

In Memoriam
JAMES ALFRED HAW
December 11, 1945-January 9, 2017

After an illness of several years, James Haw died in January 2017 at the age of 71.

James Haw came to IPFW in 1972 with a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He retired in 2009, after almost four decades of extraordinary service to IPFW. His main research field was the era of the American Revolution. Jim published two books, eleven journal articles, and various other works. His books, which were very well received, are both biographies of American Revolutionary leaders, Maryland's Samuel Chase and John and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina. Both are the first and only full-length scholarly biographies of their subjects.

Professor Haw taught a variety of courses in U.S. history from the colonial period through the Civil War plus U.S. foreign policy. Most of those courses had not been offered at IPFW before his arrival and represented important additions to the curriculum.

Jim effectively and generously served the university and the department in a variety of capacities. He served as chair of the History Department for six years. Perhaps his most enduring service contribution came during the period when the Indiana and Purdue programs at IPFW were being combined into one. Jim was one of the four-member committee that wrote IPFW's unified academic regulations. As chair of the Educational Policy Committee of the Senate in 1983-1985, he helped design a number of important policies, including the Campus Connection for high school students and policy governing departmental involvement in Continuing Education.

Jim was a respected and active scholar and one of the most effective teachers in the department. He was also very generous and helpful. His door was always open to students and to younger history faculty who needed advice on teaching strategies, student engagement, and all matters pertaining to IPFW policies.

Beyond his career at IPFW, Jim was also a noted and avid bird watcher (and not just his revered St. Louis Cardinals). He was known in NE Indiana for his expertise and generosity to all people who were interested in bird watching. As the president of the local Audubon society stated, Jim "really was a mentor for all [birders] in northeastern Indiana." Jim, in his 50-some years of birding, was a meticulous observer and note-taker of different birds. He not only compiled an impressive "life list" of over 700 bird species, but also kept careful records on bird populations. For many years, Jim organized the local Audubon Society's annual spring and fall field trips and the Christmas Bird Count.

Jim is buried in his home state of Missouri. We will miss him very much.