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- Students** 13 student-researchers, under the direction of Anthropology Department faculty member **Susan Hyatt**, took part in a **community-based research course** this past spring and explored the neighborhood now known as Community Heights on Indianapolis' east side. The tangible result of this research is a booklet, *Eastside Story: Portrait of a Neighborhood on the Suburban Frontier*. The students who participated are **Margaret Baurley, Daniel Branstrator, Jesse Brown, Robyn Bullock, Molly Dagon, Barbara DeRose, Autumn Langley, Olivia Lobdell, Andrea McLaughlin, Brad Miller, Courtney Singleton, Clare Smith, and Stephanie Yarian**.
- Faculty** This past August in Abuja, Nigeria, **Obioma Nnaemeka** (Professor of French, Women's Studies and African American Studies) organized and presided over the 4th Women in Africa and the African Diaspora (WAAD) International Conference. The conference's main theme was **"Education, Gender & Sustainable Development in the Age of Globalization."** About 15 individuals from Indiana attended, including IUPUI undergraduate and graduate students, as well as several faculty members.
- Academics** **The Department of Economics** will recruit its **first class of Ph.D. students** for fall 2010. The program has two main concentrations, Health Economics and Philanthropy/Nonprofits Economics, each of which build on two of the strengths of the IUPUI campus. Prospective applicants should contact Professor **Anne Royalty**, Director of Graduate Studies at royalty@iupui.edu.
- Contracts** **The Survey Research Center**, directed by Sociology faculty member **James Wolf**, received a contract from the BBC Research and Consulting Corporation for \$117,900 for a study to determine the extent to which Indiana businesses with state contracts include women and minority business enterprises.
- Publications** **Rosa Tezanos-Pinto** (Associate Professor of Spanish) co-edited two books: *La Mujer en la Literatura del Mundo Hispánico* and *La Poesía de Alejandro Guillermo Roemmers. Celebración de la existencia*.
- Research** **Anne Royalty** (Associate Professor of Economics) and Stanford University co-authors, Kate Bundorf and Laurence Baker, published an article in the policy journal, *Health Affairs*, exploring the sources of the growth in **health care costs** from 2001 to 2006. Written for a lay audience and published in an important health policy journal, the piece is likely to be influential in the consideration of health policy reform.
- Research** In fiscal year 2009, the School of Liberal Arts researchers received **75 awards totaling \$7,448,457**, second only to the School of Medicine in IUPUI-based schools. These awards came with more than \$1.2 million in indirect costs, 80% of which are distributed to the School, the Project Director and the PD's department or center to support additional research endeavors.
- Awards** **Julie Belz** (Associate Professor of English) has won the **2009 Paul Pimsleur Award for Research in Foreign Language Education** for her article published in *Language Learning & Technology*. The award is given by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Modern Language Journal to the author(s) of an outstanding contribution to research in foreign language or second language education, and is based on the quality of the research and its potential impact on foreign language learning or teaching.
- Centers** Over the past few months, **The Institute for American Thought** welcomed visiting scholars from the University of Wolverhampton, UK; Florida State University; Brigham Young University; Center for Inquiry, SUNY-Buffalo; Pontifical University of São Paulo, Brazil; Free University of Berlin; and the University of Kansas.

- Events** Former Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut and Braddock, Pennsylvania Mayor John Fetterman will go head-to-head in the re-vamped **Public Conversation** on November 15. This event closes the **2009 Spirit & Place Festival** with a conversation on the "Inspiring Places" theme. Visit www.spiritandplace.org for information.
- Faculty** In September, the Chicago center of The Instituto Cervantes, the largest international Spanish teaching organization worldwide, launched the English publication of *And What Have You Done?* (2008 Latin American Literary Review Press). The book is **Enrica Ardemagni's** (Associate Professor in the Department of World Languages and Cultures) translation of award-winning Peruvian author Jose Castro Urioste's novel. At the launch Professor Ardemagni and author Castro Urioste presented "Reading in Two Voices," a bilingual reading of sections of the novel, followed by a short presentation on literary translation for an audience of about 120.
- Events** September 26-27, the **Institute for American Thought**, along with **The Santayana Edition, the Department of Philosophy**, and the **American Studies Program**, hosted the annual meeting of the Midwest Pragmatist Study Group. This 2-day philosophy conference has been held at IUPUI the last two years. IUPUI will become the permanent home of this annual philosophy conference.
- Centers** On October 6, S. T. Joshi, the well-known biographer and editor of H. P. Lovecraft and scholar of supernatural fiction, reviewed Ray Bradbury's correspondence held by the **Center for Ray Bradbury Studies** in conjunction with his on-going research. Joshi also gave two talks, October 6 and 7, sponsored jointly by the American Studies Program, the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies, the Institute for American Thought, and the IUPUI 40th Anniversary Speakers Fund.
- Community** More than 300 students from 25 area high schools participated in a workshop for Hispanic youth about preparing for college and careers on October 2. **META/Mapping Education Toward Achievement** began in 2001 as a collaborative effort between **Enrica Ardemagni** (Associate Professor in the Department of World Languages and Cultures) and the Indiana Department of Education/English Language Learning & Migrant Education. Partners include the School of Liberal Arts, Indianapolis Public Schools, IVY Tech, IUPUI Office of Multicultural Outreach, La Plaza, Inc., Lewis & Kappes, and the Latino Youth Collective. In addition to boosting college enrollment of Hispanic students in central Indiana, META organizers focus on the program's impact in reducing high school dropout rates among Hispanic students.
- Awards** **Gen Shaker**, Associate Director of Development and External Affairs, and collaborators have been awarded the **Robert J. Menges Award for Outstanding Research in Educational Development** for a session to be presented at the Professional and Organizational Development Network conference in Houston, Texas at the end of October. Shaker's session, with IUPUI faculty Nancy Chism and Megan Palmer, is titled, "Understanding and Supporting Full-time Nontenure-track (FTNT) Faculty: A Welcome Change." The work was recognized for its rigorous research and its potential impact on the field of faculty development and was one of only three selected for the award.

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