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- Books** **Peter Thuesen**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, has published *Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious Doctrine* (Oxford University Press), which traces the history of debates, from Puritan New England to contemporary megachurches, over the idea that God foreordains each person's eternal destiny.
- Grants** Researchers from the **Institute for Research on Social Issues (IRSI)** have received awards totaling \$616,325:
- **David C. Bell** (Sociology), National Institutes for Health, "*Networks of Heterosexual Risk and HIV, Year 2*"
 - **John Parrish-Sprowl** (Communication Studies), Margards Heartspring Foundation, "*Communication for Behavioral Impact (COMBI) Projects*"
 - **James Wolf** (Sociology/Survey Research Center), Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, "*Public Attitudes Toward Second-Hand Smoke, 2009-2010*"
- Students** **Graduate students** from the **Communication Studies Department** recently presented papers at the Communication and Culture Conference in Poland. Their research topics ranged from language and gender in relation to Sarah Palin to intercultural dating patterns and rhetorical analysis of the film "Super Size Me."
- Research** **Tamara Leech** (Sociology) will conduct a pilot study of public safety concerns and neighborhood collective efficacy in Indianapolis' MidNorth district. Funded by a \$34,980 from the IUPUI Research Support Funds Grant (RSFG) Program, Liberal Arts own **Survey Research Center** will perform the telephone interviews.
- Community** On May 28, 2009, Anthropology Professor and Chair **Paul Mullins**, author of *Glazed America: A History of the Doughnut*, served as one of two judges for the bake-off competition of the "Create Dunkin's Next Donut Contest." Mullins was one of two judges at the Dunkin' Donuts University event where he sampled the final 12 doughnuts from the more than 130,000 "recipes" Americans submitted in the contest.
- Service** **Archana Dube**, Senior Lecturer in Economics, and **Anne Beeson Royalty**, Associate Professor of Economics, are working on an evaluation of fee processes at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.
- Awards** **Richard Gunderman**, professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts and philanthropy has been named an American College of Radiology (ACR) Fellow. The Fellowship is one of the highest honors given by the association and is reserved for members who have attained eminence in their specialty.
- Research** Assistant Professor **Dan Johnson** (Geography) was awarded a grant from NASA's Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES) program to develop an improved warning system for extreme heat-events in cities. The objectives of the research include improving accuracy in vulnerability forecasting and helping to better plan for distribution of resources in response to urban heat waves. Johnson has also received support from the IUPUI Research Support Funds Grant program for a similar project.
- Leadership** **Dr. David Pfeifer** will become Director of the **Institute for American Thought (IAT)** on July 1, 2009. Since 2005, Pfeifer has been a visiting lecturer in Philosophy at IUPUI. Previously, Pfeifer was a faculty member and administrator at Principia College where his thirty-one year career included seven years as president.
- International** Associate Professors **Tim Brothers** (Geography) and **Rosa Tezanos-Pinto** (World Languages and Cultures) have been awarded an IU Overseas Study Program Development Grant to develop a joint Spanish/Geography field course in the Dominican Republic.

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