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“Thunder in the Wings: Professional Boxing in Vermont, 1934–1935”

**By Robert Winkler
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**Monday, January 27, 1997, at 4:00 P.M.
Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building
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Although Vermont and its people are sometimes portrayed as separate and unique in their travels through time and history, they have always been a part of the wider world. During the 1930s both professional boxing and the events leading up to World War II gave Vermonters the opportunity to look into the mirror and fashion themselves after the best—and sometimes the worst—of the larger picture.

The little-known but enthusiastic world of boxing in Vermont was inevitably part of every town fair, exhibition, armory event, or military camp of the time. By the summer of 1934, bouts sponsored by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and military camps were in full swing. Drawing on historical newspaper accounts, statistics, and personal observations, **Robert Winkler** will use computer-generated images, hands-on Internet activities, and his own reflections to help recreate the story of professional boxing in Vermont as it unfolded amid the “thunder” of a fast-approaching world war.

A resident of Plattsburgh, **Robert Winkler** is a member of the Risk Management Department at the University of Vermont and was formerly with the Center for Research on Vermont. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in education from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and is the co-author of several environmental publications. A member of the International Boxing Research Organization and bantamweight sponsor of the International Boxing Hall of Fame Museum, he is currently researching a related topic, “From Boxing to Hot Music: Vermont in the mid-1930s.”

Please note: This presentation is scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M.



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