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Honors

Liberal Arts alumni **Daniel Incandela** (BA 1999 Anthropology) and **Janine M. Betsey** (BA 1998 Sociology) were among those recognized by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* in its annual "40 under 40" special issue. Incandela is the Director of New Media at the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Betsey is the Executive Director of the King Park Development Corporation. The 40 were chosen from hundreds of nominations as those who "are really going places."

Opportunities

The **2010 Archeological Field School** will take place at the late prehistoric site known today as the Lawrenz Gun Club, the location of a documented Mississippian village. The Department of Anthropology program will be directed by Assistant Professor **Jeremy Wilson** in collaboration with Patricia Anderson of Western Illinois University. For the first time, the field school will be a residential experience and will take place outside of Indiana in Beardstown, Illinois. To learn more: <http://www.iupui.edu/~anthijw/2010FieldSchool.htm>

Awards

Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious Doctrine (Oxford University Press, 2009) by Religious Studies Professor **Peter Thuesen** has won the 2010 *Christianity Today* Book Award for History/Biography. The book was selected from 472 nominations and is one of 12 awards in 10 subject areas.

Grants

Three Liberal Arts faculty have been selected to receive grants from the Indiana University New Frontiers in the Arts & Humanities program. The program helps faculty members expand their work into disciplinary or interdisciplinary frontiers that promise new insights into the human condition or pursue innovative directions in artistic creativity

- **Terri Bourus** (English), "Editing Shakespeare for the 21st Century" \$50,000
- **William Schneider** (History/Medical Humanities), "The History of Western Medicine in China, 1800-1950" \$19,995
- **Jane Schultz** (English), "Blood, Lead, and Ink: A Concise History of Civil War Medicine" \$47,914

Grants

The Veteran's Administration has awarded contracts totaling \$92,895 to economists **Anne Royalty** and **Archana Dube**. The two health economists are working on a year-long analysis of the business processes, including claims processing, for patient referral to non-VA providers.

Student Research

Public History graduate students and University Fellows **Casey Schuster** and **Hillary Retseck** conducted most of the research for an exhibit, "**Women in the Winner's Circle**," that opened at the Daytona Speedway in early February. With the director of Professor **Phil Scarpino**, the two worked with former IRL driver and Rookie of the Year, Lyn St. James, and the Henry Ford Museum to develop the exhibit.

Awards

The **Santayana Edition** (Institute for American Thought) has received the Morton N. Cohen Award for the best letter press edition (*The Letters of George Santayana, Books Seven and Eight* of Volume Five of *The Works of George Santayana*) awarded by the Modern Language Association.

Grants

Jeffrey Wilson (Geography and Institute for Research on Social Issues) received \$49,371 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Active Living Research Program for a project entitled "Improving Built Environment Measurement with Omnidirectional Imagery." Wilson is leading an interdisciplinary team from the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Medicine, and Saint Louis University School of Public Health to assess the relationship between built environments and physical activity in Indianapolis and Saint Louis.

Awards

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Tamara Leech** has been chosen to receive a Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty in 2010-2011. Twenty faculty from across the U.S. are chosen to participate in the program each year which includes a one-year sabbatical stipend; a research, travel, or publication stipend; and, participation in an annual conference. During the Fellowship, Leech will continue work on projects which focus on measuring or modeling community effects on racial minorities' health and well being.

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Degrees

A new **bachelor's degree in philanthropic studies** has been launched by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, a part of the School of Liberal Arts. The new program is designed to equip students with the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to succeed in entry-level positions in philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. The first class of majors will enroll for fall 2010. For more information visit: <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/education/ba.aspx>

Books

Professor of English Jon Eller's co-edited volume, *A Pleasure to Burn: Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (Subterranean, March 2010) was selected as Publisher's Weekly "Pick of the Week" for February 8-14th. In the book, Eller and co-editor Donn Albright assemble 16 stories that span six decades of Bradbury's extraordinary career in an insightful thematic expansion of his famous 1953 novel of state-sanctioned book burning.

Awards

Philosophy professor **Peg Zeglin Brand** has been nominated for an Indiana Commission for Women Torchbearer Award. The awards recognize Hoosier women who have overcome or removed barriers to quality or whose achievements have contributed to making our state a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. Brand's nominators wrote, she "has been a strong voice for improvements in the lives of women students, faculty and staff at Indiana University and women throughout the state.

In Memory

This past semester the Department of Sociology's Sussman Research Library was rededicated to honor the memory of **Professor Sue Steinmetz**. Steinmetz, a well-loved member of the Sociology faculty for 20 years, passed away in March 2009.

Events

The **3rd Annual Robert and Dana Curtis Memorial Oratorical Tournament** took place on Saturday, February 6, 2010. The Tournament is sponsored by Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies Richard Curtis and Mrs. Beth Curtis and honors the memories of his brothers, Robert and Dana, both of whom were killed in wartime violence. Participants in the Tournament showcase their commitment to peaceful resolution of conflict through scripted oration and compete as a part of the IUPUI Dominata Classic speech contest. 2010 winners are:

IUPUI Division

- 1st place - LaMesha Augustine, "Sex Trafficking"
- 2nd place - Bernie Reed, "Harsher Penalties for Sexual Offenders"
- 3rd place - Jacob Williams, "Healthcare"

Forensics Division

- 1st place - Konye Obaji Ori, "Conflict in the Congo" *University of Indianapolis*
- 2nd place - Aaron Trembath, "Philosophy of Violence" *Purdue University*
- 3rd place - Stanley Polit, "Conflict in Nigeria" *Northwestern University*

Partnerships

The IU School of Liberal Arts was featured in January on the **Indiana Humanities Council (IHC)** website as the first in a new series. The "spotlight" feature was part of Liberal Arts' partnership with the IHC and a component of the the organization's new website: <http://www.indianahumanities.org/>

Scholarship

This semester the **Peirce Edition Project** in the Institute for American Thought welcomes visiting scholars from the University of Milan (Italy), the University of Molise (Italy) and the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain. Additionally, in February, Susàn Haack (Distinguished Professor of the Humanities and Professor of Philosophy and Law) from the University of Florida presented the lecture entitled, "Pragmatism, Old & New." Haack was included in the *Sunday Independent's* 2005 list of the ten most important women philosophers of all time.