

2012–2013 Highlight Report

Office of International Affairs

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[IUPUI joins American Council on Education’s Internationalization Laboratory](#): For the second time, IUPUI was selected to join the **American Council on Education’s Internationalization Laboratory**. Each year ACE [selects a group](#) to join an invitational learning community that helps participating universities achieve comprehensive internationalization, which at IUPUI is defined as “the active involvement, across the teaching, research and engagement missions of the university, in global networks of knowledge and collaboration.” The current IUPUI project is [aligned with the IUPUI 2025 strategic planning process](#) and will continue through 2013-14.

The strategic plan’s preliminary goal recommendations include:

- Develop curricular and co-curricular at IUPUI together to assure that by 2025 every student at IUPUI has had at least one meaningful international experience during his or her IUPUI career.
- Provide internationalization opportunities for every staff and faculty member at IUPUI by 2025
- In 2025 Indiana residents will recognize IUPUI as an inter-cultural hub where they link with one another and with the rest of the world. IUPUI will be the place where service organizations, businesses, local communities and their governments and the campus come together for programs, planning, dialogue, enrichment, and entertainment
- Maximize the impact of existing and planned international activities on the campus and in and with the community. Through coordinated events, communications, and partnerships between campus and community, build a network of opportunities for students, staff, faculty, and our fellow residents of Indianapolis and central Indiana. This goal recognizes that a great deal of international events and activities occur in and around Indianapolis already, but their success and impact can be enhanced through coordination, collaboration, and partnership.
- Place IUPUI at the heart of the effort to make Indianapolis a more welcoming and attractive city and Central Indiana a more welcoming and attractive region for international students, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- By the end of Spring Semester 2014, complete an IUPUI Internationalization Plan to be implemented from 2014 through 2025. This effort combines the work of the American Council on Education (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory and the ACE Center for Internationalization and Global Education with the IUPUI Office of International Affairs, the IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, and all schools and service units of the campus plus our Advisory Board of community leaders. The result is a set of concrete goals,

objectives, and actions steps to be taken that will transform IUPUI into a global campus by 2025.

Teaching and Learning

- Students with **international experience** gained strong representation in IUPUI's Top 100 Students program:
 - 34 of the 2012 Top 100 students studied abroad, up from 29 in 2011-2012.
 - 8 of the 2012 Top 100 students list a country of origin other than the United States.
 - 6 are current or former International Peer Mentoring Program mentors.

- Working in collaboration with UITS, the OIA was awarded a **Learning Environments Grant** to support renovation of the Global Crossroads Laboratory into a multifunctional learning space designed to take advantage of optimal videoconferencing technologies to support international collaborative classrooms and global connections for the community.

- **IUPUI's strategic partnership with Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU)** continued to grow and develop new teaching and learning opportunities:
 - SYSU sociology students led by SYSU visited Indianapolis in Summer 2012, hosted by IUPUI sociology graduate students and IUPUI sociology professor Wan-Ning Bao, for a two-week study opportunity at IUPUI. The students attended seminars and immersed themselves in American culture and society during their stay. [Chinese students arrive at IUPUI for joint sociology study-abroad program](#)
 - In Fall 2012, a **22-member IUPUI delegation**, led by Associate Vice Chancellor Gil Latz and Confucius Institute of Indianapolis Director Joe Xu, visited Sun Yat-sen to continue partnership development, with a particular focus on continuing implementation and recruitment for 2+2 dual degree programs previously approved (active programs include Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Business, among others). New connections were forged between Earth Sciences academic programs, and development of a new 2+2 program in Earth Sciences is underway.
 - In celebration of the 5th year [anniversary of the Confucius Institute of Indianapolis](#) (CII) at IUPUI during the week of April 22, 2013, the OIA collaborated with the CII and the Sagamore Institute on a symposium, ["China in Africa: A New Model of International Development?"](#) A delegation of SYSU officials including Vice President Guangmei Yan, visited IUPUI as part of the celebration.
 - In collaboration with President Xu of SYSU, Chancellor Bantz inaugurated a joint SYSU-IUPUI Cooperative Development Committee, modeled after a similar

agreement between SYSU and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Committee will be co-chaired by SYSU Vice President Guangmei Yan and IUPUI Associate Vice Chancellor Gil Latz.

- In June 2013, a group of five students from **IUPUI's partner university in Mexico**, the [Autonomous University of the State of Hidalgo](#) (UAEH) participated in a two-week program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of State to UAEH. The noncredit program exposed the visiting students to American Studies and service learning opportunities, together with IUPUI students enrolled in Spanish language coursework, and was coordinated by OIA's Director of Curriculum Internationalization Dawn Whitehead.
- **5.7% (361) of IUPUI's Spring/Summer graduates made study abroad** part of their IUPUI experience. [One IUPUI student](#), Christian Lola, received the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad in Spain during Summer 2013.
- **Seven new IUPUI study abroad programs** were approved, creating new international experience opportunities for students:
 - Business – Discovery, Innovation, and Ventures Enterprise (DIVE - Dominican Republic)
 - Law – Moot Court (Austria)
 - Engineering & Technology: Motorsports ([Germany](#))
 - Engineering & Technology: Computer & Information Technology (India)
 - Philanthropy: Philanthropic Studies Internships ([Worldwide](#))
 - IUPUC (Hong Kong)
 - Medicine: Bioethics (Kenya)
- [IUPUI geography students visit Cuba for immersive lesson in landscapes and cultures](#):
With the door re-opened to **academic travel to Cuba**, associate professor of geography Timothy Brothers led students in a 16 day study abroad program examining how the physical world and cultural practices have affected the island nation. The IUPUI students were enrolled in Brothers' summer class, "Landscapes and Cultures of the Caribbean," in the IU School of Liberal Arts. The class is a field introduction to the physical and human geography of the Caribbean. Students taking a Spanish class also accompanied the landscapes and cultures class to Cuba.
- [New technology tools allow IUPUI and Slovenian students to come together for a class](#):
A Global Dialogues course engaging students at the University of Primorska, near Indy's Sister City of Piran, Slovenia, with IUPUI students was team taught by Tourism

Management faculty at both universities and placed student dialogue at the center of learning. The videoconferencing technology in IUPUI's Global Crossroads classroom the Slovenian and IUPUI students to participate in real-time class discussions.

- [IUPUI and IU Bloomington events ask: Can conflict with North Korea, Iran be avoided?](#)
As part of a collaborative “Engaging Enemies” conference organized by the Australian National University – Indiana University Pan Asia Institute, **the OIA helped to support and facilitate an April 2013 IUPUI forum “Engaging North Korea and Iran,”** addressing the fundamental question: Can conflict be avoided? Papers from the Engaging Enemies conference were published in *Global Asia* (Vol. 8, No. 2, Summer 2013), under the head of “Sticks Have Failed, It’s Time for Carrots.”
- [IU School of Dentistry launches collaboration with King Saud University in Saudi Arabia](#): **IUPUI’s first partnership with a university in Saudi Arabia**, between the IU School of Dentistry and the King Saud University College of Dentistry, was launched in a public ceremony at the April 2013 International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The partnership will facilitate a pathway by which junior and aspiring faculty at KSU can attend IUSOD specialty clinical programs as visiting fellows before applying for acceptance to one of the program. Additionally, the schools agreed to work towards creation of a joint PhD program.
- **Four IUPUI faculty – a record number – were awarded Fulbright Grants** during 2012-13:
 - Margaret Adamek, Social Work (Ethiopia)
 - Kelly E. Hayes, Religious Studies (Brazil)
 - John McCormick, Political Science (Belgium)
 - Paul Mullins, Anthropology (Finland)

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

- **IUPUI’s 9th International Festival** was held February 21, 2013, with significant community participation. For the first time, the Consul of Mexico and the [Honorary Consular Corps](#) participated in the event. The event marked the inauguration of the [Susan Buck Sutton Award for Study Abroad](#).
- [Half the Sky co-author Sheryl WuDunn visited IUPUI November 14, 2012](#). In partnership with local PBS station [WFYI](#), IUPUI also hosted screenings of the documentary that were free and open to the public. The visit, which drew over 800, was the highlight of **IUPUI’s 2011-13 Common Theme**, “Change Your World: The Power of New Ideas.” WuDunn and her husband, New York Times columnist Nicholas D.

Kristof, titled their book after a Chinese proverb: “Women hold up half the sky.” In the book, WuDunn and Kristof recount the stories of women of courage and determination battling sex trafficking, abuse and gender-based violence, poverty, and lack of education and basic health care in Cambodia, Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, Somaliland and Vietnam.

- Author of *Qatar: Sand, Sea, and Sky* (2011) [Diana Untermeyer visited IUPUI](#) on Thursday, Nov. 15, to speak about her experiences living in **Qatar** from 2004 to 2007 as the wife of the U.S. ambassador.
- [IUPUI led expedition seeks source of thousand-year-old coins in Aboriginal Australia](#): A media release featuring **Director of International Partnerships Ian McIntosh**, also adjunct professor of anthropology and his plans to lead a July 2013 expedition funded by the Australian Geographic Society went viral during Spring 2013, becoming one of IUPUI’s top news stories in history. The goal of the expedition to the long-abandoned Wessel Islands is to unravel the mystery of how a handful of coins, some dating back more than 1,000 years, wound up on a remote beach along Australia’s northern coastline. Media outlets picking up the story included [CNN](#), the Huffington Post, the [Daily Mail](#) (UK), and many more.
- [IUPUI hosts conferral of Indiana University honorary degree on leading Thai scholar](#), Dr. Sombat Thamrongthanyawong, President of the **National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA)**: On 4 April 2013, IUPUI and the Office of International Affairs coordinated an honorary degree ceremony in honor of Dr. Sombat, a leading advocate for governmental accountability and the rights of the citizenry in a democratic state. The National Institute of Development Administration, which Dr. Sombat heads, has been one of Indiana University’s primary partners in Thailand for over 50 years. The ceremony, presided over by President Michael McRobbie, included remarks from: IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz; IUPUI Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus William Plater; IU Vice President Emeritus for International Affairs Patrick O’Meara; and the Consul General of Thailand, Songphol Sukchan.

Civic Engagement

- [IUPUI faculty to participate in science symposium in India](#): With support from the Office of International Affairs, a group of IUPUI faculty convened in October 2012 with colleagues at the **University of Hyderabad**, India, for a symposium “Unleashing Innovation in the 21st Century,” to explore topics of importance to both institutions: preparing college students in the 21st century, exploring partnerships in doctoral education, and bridging academic research and social transformation through interdisciplinary collaboration. The fields represented by the 10 IUPUI faculty attending the symposium were physics, teaching and learning, translational science, business,

mathematics, computer science and medical research.

- [IUPUI hosts Italian Film Festival](#). In collaboration with the Department of World Languages and Cultures, the International Club co-sponsored the Italian Film Festival, which was also promoted by the OIA as part of a broader initiative with the Mayor's Office of International and Cultural Affairs to host a film fest for each of Indianapolis' Sister Cities.
- [Forgiveness Forum provides wake-up call](#): A \$2,000 grant from the **Public Education for Peacebuilding** Support Initiative of the United States Institute of Peace was used to facilitate a "Forgiveness Forum" to explore approaches to achieving peace and reconciliation on the global stage. More than 75 IUPUI international students, faculty, community advocates and representatives from faith and civic organizations convened for a day-long program hosted by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.
- [British Ambassador to promote free trade in speech at IUPUI](#): On June 17, 2013, as part of a visit to Indianapolis to promote free trade, **UK Ambassador Sir Peter Westmacott** delivered a talk at IUPUI entitled "Brits and Hoosiers: Partners in Prosperity." The event at Hine Hall drew a standing room only audience of community and campus participants. Develop Indy and IUPUI provided support for the ambassador's visit.
- In collaboration with **IUPUI Alumni Relations**, the OIA has participated in concept development for a host family program to be launched during Fall 2013. The program will engage local IU/IUPUI alumni as host/friendship families who commit to welcoming international students into their family activities on a monthly basis.

Diversity

- IUPUI [enrolled a record 1,602 international students](#), **up 10 percent** from last year. Nearly two-thirds of the international students are from China, India or Saudi Arabia. The rise in international enrollment follows a 6 percent increase a year ago. International students now comprise 5.5 percent of the total IUPUI enrollment. The 10 countries sending the most students are China, 382; India, 345; Saudi Arabia, 281; South Korea, 78; Taiwan, 40; Iran, 36; Canada, 34; Japan, 31; Mexico, 23; and Nigeria, 19.

Best Practices

- In honor of **Susan Buck Sutton**, the first associate vice chancellor for international affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, the Office of International Affairs presented a [new annual award](#) to a staff member and a faculty member who have made significant contributions to the study abroad program at IUPUI. Recipients of the award will be honored at the IUPUI International Festival held in February each year.

- As evidence of IUPUI's recognized leadership role in campus internationalization, IUPUI's leadership participated in invited panel sessions at the two leading international education association conferences: **Executive Vice Chancellor Paydar** participated in a "Provosts' Panel Discussion on campus internationalization at the annual conference of the Association of International Education Administrators (New Orleans, February 2013), while **Chancellor Bantz** was on the Presidents Panel at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference (St. Louis, May 2013).
- IUPUI's commitment to Global Teaching and Learning was evident at the **AIEA Regional Forum Global Learning and Teaching Institute hosted at IUPUI** on March 1, 2013. The one-day institute brought together about 100 administrators, faculty and staff members from across the USA including: Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Illinois. The institute featured three tracks including: faculty and course, professional staff and faculty development, and administrator and strategies. Dr. Gil Latz, Associate Vice Chancellor of International Affairs and Dr. Dawn Whitehead, Director of Curriculum Internationalization co-led the Administrator and Strategies Track. <http://www.indiana.edu/~global/learningandteaching/>

External Achievements and Awards

- A \$10,200 donation from **Grainger Industrial Supply** IUPUI's University College to establish the Grainger Foundation Mentor Scholarship provided a boost to the International Peer Mentoring Program at IUPUI. The gift will provide [scholarships for mentors](#) through the IUPUI University College Bepko Learning Center and the IUPUI Office of International Affairs. With this additional funding, the program was able to incorporate additional leadership training development for mentors and identify exceptional mentors for leadership roles.
- [Vietnam turns to IUPUI center for training linked to national development goals](#). **OIA's Center for Southeast Asia** collaborated with the **Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication** at IUPUI in hosting an English language and teaching methodology training program linked to Vietnam's national development goals. Thirty-three Vietnamese professors of mathematics and information technology started a seven-week training program at the center Nov. 5 for teaching in English as the language of instruction and assessment at the university level.