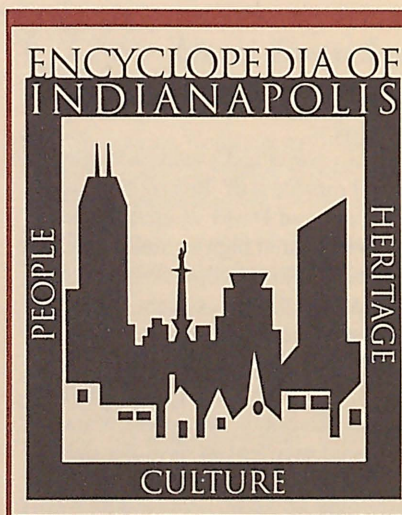


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Encyclopedia of Indianapolis Due in November

After five years of work involving over 500 people, the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* will be published by Indiana University Press in November. It will be widely available in area bookstores, as well as through a variety of special pre-publication offers such as the one in this newsletter.

The *Encyclopedia* is the most comprehensive reference work on Indianapolis ever published. It contains almost a million words on the city, past and present, in 1600 entries and essays. The volume's general entries, arranged alphabetically, capture vital information about people, organizations, and events; its 22 overview essays, which introduce the volume, create the interpretive context that provides meaning and significance.

Numerous entries offer a much-needed summary of important local issues such as ones involving the man-made or built environment, philanthropy, neighborhoods, medicine, or performing and visual arts. Other entries explain in detail the structure and workings of local government or politics or education, including topics such as special taxing districts, political participation, downtown development, and school desegregation, among others. Entries trace the historical development of their subjects but make them as current as possible. (The volume even notes the August 1994 name change from the Hoosier Dome to the RCA Dome.) Thus the entries on religion carry their study to the 1990s, as do the ones on business and the economy, labor, sports, journalism, broadcasting, cultural institutions, ethnic groups, women, and so forth.

To acquaint readers with the city's chronology, the volume includes a timeline of key events in Indianapolis history. A statistical abstract presents yet other information in tabular

and graphic form. A subject guide to the entries and a comprehensive topical and name index offers a detailed guide to all persons, institutions, and events mentioned in the individual articles.

The *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* represents a community partnership in ways that many university-based projects aspire to but never reach. This partnership is readily apparent in the roster of over 500 experts from the Indianapolis community who participated actively as researchers, writers, or consultants. Among this number were 485 authors, more than 400 of whom work outside traditional academic settings.

To celebrate the publication of the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, IUPUI and the POLIS Research Center have scheduled several functions (see list inside). The formal presentation of the volume to the community will occur at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the Circle on November 25.

What will the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* mean to the people and institutions of the city it chronicles? It will serve as a ready and reliable reference to the heritage and culture of this vibrant midwestern community, making its rich history accessible as a civic resource for years to come. It also will represent Indianapolis across the nation and around the world as the single most comprehensive source of information on the city.

But the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* can become even more than this. The volume points to what the city has been, what it is today, and, by implication, what it can become. Its creators, the hundreds of authors and editors who worked on the project, offer the *Encyclopedia* to promote better understanding of Indianapolis and to invite reflection on and participation in its future.

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Director's Notes

It's finally over. All but the celebrating, that is. The *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* will make its debut in mid to late November. Although it hardly seemed possible five years ago when a small staff first gathered to begin work on the project, the 1600-page volume will arrive on time and on budget.

What led to its successful completion? First, the *Encyclopedia* was conceived and nurtured in a supportive and stimulating environment: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis provided an ideal site for the project. A group of scholars, led by Jan Shipps, then director of the Center for American Studies, fostered the idea by devising a plan and recruiting a staff to give the project life. IUPUI administrators, especially Chancellor Gerald Bepko, Executive Vice Chancellor William Plater, and School of Liberal Arts Dean John Barlow, ensured that the project found a home within the university and the community.

Second, the *Encyclopedia* became a community endeavor. Civic-minded foundations, corporations, and residents donated money at critical times to keep the project on schedule. A civic advisory committee, chaired by Tom Binford, offered sound advice, served as an advocate, and shared its enthusiasm for a reference work on its city. But the partnership between the university and the community is most evident in the roster of over 500 experts from Greater Indianapolis who participated actively as researchers, writers, and consultants.

Third, Indianapolis is home to a large number of experts who were willing to share their knowledge of this city's complex heritage and culture. The *Encyclopedia* lists 485 authors; over 400 work outside traditional academic settings. Many authors also declined payment for their

entries, an act of generosity that lessened the cost of the project.

Finally, the project had an extraordinarily dedicated and capable staff. Robert Barrows, managing editor, and David Vanderstel, assistant editor, contributed high standards, keen insight, and extensive knowledge of the city and its residents. Monty Hulse, assistant director of POLIS, masterfully coordinated the project's development and public relations efforts. Research assistants Connie Zeigler, Michelle Hale, Jeff Duvall, and Deborah Markisohn, among others, produced excellent work under tight deadlines. Marcia Pilon, Barb Waldsmith, and Emma Hall, Julie McNeely made heroic efforts to keep up with the flow of paper and bytes. Shirley McCord, recently retired from the Indiana Historical Bureau, read virtually the entire manuscript as an unpaid volunteer. And the Indiana University Press, especially Bobbi Diehl and Sharon Sklar, made important contributions to the final readability and appearance of the text.

Soon the citizens of Greater Indianapolis will be able to see the results of all this work. The *Encyclopedia* will be widely available in area bookstores and through special pre-publication offers such as the one for readers of this newsletter. It is a handsome book, and it should grace many home and office libraries. But it is not a book for show. Rather, it is a lively reference guide to a modern, vibrant city which has a rich and complex heritage. It is, above all, a source of information for this decade—and the next century.

To everyone who has supported the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*, the editorial staff offers its heartfelt appreciation. We trust that our efforts—and yours—have produced a volume worthy of the city it chronicles. ■

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INDIANAPOLIS

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In recent decades, Indianapolis has become a leading midwestern urban center, characterized by innovative governmental structures, important businesses and industries, and a vibrant cultural and sports life. Yet published accounts scarcely reflect, much less mention, the city's remarkable transformation during the 1970s and 1980s.

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and even humorous reference points in the development of Indianapolis. *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* is a model of what a modern city encyclopedia should be.

The *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* will retail for \$49.95. However, readers of this newsletter can purchase a volume at a pre-publication discount of 20%, or \$39.95, by using the order form shown below. You can also order with a credit card by calling (800) 842-6796.

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Discover Indianapolis Over Breakfast

You are invited to join an exploration into the past, present, and future of Indianapolis in a breakfast lecture series co-sponsored by the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg, The New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the POLIS Research Center at IUPUI. The series, entitled "Discover Indianapolis," features distinguished scholars who have served as contributing editors for the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*.

Barnes & Thornburg, the New England, and the POLIS Research Center proudly present "Discover Indianapolis" as an opportunity to reflect on the first 175 years of the community's development and to preview important segments of the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*.

A continental breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m. Presentations will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end by 9:00 a.m. to allow registrants to proceed with their daily schedule.

Breakfast No. 1—RELIGION

Tuesday, November 8, 1994

Speaker: Jan Shipps

Professor of History, American Studies, and Religious Studies, IUPUI, and a nationally recognized scholar on the history of American religion.

Breakfast No. 2—EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 15, 1994

Speaker: William J. Reese

Associate Professor of Education, History, and American Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, and editor of the *History of Education Quarterly*.

Breakfast No. 3—PHILANTHROPY

Tuesday, November 22, 1994

Speaker: Robert Payton

Professor of Philanthropic Studies, former Director of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy at IUPUI and a pioneer in the study of the voluntary sector in America.

Breakfast No. 4—MEDICINE and HEALTH CARE

Tuesday, November 29, 1994

Speaker: Katherine Mandusic McDonell
Former Executive Director of the Indiana Medical History Museum.

Breakfast No. 5—SPORTS

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

Speaker: Randy Roberts

Associate Professor of History, Purdue University, and author of the recently published *Heavy Justice: The State of Indiana v. Michael G. Tyson*.

Speaker: Dale Ogden

Curator of History, Indiana State Museum, where he established the Indiana Museum of Sports.

Breakfast No. 6—GOVERNMENT and LAW

Tuesday, December 13, 1994

Speaker: William Blomquist

Associate Professor of Political Science, IUPUI, and an expert commentator on local government and politics.

Speaker: David Bodenhamer

Editor-in-Chief, *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* and Director, POLIS Research Center.

These breakfast lectures will be held in the conference center of Barnes & Thornburg, on the ninth floor of the historic Merchants Bank Building, 11 South Meridian Street.

"Discover Indianapolis" is presented free of charge. Because space is limited, pre-registration is required. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For information on registering for one or more of the lectures, call Jan Wood at New England Mutual Life Insurance Company at (317) 573-5100.

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Q/A from *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*

1. How many Indianapolis residents have served as major political party nominees for vice-president of the United States?
2. What Indianapolis radio personality read the Sunday comics to listeners of his program?
3. What animal invaded Indianapolis twice during the first half of the 19th century, destroying gardens and farm crops?
4. Which local TV news anchor wrote an entry in the *Encyclopedia*—Tom Cochrun, Mike Ahern, Howard Caldwell?
5. Which slogans has Indianapolis used to promote itself as a city: the Railroad City, the Crossroads of America, the 100 Percent American City, Toolmaker to the Nation, the Amateur Sports Capital?
6. The auditorium of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library is named for Nebraska Cropsey. Who was she?
7. What is the Mile Square?
8. What form of music is associated with the “Indianapolis sound?”
9. What baseball great began his professional career as a shortstop with the Indianapolis Clowns, a team in the Negro League?
10. Which two colleges played the first football game in Indianapolis? When? Who won?
11. Which of the following classic American-made cars was manufactured in Indianapolis—Stutz, Duesenberg, Marmon, National, Cole?
12. What nationally known Indianapolis institution did Mary Stewart Carey found?
13. Who was the youngest mayor in Indianapolis history?
14. Which two Indianapolis residents served as chair of the national Democratic party?
15. What connection do the Teamsters Union and the United Mine Workers of America have to Indianapolis?
16. What famous military weapon was invented by an Indianapolis physician and real estate broker during the Civil War?
17. Indianapolis songwriter Albert Von Tilzer wrote the music for what famous sporting tune?
18. What book about Indianapolis was banned by public sentiment from the shelves of the city library?
19. What is the city’s oldest park?
20. What was the Irvington War?

Answers:

1. Four: William H. English, Dem., 1880; Charles W. Fairbanks, Rep., 1904; Thomas A. Hendricks, Dem., 1876, 1884; John W. Kern, Sr., 1908. Fairbanks (1905-1909) and Hendricks (1885) served as vice-president.
2. “Uncle Wally” Nehrling.
3. Squirrels, in 1822 and 1845.
4. All of them.
5. All of them.
6. An educator and textbook writer, Cropsey was assistant superintendent of IPS for 43 years (1871-1914) and was the first woman to receive an honorary degree from Indiana University.
7. Alexander Ralston’s original plat of Indianapolis was one square mile, hence “Mile Square,” bounded by North, East, South, and West streets.
8. Jazz.
9. Henry (Hank) Aaron, 1951 and 1952.
10. Butler and DePauw, 1884. Butler won, four goals to one, using modified soccer rules.
11. All of them.
12. The Children’s Museum, which began in her home on North Meridian Street.
13. Daniel Macauley (1867-73), elected at age 28.
14. Thomas Taggart (1904-08) and Frank E. McKinney, Sr. (1951-52).
15. Both had national headquarters in Indianapolis during the first half of the 20th century, as did numerous other national labor unions.
16. The Gatling Gun, invented by Dr. Richard J. Gatling in 1862 and first manufactured in Indianapolis.
17. “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” in 1908.
18. *From Dawn to Daylight* (1859) by Eunice White Bullard Beecher, wife of former Second Presbyterian Church pastor, Henry Ward Beecher, portrayed antebellum Indianapolis in an unflattering light. The reaction against it was so strong that the library could not keep copies on the shelves.
19. Garfield Park (1873).
20. A school board dispute in 1877 involving the reappointment of a teacher. The issue ultimately went to the Indiana Supreme Court for a decision.

Timeline

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis

1987 Task force from IUPUI and the community begins planning for an *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*.

1988 Project approved; national search begins for editor-in-chief.

1989 POLIS director/editor-in-chief of *Encyclopedia* begins work in January. Managing editor, senior associate, and secretary hired in spring.

Editorial process and management system established. Style guide prepared. Preliminary work completed on entry lists.

Total direct costs of the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* are estimated at \$833,000. POLIS pledges half of this amount through earned income and competitive grants. Campaign launched in Fall to secure remaining funds from Indianapolis corporations, foundations, and individuals.

1990 Recruitment of contributing editors and authors begins; staff meets with contributing editors to refine entry lists.

Assistant editor hired in November.

1991 Final entry lists approved.

Indianapolis Foundation provides leadership grant of \$50,000 in April.

Community funding for the *Encyclopedia* totals nearly \$86,000 by October.

45 percent of word count assigned and 16 percent of word count received by December.

1992 National Endowment for the

Humanities awards a competitive grant of \$98,012 in Spring.

Identification of illustrations for the volume begins in September.

73 percent of word count assigned; 36 percent of word count received by late Fall.

1993 88 percent of word count assigned and 53 percent of word count received by April.

50 percent of entries submitted to IU Press in July for copy-editing.

Statistical abstract and timeline completed; selection of illustrations and preparation of captions completed by September.

Funds provided by POLIS reach goal of \$417,000.

85 percent of entries submitted to IU Press by late Fall.

1994 Final manuscript sent to IU Press in March.

Page proofs received and indexing begins in June.

Community fundraising campaign closes on July 1 after securing more than \$250,000.

Publication in November.

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis officially unveiled on November 25 at the "Celebration of Lights" festival on Monument Circle.

Encyclopedia editors, authors, friends, and donors celebrate at a public reception held at IUPUI's University Library on December 9.

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