

# Agenda

1. Call to Order – Robert Sutton
2. Guest: Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Faculties Uday Sukhatme
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Dean’s Remarks – Dean White
  - Merger of the School of Journalism, with guest Dean James Brown
  - State of the School
  - Labor Studies
  - Signature Center Proposal Routing
5. President’s Remarks – Robert Sutton - 10 min.
6. Reports from the IUPUI Faculty Council Representatives – 5 min.
7. Report from the IU Faculty Council Representatives – 5 min.
8. Old Business
  - a. Results of the summer elections – Patricia Wittberg – 5 min.
    - Agenda Council Representatives: Scott Weeden, Brian Vargus
    - By-Law Proposals passed
  - b. Curriculum Committee Procedures – Nancy Robertson – 5 min.
9. New Business
  - a. Discussion of the School of Journalism merger – 10 min.
  - b. General Education Update – Sharon Hamilton, Marianne Wokeck, and Richard Ward – 8 min.
  - c. Defending Dissent and Critical Thinking – Marc Bilodeau – 10 min.
10. Introduction of new faculty – Department Chairs – 4-8 min. per department
11. Adjournment

*Reception: New Faculty and the Celebration of Research*

# Motion on Dissent

The Faculty Assembly of the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI deplures the decision of the University of Colorado at Boulder to fire tenured Ethnic Studies Professor Ward Churchill. He is being unfairly punished for having expressed unpopular and controversial views in a book and at public forums. We view this as an attack on critical thinking, which ought to be protected on campuses everywhere, and ask that the University of Colorado at Boulder rescind this decision immediately.



**Welcome, New Colleagues!**  
**IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

**Department of Anthropology**



**Assistant Professor of Anthropology**

**Ph.D., University of Nevada Las Vegas, 2005**

**Teaching and Research Interests**

**Health and disease in prehistoric populations (especially North American Desert West); Interaction between disease and culture in modern indigenous groups (particularly Type-II Diabetes)**

**James Watson**



**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University  
Bloomington**

**Teaching and Research Interests**

**Apsáalooke/Crow Indian Nation, legal  
anthropology, ethnohistory, and identity  
studies**

**Kelly Branam**



**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University  
Bloomington**

**Teaching and Research Interests  
Human rights, civic citizenship, and  
multiethnic communities**

**Kathleen Costello**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of Communication Studies



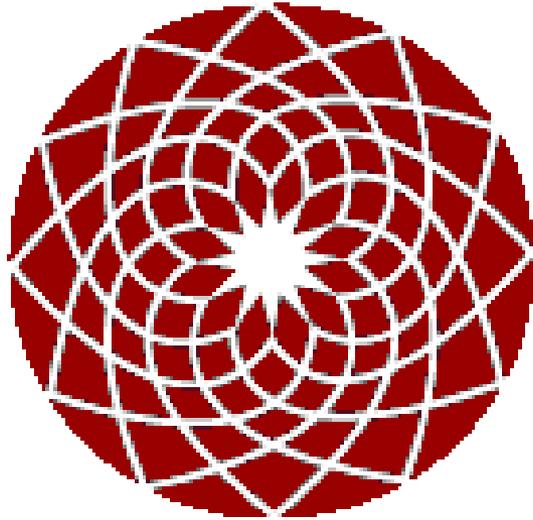
**Professor of Communication Studies**

**Ph.D., Duke University, 1973**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**The relationships between family communication and family system processes and the health and wellbeing of family members, particularly adolescents**

**Linda Bell**



**Lecturer in Communication Studies**

**M.A., Ball State University, 1991**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Teaching public speaking, interpersonal communication, and business communication**

**Ian Sheeler**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of English



**Assistant Professor of Creative Writing**

**M.F.A., Indiana University, 2006**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Black Arts Movement, ethnic poetry  
collectives, art for social change**

**Mitchell L. H. Douglas**



**Assistant Professor of Film Studies**

**Ph.D., University of Arizona, 2006**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Gender and film studies, film sound, film adaptation, the war film, the medical humanities**

**Debra White-Stanley**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

## Department of Geography



**Assistant Professor of Geography**

**Ph.D. University of Iowa, 2004**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Urban and regional geography, geographic information science, environmental epidemiology/medical geography, mathematical models, spatial econometrics**

**Aniruddha "Rudy" Banerjee**



**Visiting Lecturer in Geography**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana State University**

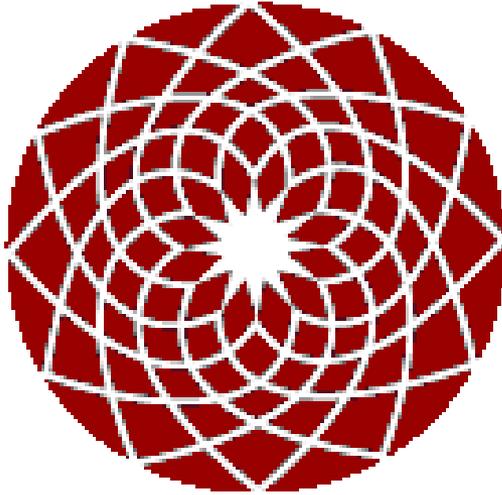
**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Airborne remote sensing for water quality in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas (LRGV); Environmental issues in the Caucasus and Central Asia; Geopolitics of the Caspian Sea pipelines**

**Shawn Nayeri**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

**Department of History**



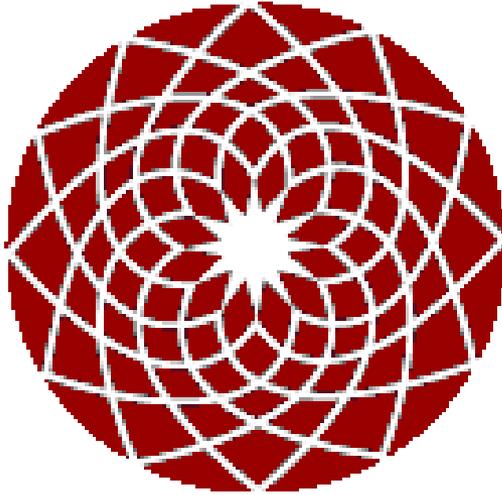
**Executive Director, National Council on  
Public History; Adjunct Assistant Professor  
of History**

**Ph.D., Indiana University, 2000**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Early American history, public history,  
religion**

**John Dichtl**



**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University  
Bloomington**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Specialist in Modern European History,  
with particular interests in Italy and Italian  
fascism**

**Dan Clasby**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of Political Science



**Lecturer in Political Science**

**M.A., University of Oklahoma, 2004**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**European and Russian politics, Marxist theory, modern and contemporary political thought, political economy, welfare states**

**Jasper Sumner**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of Philosophy  
Santayana Edition



**Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Associate Editor, Santayana Edition**

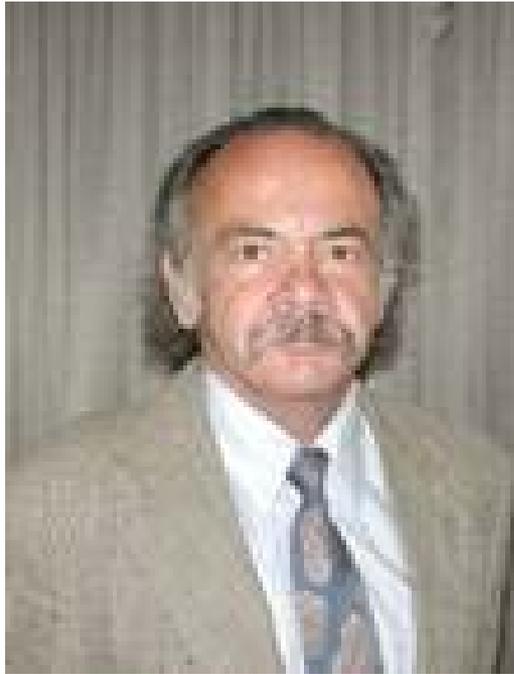
**Ph. D., Southern Illinois University,  
Carbondale, 2003**

**Teaching & Research Interests  
American Philosophy**

**Martin Coleman**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of Religious Studies



**Lecturer in Religious Studies**

**Ph.D., University of California, Santa  
Barbara, 1991**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Colonial American History; Native American  
Religions**

**Johnny Flynn**



**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University,  
Bloomington**

**Teaching & Research Interests:**

**American religious history, New and  
alternative religions in America, theory and  
method in the study of religion, religion and  
popular culture**

**Jeremy Rapport**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

## Department of Sociology



**Professor of Sociology**

**Ph.D., Johns Hopkins, 1977**

**Teaching and Research Interests**

**Social networks**

**HIV/AIDS**

**Family**

**David Bell**



**Professor of Sociology**

**Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 1983**

**Teaching and Research Interests**

**Adolescents, youth at risk, program evaluation, adolescent sexuality, adolescent gambling, mentoring**

**Lynn Blinn Pike**

# Introducing New Faculty in the IU School of Liberal Arts

Department of  
World Languages and Cultures



**Associate Professor of Spanish**

**Ph.D., University of Miami, 2003**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Transatlantic Narratives, Post-Boom Writing, Twentieth-Century Hispanic American Women Writing, Cinematic Language. Research specialties:**

**Testimonial Writing, National Narratives in Hispanic America, Ester de Izaguirre's and Loreina Santos Silva's poetry and narrative**

**Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**

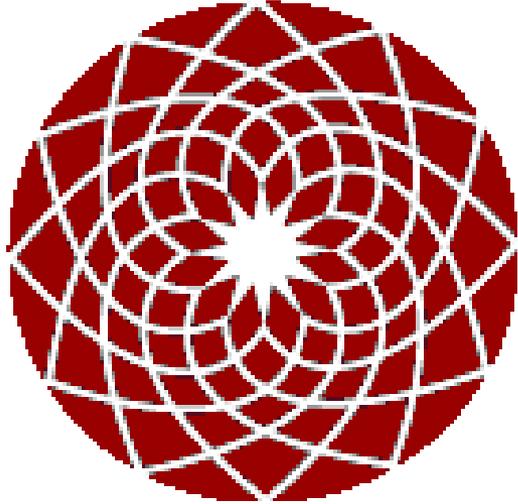


**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow  
Classical Studies**

**Ph.D., Candidate, Indiana University  
Bloomington**

**Teaching & Research Interests  
Greek historiography, Greek Imperial Prose,  
and Mythology, Greek and Latin language**

**Nicholas Gresens**



**Future Faculty Teaching Fellow**

**Ph.D. Candidate, Indiana University  
Bloomington**

**Teaching & Research Interests**

**Transcendentalism and Ecology in  
American culture, American Literature  
Architecture and Modern Culture  
Introduction to oriental Fiction**

**Naomi Uechi**

**Welcome to the  
School of Liberal Arts!**