

Executive Vice Chancellor Appoints Hatcher Executive Director of IUPUI Center for Service and learning

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Executive Vice Chancellor Uday Sukhatme announced the selection of Julie A. Hatcher as the new Executive Director of the Center for Service and Learning at IUPUI starting July 1, 2012.

The Center is the focal point of IUPUI's reputation as a leading engaged university. It supports initiatives aimed at deepening service learning and curriculum-based civic engagement activities on campus and in the Indianapolis community.

An Associate Professor of Philanthropic Studies in the School of Liberal Arts, Professor Hatcher currently is the Director of Undergraduate Programs and a Senior Scholar with the Center for Service and Learning. She has been instrumental in integrating service into the educational culture at IUPUI and supporting civic engagement as a distinct aspect of the campus mission. She began working in the Office of Service Learning in 1993 and served as the Associate Director of the Center for Service and Learning until 2010.



Professor Hatcher has collaborated on national projects such as the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement and the Association of American Colleges and Universities rubric development for Civic Engagement. She also has collaborated on many international projects with faculty from China, Egypt, Kenya, Macedonia, Mexico, and South Africa. She received the first International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement Dissertation Award, as well as the Indiana Campus Compact Brian Hiltunen Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Scholarship of Engagement.

Professor Hatcher succeeds Dr. Robert Bringle, founding director of the Center for Service and Learning, who is retiring.

"At his retirement, Bob leaves not a void to be filled but a model to be emulated. His legacy will endure through the leadership team he has recruited and the principles of civic mindedness he has inculcated in the character of IUPUI," said William M. Plater, Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus. "His contributions, ranging from the "engaged department" initiative to a student scholarship program that was one of the first in the nation to recognize service as merit to a nationally-exemplary model of partnership with the near-by Washington Community School, have made IUPUI one of the most widely recognized engaged universities in the country, attracting such prestigious designations as the President's Award for Community Service first awarded by President Bush, or U.S. News and World Report's designation of IUPUI as one of the country's most "up and coming" universities," Plater said.