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## GREETINGS FROM IUPUI

June 2010

**This summer, France and Germany will recognize career-spanning accomplishments of two members of our faculty, Rosalie Vermette and Giles Hoyt, with prestigious awards.**

Such awards, from governments abroad, illustrate that universities—through the work of their faculty—bring cities and nations together through knowledge building.

**Professor Emerita of French Rosalie Vermette has been named by the government of France a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Knight of the Order of Academic Palms).**

Membership in the 200-year-old Order of Chivalry for academics and educators is conferred by France's Ministry of National Education based on a record of teaching, publication, and promotion of French language and culture. Napoleon Bonaparte set up the award to honor prominent members of the University of Paris. By virtue of her knighthood, Rosalie will also become a member of the American Society of the French Academic Palms.

Rosalie, who will retire from the faculty this year, recently lectured about her sabbatical leave study of sociocultural minorities in France. We are proud of her for having received this wonderful honor as a career capstone and grateful for her many contributions to IUPUI, including serving as President Pro Tempore of the Faculty Council.

**Professor Emeritus of German Giles Hoyt will receive the Federal Cross of Honor, the highest civilian award from the government of Germany.**

As the first Director of the Max Kade German American Center at IUPUI, Giles devoted much of his career to the study, preservation, and recovery of documents and other materials reflecting Indiana's German American heritage. He has also long been involved in activities related to the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City relationship, established in 1988.

In 2001, together with fellow IUPUI colleagues—his wife, Dolores, and Ruth and Eberhard Reichmann—he donated \$1.3 million to the School of Liberal Arts to institute the Hoyt/Reichmann Faculty Chair in German American Studies and German Language and Culture. The couples are also founding members of the Indiana German Heritage Society.

**Other IUPUI faculty members have received prestigious Fulbright Awards for study and teaching abroad.**

**Edward E. Curtis IV, Millennium Chair of Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies, has just led an IUPUI Summer Abroad Program in**

**Jordan**, where he has been conducting his Fulbright-sponsored research on African American connections to foreign Muslims. He is the author of several books on African American religious history, including *Muslims in America: A Short History*, published in October 2009 by Oxford University Press.

**Helen Schwartz, Professor Emerita of English, spent the spring semester as a Fulbright Senior Lecturer at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey.** She taught American drama and American ethnic literature for the Department of American Culture and Literature. Helen has taught abroad before. In 1988, she was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Twente University of Technology in the Netherlands, designing software to help students write in their native language. She also participated in an exchange program with Debrecen University in Hungary in 2001, where she shared techniques for online teaching.

**Tim Brothers, Associate Professor of Geography, just received a Fulbright award for research and teaching in the Dominican Republic during spring 2011.** With colleagues Jeff Wilson and Owen Dwyer in the IUPUI Geography Department, Tim recently published *Caribbean Landscapes: An Interpretive Atlas*, which integrates essays, satellite imagery, and ground photos to develop interpretations of the region's diverse landscapes. The National Geographic Society helped fund his research on landscape change in Cuba over the last 50 years, from the time of the revolution to the present day.

**As for hosting Fulbright Scholars, IUPUI's Institute for American Thought is an attractive destination.** Currently, Giovanni Maddalena of the University of Molise (Italy) is here studying the American pragmatist Charles Peirce. Previous visiting Fulbright scholars attracted to the institute's Peirce Edition Project have come from Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, Italy, and Russia for high-level doctoral and postdoctoral research.

**We are proud that IUPUI's faculty is recognized internationally. Our students and faculty are privileged to have these scholars as teachers and colleagues**—all of whom, incidentally, are associated with the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.

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**CHANCELLOR CHARLES R. BANTZ**

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