

William B. Pickett

Resume'

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Name and Academic Rank:

William B. Pickett, professor emeritus

Degrees:

Ph.D.	1974	History	Indiana University
M.A.	1968	History	Indiana University
B.A.	1962	English	Carleton College

Rose-Hulman Service:

Years of Service: 35 years

Original Appointment Date and Rank: September 1972, Assistant Professor.

Date(s) of Promotion(s) and Resulting Ranks: September 1976, associate professor;
September 1982, Full Professor; May 2007, Emeritus Professor.

Professional Experience:

2007- present	Emeritus Professor of History
1982-2007	Professor of History Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
2002- March- June	Visiting Professor American University in Kyrgystan, Bishkek.
1990-January -July	Visiting Lecturer, University of Maryland Asian Division, Korea
1989-1990	Fulbright Visiting Professor Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan
1976-1982	Associate Professor of History Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
1963-1966	Line officer (Ensign to LTJG) on active duty, United States Naval Reserve Charleston, S.C.; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Boston Naval Yard; Philadelphia Naval Yard; Norfolk, Va.

Consulting Activities:

Curriculum Consultant, American University in Kyrgystan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 2002.

Co-founded the Web History Center in 2006.

Historical advisory panel for the national Eisenhower Memorial under construction on the mall in Washington, D.C. 2016 to present.

Principal Publications post 2002:

“Dwight David Eisenhower and World Power” chapter in book entitled *John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers in Kansas History*, ed. Virgil Dean (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2006).

“Liberal Education: Its Goals and Methods” in *The Bulletin of the American University in Kyrgyzstan* (June 2002).

“The Firebombing of the Terre Haute Holocaust Museum: A Hoosier Community Responds to an Assault on Collective Memory,” *Indiana Magazine of History* (September 2004).

George F. Kennan and the Origins of Eisenhower's New Look: An Oral History of Project Solarium (edited conference monograph: Princeton University, 2004).

The World Wide Web at Ten: The Dream and the Reality, with Mark Ardis, edited on-line conference proceedings of the Rose-Hulman Conference to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the commercial Web (Terre Haute, IN: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2004).

“New Look or Containment? George F. Kennan and the Making of Republican National Security Strategy” address at the George F. Kennan Centennial Conference published in *The Princeton University Archives* (Princeton, N.J.: September 2005).

“Why Eisenhower Became President,” address at Eisenhower conference in proceedings of the 2002 conference entitled: “Eisenhower’s National Security Policy,” Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. 2005.

“The World Wide Web at Twenty: The Birth of the World Wide Web,” Web History Center, August 2, 2011.

“Christian Chadd Taylor and the Search for the World Wide Web,” Web History Center, August 31, 2012.

Memberships (past and present) in Professional Societies:

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Indiana Historical Society
Vigo County Historical Society
Society for Military History
Indiana Association of Historians
International House of Japan, Inc.
Indiana Council for History Education

Selected Honors and Awards:

President, Vigo County Historical Society, 1977-1980.

Fulbright Lectureship to Japan, 1989-1990.

Award of Merit for *Homer E. Capehart: A Senator's Life*, Ohio Museum Association, 1991.

Board of Managers Outstanding Scholar Award, 1991.
President, Indiana Association of Historians, 1992.
Co-chairman, Indiana Council for History Education, 1998-2001.
Outstanding Scholar of the Year, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2001.

Institutional and Professional Service:

Institute Secretary, 2001-02.
Pre-law adviser, 1975-2004.
Chair or co-chair of various HSS department committees.
Organizer of Institute-wide forum to discuss the meaning of the 9-11 attacks on the U.S.
Chairman, Indiana Council for History Education, 2002-present.
Chair, ad hoc committee on Institute governance, 2005.
Initiated and co-chair steering committee of Rose-Hulman conference entitled: "The World Wide Web @ Ten: The Dream and the Reality," September 30-Oct. 2.
Panelist at discussion of the book, *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien, Rose-Hulman, Oct. 21.
Conducted an oral-history interview with Paustenbach lecturer, David Roux, Palo Alto, CA
Conducted an oral-history interview with distinguished Rose alumnus, Dennis Paustenbach, as part of the Rose-Hulman history and archives program, Woodside, CA.
Conducted an oral-history interview with distinguished Rose-Hulman Alumnus, Alfred Yee, as part of the Rose-Hulman history and archives program.
Invited speaker at George F. Kennan Centennial Conference at Princeton University (February 2004).

Professional Development Activities post 2002:

During a sabbatical leave performed research for two books on the impact on American society of the World Wide Web. The books, still in process, are tentatively entitled: *The Internet Revolution and American Life: The First Commercial Decade, 1994-2004* and *The Coming of the High-Speed, Interactive Age: A History of the Internet and American Life, 1974-2004*. In a related activity, I initiated a collaboration with Web pioneers and historians of technology to establish an international center for the history of the World Wide Web.

Performed research for a book on Eisenhower's wartime relationship with his female assistant and aide, Kay Summersby. Served on an historical advisory panel for the National Eisenhower Memorial currently under construction on the Washington Mall.