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Students

Eugene Pride and **Maureen Meyer**, two **Individualized Major Program** students, are participating in the **Governor's Summer Internship Program**. The statehouse program was created in 1989 to introduce college students to the operations and officials of government. Applicants are selected based on a demonstration of their abilities through academic and extracurricular achievements. Both Maureen, majoring in Ethnobotany, and Eugene, in Organizational Management and Training, plan to graduate in 2010.

Faculty

The School of Liberal Arts is proud to announce the following **promotions**, effective July 1, 2009:

To Full Professor:

Edward Curtis (Religious Studies)

Andre De Tienne (Philosophy)

Ch. Didier Gondola (History)

Peter Thuesen (Religious Studies)

To Associate Professor:

Carrie Foote (Sociology)

To Senior Lecturer:

M. Catherine Beck (English)

Robert Beck (Geography)

Francia Kissel (English)

Melvin Wininger (English)

Alumni

Anthropology graduate **Daniel Incandela** (BA 1999) will be the keynote speaker at **New Zealand's National Digital Forum**, a coalition of museums, archives, art galleries, libraries and government departments committed to developing that country's culture and heritage on the World Wide Web. Director of New Media at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA), Daniel has been responsible for conceptualizing and building the IMA's digital programming and creating a team of innovators in the field of museum technology.

Research

Timothy Brothers (Associate Professor of Geography) has received a grant from the **National Geographic Society** for his project, "The Continuing Revolution: A Half Century of Cuban Landscape Change." For the project, Dr. Brothers will collaborate with Cuban scholars and geographers to study post-revolutionary landscape change in rural Cuba using aerial photos and satellite imagery, laying the groundwork for a book on the topic.

Excellence

Recognizing faculty excellence in Liberal Arts, at the Chancellor's Honors Convocation, **Richard E Ward**, Professor of Anthropology, received the **Alvin S. Bynum Award for Excellence in Academic Mentoring**, which recognizes faculty who put extra effort toward helping students succeed. Geography Professor **Rick Bein** was given the **Chancellor's Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement** for fostering civic engagement opportunities between students and the community. Both **Obioma N. Nnaemeka**, Professor of French/Women's Studies, and **Marianne S. Woceck**, Professor of History and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, were named **Chancellor's Professors**. Only one additional IUPUI faculty member received this honor.

International

The Medical Humanities Program in the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Social Work have initiated a partnership with China's **Peking University Health Science Center** to collaborate on a number of projects. The partnership will create opportunities for IUPUI students and faculty to work in China, as well as foster research initiatives both here and abroad. The Medical Humanities Program recently received an International Development grant of \$15,000 from the Office of International Affairs at IUPUI to support this collaboration.

Academics

The Department of Economics announces a new **Ph.D. in Economics** with a primary concentration in health economics. The degree is the second doctoral program in Liberal Arts; the first is the Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies.

International

English major **Cristin Johnson** (Creative Writing) and faculty members **Susan Shepherd** (English) and **Kelly Hayes** (Religious Studies) are part of a group of 16 IUPUI students, faculty, and staff and IPS teachers visiting Kenya this July as part of a Fulbright travel award. Cristin is also being featured in the IUPUI Summer Impact program. Check out her blog and learn about her trip at <http://www.iupui.edu/summerimpact/cris>.

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