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Dean of Liberal Arts Will Lead New Jersey College

Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, will become the next president of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (RSC).

Saatkamp has been dean since 1998. He will assume the presidency of the New Jersey public liberal arts college of about 6,500 students on July 1.

Under Saatkamp's leadership, the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI has more than doubled the number of graduate degree programs offered, adding five master's degree programs and three graduate certificate programs.

Enrollments have increased by nearly 10% and the number of degrees granted by more than 22%. The school also significantly increased its endowment for student scholarships to more than \$2 million, raised \$9.3

million as part of the campus-wide fundraising campaign, and established endowments for four faculty chair positions during Saatkamp's tenure.

In addition, the School of Liberal Arts developed the Max Kade Center for German American Studies and the Institute for American Thought, and played a significant role in the establishment of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics.

"Herman Saatkamp has added great value to liberal arts, IUPUI and the Indianapolis community during his tenure in office," said IUPUI Acting Chancellor **William Plater**. "He has become a spokesperson for the importance and value of liberal education as the foundation on which a free and democratic society depends."

Saatkamp came to IUPUI

in 1998 from Texas A & M University. At RSC, he will replace **Vera King Farris** who retired after 20 years as president.

At IUPUI, Saatkamp is also a professor of philosophy, medical and molecular genetics, American studies and philanthropic studies. Saatkamp, who holds a doctoral degree from Vanderbilt

University, is also past president of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

For the past 26 years, Saatkamp has served as general editor of the Santayana Edition. The Institute for American Thought in the School of Liberal Arts will remain the home of the Santayana Edition after



Dean Herman and Dot Saatkamp

Saatkamp's departure.

Professor **Robert White** of the Sociology Department has been named as the interim dean effective June 15. White served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the school from 1999-2002, and will lead the school until a permanent successor for Dean Saatkamp is appointed.

Connor Named Zimmer Chair in Intercultural Communication



Dr. Ulla Connor

The founder of a program that has helped more than 200 Indiana businesses and nonprofit agencies bridge cross-cultural communication gaps in their workplaces will spearhead the advancement of intercultural communication at IUPUI.

English Professor **Ulla M. Connor**, founder and director

of the Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC), is the first individual to be appointed to the Barbara E. and Karl R. Zimmer Faculty Chair in Intercultural Communication.

The Zimmer chair is funded by a \$1 million endowment gift to the IU School of Liberal Arts from **Karl and Barbara Zimmer**. The Zimmers are co-chairs of the Liberal Arts Campaign.

"Karl and I are pleased that an internationally acclaimed scholar of Professor Connor's stature, one known worldwide for her outstanding linguistic research, will occupy the chair we have endowed," Barbara

Zimmer said.

"The ideal choice," Karl echoed.

Connor has served as ICIC director since founding the organization five years ago.

Using a linguistics-based approach, ICIC provides customized training for organizations and individuals looking for solutions to problems in intercultural settings.

"ICIC will continue to support Indiana's multinational corporations and locally-based companies by translating its state-of-the-art language and communication research into effective language and culture training for professional employees in

many arenas," Connor said.

Connor is also an adjunct professor in women's studies and philanthropic studies at IUPUI. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Helsinki and master's degrees from the University of Helsinki and the University of Florida. Connor holds a doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin. She was recently inducted into the Finnish Academy of Arts and Letters, one of that nation's highest academic achievements.

The author of about 100 journal articles and book chapters, Connor has also authored/edited four books.

A Message from the Dean

Dear Friend,

Your interest in and support of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI has been one of the central elements of what has made my tenure here worthwhile. It is, therefore, with considerable emotion that I must inform you that I have made the difficult decision to accept the position of President of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, effective July 1, 2003. I have treasured my association with IUPUI and with the School. It has been a rich and rewarding experience.

My confidence and pride in the School of Liberal Arts remains firm. Together, we have accomplished much. It has been a focus of mine since coming to the School to strengthen our relationship with you and other alumni. To this end, we instituted this newsletter, the monthly e-newsletter, the new student and graduating seniors receptions, the "Breakfast with the Experts" series, and other activities, publications, and opportunities that will continue. I am also especially proud of the Institute for American Thought (see article on next page) which will serve to raise the profile of Liberal Arts even further. This is important not only for attracting new students, but also because the more people who know about this school and the quality of its programs, the more meaningful your diploma becomes.

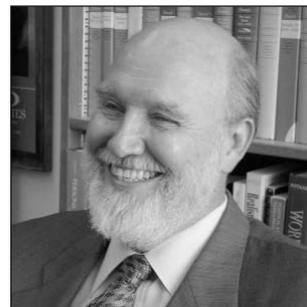
In this short space, I cannot fully express the complexity of my decision. The IU School of Liberal Arts is leading from a position of strength, resulting from the hard work and dedication of a superb staff and faculty. Your support has made all the difference, and I thank you.

During this coming year Professor **Robert White**, Department of Sociology, will serve as the school's Acting Dean. Bob is a good and able administrator, and I am confident that I am leaving the school in good hands. In future issues of this newsletter, we will keep you informed about the progress of a search for my successor, as well as other developments in the life of the school. In the meantime, please accept my gratitude for your interest. There will be time for good-byes later.

Cordially,



Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.
Dean



Dean Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.

Sánchez Gibau wins 2003 Taylor Diversity Award



Dr. Gina Sánchez Gibau (c) with students Sarah Abrams (l) and Thavary Krouch (r) at the Taylor Symposium on February 14.

Flowers in hand, students **Thavary Krouch** and **Sarah Abrams** arrived at the Taylor Symposium lunch on February 14 to celebrate their professor, **Dr. Gina Sánchez Gibau**.

At the luncheon, Dr. Sánchez Gibau, a third year

faculty member in the Anthropology Department, was awarded the Joseph T. Taylor Excellence in Diversity Award.

Dr. Sánchez Gibau was nominated by her department chair, Richard Ward who wrote of her "outstanding

contributions to the academics of our institution." He also noted that, "she has actively contributed to the campus community."

The nomination of Dr. Sánchez Gibau focused on innovative academic activities and letters of support from committee members and many students (including Krouch and Abrams).

The Joseph Taylor

Excellence in Diversity Awards were created by IUPUI in 2001 to honor **Dr. Joseph Taylor** (1913-2000), first dean of the School of Liberal Arts, and to recognize outstanding achievements in diversity (individual and program).

Dr. Sánchez Gibau was one of two winners in the individual category.

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Professor Robert White Named Acting Dean



Dr. Robert White

Former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Robert W. White** will be appointed acting dean of the School of Liberal Arts following the announcement that Dean Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. will become president of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

White, a professor of sociology, served as associate dean from 1999-2002. A specialist in social movements and political sociology, Dr. White has written extensively on issues of terrorism and political violence. Following the events of September 11, 2001, he played a leadership role in bringing a grieving campus together for public discussions of the issues surrounding terrorist threats and our nation's response.

In addition to numerous journal articles, he is the author of *Provisional Irish Republicans: An Oral and Interpretive History* and co-editor of *Self, Identity, and Social Movements*.

White holds 3 degrees from Indiana University.

Learning Through Service: Dr. Elizabeth Brand Monroe



Dr. Elizabeth Brand Monroe

As a graduate student, **Dr. Elizabeth Brand Monroe**, Associate Professor of History, wasn't an intern. It's not that she didn't want to be one, rather that she didn't know what an "intern" was. The internship, now ubiquitous on all college campuses, didn't exist at the universities where

she did her undergraduate and master's degrees.

Interestingly, Dr. Monroe, the Thomas Ehrlich Awardee for Service Learning (Indiana University's highest honor for faculty commitment to service learning)

has gone on to a career full of interns in her role, since 1994, as Director of the Public History Program.

At IUPUI, public history master's students are trained in traditional historical skills (research, analysis, communication) but with an emphasis on delivering historical scholarship to diverse audiences. Graduate work in public history prepares students for careers in museums, historical societies, archives and libraries, historic preservation organizations, government agencies, corporations, law

firms, and historical consulting firms.

By its very nature, therefore, the study of public history is best when paired with a service learning component, providing students with practical training to compliment their academic experience. From working for state agencies, university documentary editing centers, public and private libraries, museums of all types, and historical organizations, the interns often do projects that wouldn't get done without their help.

Currently an intern at the Indiana Historical Society, graduate student **Traci Rucker**, says, "The internship component of IUPUI's Public History Program is what

"Dr. Monroe's program draws students from across the nation, who are attracted in large part by the significant service learning opportunities."
--Phil Scarpino
Chair, History

separates it from similar programs."

Rucker continues, "Internship experience is invaluable in this competitive field. Liz Monroe is a proactive director and works hard to

ensure that both students and institutions with public history interns recognize the potential of internship opportunities."

Dr. Monroe says that as director of the program she leads by doing through service on several boards and steering committees--producing brochures, working on exhibits, introducing speakers, and organizing workshops. As a volunteer, Dr. Monroe is the "intern" that she never had a chance to be, constantly gaining hands-on experience in the field doing exactly what she teaches others to do.

Taking IUPUI International: Dr. Giles Hoyt

The year: 1993. International programs at IUPUI: Decentralized and underdeveloped. The solution: Establish the Office of International Affairs (OIA) and name **Dr. Giles Hoyt** as associate dean.

Fast forward to 2003. Hoyt is awarded the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies by IU.

What happened at IUPUI during these 9 years? The OIA now has 20 employees and international programs are centralized in the office. IUPUI has about 850 international students and countless study abroad programs, international collaborations, visiting scholars and international researchers and employees. There is also a strategic plan in place, formulated by Hoyt and others that calls for further expansion and development of all these programs.
Gabrielle Bersier, Chair



Dr. Giles Hoyt

of the Department of World Languages & Cultures (WLAC), says, "Hoyt...greatly expanded the range and intensity of international initiatives."

Not only did Hoyt support existing programs, Bersier says, he was essential in the development of new programs across campus.

These days, Hoyt has returned full-time to WLAC as a professor of German, and to his first international love, studying the history of German immigration and culture in the Midwest.

New Institute is Unique



From left: Dr. Nathan Houser, Dr. Marianne Woceck, Dr. John McKivigan, and Dr. Jon Eller, the IAT's leadership.

The **Institute for American Thought (IAT)** in the School of Liberal Arts combines undergraduate programs with one of the nation's highest concentrations of documentary editions. Created to provide a cohesive research and teaching unit with a focus on American thought, the Institute is now home to the Peirce Edition Project, the Frederick Douglass Papers, the *Works of George Santayana*, the Center for American Studies, the American Studies program, the graduate certificate and eventually the graduate program in Professional and Technical Editing.

A major public research center based on the combined and substantial research holdings of its three editions. The IAT already attracts national and international scholars to IUPUI. The new structure will increase the level of scholarship in American thought as well as provide

support for the new M.A. program in philosophy.

Professor of Philosophy **Nathan Houser** has been named as Director of the IAT; Associate Professor of History **Marianne Woceck** as Director of American Studies; and Professor of English **Jon Eller** as Director of Graduate Studies. As Director of the Frederick Douglass Papers, Professor of History **John McKivigan** will round out the IAT's leadership.

The Institute for American Thought is based on the distinguished scholarship that has long been a part of the IU School of Liberal Arts through the leadership of Professor and Chair of Religious Studies **Rowland Sherrill**, former Director of the American Studies Program, the Peirce Edition Project, the 1998 arrivals of the Frederick Douglass Papers and the Santayana Edition, the long-standing American Studies undergraduate program, and the new graduate programs.

Featured Events



Dean's office staff member, **Becky Renollet**, with her door prize (the pineapple) at the Liberal Arts Campus Campaign Kickoff.

- May 5 Theatre at IUPUI Exhibit Opening Reception**
Exhibit curated by the Museum Methods class
University Library, first floor lobby, 5:30-7 pm
*Exhibit runs through June 12.
- May 9 Graduating Seniors Reception**
Lilly House, 6-7:30 pm
Reservations required, 278-1839
- May 11 Commencement**
RCA Dome & Convention Center
- Sept 12 Celebration of Scholarship**
University Place Hotel Ballroom, 4-6 pm
- Sept 13 Explore IUPUI**
Campus-wide, 10 am-3 pm
- Sept 13 Liberal Arts Alumni Reunion**
University Place Ballroom, 12-1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 13

Explore IUPUI
10 am-3 pm

Liberal Arts Alumni Reunion
Luncheon, 12-1:30 pm

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Notes from the Alumni Board

By Bruce Beal, BA 1997,
Political Science/Sociology

Recently, I accepted the dean's invitation to become a member of our school's alumni association. There are two main reasons I accepted. The first is based on self-interest; the second is rooted in obligation.

First, I see the IU Alumni Association as a good resource for job leads, as well as current information about IUPUI, the School of Liberal Arts and IU. It is a good way to make new friendships and renew old ones, and to share time with other people who have graduated from the same school and who have had many of the same student experiences I had.

My second, and more important reason is that I am repaying a debt and building for the future. I have benefited greatly from the things I learned at IUPUI.

This university did not spring up magically from the streets of Indianapolis.

Someone planned it. Many people passed laws and created academic departments and paid taxes and made donations for many years so that I could have a university to attend. Indiana was the first state to require state government provide a college level education for its citizens. My generation was the first in our family to attend college. For more than six generations people in my family paid taxes and helped to build a university system that they could not afford to attend.

Then some smart folks at IU and PU decided to create IUPUI. This new university campus brought the opportunity of a college education within reach of my generation of working class Hoosiers. But merely building a college in Indianapolis would not have been enough. Like many IUPUI alumni, I was not well prepared to go

to college. I didn't know how to fill out the forms for financial aid, or pick out classes, or even where to park. Somehow, the faculty and administration managed to educate me (a little) in spite of my deficits in cultural capital. I have benefited greatly from these lessons learned at IUPUI and I owe it to the next generation

of working class kids growing up on the streets of Indianapolis to continue this proud Hoosier tradition of expanding educational opportunities.

Too many of our friends' and neighbors' children will find it hard, if not impossible, to attend any other university than IUPUI. We are alumni of a great public university. What more valiant cause could we be called to serve than to help insure better educational opportunities for the next group of talented

IUPUI students. John F. Kennedy once quoted the Biblical passage "To whom much is given, much is asked." For me, this means that I need to do for future generations what was done for me decades ago. I must help plan for somebody else's future.

Universities are built by people. People like the

professors and administrators and staff members at IUPUI and-yes-by people like you and me.

From where I sit tonight, the faculty, staff, and administrators,

have done their jobs - it is time for us to do ours. Will you please consider joining me in this effort, in whatever small way you are able, to secure for posterity the opportunities you now enjoy? Who knows, we might have some laughs and make some friends along the way?

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--Bruce Beal

A Voice for Liberal Arts



Isobel, center row at left, with the IU Telefund callers.

The School of Liberal Arts (and all IU/IUPUI schools) lost a friend at the end of 2002 with the death of **Isobel Neher**.

Isobel Neher worked for over 10 years helping bring alumni and friends closer to the School of Liberal Arts as one of the most dedicated and skilled callers in our

annual telefund drive.

Because she did so much for the school, we wanted to introduce her to you.

Isobel was an IU graduate, a

mother and grandmother, a teacher, and a supporter of our schools.

Without knowing her, many of you spoke with her as she worked to help raise support for Liberal Arts programs. You are likely to remember her soft Scottish accent, her love of learning, knowledge and

understanding of the university and our campus, and the stories you and she shared as she worked to strengthen the relationships between alumni and our School of Liberal Arts.

Isobel was born in Glasgow, Scotland, worked in Paris with NATO where she met her husband, a U.S. naval officer. After his career with the Navy (which took them around the globe), they moved to Indiana. She earned two degrees from IU, was a teacher at heart and had a love of learning. She championed efforts to expand the reading opportunities and access to books for young children in a number of communities, states and U.S. territories. She also understood and believed in the importance of alumni

remaining actively engaged with the school(s) from which they received their education.

Isobel had the knack of understanding that without the support of alumni and friends, a school was just a school. But with their support, a school became a living, breathing entity. She sought to bring alumni and our School of Liberal Arts together. We will miss her.

Those of you who remember Isobel may wish to know of a decision she reached before she lost her battle with cancer: to be remembered by encouraging as many people as possible to help increase child literacy by providing books to school or public libraries-or to volunteer to help children to earn to enjoy reading.



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Making a World of Difference for IUPUI



Agnes and Jim Beaudry (with Professor Gabrielle Bersier, at right)

Two recent gifts in support of scholarships for study abroad will be making a "world of difference" in future years.

Jim and Agnes Beaudry, retired French professors (Jim was a former chair of the French department at IUPUI. Agnes served on the French faculty of DePauw University) have created the Beaudry Scholarship for Prospective French Teachers through a charitable gift annuity. Their lifelong devotion to teaching

French inspired them to focus on what their professional experience taught them, excellence in teaching French cannot be achieved without the experience of living and learning in France. Thus, the Beaudry Scholarship will provide for at least a semester's study at a French university, in programs designed for training French teachers.

Likewise, **Jane and Fred Schlegel**, understanding that in today's world, the ability to move among cultures is perhaps one of the most valuable products of a liberal education, have funded through a gift of life

insurance, the Jane and Fred Schlegel Study Abroad Scholarship providing support for a student to gain that study abroad experience. Jane, a member of the Dean's Development Council, recently retired from the International Center of Indiana where she served as development director. Fred is a partner in the law firm of Baker and Daniels.

"We are deeply grateful to both couples for their visionary gifts. World events demonstrate daily the need for better understanding among cultures. This can only be achieved if we give our students opportunities that



Fred and Jane Schlegel

allow them to live and work in other countries as a part of their student experience," noted Dean Herman Saatkamp.

To learn more about charitable gift annuities and planned giving, contact Gail Plater, 317-278-1055, (gplater@iupui.edu).

Join the IU Alumni Association and get an automatic membership in the School of Liberal Arts Alumni Association!
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