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Events

How has Indianapolis politics been shaped by 25 years of demographic and social change? The **25th Joseph T. Taylor Symposium** explores this complex question with leading practitioners, politicians, policy-makers, and researchers. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2014, in the IUPUI Campus Center, 420 University Blvd. Presentations will feature expert discussions on the city's changing racial and ethnic landscape and how Indianapolis citizens can find common ground. Registration opens January 1, 2014. Visit <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/taylor>

Research

David C. Bell, professor of sociology, was invited to serve as a consultant on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant awarded to the Health Policy and Health Services Research Department of Boston University's Henry Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Bell will lend his community research expertise on social networks to the project entitled "Social Networks and Oral Health in Public Housing."

Grants

The **Africana Studies Program** and the **Frederick Douglass Papers** received \$2,000 from Indiana Humanities to help support a public symposium taking place December 6, 2013 entitled "The Life and Times of Madame C.J. Walker: The Historical Development of a Business Empire." **Bessie House-Soremekun**, professor and director of Africana studies, and **John Kaufman-McKivigan**, Mary O'Brien Gibson professor of history, envision annual public symposia alternating between Frederick Douglass and Madame C.J. Walker.

Appointments

Monroe Little, associate professor of history, was elected to the Executive Council for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The mission of ASALH is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community. The group was established in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and is the founder of Black History Month.

Awards

Jen Bute, assistant professor of communication studies, is the recipient of the 2013 Bill Eadie Distinguished Award for a Scholarly Article for her co-authored article, "Patient and partner strategies for talking about lifestyle change following a cardiac event." Her award was presented during the National Communication Association meeting in November.

Publications

Recent publications have featured articles based on the "Art, Race, Space" seminar held in January 2013. The Indiana Historical Society's *Traces* published **Richard Pierce**'s presentation, "We Are Trying to Tell You: African American Protest in Indianapolis," in its Summer 2013 issue. **Modupe Labode**, **Laura Holzman**, and **Liz Kryder-Reid**, museum studies faculty, published an analysis of the symposium in *Public*, the new journal of Imagining America.

Awards

Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, associate professor of Spanish, received the Teacher of the Year Award (University level) and **Judith Carlstrand**, associate faculty in Spanish and teacher at Franklin High School, received the Teacher of the Year Award (Secondary level) at the Annual Conference of the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers' Association. In addition to the teaching awards, **Danielle Davis**, graduate student in the M.A.T. in Spanish, was honored as this year's recipient of the Edra Staffieri Scholarship for Professional Development.

Events

In November, the **Classical Studies Program** in the Department of World Languages and Cultures, and the Central Indiana Society of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) hosted Dr. Andrew Stewart of the University of California, Berkeley as part of the AIA's Traveling Lecture series. A world-renowned expert in Greek sculpture, Dr. Stewart used textual and archaeological evidence to explore a wide range of topics including the development of athleticism as a crucial characteristic of the Greek conception of an independent, egalitarian society. The AIA Central Indiana Society is co-hosted by the Classical Studies Programs of the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses.

Grants

The **Survey Research Center (SRC)** was awarded several grants: they were awarded \$15,800 – under contract with Smokefree Communities – to analyze public opinion regarding stronger smoke free legislation in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. USA Funds awarded the SRC \$42,529 to evaluate College Goal Sunday, and they were awarded \$16,636 from the NCAA to follow-up with former student athletes about collegiate experience.



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Mitchell Douglas, associate professor of creative writing and literature, was invited to read his poem “Healing Waters” at the opening celebration gala of the new Eskenazi hospital. The event was attended by state senators, members of congress, the mayor, the governor, civic leaders, and IU president Michael McRobbie. Douglas’ poem will be inscribed in the reflecting pool at the hospital’s campus entrance.

Publications

A new book co-written by **Kim Lovejoy**, associate professor of English, argues for a new approach to teaching writing. *Other People’s English: Code-Meshing, Code-Switching, and African American Literacy* makes the case for “code-meshing,” which allows students to use standard English, African American English, and other Englishes in formal academic writing and classroom discussions. The text provides activities and examples from middle and high schools as well as college, and addresses the question of how to advocate for code-meshing with skeptical administrators, parents, and students.

Publications

Rory Loughnane, associate editor of the New Oxford Shakespeare, is the co-editor of *Celtic Shakespeare: The Bard and the Borderers*, a new collection of essays from leading Shakespeare studies academics. Celtic contexts have been established for many of Shakespeare’s plays, and there has been interest in the ways in which Irish, Scottish and Welsh critics, editors and translators have reimagined Shakespeare. This collection fills a major gap in literary criticism by bringing together the best scholarship on the individual nations of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in a way that emphasizes cultural crossovers and conflict.

Conferences

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Midwest Pragmatist Study Group (MPSG) was held September 21-22 at IUPUI. The MPSG promotes interaction among scholars and students interested in classical and contemporary pragmatism broadly conceived. Three sessions this year helped commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of philosopher George Santayana, whose writings are being edited and published by the **Santayana Edition at IUPUI**. The meeting was sponsored by the **American Studies Program**, the **Department of Philosophy**, and the **Institute for American Thought** in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

Philanthropy

Two gifts to the **Department of Economics** in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI have endowed the Robert Sandy Seminar Series, ensuring that economics students and faculty will continue to interact with some of the discipline’s brightest researchers. The gifts were made by professor emeritus of economics **Robert Sandy** and economics alumnus **David Driscoll**.

Publications

A new book by **Ronda Henry Anthony**, associate professor of English and Africana studies, examines black masculinity and looks at modern black male and female feminists who are reshaping the ideals and values commonly associated with black men. *Searching for the New Black Man: Black Masculinity and Women’s Bodies*, published by the University Press of Mississippi, examines the slave narratives of Henry Bibb and Frederick Douglass; the work of James Baldwin, Walter Mosley and W.E.B. Du Bois; and even the writings of President Barack Obama to understand how women’s bodies are portrayed in African American literature to construct and empower black masculinity.

Students

As part of their course curriculum, students enrolled in R385, AIDS and Society, taught by Carrie Foote, associate professor of sociology, participated in the 2013 Indiana AIDS Walk on September 28. The 22-member team, named “Sociologists against Stigma”, raised \$1,160. Proceeds from the walk benefited the Gregory R. Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund, which provides financial assistance for food, clothing, medications, and utilities for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Conferences

Jason Kelly, associate professor of history, is leading the research initiative Rivers of the Anthropocene which seeks to bring together scientists, humanists, social scientists, policy makers, and community organizers to begin a new type of discussion about humans and their river environments. The project will bring together experts in the humanities, human sciences, and earth sciences to discover sustainable solutions to environmental issues. A conference will be held January 23-25, 2014 at IUPUI, and the attendees will consider conceptual and methodological questions using the Ohio and Tyne rivers as case studies.

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