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Students

Eighteen IU Liberal Arts students are among **IUPUI's "Top 100" students** to be honored at the 10th annual Top 100 Outstanding Students Recognition dinner on Friday, April 2, 2009. Sponsored by the IUPUI Alumni Council and the Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR) the "Top 100" Student Recognition Awards are made based on academic success, extracurricular activities, and community engagement. The students are juniors and seniors from a range of Liberal Arts majors including Sociology, Communication Studies, and the Individualized Major Program.

Events

The **Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication** (ICIC) will celebrate its 10th Anniversary with a symposium entitled, "Language in Healthcare: Future Views." For more information on the March 31st event, visit the ICIC website at http://www.iupui.edu/~icic/.

Research

Nancy Rhodes, Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Researcher in the Institute for Research on Social Issues (IRSI), received a grant from the Injury Control Research Center of the University of Alabama, Birmingham, for the fifth year of a project entitled *Behavioral Study to Reduce DUI and Youth Risky Driving*. Her research this year examines the effects of social influence on simulated driving behavior, and investigates the role of attitudes and norms in teen drivers' processing of messages designed to reduce drunk driving.

Service

Dean of Liberal Arts and Professor of Political Science **William Blomquist** has been appointed by Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard to head the *Indianapolis Infrastructure Advisory Committee*. "The city is very fortunate that Professor Bill Blomquist...has agreed to chair this group, which will identify and review a wide range of creative solutions to fund our most critical infrastructure needs," the mayor said while announcing of the committee during his state of the city address.

Research

The Survey Research Center has received a contract from Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation to conduct telephone surveys in several Indiana counties. The surveys will generate information on public attitudes and beliefs toward second-hand smoke and the level of support for smoke-free ordinances.

Awards

Associate Professor of Geography **Owen Dwyer** has been honored with a *2008 Globe Book Award for Public Understanding of Geography* for his book, *Civil Rights Memorials and the Geography of Memory*, co-written with Derek H. Alderman, an associate professor at East Carolina University. In what is the first book published on the topic, Dwyer and Alderman explore the parks, museums, streets and monuments honoring those involved in the civil rights movement, considering the movement's history, present and future. The award includes recognition at the AAG national meeting and a cash award.

Service

Anne Royalty, Associate Professor of Economics, has joined the *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy* editorial board, joining editors from universities such as Stanford, Boston University, London School of Economics, UC Berkeley, and Paris School of Economics. The journal publishes a yearly electronic edition that is updated continuously.

Awards

As a nominee for the *29th Annual Minority Business & Professional Achievers Award*, History professor **Didier Gondola** was among those honored at the Center for Leadership Development's awards dinner.

Awards

Andre De Tienne, Director and General Editor of the Peirce Edition Project and Associate Professor of Philosophy, received an *IUPUI Research Support Funds Grant* for a one-year project called "The Writings of Charles S. Peirce, Volumes 9 and 11."

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