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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Miriam Langsam was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1939, to Jacob and Frieda Ehrenworth Langsam. She spent her formative years in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She also received a Master’s Degree and a PhD in history from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1961 and 1967.

Dr. Langsam moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1964 to join the Indiana University Indianapolis Extension faculty. She was one of the founding faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis’s (IUPUI) history department when the institution was created. In the mid-1970s, she co-founded with Barbara Jackson, Cathy Klein, and John Bartlow IUPUI’s women’s studies program.

Dr. Langsam became the university’s School of Liberal Arts' associate dean for student affairs in 1986 and held this position until her official retirement in 2003. In 2017, she married Jean Belle Oswalt in Indianapolis, where the couple currently resides.

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