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- Honors** **Nancy Newton**, associate professor of Spanish, was inducted into the Order of the Discoverers, one of highest honors bestowed by Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. Newton's exceptional service to the profession and her loyal promotion to the ideals of the society have earned her this distinction.
- Outreach** The **Spanish Resource Center** hosted a *Visiting Teachers' Workshop* for 32 Spanish teachers from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, as well as IUPUI students in the MA in Teaching Spanish program. The professional development workshop provided activities to make a class more interesting to 21st-century students, various ways to integrate technology into the classroom and traditional and alternative models of evaluation.
- Grants** The **Santayana Edition** received a Research Support Fund Grant of \$34,959 from the IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to continue the Edition's work and to strengthen its competitiveness in seeking additional external funding.
- Scholarly Activity** The **Peirce Edition Project**, an international center for research related to the works of Charles Sanders Peirce (1839-1914), has published Volume 8 of *Writings of Charles S. Peirce: A Chronological Edition*. The principal philosophical achievement heralded in volume 8 is Peirce's celebrated Monist metaphysical project, consisting of five classic articles that lay out the chief operative principles of an evolutionary cosmology resting on the reality of absolute chance, continuity and love.
- Alumni** On December 19, **Matthew Markoff**, a 2003 Political Science graduate, raised funds to build a new educational facility for underprivileged students in Bodo, Nigeria, by rapping at the IUPUI Campus Center. After nine hours, 15 minutes and 15 seconds of rhyming, the Indianapolis native broke the Guinness World Record for longest freestyle rap, previously set at eight hours, 45 minutes by Canadian emcee D.O. in 2003.
- Grants** The Indiana Humanities Council (IHC) awarded \$21,038 to **Philip Scarpino**, professor of history, for a collaborative project to gather oral histories from people affected by the 2008 floods in southern Indiana. The interview recordings and transcripts will be housed in the IHC collection and the IUPUI University Library Special Collections and Archives.
- Recognition** *Cooling Board*, authored by Assistant Professor of English **Mitchell Douglas**, has been nominated for an NAACP Image Award in the Outstanding Literary Work-Poetry category. A committee of 300 industry professionals and NAACP leaders from across the country selected five nominees in each of 53 categories.
- Fellowships** Professor of Sociology **Linda Haas** received a Visiting Scholar Fellowship of \$50,944 from Gothenburg University in Sweden. During her residence, Haas will continue work on a three-year, interdisciplinary research project on paid parental leaves for fathers.
- Grants** Three Liberal Arts researchers each have received an IUPUI Arts and Humanities grant. **Susan Hyatt**, associate professor of anthropology, received \$4,975 for her project titled "Change Agents in a Time of Political Upheaval: An Oral History of Britain's Community Development Projects." Professor of English **Karen Kovacik** received \$5,000 for her project titled "Beyond Trauma: Translating Post-Communist Representations of Poland in Agnieszka Kuciak's *Distant Lands*." Associate Professor of Religious Studies **Rachel Wheeler** received \$8,600 for her project titled "Revolutions in Faith: Five Generations of a Mohican-Moravian Family, 1740-1815."

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