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International

Geography Professor **Rick Bein** and Sociology faculty member **Marci Littlefield** were recently awarded **International Service Learning Curriculum Development Grants** from IUPUI's Center for Service and Learning. The grants are designed to support faculty as they integrate service learning into study abroad programs for IUPUI undergraduates.

Grants

The government of Canada has awarded **David Weiden** (Political Science/Paralegal Studies) an external Faculty Research Grant for his study, "**The Impact and Influence of Law Clerks at the Supreme Court of Canada.**" The study investigates whether clerks influence the judicial progress at the Canadian high court, illuminating the interplay between judges and clerks within the Supreme Court through use of surveys and interviews.

Students

David Allison, a history graduate student, was one of two IUPUI students to be awarded the **2008 Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders**. The award, created in 2002 by the Indiana Humanities Council and the Office of the Governor of Indiana, is awarded to 12 Indiana students annually. Recipients are selected based on their ability to apply the humanities in the areas of entrepreneurial success, community engagement and academic and cultural achievement. In 2007, Allison managed the development and opening of Discovery Station, Conner Prairie's hands-on play and learning area for children aged two to eight. In his current role as experience design manager, David is developing new areas and experiences at Conner Prairie that will debut in the next few years.

Research

This fall, **Robert Sandy**, Professor of Economics, presented at the National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Economic Aspects of Obesity. Sandy is a member of a research team examining the impact of changing neighborhood factors, such as restaurants and recreational amenities, on the obesity of children. Though existing studies suggest that nearby fast food raises children's weights and supermarkets lower them, preliminary results of this study indicate that if you compare weights for the same child before and after an amenity moves near the child you find the opposite. In terms of recreational amenities baseball and kickball diamonds that opened up near a child's home were found to reduce their weight, as well as recreation paths, such as the Monon Trail.

Students

The Paralegal Program, in the Department of Political Science, was recently selected for the newest chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), the national paralegal honors society. IUPUI joins a select group of approximately 95 colleges and universities who host LEX chapters.

Events

Join the faculty, staff, students, and alumni for a **series of events** hosted by Liberal Arts this spring:

- The Twentieth Annual Joseph Taylor Symposium, "Renewing the American Promise" - 2/26
- Deans' Day, "Homicide Investigation: From Crime Scene to Court" - 3/7
- The Sabbatical Speaker Series, featuring faculty from Economics, Religious Studies, World Languages & Cultures, and English - Various dates throughout the semester
- Visit <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu> for information on these and many more events.

Grants

The "**Wise Women: Third-Wave Feminist reclaiming Her-story**" project organized by **Venessa Bowers** (Communication Studies), **Nancy Robertson** (History), and Jacqueline Bell (Social Work) has received a Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative grant. The research team will conduct ethnographic interviews to collect oral histories from women's everyday lived experience and activism.

Service

The Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center has awarded **Susan Brin Hyatt** a grant to enable her Ethnographic Methods class to publish a community history booklet for the Community Heights neighborhood. Students enrolled in the Spring 2009 semester course will focus on interviewing neighborhood residents, visiting community institutions and conducting archival research using the IUPUI University Library and Indiana State archives to produce the booklet.

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