



## SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

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# FYI – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

### Recognition

Professor **Richard E Ward** (Anthropology) has been named a Chancellor's Professor by IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz. The honor is the most notable appointment a faculty member can receive from IUPUI in recognition of his or her accomplishments and leadership in teaching, research and campus service. Among his many contributions, Ward was recognized for his role in instituting IUPUI's Principles of Undergraduate Learning and for his work as a founding faculty member of University College.

### Presentations

This summer, members of the Department of Economics presented at a variety of conferences around the world. **Subir Chakrabarti** presented papers in June at Shandong University, China, in Brisbane, Australia, and at the Indian Statistical Institute in New Delhi. **David Bevin** presented a lecture on the Great Moderation at the Estonian Doctoral School in July and, in August, at a conference in Budapest. Finally, **Paul Carlin** and **Ye Zhang** visited Beijing and Shanghai, China, where they met with IU honorary degree recipient **Yi Gang**, Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China and Director of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. During their trip, they also met with various representatives and students from universities in the two cities.

### Students

**The IUPUI Speech and Debate Team** began their season by being named "Tournament Champions in Debate" at the University of Indianapolis as partners **Mitchell West** and **Mary Ankenbruck** beat Miami University in the final round. Additionally, **Josh Kats** and **Bethany Crocker** received top awards for their events in prose interpretation and poetry interpretation. This qualifies the team members for nationals in April 2013.

### Festivals

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Spirit & Place Festival** (managed by The Polis Center in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI) will be held from November 2-11 and will explore the silly and serious dimensions of the theme PLAY through 40 events. See audacious performances, thoughtful discussions, hilarious comedy shows, hands-on workshops, and other engaging programs that explore everything from faith and football to architecture and homelessness. Details can be found at [www.spiritandplace.org](http://www.spiritandplace.org).

### Publications

**Patricia Wittberg**, professor of sociology, is the author of a new book, *Building Strong Church Communities: A Sociological Overview*, published by Paulist Press. The book focuses on how worshippers connect within communities that exist in the Catholic Church. Wittberg also became President-Elect of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association.

### Events

Author Janet Burroway will open the Fall 2012 **Rufus & Louise Reiberg Reading Series** on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in the IUPUI University Library Lilly Auditorium. Burroway's novels have been nominated for Pulitzer Prizes and National Book Awards and her book, *Writing Fiction*, has inspired college students and writers of all ages to craft their own stories. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the series continues with local poets Mark Neely and Joe Heithaus at the 2012 IUPUI Poetry Contest; the two will return to IUPUI on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a joint reading. Readings are free and most begin at 7:30 pm. Information is available on Facebook: The-Rufus-Louise-Reiberg-Reading-Series-at-IUPUI.

### Grants

**Dr. Yaa Akosa Antwi** (Economics) is the recipient of a \$69,842 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for her project, "The Impact of Restricting Balance Billing on Quantity and Quality of Emergency Care." The study seeks to understand the effect of banning balance billing, a restriction on the way medical care is reimbursed, on the quantity and quality of emergency care in California.

### Presentations

**Jonathan Eller**, professor of English and director of the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies in the Institute for American Thought at IUPUI, will present the 2012 John D. Barlow Lecture in the Humanities on Thursday, November 8, 2012. The lecture, entitled "*Cry for the Cosmos*": *Ray Bradbury and the American Imagination*, will take place in the IUPUI Campus Center at 6:15 in the garden level theater. A reception precedes the lecture at 5 pm in the Campus Center atrium on the first floor. This event is free and open to the public with limited seating. RSVP to [libarsvp@iupui.edu](mailto:libarsvp@iupui.edu) with "Bradbury" in the subject line or visit [liberalarts.iupui.edu/barlowlecture](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/barlowlecture) to learn more. The lecture honors Liberal Arts Dean Emeritus John D. Barlow.

### Celebrations

The **IUPUI University Writing Center** will host a 30th Anniversary Open House on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm in their new location, Cavanaugh Hall 008H. The Center is celebrating 30 years of service to the IUPUI campus as well as the new location in the renovated basement space.



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### Conferences

On October 2, the Indiana Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives and the SAVI Community Information System (a program of **The Polis Center** at IUPUI) will host the **Indiana Governor's Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building**. This conference, held at the Marten House in Indianapolis, will build the capacity of nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations to better fulfill their missions by exchanging best practices, receiving meaningful training, establishing collaborations, and celebrating success stories through the Governor's Service Awards. Visit [www.savi.org](http://www.savi.org) for more information.

### Grants & Contracts

The **Survey Research Center (SRC)** has been awarded a contract for \$119,602 by the Health and Hospital Corporation (Marion County Health Department) to collect data for a community health needs assessment for Marion County. The SRC will conduct telephone interviews with 5,000 Marion County residents on landlines and cell phones and use sampling criteria to find hard to reach populations and assess the health needs of the county.

### Presentations

Spanish professor **Rosa Tezanos-Pinto** (World Languages & Cultures) and Professor María Teresa Medeiros Lichem from the University of Vienna co-organized a symposium, "Human Rights and Literature," as part of the 54th International Conference of Americanists that took place at the University of Vienna, Austria, this past July. The symposium gathered scholars from Austria, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and the United States.

### Conferences

"**Rediscovering the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass: A Public Symposium,**" is a free public event on October 4 & 5 to observe and assess the significance of the publication of the first scholarly edition of *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*, the third and most inclusive autobiography by the 19<sup>th</sup> century's best-known African American by the **Frederick Douglass Papers**, a unit of the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI's Institute for American Thought. Professor David W. Blight, the Class of 1954 Professor of American History at Yale University, will deliver the keynote address Thursday evening, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the IUPUI Campus Center. The symposium continues at the Campus Center from 8:30 am to 4 pm the following day. The event is free and registration can be completed by emailing [douglass@iupui.edu](mailto:douglass@iupui.edu). More information is available from [liberalarts.iupui.edu/douglass](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/douglass).

### Students

The **IUPUI Student Reading Series** will kick off with the first of three fall semester readings on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Each reading consists of several featured writers and an open mic that allows poets, fiction and nonfiction writers, spoken-word artists, and musicians to hone their skills. This year marks the beginning of a partnership with Indy Reads Bookstore, a new nonprofit organization and bookstore in Indianapolis that provides literacy assistance for adults as well as opportunities for those learning English. Readings are also scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. Indy Reads is located at 911 Massachusetts Ave.

### Grants

**Jeff Wilson** (professor of geography and associate dean for research in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI) and Ross Kaufman (assistant professor of public health, Bluffton University) were recently awarded an \$81,886 grant from the NIH – National Cancer Institute to examine individual, neighborhood, and regional contextual factors associated with success or failure of smoking cessation attempts. This project builds upon the Technology Enhanced Quitline study, a national-level randomized trial testing the use of an automated telephone system to prevent smoking relapse in users of tobacco quitline services.

### International

Nine students traveled to Heilbronn, Germany, this summer for an intensive two-week program led by **Claudia Grossmann**, German program director in the Department of World Languages and Cultures. The study abroad program, which is offered in conjunction with a German university each summer, combined language immersion, cultural field trips, and service learning opportunities. Site visits included the Mercedes Museum in Stuttgart, the Audi Forum production facility near Heilbronn, the medieval town of Bad Wimpfen, and the Heidelberg Castle. Students also volunteered two afternoons at a local organization specializing in workforce development and assistance to immigrants.

### Events

The **14th annual Midwest Pragmatist Study Group** met at IUPUI on September 22 & 23. The meeting, established at Loyola University of Chicago to promote interdisciplinary scholarship in classical and contemporary American philosophy, attracted undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, and faculty from five states and four academic disciplines. More information on the group and event: <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mpsg/>

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