



J. CHRIS ARNDT

CLASS OF 1973

Dr. J. Chris Arndt is a 1973 graduate of Point Pleasant High School. Chris ran cross country for four years, participated in track and field in his freshman and senior years, and played basketball in his freshman and sophomore years. He also was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and High School Curriculum Committee. After graduating, he received a BA in History from Gettysburg College in 1977, an MA in History from Auburn University in

1982, and a PhD in History from Florida State University in 1987. Dr. Arndt is currently a professor of history at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he has taught courses in early US history, historical methods, and world history since 1985. He has participated in study abroad programs in Florence, Italy, Ghana, West Africa, and Antwerp, Belgium. Dr. Arndt is the author of several books, including *Doing History* and 4 editions of *Voices of the American Past*, and numerous essays and reviews. He is also an Exam Leader for the Advanced Placement US History Test and has conducted Advanced Placement preparation sessions at a number of schools, including Point Pleasant Borough High School.

Dr. Arndt serves on the Church Council of the Muhlenburg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg, VA. He has also served as a member of the Harrisonburg Democratic Party Executive Committee since 2000.

Dr. Arndt has been happily married to Andrea Oster Arndt since 1995. They have two children, Olivia (age 6) and Ruby (age 4), and live in a 100 year old house in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Chris stated that his most rewarding community service occurs each December, when he dons a red suit and white beard to serve as the Santa Claus for the Harrisonburg Children's Museum.