



## SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

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# FYI – APRIL 2011

### Students

Seven Liberal Arts students were among the fourteen outstanding graduating seniors awarded 2011 William Plater Civic Engagement Medallions at the Annual Civic Engagement Showcase on April 12. The seniors were selected by the Center for Service and Learning for their commitment to the community.

- Aaron Burgess, Geography
- Meghan Cross, Spanish & International Studies
- Evan Danner, Anthropology
- Purdey Egnew, Political Science
- Jessica Sacks, Economics and International Studies
- Lindsay Schaiper, Anthropology
- H. Anne Weiss, Individualized Major in Civic Engagement, Philanthropic Studies, and Social Action

### Research

The Institute for American Thought (IAT) has released Frank Oppenheim's *Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Josiah Royce*. This edition is the first within the IAT that is completely digital. The *Comprehensive Index* is so significant within Royce scholarship that it is being made freely available to all scholars interested in American philosophy as exemplified in the writings of Royce. <http://royce.iat.iupui.edu/OppenheimIndex>

### Awards

Ulla Connor has been named an IUPUI Chancellor's Professor. Dr. Connor is Professor of English, Director of the Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication, and holds the Karl and Barbara Zimmer Chair in Intercultural Communication. She will be honored at the Chancellor's Honors Convocation, April 29th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

### Awards

Professor of History Ch. Didier Gondola, has been awarded a European Institutes for Advanced Study (Eurias) international fellowship allowing him to continue research on his project, "Tropical Cowboys: Youth, Popular Culture, and Masculinity in Colonial Kinshasa." Out of 700 applications from around the world, only 10 senior and 18 junior scholars were selected. Gondola will do a residency in Nantes, France, in 2011-2012 at the Institut d'études avancées.

### Grants

"The History of Western Medicine in China, 1800-1950," a research project organized by Professor of History William H. Schneider, has been funded for \$240,000 over three years by the Henry Luce Foundation. The project is a collaboration between Indiana University and the Peking University Health Science Center and will examine the establishment and activities of hospitals, medical schools and other institutions in medical care, education and public health campaigns.

### Awards

Associate Professor of Religious Studies Rachel Wheeler has received a Fulbright Award for 2011-2012. She will be a Senior Researcher/ Lecturer in the American Studies department at Johannes Gutenberg University at Mainz, Germany. During the Fulbright year, she will be continuing work on her book project: *Revolutions in Faith: Five Generations of a Mohican-Moravian Family*.

### Teaching

Ten Liberal Arts faculty are recipients of Trustees Teaching Awards for 2011. The award recognizes those who have a positive impact on learning through the direct teaching of students, especially undergraduates.

- Catherine Dobris, Associate Professor of Communication Studies
- Johnny Flynn, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
- Elizabeth Goering, Associate Professor of Communication Studies
- Jason Kelly, Associate Professor of History
- Francia Kissel, Senior Lecturer in English
- Karen Kovacik, Professor of English
- Kevin Robbins, Associate Professor of History
- Daniela Schuvaks Katz, Lecturer in Spanish
- Suzan Stamper, Senior Lecturer in English
- David Weiden, Assistant Professor of Political Science

### Students

More than 50 papers by Liberal Arts graduate students were published or presented during the 2009-2010 academic year. The papers, supported by university funds, were written by students from the following departments and programs: Communication Studies, English, History, Geographic Information Science, Museum Studies, Philanthropic Studies, Sociology, World Languages and Cultures (Spanish), and Political Science.

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- Awards** Archana Dube, Senior Lecturer in Economics, was named the inaugural IUPUI Faculty Advisor of the Year. The award makes Dube eligible for national recognition by the National Academic Advising Association.
- Teaching** Andrea R. Jain, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, has been chosen to participate in the Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Asian and Asian American Religion and Theology Faculty sponsored by the Wabash Center. The program, funded by the Lilly Endowment, will include three sessions in 2011-2012: two at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN, and one at the Episcopal Conference Center in Corpus Christi, TX.
- Students** Nineteen Liberal Arts students were recognized as IUPUI "Top 100" Students. The award is based on academic success, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. The students were honored at a banquet on April 8 featuring Congressman Todd Rokita as the keynote speaker. The students were:
- Jenna Baughman, Junior, Religious Studies & Biology (LaPorte)
  - Capri Copp, Senior, Communication Studies (Sharpville)
  - Meghan Cross, Senior, Spanish & International Studies (Fishers)
  - Dillon Etter, Junior, Biology & Spanish (Greenwood)
  - Stephanie Harris, Senior, Anthropology & Philosophy (Fishers)
  - Brittaney Humphrey, Senior, Sociology (Rolling Prairie)
  - Patricia Jordan, Senior, Anthropology (Indianapolis)
  - Abigail Mills, Senior, Chemistry & German (Indianapolis)
  - Sarah Mohlke, Junior, Psychology & Religious Studies (Valparaiso)
  - Claudia Montes-Salinas, Senior, Spanish (Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico)
  - Steven Nestor, Junior, Political Science (Dyer)
  - Casey Orr, Senior, Communication Studies (Brownsburg)
  - Melanie Perry, Senior, Individualized Major Program: Urban Studies (Saint Louis, MO)
  - Rebecca Platt, Senior, Math Education & Spanish (Indianapolis)
  - David Russell, Senior, Sociology (Frankfort)
  - Josh VanBibber, Senior, Sociology (Newburgh)
  - Anne Weiss, Senior, Individualized Major in Civic Engagement (Indianapolis)
  - Lucas Wolf, Senior, Finance/International Studies/Economics (Biblis, Germany)
- Awards** Professor of History and Executive Director of the Polis Center, David Bodenhamer, was honored by the Indiana Geographic Information Council with the 2011 David C. Ford Award. The award honors individuals for "historic accomplishments and lifetime achievements in support of the greater Geographic Information Systems (GIS) community of Indiana and to improving the lives of all Hoosiers through GIS."
- Internships** Hilary Retseck, a graduate student in public history, will complete a summer internship at the Newport Restoration Foundation. During her 10 weeks in Rhode Island, she will help with interpretation at public programs, working on interpretive material for the foundation's Prescott Farm, and adding material to an online preservation database for historic property owners.
- Presentations** Tamara Leech, Assistant Professor of Sociology, was a keynote speaker at the Marian University Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on April 1. The lecture, entitled, "If Men Define Situations as Real, They Are Real in Their Consequences": The Social Implications of Negative Stereotypes about Black Urban Neighborhoods," focused on negative perceptions of disadvantaged urban areas and how those perceptions effect the general public, policy makers, academics, and the people who reside in the neighborhoods.
- Research** Kelly Hayes, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, was awarded a 2011 Research Frontiers Trailblazers Award at IUPUI Research Day on April 8. The Award recognizes outstanding IUPUI researchers who are showing great promise in becoming nationally and internationally known for their accomplishments in advancing the frontiers of knowledge. Hayes received a \$1,000 cash award for her research on the Brazilian religion Macumba.

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