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Faculty	Nancy M. Robertson , Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Women's Studies Program, will be a plenary session panelist at the 2008 YWCA National Conference this April. The event marks the sesquicentennial anniversary of the organization. Robertson is the author of <i>Christian Sisterhood, Race Relations</i> , and the YWCA (1906-1946); the organizers write that she has "actively pursued and successfully captured the YWCA's rich contribution to the women's, civil rights and industrial movements."
Engagement	The Department of Political Science will host both the Model UN and the Midwest Model European Union this spring. The Model UN at IUPUI, managed by Political Science Professor Scott Pegg , is a simulation of the UN General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. For high school students, it took place March 13 and 14th. The Midwest Model EU is one month later, and brings together 160 college and university students to play the roles of prime ministers & presidents, ambassadors & commissioners, ministers & diplomats, and chart the course of European unity. Professor and Chair John McCormick is the event organizer.
Faculty	Philosophy Professor Peg Zeglin Brand will moderate and Communication Studies Professor Sandra Petronio will participate in a panel discussion on "Women and Leadership at IU." The panel is a part of the annual Indiana University Women's Studies/Gender Studies Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity Conference, From Strength to Strength: Celebrating our Founders, Celebrating our Students, at IU South Bend on March 27-28th.
Students	Sociology students will participate in two conferences this spring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jodie Atkinson, panelist, "Ideology, Social Control and Everyday Life in Imperial America," North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting ♦ Erica Reichert, presenter, "Race and the Experience of Mothers with HIV/AIDS," Mid-West Sociological Society (MSS) ♦ Sarah Vincent, presenter, "The Body Image of Black and White Females at an Urban University," Mid-West Sociological Society (MSS)
Awards	History Associate Professor and Director of the African American and African Diaspora Studies Program Monroe H. Little Jr. is one of two recipients of the 2008 Joseph Taylor Excellence in Diversity Awards at IUPUI. The Excellence in Diversity Award, named in honor of Liberal Arts' first Dean, recognizes IUPUI individuals and campus programs that have contributed to the increased recruitment and retention of African American, Hispanic and Native Americans among IUPUI faculty, staff and students.
Faculty	Religious Studies Professor David Craig will visit Ball State University in April and give two presentations to faculty and students, "Religious Values in the Health Marketplace: Whither Reform?" and "Re-performing the American Social Covenant: From Civil Rights to Same-sex Marriage."
Awards	Meghan L. Bishop (MA History, 2007) has won one of two Distinguished Thesis Awards from the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools for her project, "Slave to Freewoman and Back Again: Kitty Payne and Antebellum Kidnapping."
Events	The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture will host a day-long conference, "Mormons and American Life," on April 12th, at the IUPUI Campus Center. The event features scholars of Mormonism from across the country including IUPUI's own Professor Emerita Jan Shipps. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Information: http://liberalarts.iupui.edu Contact: raac@iupui.edu
Students	Speech and Debate Team Members Joe Lamb and Nate Bullock continue to place in the top 5 in competitions across the state and region.

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