

FACULTY PROFILE



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Biography

EDUCATION Ph.D. - University of
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RESEARCH INTERESTS: JOSEPH BAILLY DE MESSEIN Professor Duvick's most recent research involves the French-Canadian fur trader Joseph Bailly de Messein and the history of French traders and soldiers in Indiana in the 17th and 18th centuries. She has translated a volume of the fur-trade account books of Bailly (1774-1832) and has published on the history of the French presence in what is now the U.S. Midwest, including Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois. She has also published and presented on the fiction of Guy de Maupassant and the poetry of Arthur Rimbaud.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS Professor Duvick is on the national Executive Council of the American Association of Teachers of French, serving as Regional Representative for eight AATF chapters. She has given numerous professional presentations on various aspects of the teaching of French, most recently presenting on the use of role-play simulations at all levels of French language, literature, and civilization courses. In 2003 she was named Indiana State French Teacher of the Year -- Post-Secondary Level by the

TEACHING Although she has taught a wide variety of courses at Valparaiso University, she most frequently teaches French Composition and Conversation, Professional (Business) French, and French Phonetics. She has taught a Senior Seminar focused on French-US relations. Fall 2009 courses: *French Composition and Conversation* and *French Texts and Society: Romanticism to the Fifth Republic*. Spring 2010 courses: *Advanced French Composition* and *French Theater Practicum*.

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