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- Honors** **Mitchell Douglas**, Assistant Professor of English, was a NAACP Image Award nominee for "Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry" for his debut collection of poems, *Cooling Board: A Long Playing Poem* (Red Hen Press, 2009), which pays homage to R&B legend Donny Hathaway. You can hear him talk about his work at the May 13 Reading at the Table, IUPUI Faculty Club, 11:30-1:00pm. Reservations required.
- Books** Professor of Religious Studies **Thomas Davis** is the editor of *John Calvin's American Legacy* (Oxford University Press, 2009). Comprised of twelve essays, Davis' book illustrates the extent to which Calvinist thought and practice are woven into American society. It is the most comprehensive volume to date on the impact of Calvin's thinking in America. Davis is the current Thomas H. Lake Scholar in Religion and Philanthropy.
- Awards** **Una Okonkwo Osili** (Associate Professor of Economics/Director of Research, Center on Philanthropy) is one of four recipients of the newly created Developing Diverse Researchers with InVestigative Expertise (DRIVE) program. Designed to enhance the diversity and research and creative activity mission of IUPUI, DRIVE will support Osili's research on *The Long Term Consequences of the Nigerian Civil War*.
- Students** Twelve Liberal Arts students are among IUPUI's "Top 100" Students. The IUPUI Alumni Council and the Student Organizations for Alumni Relations (SOAR) sponsor the "Top 100" Student Recognition Awards which are based on academic success, extracurricular activities, and community engagement. The Liberal Arts students are:
- **John Burkhardt**, Senior, Communication Studies, Hometown: Fishers
 - **Alise Cool**, Junior, Journalism and Spanish, Hometown: Indianapolis
 - **Capri Copp**, Junior, Communication Studies, Hometown: Indianapolis
 - **Dillon Etter**, Junior, Biology and Spanish, Hometown: Greenwood
 - **Brady Harman**, Senior, Biology and History, Hometown: Elkhart
 - **Andrew Kimmel**, Senior, Philosophy, Hometown: Mount Ayr
 - **Heather Meloy**, Junior, Anthropology, Hometown: Indianapolis
 - **Abigail Mills**, Senior, Chemistry and German, Hometown: Indianapolis
 - **Nicola Mousdicas**, Senior, Political Science, Hometown: Harare, Zimbabwe
 - **Olivia Roney**, Senior, Communication Studies, Hometown: Lowell
 - **Meghan Cross**, Junior, Spanish and International Studies, Hometown: Fishers
 - **Heather Weiss**, Senior, Individualized Major, Hometown: Indianapolis
- These students will be recognized during the **2010 IUPUI Outstanding Student Recognition Dinner, Friday, April 9** at the Indianapolis Marriott, 350 W. Maryland Street.
- Creative Activity** A photograph taken in Nigeria by **Scott Pegg** (Political Science) was chosen for the cover of this month's *Perspectives on Politics*. His photo introduces the American Political Association's special issue on gender and politics and is the first time a full color cover photo has been used in *Perspectives* history.
- Awards** **Susan Hyatt**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, is the recipient of the Indiana Campus Compact's (ICC) 2010 *Brian Douglas Hiltunen Award for the Outstanding Contribution to the Scholarship of Engagement*. ICC cited Hyatt's "hands-on, community-based, collaborative research project" in Indianapolis' Community Heights neighborhood as indicative of the professor's engagement in civic activities that integrate her teaching and research.

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- Books** **Jason Kelly**, Assistant Professor of British History, writes of one of the most prominent and influential organizations of the British Enlightenment during the eighteenth century in *The Society of Dilettanti: Archaeology and Identity in the British Enlightenment* (Yale University Press). His approach examines the social and cultural nuances of the Dilettanti's membership, as well as exploring the development of archaeology. Kelly will sign copies of the book at Barnes & Noble (IUPUI), March 29., from 12-2 p.m.
- Books** Associate Professor of German **Daniel Nützel** recently completed two books:
- *The Moribund East Franconian Dialect of Haysville, Indiana: A Study in Language Death*. Regensburger Dialektforum, Vol. 15. (Edition Vulpes, 2009)
 - *The German-Bohemian Dialect Remembered*, by Paul R. Kretsch (Edinburgh Press, 2009)
- Nützel is also the holder of the Hoyt-Reichmann Chair and the Director of the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies
- Awards** *The 2010 Joseph T. Taylor Excellence in Diversity Awards* were presented in February to **Jennifer Thorington-Springer**, Assistant Professor of English, and the Multicultural Teaching Community of Practice (MCTOP). Liberal Arts members of the MTCOP include Thorington Springer and **Gina Sánchez Gibau** (Anthropology) and **Najja Modibo** (Africana Studies). The awards recognize contributions to diversity on the IUPUI campus.
- Events** Professor Emerita of History and Religious Studies, **Jan Shipps**, has been selected by the IUPUI Senior Academy to deliver the 2010 "Last Lecture." The event will be held at 1 pm on April 30th in the University Library Lilly Auditorium. For more information, contact SAcademy@iupui.edu.
- Books** **Rosalie Vermette**, Professor of French, is the co-editor of *France in the Twenty-First Century: New Perspectives/La France au XXIe Siecle: Nouvelles Perspectives* (Summa Publications, 2009). This book is a follow-up to a very well received 2000 volume on contemporary French culture.
- Books** A new book by Professor **Dennis Bingham** (English/Film Studies), *Whose Lives Are They Anyway?* (Rutgers University Press), examines the evolution of male and female film biography. Biopics, films that dramatize the lives of the famous and the infamous, have been nominated for and won more Academy Awards than any other film genre.
- Events** Finish off the semester with *Out of this World Wednesdays: Asking the Big Questions about Life through the Lens of Star Trek*. Attendees will view select episodes from various Star Trek television series and then discuss fundamental questions about human nature, morality, society, and religion. Join in the fun on March 31, April 14 and April 28 from 7-9 pm in Room 010 of the Science (LD) building. Associate Professor of Philosophy **Jason Eberl** will facilitate the conversations.

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