



## INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AT IUPUI

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#### Appointments

**Thomas J. Davis** is the new dean of the liberal arts, effective July 1. Davis, a prolific religious studies scholar and author who has served as a chair of the Department of Religious Studies and associate dean in the School of Liberal Arts, succeeds **William Blomquist**. Blomquist returned to regular faculty duties after seven years of service and will pursue projects that align with his research interests concerning water resources management and policy.

#### Appointments

**Kristina Horn Sheeler**, professor of communication studies, was named acting associate dean for academic affairs, overseeing Liberal Arts curriculum development, revision, and assessment. **Maria Brann** will serve as acting chair of communication studies in Sheeler's place starting September 1.

#### International

**John McCormick**, professor of political science and Jean-Monnet Professor of European Union Politics, gave testimony for a US House of Representatives subcommittee on "The European Union's Future" in Washington, D.C. McCormick was invited to help the subcommittee better understand the future of EU institutions and how they might change in response to the Greek sovereign debt crisis, the referendum in the UK, and the growing electoral success of Euro-skeptic political parties. Video of the subcommittee can be viewed here: [go.iupui.edu/15M](http://go.iupui.edu/15M)

#### Grants

The **Cultural Heritage Research Center** was awarded a \$2000 grant for its project "Humanities Action Lab Global Dialogue on Incarceration." The project allows IUPUI students to conduct research leading to public projects on the past, present, and future of incarceration as part of a multi-university initiative. The digital projects will open in February 2016 and the exhibition will take place November–December 2016 in Indianapolis.

#### Events

The **Center for Ray Bradbury Studies** has an exhibit of Ray Bradbury belongings and memorabilia in the Cultural Arts Gallery in the IUPUI Campus Center during the month of August. **Jonathan Eller**, chancellor's professor of English, director of the center, and author of two Bradbury biographies, will give a lecture on August 27 in the IUPUI Campus Center Atrium.

#### Grants

Two Liberal Arts programs were recently among 212 projects awarded National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) grants. **The Santayana Edition** was awarded \$225,000 for its project, "The Works of George Santayana." Directed by **Martin Coleman**, associate professor of philosophy, the grant will allow for the publication of print and digital editions of the late philosopher's work. **Jennifer Guiliano**, assistant professor of history, was awarded \$249,817 for "The Digital Native American and Indigenous Studies Project, consisting of a three-day workshop hosted by Yale University, Arizona State University, and IUPUI focused on "teaching new digital methods and exploring issues of preservation and access in Native American Studies."

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**Arthur Farnsley III**, research professor of religious studies, is the new director of the Center for Civic Literacy (CCL). Farnsley is the associate director of IUPUI's Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. Founding CCL director Sheila Suess Kennedy said Farnsley "is exceptionally well-placed to manage CCL's current project portfolio and to help us move into new areas of research and outreach."

#### Awards

**Rosa Tezanos-Pinto**, associate professor of Spanish and Director of Latino Studies, was named a Numerary Member of the Academia Norteamericana de la Lengua Espanol (ANLE) by the North American Academy of the Spanish Language, an affiliate of the Spanish Royal Academy in Madrid. The academy works to "promote the unity of, and defend, the Spanish language."

#### Students

**Elizabeth Cotter** (junior, sports journalism) won a 2015 Jim Murray Memorial Foundation Scholarship and Judges' Choice Award for her essay about the Dust Bowl, a dirt basketball court now part of the IUPUI campus, once used by Indianapolis basketball players including NBA legend Oscar Robertson.

#### Students

**Emily Baker** (BA 2015, history) was awarded the Faculty Medal of Academic Distinction, the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI's highest honor. The award is presented to a graduating senior who is outstanding in scholastic achievement, interdisciplinary interests, and extracurricular activities. Baker was also named an IUPUI Top 100 Student.

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