All of us experience the challenge of intergroup communication as we work with people younger (or older), with different organizations, different cultures, or different languages. Professor Howard Giles’s research on intergroup communication is world-renowned, and he translates that research into practice. He is the inaugural keynote speaker for the Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) Faculty Showcase on March 22, 2012.

Currently in the Department of Communication at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Professor Giles is a Welsh-born, British-trained scholar. In his keynote, “Crossing the Thin Blue Line: Translating Intergroup Theory into Social Action," he will describe his most recent area of translational research: ways to improve the effectiveness of law enforcement teams when they must function together. In addition to related research on police-civilian interactions, he has also studied communication across occupations, ethnic groups, generations, and cultures (including gay/straight, male/female, physically challenged/able-bodied, etc.).

Professor Giles’ work is a perfect example of translating research into practice. He is the founding executive director of the Center on Police Practices and Community and augments his academic career with citizenship service as a Reserve Lieutenant in the Santa Barbara Police Department, where he has served on the Crisis Negotiation Response Team.

You are also invited to visit the Faculty Showcase featuring IUPUI’s translational researchers and their groundbreaking, nationally recognized work. Take the opportunity to speak with these scholars first hand. The event (details below) is free and open to the public, but we ask that you preregister here.

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 5 p.m.
(Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.)
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