections (David L. Rice Library, Communal Studies Reading Room 3022)

CCS Prize Winners

Dr. John Cage, Australian scholar who won the CCS travel grant 2019 will tentatively visit USI in fall 2022 to conduct his research. We look forward to hosting him in fall.

Communal Studies Minor

The departments of History and World Languages and Cultures offered courses toward the fulfillment of the minor in communal studies, fall and spring respectively. Fall 2021, Dr. Greg Brown, adjunct faculty of history taught an undergraduate course, entitled, "Roots of Communalism" (6 students) and a graduate course, entitled "Communal Societies in America" (15 students). Dr. Rode offered a senior seminar on "Utopia" (11 students) in spring 2022.

Curriculum changes to the CCS minor: Social work is requesting to remove SOCW 239 and SOCW 402 from the CCS curriculum because SOCW 239 has been deleted and SOCW 402 is a field placement course for social work major

attracted yoga member from the local community. Dr. K. Shefveland (History) provided a synopsis on how the talk correlates with the communal studies goals. (16 participants)

Center Promotion and Advertisement

March 17, 2022. Jennifer Greene and Silvia Rode presented on the Center's history, achievements, goals, and archival materials at the annual College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board dinner. The Liberal Arts Board is comprised of local politicians, members of the business community, and philanthropists.

Carolyn Zullo (Liberal Arts Marketing and Events Coordinator) updated the CCS website. The following changes were implemented:

- More graphics and colorful advertisements for events, including audio recordings
- Lecture Series tab in color
- More groups/organizations added to resources page
- YouTube interview link with Travel Grant recipient
- More visuals added to the communal studies minor page
- 9 Twitter account added 0 2
- New Minutes and Bylaws tab added

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Research

Erik Freeman- Travel grant researcher

Cory Becker- Synanon community member looking for interviews with residents and other background materials for community library

Provided one-on-

Change name from "travel grant" to "travel research grant." (Title received unanimous board approval)

Define the "age" of article for prize submission (Board unanimously agreed to establish written guidelines for the CCS prizes and grant submissions)

Define length of postponement for travel grant visit

Add new member to CCS board. (Survey/ballot will be emailed to board members to vote on membership renewals, number of board members and admitting new candidateJ-0.003 Tc 5.6 (r)-TJ-0.003e bo

ADDENDUM
BOARD OF ADVISORS
Scholarly Publications, Presentations, Teaching, and Awards 2021-2022

Books

Brown, Greg. *Matchsticks Contemplating Eternity: Life, Death, and Faith in What Is*. Wipf & Stock. Eugene, OR. 2021

Lockyer, Joshua. *Seeing Like a Commons: 80 Years of Intentional Community Building and Common Property Stewardship in Celo, North Carolina*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. 2021

Peer-Review

- Roundtable." October 2021
- Rode, Silvia. "Über-Utopias of Perpetual Busyness: Marzahn and Huaxi." *International Communal Studies Association (ICSA)*. Skanderborg, Denmark, July 2022
- Rode, Silvia. "Models of Utopia in Practice and Theory." *Social Alchemy Symposium Big Car Collaborative Indiana Humanities*, New Harmony, IN, April 2022.
- Rode, Silvia. "Center for Communal Studies." *College of Liberal Arts Board of Advisors*. University of Southern Indiana, March 2022
- Rode, Silvia, *Communal Studies Association Annual Conference*. "Center for Communal Studies Roundtable." October 2021
- Rode, Silvia. "George Rapp's Entrepreneurship." Rc 0 Tw 2-4.8 (7.3 ()}8 ()-7SC)1.3 (-l)0.6 (v)-8.u8 (.)2.69 0 Td()2d he RaJ0

Rode, Silvia. Advisory Board Member, Historic New Harmony, 2021-present
 Rode, Silvia. UNIV Academic Goals Committee on New Harmony and the Center, USI, 2022
 Rode, Silvia. Advisory Board Member, MINKA (Learning Lab for Living Well Community), 2022
 Rode, Silvia. Advisory Board Member, Efroymsen Creative Residency (ECR) Partnership Historic New
 Harmony and the Columbus Area Arts Council, 2019-present

Teaching

Brown, Greg. *HIST-222 Roots of Communalism*. USI, Fall 2021
 Brown, Greg. *HIST-519 Communal Societies in America*, USI, Fall, 2021
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