

FACULTY PROFILE

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Biography

Roy Austensen joined the faculty of Valparaiso University in 1992. He teaches courses on modern Europe, including Developments in Western Culture Through the Ages; Europe in the 19th Century; European Diplomacy in the 20th Century; and History and Literature of the Great War.

His research interests have been in the area of Austrian and German history, especially the period of German unification in the 19th century. His publications include articles in *The Journal of Modern History*, *International History Review*, *Historical Journal*, *German Studies Review*, among others.

Professor Austensen has received numerous awards for both his scholarship and his teaching, including the Chester Penn Higby Prize from the European Section of the American Historical Association (1980) and the Outstanding Teacher in the University award from Illinois State University (1986). He has been a Fulbright fellow in Austria and has held grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council for Learned Societies.

Professor Austensen served concurrently as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1992-2009. In 2009, he received Valparaiso University's highest award, the Lumen Christi medal.

Education

M.A. and Ph.D. - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
B.S. - Concordia College, River Forest

Research Interests

Austrian History and Culture; German Unification in the 19th and 20th Centuries;
European Diplomacy in the 19th and 20th Centuries

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