

IU School of Liberal Arts

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Highlights Report, 2011-12

The IU School of Liberal Arts contributed in multiple significant ways to the success of IUPUI and its students during 2011-12.

The school's academic program innovations included Medical Humanities and Health Studies, and Latino Studies, and we increased student support substantially.

Our innovations in research and creative activity included a new research center, an international institute on digital humanities hosted by The Polis Center, and an international symposium and world premiere performance of William Shakespeare's "lost play," *The History of Cardenio*, which was covered by the BBC. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-18010384>

Our innovations in civic engagement included partnerships for research and service learning with several community organizations, including the work of Professor Susan Hyatt and her students in the near-Southside neighborhood, which was featured in *The New York Times*. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/04/07/us/in-indianapoliss-southside-neighborhood-a-reunion-of-traditions-on-religion.html?_r=1&emc=eta1

Teaching and Learning

New programs

- This year, Liberal Arts graduated our first BA students in Africana Studies and our first BA students in Philanthropic Studies
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_commcement_includes_first_students_to_earn_bachelors_degree_in_phil/
- We added a Bachelor of Arts in Medical Humanities and Health Studies, approved May 2012, and a Minor in Latino Studies, approved January 2012.
- In 2011-12, the School of Liberal Arts was designated by Indiana University as the new degree-granting school for the IU Bachelor of General Studies degree for the IUPUI campus.

Student services and support

- In 2011-12 six Liberal Arts academic advisors were nominated for the Best Advisor award from the Jaguar Academic Advising Association: David Craig, Claudia Grossmann, Shannon Kelley, Anita Morgan, Jim Powell, and Mary Wheeler.

- In 2012, the School awarded the first Joseph and Lillian Zeglin Scholarship in the Humanities. This award was established and made possible by the generous philanthropy of our former colleague Dr. Peg Zeglin Brand and the late IU President Myles Brand.
- In 2012, the School awarded the first Alice Chandler Gockley and Gordon E. Gockley Memorial Scholarship. This award was established and made possible by the generous philanthropy of our former colleague Kate Duffy Sim.
- In 2012, the School awarded the first Burke/Tilley Awards for support of graduate students in Philosophy. This award was established and made possible by the generous philanthropy of our alumnus and Dean's Honorary Advisory Council member Steve Kern.
- In 2012, the School received an award of \$50,000 from the Allen Whitehall Clowes Foundation to establish the Allen Whitehall Clowes Museum Fellows Program, providing fellowship support for graduate students in the Museum Studies Program.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/allen_whitehill_clowes_charitable_foundation_grants_museum_studies_program/

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Grants

- School of Liberal Arts researchers secured more than 90 externally-funded research grants during 2011-12, totaling more than \$6,500,000—increases of 20% or more compared with the prior year.
- The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture received an award of more than \$500,000 from the Lilly Endowment for the Center's project, "The Bible in American Life."
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_center_receives_507000_lilly_endowment_grant_for_national_study_on_th/

Conferences

- The Center for Health Economics Research (CHER) organized and hosted the Midwest Health Economics Conference, held May 10-11, 2012 at IUPUI.
<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/newsitem.asp?id=53625>
- The Polis Center hosted the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute on Spatial Narratives and Deep Maps, June 20-26, 2012. The institute represents a collaboration among researchers and universities around the world.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/polis_center_at_iupui_hosting_neh_institute_advancing_exploration_of_space/

Student Research and Creative Activity

- Several undergraduate and graduate Anthropology students published an article in the journal *Collaborative Anthropologies*, along with Professor Susan Hyatt.
- Communication Studies major Ryan McDaniel's music video, "Naïve," debuted on BET network's "106th & Park."
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/communication_studies_major_mcdaniel_debuts_video_on_bets_106_park/
- At IUPUI's Research Day in April 2012, students Oaksoon Callahan, Samantha Adamson, and Amanda Joliffe received first prize for Undergraduate Student Research Presentation for their project, "Super Bowl City: The Real Faces of XLVI Unmasked."
<http://crl.iupui.edu/awards/2012/2012researchday.asp>

New research center and new journal

- The Communication Privacy Management Center, directed by Professor Sandra Petronio, was established as a research center in the School of Liberal Arts during 2011-12.
- The *Journal of Africana Religions*, published by Penn State University Press, was launched in 2012 under the direction of the journal's founding co-editor, Edward E. Curtis IV, Millennium Chair of Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_professor_edward_e_curtis_co_founds_journal_of_africana_religions/

Civic Engagement

Community-based research

- The community-based research project, "The Neighborhood of Saturdays," completed by several IUPUI undergraduate and graduate students under the direction of Professor Susan Hyatt working together with Indianapolis' Near-Southside neighborhood and congregations on both the south and north side, was featured in The New York Times as noted at the beginning of this report. Professor Hyatt received the 2012 Chancellor's Award for Faculty Excellence in Civic Engagement.

Community partnerships

- In partnership with IndyTalks and with the ongoing support of the Lilly Endowment, the School of Liberal Arts presented the 2012 Joseph T. Taylor Symposium in February 2012.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/2012_taylor_symposium_to_explore_the_campus_for_the_community/

- In partnership with Indiana Humanities, Lilly Endowment, and multiple other community organizations and IUPUI schools, The Polis Center organized and presented the 2011 Spirit & Place Festival. <http://www.spiritandplace.org/> and http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/spirit_and_place_festivals_opening_weekend_will_feature_legendary_tattoo_art/
- In partnership with the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Liberal Arts students and faculty created the exhibit, “What Does Homelessness Look Like?” which appeared at the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis during January 2012. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_student_exhibit_examines_material_culture_of_homelessness/
- In partnership with the Madame Walker Theatre, 13 Museum Studies students created a database of artifacts of historical significance at and around the theatre.
- In partnership with Public Advocates for Community re-Entry (PACE), students in the Liberal Arts Themed Learning Community “Law and Order” collected more than 50 coats for Marion County ex-offenders.
- Museum Studies alumna Lori Byrd Phillips was named U.S. Cultural Partnerships Coordinator by the Wikimedia Foundation and is working as Wikipedian-in-residence at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/museum_studies_student_to_lead_growth_of_u.s._wikimedia_cultural_partnership/

Diversity

- Faculty members Ronald Sandwina and Aron DiBacco offered IUPUI’s first training course on the “Inter-Group Dialogue” technique, part of a campus-wide IUPUI initiative.
- The School of Liberal Arts and the Indianapolis Center for Interfaith Cooperation organized and presented an open public symposium, “Sharia Beyond the Headlines,” designed to foster improved understanding of Islamic law and ethics.
- The Liberal Arts faculty assembly approved the offering of a new Minor in Latino Studies.

Best Practices

- Liberal Arts faculty inaugurated a series, “Thinking about Learning,” designed to promote dialogue about curriculum and teaching practices that promote the attainment of student learning outcomes.
- In partnership with IUPUI Campus Facility Services, the Office of the Registrar, and University Information Technology Services, the School designed and helped support the creation of new classroom space and space for the University Writing Center, both reflecting current thinking about the use of space and technology to enhance student learning.

External Awards and Appointments

- Four Liberal Arts faculty received Fulbright Awards in 2011-12: 1) John McCormick received a Fulbright Distinguished Chair—the Fulbright-Schuman Chair in U.S.-European Union Studies; 2) Paul Mullins received a Fulbright Scholar Award to support study in Finland; 3) Kelly Hayes received a Fulbright Scholar Award for study in Brazil; and 4) Rachel Wheeler completed her service a Fulbright Scholar studying in Germany.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/wheeler_among_10_iu_faculty_awarded_fulbright_grants_for_teaching_and_resea/ and
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/john_mccormick_named_a_fulbright-schuman_chair/
- Professor Karen Kovacik received a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Literature Translation Fellowship.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/professor_karen_kovacik_receives_nea_literature_translation_fellowship/
- Professor Richard Gunderman received the 2012 Distinguished Educator Award from the American Roentgen Ray Society.
- Professor Jason Kelly was named a Fellow of The Society of Antiquaries.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/liberal_arts_professor_jason_kelly_named_as_society_of_antiquaries_fellow/
- Professor Tamara Leech was named a William T. Grant Foundation Scholar.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/leech_named_william_t_grant_foundation_scholar/
- Professor Bessie House-Soremekun received the award for Distinguished Public Service from the 2012 annual Africa Conference.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/house-soremekun_honored_for_distinguished_public_service

- Professor Enrica Ardemagni was elected Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care.
- Professor Rosa Tezanos-Pinto was invited to become a member of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language. She was also named to the prestigious Order of the Discoverers.
- Professor Robert White received the Outstanding Article award from the American Sociological Association's section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements for his article, "Structural Identity Theory and the Post-Recruitment Activism of Irish Republicans.
- The IUPUI Speech Team—Jaguar Forensics—placed 2nd in the Indiana State Speech Tournament. At the 30th Annual Novice National Individual Event Tournament—an event open to first year competitors—IUPUI placed third as a team in Division 1 Team Sweepstakes, and Josh Kats earned Tournament Champion for the Program of Oral Interpretation. He added third place finishes in Dramatic Interpretation and DUO Interpretation, and fourth place in Poetry and Prose Interpretation. Rounding out the competition for IUPUI were successful finishes for Colin Landberg (fourth, Program of Oral Interpretation), Bethany Colgrove (third, DUO Interpretation), and Ronnie Swango (fifth, Dramatic Interpretation; second, Prose Interpretation).
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_speech_and_debate_team_celebrates_successful_march/