

IU School of Liberal Arts
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Highlights Report, 2010-11

The IU School of Liberal Arts contributed in multiple significant ways to the success of IUPUI and its students during 2010-11. The school's academic program innovations included motorsports studies, Africana Studies, and Chinese Studies. Our innovations in research included new research centers and two successful IUPUI Signature Center funding initiatives. Our innovations in civic engagement included books and projects on Indianapolis neighborhoods, a resource center for teachers of Spanish throughout Indiana, and a new partnership with Indiana's only federally recognized Native American tribe.

As always at IUPUI, collaboration is a key driver of progress. Liberal Arts' dual-degree programs with the School of Engineering and Technology, our partnership with three schools and the Office of External Affairs on IUPUI's Motorsports Initiative, and the collaborative research work of the Polis Center, the Survey Research Center, and the Institute for Research on Social Issues with the School of Medicine and the Regenstrief Institute are just a few examples. Recently, the collaboration between our Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication and the Department of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine was featured in the *Indianapolis Star* and picked up by The Associated Press and republished nationwide (www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011107110324).

Teaching and Learning

Recruitment and retention

New and award-winning TLCs—a key contribution Liberal Arts makes to student success at IUPUI is through the offering of Themed Learning Communities (TLCs) for first-year students, in collaboration with University College. Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 retention of students who participated in our TLCs was 95.7%. Five TLCs with Liberal Arts faculty or advisors received awards from University College, including the award for this year's Best TLC—"Writing Women Back into (Her)story." In addition to offering a greater number of TLCs in 2011-12, our faculty added new TLC topics, including "Law and Order" and "Writing Women Back into (Her)story."

liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/two_outstanding_m.a_communication_students_organize_campus_program_hi/

New programs

This year, Liberal Arts welcomed

- our first Ph.D. students in Economics (liberalarts.iupui.edu/economics/index.php/graduate/phd_in_economics)
- our first M.A. students in Anthropology (liberalarts.iupui.edu/anthropology/index.php/ma/)
- our first BA students in Africana Studies (liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/africana_studies_degree_program_enrolls_first_students/), and

- our first BA students in Philanthropic Studies
liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/hatcher_to_lead_new_bachelors_degree_program_in_philanthropy/

We also added

- a Certificate in Chinese Studies, approved April 2011, and
- the first introductory course for the Certificate in Motorsports Studies, MSPT Z100, Motorsports Studies.

Student development

We promote student success through academic advising, faculty mentoring, and other support services.

- In 2010-11 five Liberal Arts academic advisors were nominated for the Best Advisor award from the Jaguar Academic Advising Association, and the award was received by our colleague Dr. Archana Dube in the Department of Economics.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/dube_wins_jaguar_academic_advising_association_advising_award/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/dube_wins_jaguar_academic_advising_association_advising_award/).
- Dr. Tamara Leech was honored with the Eagan Award Faculty Service Award from University College for her mentoring of students.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/leech_receives_service_award_from_university_college\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/leech_receives_service_award_from_university_college/)
- Sloane Thompson—who directs our new Career Development Office—was named IUPUI’s Outstanding Student Supervisor.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/thompson_named_top_student_supervisor_at_iupui/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/thompson_named_top_student_supervisor_at_iupui/)

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Grants

School of Liberal Arts researchers secured more than 75 externally-funded research grants during 2010-11, totaling more than \$5,500,000.

New Research Centers

Two new centers were established in the School of Liberal Arts during 2010-11: the New Oxford Shakespeare Project (liberalarts.iupui.edu/shakespeare/) and the Center for Global Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development
liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/liberal_arts_appoints_house-soremekun_as_director_of_entrepreneurship_research/

Signature Centers

Two research centers in Liberal Arts were approved for funding under Round 4 of the IUPUI Signature Centers Initiative: the Institute for American Thought (IAT) and the Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC)

Conferences

- The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture (CSRAC) (www.iupui.edu/~raac/) organized and hosted the NEH-funded Religious History Institute

for teachers throughout the U.S., July 2010, and the Second Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, June 2011

[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/national_religious_history_institute_a_first_for_liberal_arts/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/national_religious_history_institute_a_first_for_liberal_arts/)

- The Museum Studies Program and the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art hosted an international research conference, the Inter-Congress of the World Archaeological Congress.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_and_eiteljorg_museum_host_meeting_of_the_world_archaeological_congress/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_and_eiteljorg_museum_host_meeting_of_the_world_archaeological_congress/)
- The Women's Studies Program hosted the 23rd Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Student Conference, the longest-running conference of student research in Indiana University history.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_to_host_university_student_conference_on_women_gender_studies/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_to_host_university_student_conference_on_women_gender_studies/)

Featured Publications

Scholars in Liberal Arts generate many research publications and presentations or performances of creative activity every year. Below are just a few notable examples from 2010-11.

- As the first center of its kind in the United States, the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies in the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI was pleased to announce the publication of *The Collected Stories of Ray Bradbury, Volume One (1938-1943)*, the first of three critical editions co-edited by Professors William Touponce and Jonathan Eller. The book was also named an MLA-approved critical edition by the Modern Language Association.
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/bradbury_center_publications_provide_new_insight_into_american_icon/](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/bradbury_center_publications_provide_new_insight_into_american_icon/) and
[liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/ray_bradbury_volume_named_mla_approved_edition/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/ray_bradbury_volume_named_mla_approved_edition/)
- Simon & Schuster's new 50th anniversary edition of Joseph Heller's classic novel, *Catch-22*, contains more than 50 pages of historical and literary material prepared by Jonathan Eller, professor of English and senior textual editor of the Institute for American Thought
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/50th_anniversary_edition_of_catch-22_features_work_of_iupui_professor/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/50th_anniversary_edition_of_catch-22_features_work_of_iupui_professor/)
- The Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History, edited by Professor Edward Curtis IV, was named one of best reference books of 2010 by "Library Journal," one of the top 40 reference titles of 2010 by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, an editor's choice reference source by "Booklist," and an "honor book" by the Society of School Librarians International. The encyclopedia also features published research by IUPUI students. [\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/muslim-american_encyclopedia_racks_up_awards/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/muslim-american_encyclopedia_racks_up_awards/)
[\(liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/11_students_publish_in_muslim-american_encyclopedia/\)](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/11_students_publish_in_muslim-american_encyclopedia/)

Civic Engagement

The Spanish Resource Center—an outreach and support center especially for K-12 Spanish teachers—opened its doors officially with a visit from the Consul General of Spain.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/consul_general_to_speak_at_spanish_resource_center_opening_march_8th/)

Students in the Museum Studies Program’s “Collections Care and Management” program were honored by the Indiana General Assembly for their work on the public art at the Indiana Statehouse.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/collections_care_and_management_course_honored_by_indiana_senate_and_h/)

A new student organization, Hoosier Bard Productions, together with the New Oxford Shakespeare Project, launched “Young Hamlet” in partnership with the Indy Fringe Theatre.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/young_hamlet_iupui_production_at_indyfringe_theatre_runs_february_4_5/)

The book, “The Price of Progress: IUPUI, the Color Line, & Urban Displacement,” was published, featuring the recollections of 29 “elders” from the predominantly African-American neighborhood in which the IUPUI campus was located in 1969.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/new_book_on_iupui_founding_through_eyes_of_african_american_elders/)

Diversity

The School and the IUPUI campus signed agreements with the Tribal Council of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe to promote and support the development of the Office of American Indian Programs and our offerings in Native American Studies.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_pokagon_band_of_potawatomi_sign_first_of_its_kind_agreement_in_indian/)

The American Studies program inaugurated a new course on the Asian-American experience.

Interfaith Youth Core—With the support of our colleague Professor Edward Curtis, three IUPUI students went to the White House as part of the Interfaith Youth Core program.

(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/students_travel_to_white_house_for_leadership_conference/)

Best Practices

- Working groups of faculty, staff, and community partners developed action steps for our 2010-2015 Strategic Plan
- Student learning outcomes were identified for all undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates in the School.
- We inaugurated a new orientation program for associate faculty
- The Office of Internal Audit completed our Transitional Management Review (TMR) with no adverse findings.

- We updated our Disaster Recovery Plan.
- We reorganized the IUPUI Survey Research Center and it began to gain projects and revenues after some years of decline.

External Awards and Appointments

- Professor Karen Kovacik was named Poet Laureate of Indiana.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/kovacik_named_states_poet_laureate/)
- Professor John McCormick has been named a Jean Monnet Chair of European Union Politics, one of only four awarded in the United States in 2010.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/john_mccormick_awarded_jean_monnet_chair_in_eu_politics/)
- Professor Emerita Rosalie Vermette was knighted as a member of the Royal Order of Academic Palms by the government of France.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/vermette_receives_knighthood_from_french_government/)
- Professor Ch. diDier Gondola was been named a Fellow of the European Institutes for Advanced Study—one of only 28 scholars selected worldwide out of more than 700 applications.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/gondola_receives_international_fellowship_for_tropical_cowboys/)
- Professor Richard Gunderman was named the 2011 recipient of the Leonard Berlin Medical Professionalism Award from the American Roentgen Ray Society.
- Professor David Bodenhamer received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Geographic Information Council.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/bodenhamer_receives_top_award_from_indiana_geographic_information_council/)
- Professor Emeritus of History Ralph Gray is the recipient of the 2010 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS).
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/gray_receives_lifetime_achievement_award_from_indiana_historical_society/)
- Professor Monroe Little received the Directors' Award from the Center for Leadership Development.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/little_honored_with_directors_award_from_center_for_leadership_development/)
- The IUPUI Jaguars Speech Team tied for Second Place in the 2011 Indiana State Speech Tournament.
(http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/jag_speech_team_tied_for_2nd_at_the_2011_state_tournament/)