

# FYI – JANUARY 2012

- Events** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Joseph T. Taylor Symposium** will take place on February 29, 2012. This year's theme is "The Campus for the Community" and will explore the symbiotic relationship between IUPUI and Indianapolis. As part of the School of Liberal Arts 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the symposium will ask such questions as how has the city shaped the university and what role has the university played in the growth of Indianapolis by examining urban higher education and the ways IUPUI students, faculty, and staff contribute to the city. Poster presentation proposals will be accepted through February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Joseph Taylor Symposium is part of the 2012 IndyTalks Series.
- Honors** **Jason Kelly**, Associate Professor of British History, was recently elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. The Society of Antiquaries of London is charged by the Royal Charter of 1751 with "the encouragement, advancement and furtherance of the study and knowledge of the antiquities and history of this and other countries." The society was founded in 1707 and is based at Burlington House in London, where the library, museum, and art collection is housed. The society also owns and manages Kelmscott Manor, the home of William Morris—the writer, designer, and socialist who died in 1896.
- Recognition** **Dr. Susan Brin Hyatt**, Associate Professor of Anthropology, was honored as the *IUPUI Impact Person of the Game* at the November 27, 2011 Indianapolis Colts game. A *Person of the Game* is recognized during each Colts home game for his or her outstanding contributions to the Indianapolis community. Working with students in her ethnographic research class, Hyatt has been documenting and preserving the histories of various Indianapolis communities. The winner of the Indiana Campus Compact's Brian Douglas Hiltunen Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Scholarship of Engagement, she also helped bring the Inside Out Prison Exchange Program to IUPUI that mixes students who are inside the Plainfield Reentry Educational Facility or the Indiana Women's Prison with IUPUI students in college classes.
- Presentations** In 2011, Professor **Obioma Nnaemeka**, Professor of Women's Studies and Africana Studies and Chancellor's Professor of French, delivered three keynote speeches. At the Afrikan History Week Celebrations in Oslo, Norway (September 15-18), she spoke on "African Perspectives on Gender and Social Transformation in the Age of Globalization". In June, at the African Leadership Center in Nairobi, Kenya: "Globalization, the Humanities and Feminist Transformations". In April she was the keynote speaker at the Indiana University 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Student Conference on "Women World Wide" held at IUPUI.
- Recognition** **Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, Associate Professor of Spanish, has been invited to join the North American Academy of the Spanish Language (Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Espanola), one of the highest honors for Hispanic writers and academics in the United States. Tezanos-Pinto will be a corresponding member of the Academy, which has 36 full-time members and approximately 150 corresponding members.
- Recognition** For the second year in a row, an article in *Journal of Teaching Writing*: "Flow and the Principle of Relevance: Bringing Our Dynamic Speaking Knowledge to Writing" was selected for inclusion in the forthcoming *Best Writing from Independent Composition and Rhetoric Journals: 2011* (Parlor Press). The goal of this volume, edited by Associate Professor of English **Kim Lovejoy**, is to demonstrate "the ability of independent journals to act as incubators for new ideas in the field." The review process features scholars/teachers from across institutional affiliations leading discussions within writing programs on the merits of nominated articles. Based upon these conversations, the anthology editors select twelve essays for inclusion.
- International** **Andre de Tienne**, Director and General Editor of the Peirce Edition Project and Professor of Philosophy, will be the keynote speaker in the Pierce Symposium at the Colombian Congress of Philosophy in September 2012. The conference will take place at the Universidad de Caldas in Manizales, Columbia and later that week, de Tienne will give a lecture on Peirce's semiotics at the Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lazano in Bogota. Before heading to Colombia, de Tienne will speak at the National Academy of Sciences in Buenos Aires, Argentina at their biannual Peirce symposium.
- Civic Engagement** Students in the Liberal Arts-sponsored **Law & Order Themed Learning Community (TLC)** collected over 50 coats this fall for Marion County ex-offenders served by PACE (Public Advocates in Community Re-Entry). The Learning Community was inspired to help when they learned PACE could not meet the demand for coats.

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## Students

**Lori Byrd Phillips**, a graduate student in Museum Studies, was recently appointed the role of US Cultural Partnerships Coordinator for the Wikimedia Foundation. As part of her new duties, she will be establishing an infrastructure for supporting Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums (GLAMs) in Wikimedia partnerships.

## Awards

The **ASL/English Interpreting Program** recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Greenwood's MedTech College. During a Career Day at the college, three Liberal Arts students—**Darin Mitchell**, **Adam Gray**, and **Lauren Bryson**—provided ASL interpreting, helping students and visitors staffing booths and tables with hearing disabilities communicate.

## Civic Engagement

Graduate and undergraduate students in a **Museum Studies** class entitled “Issues in Cultural Heritage” produced an exhibit exploring Indianapolis’ homeless population currently on display at the Indianapolis Central Library. The exhibit, called “What Does Homelessness Look Like?”, focuses on a homeless campsite located at the Davidson Street Bridge and uses photos, artifacts, and archaeological data to show how the homeless provide for themselves. The class, taught by professors **Larry Zimmerman** and **Elizabeth Kryder-Reid**, also installed an exhibit on the fourth floor of Cavanaugh Hall and created an e-book based on their work.

## Awards

**Kathleen Surina Grove**, J.D., director of the IUPUI Office for Women, was named the 2011 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the National Women’s Studies Association Women’s Center Committee. The National Women’s Studies Association award, presented Nov. 11 at the association’s national conference, recognizes “women working in women’s centers/gender equity centers who have accomplished a significant endeavor to improve the lives of women, and have addressed gender equity, sexism and other forms of oppression.”

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**Kevin Mickey**, Director of Professional Education and Outreach at **The Polis Center**, was recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his skill with teaching people to prepare for and protect themselves in the event of a hazard. Mickey was presented with a “Best Adaptation/Use of Hazus in Education” award for his work teaching and developing FEMA’s Hazus-MH program.

## Publications

Professor **Larry Zimmerman**, Anthropology, has published a book, *The Sacred Wisdom of the American Indians* (Watkins Publishing). The book explores the spiritual lives of North American Indians and examines how nature and region played into their cultures. Accompanying the text are over 150 color photographs depicting artifacts, Native American landscapes, and recreations of ceremonies. It is available from Amazon.com.

## Presentations

The School of Liberal Arts Sabbatical Speaker Series kicks off on February 17<sup>th</sup> with four lectures throughout the Spring 2012 semester. Lectures will take place in CE 268 from 4:30-5:30 PM. The schedule for this semester’s presentations is as follows:

- “Displaced and Barely Visible: An Archaeologist Looks at Homelessness”, February 17-Professor **Larry Zimmerman**, Anthropology
- “Difference, Desire, and Small Things: The Archaeology of Victorian Bric-a-Brac”, February 24-Professor **Paul Mullins**, Anthropology
- “The Tragic Philosophy of Machiavelli”, March 23-Professor **Ursula Peterson**, Philosophy
- “Framing US Foreign Policy: Myths and Metaphors”, March 30-Professor **Fred DiCamilla**, English

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Seven Liberal Arts majors have been appointed Student Ambassadors. The new appointees include **Benjamin Campbell** (Anthropology/Classics, Sr.), **Jasmine McClure** (Anthropology, Jr.), **Samantha McManus** (Religious Studies/Psychology, Jr.), **Erin Miller** (Political Science, Jr.), **Sarah Mohlke** (Religious Studies/Psychology, Sr.), **Alan Whipps** (Political Science, FRSM), **Brittany Wilson** (Spanish, Jr.).

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