

School of Public and Environmental Affairs

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Teaching and Learning

- In order to better prepare them for their professional careers, undergraduate students in SPEA are now required to take a two-credit course in “Career Development and Planning.” This course assists them in the identification of their work values and includes career research and networking assignments designed to prepare them for contact with employers.
- A new Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety degree was launched in fall semester 1010. This degree integrates the curriculum of the two substantive areas and offers the only opportunity in the State of Indiana for graduate study in the field of Public Safety Management. www.criminaljustice.iupui.edu
- A new Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management was implemented in 2010. This is a 15-hour certificate with credits transferrable to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety degree. www.criminaljustice.iupui.edu
- The School of Public and Environmental Affairs has updated articulation agreements with Ivy Tech Community College, which will serve to streamline the transfer process for students from Ivy Tech to IUPUI. SPEA and Ivy Tech also collaborated on partnerships that served to introduce SPEA programs to Ivy Tech students through classroom presentations and individual advising sessions, at which a member of the SPEA faculty and staff met with students from Ivy Tech who were interested in transferring to SPEA.
- An international partnership, 2+2 agreement between SPEA and the School of Government at Sun Yat-Sen University was finalized and will be signed in a ceremony at Sun Yat-Sen in August 2011. Students may arrive as early as Fall 2012.

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

- *Policy Choices for Indiana’s Future* will study current and future economic conditions in Indiana within the broader context of the Midwest. The Indiana University Public Policy Institute (PPI) has undertaken a process to develop policy recommendations for Indiana’s future based on conditions in Indiana. The primary audience includes major decision makers in Indiana in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. The project will

include three commissions, each given the task of addressing a key area for the future of Indiana: *State and Local Tax Policy*, *Education and Workforce Development*, and *Energy and the Environment*. <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu/index.aspx>

- **Affordable Rental Housing Policy.** The Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership and other housing and community development stakeholders engaged the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment to perform analyses to assist stakeholders in understanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) terminating compliance periods on the future of rental housing affordability. The first phase will review best practices and current data used in other LIHTC and affordable rental housing studies. The next phase will use findings from the first phase to change or enhance the Initial outlined scope of work. Currently, the initial scope of work serves as the second phase.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact Study.** CCJR was selected to collect and analyze Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) related data for all 92 counties in Indiana. The purpose of this project is to comply with the DMC core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended, which requires states to address the rate at which minority youth come in contact with the criminal justice system.
- **LISC Sustainable Communities Program Assessment Indianapolis.** CUPE evaluated the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) process from its beginning in 2006 through the end of 2009 for the Indianapolis LISC. The evaluation was based on interviews in Fall 2009 and Fall 2010. The project included participation in a national LISC project to investigate lessons learned from six major redevelopment initiatives; GINI and efforts in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Rhode Island, Atlanta, and Chicago. The final step in the national evaluation process will include a panel discussion among the evaluators of the six neighborhood initiatives.
- **Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Research Partnership.** In an effort to assist ICJI in improving criminal justice programming and policy development in Indiana, CCJR entered into a 2-year research partnership (beginning June 2011) to perform critical data collection and analytical tasks in two broad research areas identified as priorities by ICJI. The scope of work includes 1) a review of best practices for all Victims Services division programs and primary program areas under ICJI's Drug and Crime Control division and Youth Services funding streams, and 2) a statewide justice data records assessment that will serve as a first step in developing a statewide crime data collaboration that could emulate the nationally recognized traffic safety records collaboration facilitated by ICJI.
- The Center for Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) was awarded a fourth year contract for the **Indiana Traffic Safety** project. This is funded by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to support analysis of data regarding motor vehicle accidents in Indiana. This project generates a number of annual publications.
<http://policyinstitute.iu.edu/criminal/issueDetail.aspx?IssueID=17>

- CUPE will continue to collect trail usage data on the Indianapolis Greenways system. This effort was originally funded through a Robert Wood Johnson grant, but will now be supported by the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation. New collection points have been added to the Eagle Creek Trail and Pennsy Trails and 10 additional sites will be added in the coming year.
- CUPE is continuing a partnership with the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS® (MIBOR) to enhance the value of MIBOR services through analysis of the Broker Listing Cooperative® Listing Service data. Staff will prepare monthly housing market reports, provide on-call support, and manage analyses of and requests for Listing Service data.

Diversity

- All undergraduate Criminal Justice and Public Safety Management majors now are required to take a course on diversity issues.
- The School of Public and Environmental Affairs hired six new faculty members for the 2010-2011 academic year: two of these are female.
- Two faculty members (Roger Jarjoura and Crystal Garcia) directed a study of the extent of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system in Indiana.
- SPEA-IUPUI student participation in our overseas study international program increased 280 percent.

Civic Engagement

- **Indianapolis Quality of Life Web Site.** The Indianapolis Quality of Life website is a collaboration between the Marion County Health Department and Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), led by three of its research centers; the Indiana Business Research Center, the IU Public Policy Institute, and the Center on Philanthropy. The project is designed to present engaged citizens and community leaders with the information they need to provide critical insights into the quality of public health in Indianapolis. An array of topics has been chosen by professionals as representative to public health and indicators within these topics are shown and described within the website. The data, graphs and maps can be easily transported into reports or presentations, or used in speeches and news articles to facilitate public engagement.

- In the Spring 2011 the MPA Capstone Course continued the tradition of conducting student directed studies for state and local agencies.
- **Conducting the Homeless Count.** Since 2007, PPI faculty and staff have undertaken a citywide count of the homeless in the Indianapolis community for the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP).
- Students in a themed learning community worked with IREF to collect coats, clothing, and other toiletries for individuals returning to society from prison. This provided necessary items for a high risk population and hands on education and experience for our students.
- **U.S. Attorney's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Task Force for the Southern District of Indiana.** CCJR researchers provided information regarding existing research on best practices in anti-gang and anti-gun strategies and programs nationally, for strategies proposed and adopted by the Indianapolis PSN, including assessment of the likely effectiveness of programs considered for funding under this project.
- **Indy Parks Inventory Use Counts.** In an effort to match facility and program use to potential users, and proactively assess the effects of management decision on potential users, CUPE will provide Indy Parks with inventory use counts, service and use linkages, estimates of park service value, and decision-making tools. The report to Indy Parks will use primary, public, and proprietary data. Throughout the year, IUPUI students will be in the parks of Indianapolis counting the number of people using various amenities in the parks (basketball hoops, swings, etc.). The students also survey park visitors asking them how often they use the parks and which amenities they use.
- **Indiana Department of Homeland Security Disaster Housing Project.** As part of a subcontract with Crowe Horwath LLP, CCJR will provide research and best practices analyses services as part of a project related to disaster housing and emergency services.
- The Public Policy Institute and its constituents, the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment and the Center for Criminal Justice Research, engaged in a number of applied research projects for clients including: the Indiana Gaming Commission, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, Indianapolis Department of Public Safety, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.
- The Center for Urban Policy and the Environment served as staff for the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Projects include a biannual survey of government agencies, and specialized projects such as, water infrastructure.

- The Indiana General Assembly created the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee as a standing entity within the Professional Licensing Agency. The statute names the Dean of the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs as the Chair of the Committee. They will review the regulation of approximately thirty-eight occupations over a seven year cycle.

Best Practices

- The School of Public and Environmental Affairs developed an online program designed to provide academic assistance for students who were not in good academic standing. Through our research with faculty members and at-risk students, a common set of obstacles were identified as having an impact on the success of students who were not in good academic standing. In response, the Online Success Seminar was developed to address those obstacles and help students succeed and move to good academic standing. This program afforded students the opportunity to reflect on their academic strengths/weaknesses, and through hands-on programming, learn about developing strategies for success. Students also have an opportunity to participate in one on one mentoring or a pre-scheduled seminar. As a result, dismissal rates have decreased.
- As part of our professional development program for students the School of Public and Environmental affairs offered experiential programs that provided students with information about the many employment opportunities available to them. Throughout the academic year, students were invited to behind the scenes tours of agencies, organizations and special such as the Taping of Indiana Weekly, the Indiana Crime Lab, the inter-workings of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Children's Museum, Goodwill Industries, Pen Product, the Mayor's Office, etc. Guest speakers were also invited to campus to talk with students about working in the nonprofit, public, and private fields associated with SPEA programs.
- A new series titled, SPEA Pathways to Law School was hosted to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the ins and outs of law school admission and what types of preparation they should consider. They also learned about pathways within SPEA such as our Civic Leadership major. A representative from IU-Indy Law School was present to share facts on the admission process, LSAT, and other factors as it relates to the process, specifically for this program.
- Probation, Dismissal, and Reinstatement policies within SPEA were updated to reflect current campus policy and have incorporated a freshman dismissal policy. The new policies officially roll out in fall 2011.

- SPEA has actively partnered with Ivy Tech Coordinated Programs to ensure a seamless transition for our future students, including recruiting tables at the Ivy Tech campus, opportunities for students to participate in SPEA events such as Public Safety Career Day, and streamlining their articulations for advising purposes.
- To ensure that the SPEA message is shared across campus, SPEA student services has met with a variety of campus constituents to inform and educate them on what SPEA can offer to their students including Undergraduate Admissions, University College Academic and Career Development, and Continuing Studies. SPEA also collaborates with University College to have a liaison serve between the two units and this year, SPEA also hosted a Higher Education Student Affairs Masters student for a practicum.
- SPEA Student Services staff members are engaged in their professions and continue their professional development by attending and presenting at a variety of conferences such as JACADA, NACADA, NACE, and others. The new campus organization, JACADA, has three SPEA staff members on the leadership board in a variety of capacities from vice president to committee chairs. SPEA pays for staff to be a part of this organization as well.

External Awards and Appointments

- Two SPEA faculty members, Kenna Quinet and Crystal Garcia, served as co-chairs of the American Society of Criminology 2010 Program Committee. This involved planning and coordinating over 3,000 individual professional presentations.
- Thomas Stucky was elected chair of the Midtown Mental Health Center Community Advisory Board.
- A WFYI video, “Tough Decisions: Defending the Homeland,” of a disaster training exercise organized by SPEA (William Foley and Jim White) and School of Law faculty members won an Emmy award.