

IU School of Liberal Arts

<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu>

Highlights Report, 2012-13

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

One of our graduate programs received top national honors in its discipline.

The school's academic program innovations included Medical Humanities and Health Studies, Health Communication, and Latino Studies.

Our innovations in research and creative activity included a new research center, an Emmy-nominated documentary, and a National Science Foundation grant to support undergraduate research.

Our innovations in civic engagement included programs for the Indianapolis community in several of our disciplines and programs.

Teaching and Learning

- Our Master of Arts degree in Applied Communication was recognized by the National Communication Association as the best master's program in Communication Studies in the United States. The award recognizes programs that demonstrate "excellent quality in developing research and teaching and that mentor students well in personal and professional growth."
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/ma_in_applied_communication_wins_national_award/
- This year, Liberal Arts graduated our first students with a Bachelor of Arts in Medical Humanities and Health Studies, and our first student with a Certificate in Motorsports Studies
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_offering_new_bachelors_degree_in_medical_humanities_and_health_studies/
- At commencement programs in May 2013, the School of Liberal Arts conferred upon graduates the degree of Bachelor of General Studies degree for the first time.
- The IU Board of Trustees and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved our proposed Ph.D. program in Health Communication.
- The Museum Studies program welcomed its first cohort of Clowes Fellows—graduate students supported by fellowships funded by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.
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 75 externally-funded research grants during 2012-13, totaling approximately \$8,000,000—an increase of over 20% compared with the prior year.
- The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture received an award of \$875,000 from the Lilly Endowment to continue the Center’s Young Scholars in Religion program. http://www.lillyendowment.org/annualreports/2012/LE12_2012-grant-approvals.pdf
- Jeremy Wilson, assistant professor of Anthropology, and G. William Monaghan of the Bloomington campus, received a \$267,204 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates grant to support archaeological exploration of the Angel Mounds site in southwest Indiana.

Conferences

- In September 2012, the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture hosted a national conference, “Mormons in the 21st Century.” Featured speakers included former U.S. Senator Robert Bennett of Utah and Professor Emerita of History and Religious Studies Jan Shipps.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_forum_on_modern-day_mormonism_features_leading_experts_former_senator/
- Also in September 2012, the Polis Center’s SAVI Community Information System in partnership with the Indiana Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives hosted the Governor’s Conference on Service and Nonprofit Capacity Building.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/conference_aims_to_help_nonprofits_operate_effectively_and_efficiently_in_I/
- In October 2012, the Frederick Douglass Papers Project in the Institute for American Thought hosted a national conference “Rediscovering the ‘Life and Times of Frederick Douglass’”, bringing Douglass scholars from around the country to IUPUI.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/national_experts_gather_at_iupui_to_celebrate_publication_of_frederick_doug/

Publications and Presentations

- The Polis Center launched “The Digital Atlas of American Religion,” a new website for the study of America’s multi-dimensional religious life within a geographical and multimedia framework.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/polis_center_at_iupui_launches_nontraditional_gis_website_for_study_of_reli/

- In February 2013, the New Oxford Shakespeare Project and Hoosier Bard Productions presented a world premiere performance of Shakespeare’s original 1603 version of “Measure for Measure” along with the more familiar 1621 version that had been adapted by Thomas Middleton.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/indianapolis_hosts_another_world-premiere_shakespeare_event_this_month/

Student Research and Creative Activity

- Students participating in the Archaeology Field School through the Department of Anthropology have been conducting archaeological research at the Angel Mounds site in southwest Indiana.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/photos_from_the_angel_mounds_field_school/
- Faculty and students from the Museum Studies program and the Department of History took part in the “Why Remember Guantanamo” conference at Columbia University and New York University in December 2012, and IUPUI hosted the traveling “Guantanamo Public Memory Project” exhibit at the IUPUI Cultural Arts Gallery in April and May.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/new_exhibit_at_iupui_cultural_arts_gallery_highlights_long_and_contested_hi/

Research centers

- The Cultural Heritage Research Center, directed by Professor Elizabeth Kryder-Reid, was established as a research center in the School of Liberal Arts during 2012-13.
- The Institute for American Thought was named an IUPUI Signature Center in June 2013.
<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2013/07/signature-centers-new-2013.shtml>

Civic Engagement

Community-based research and creative activity

- The Graduate Communication Club organized “TEDxIUPUI: Raising the Next Generation”, a TEDx event held at IUPUI in March 2013. Community members, students, and faculty gave “TED Talks” as part of the event.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/students_campus_and_community_leaders_headline_tedx_iupui_event/
- Jonathan Eller, Professor of English and Director of the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies in the Institute for American Thought, anchored a “Ray Bradbury Weekend” in Indianapolis in March 2013.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/bradbury_center_director_headlines_ray_bradbury_weekend_events_march_22-23/

Community partnerships

- In partnership with IndyTalks and with the ongoing support of the Lilly Endowment, the School of Liberal Arts presented the 2013 Joseph T. Taylor Symposium in February 2013. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/taylor_symposium_part_of_the_2013_indytalks_series/ and http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/a_conversation_with_gaye_todd_adeqbalola_2013_taylor_symposium_speaker/
- In partnership with Indiana Humanities, Lilly Endowment, and multiple other community organizations and IUPUI schools, The Polis Center organized and presented the 2012 Spirit & Place Festival. <http://www.spiritandplace.org/> and http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/spirit_place_festival_celebrates_play/
- Community participants and artists and scholars from around the country gathered at the IUPUI Campus Center in January 2013 for a symposium, “Arts, Race, Space” to explore the complex relationships among art, race, and civic space in Indianapolis and elsewhere. More than 200 people attended. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/symposium_at_iupui_addresses_civic_controversy_over_art_race_and_public_spa/
- In partnership with WFYI Public Broadcasting, the New Oxford Shakespeare Project and the School of Liberal Arts produced a documentary, “CSI: Shakespeare,” recounting the reconstruction and world premiere performance of Shakespeare and Fletcher’s “The History of Cardenio.” The documentary aired on WFYI in November 2012 and has received three Emmy nominations. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/documentary_about_iupui_cardenio_production_earns_three_emmy_nominations/ and http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/c.s.i._shakespeare_documentary_debuts_nov._1_on_wfyi/
- The biennial Bulen Symposium on American Politics brought community members, students, and faculty together in November 2012 for a recap of the 2012 elections and a discussion of their significance for the future of American politics. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/recap_of_2012_election_planned_for_politics_and_competition_bulen_symposium/
- The Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC) developed and launched a class on oral presentation skills for Indianapolis-area international professionals. Indianapolis. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/icic_designs_class_to_meet_the_needs_of_a_group_of_friends/
- The Museum Studies Program organized and hosted an open community program at the Eiteljorg Museum on how to care for heirlooms. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_museum_studies_program_offers_roadshow_on_caring_for_family_heirlooms/
- The Confucius Institute of Indianapolis celebrated its 5th anniversary with visiting dignitaries from China and Indianapolis. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/confucius_institute_in_indianapolis_celebrates_fifth_anniversary/

Diversity

- The Liberal Arts faculty assembly approved the offering of a new Certificate in Latino Studies.
- In November 2012, IUPUI's Office of American Indian Programs hosted several events to mark Native American Heritage Month.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupuis_native_american_heritage_month_observance_balances_authentic_heritag/

Awards and Recognitions

- Jonathan Eller was named a Chancellor's Professor in April 2013.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/eller_and_two_others_bestowed_with_the_distinguished_chancellors_professor/
- Also in April 2013, Jason Kelly, Associate Professor of History and Director of the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute, received a Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/kelly_receives_2013_research_frontiers_trailblazer_award/
- Two Liberal Arts faculty studied and taught overseas as Fulbright Scholars in 2012-13. John McCormick held the Fulbright-Schuman Chair in U.S.-European Union Studies. Paul Mullins was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Oulu in Finland.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/john_mccormick_named_a_fulbright-schuman_chair/
- Andrea Jain, assistant professor of Religious Studies, received the 2012 Helen Crovetto award at the American Academy of Religion's annual meeting in November 2012.
- Andre De Tienne, professor of Philosophy and General Editor of the Peirce Edition Project in the Institute for American Thought, was elected president of the Semiotic Society of America.
- Professor Bessie House-Soremekun, Director of the Africana Studies Program, was presented the Egba National Award of Excellence by the king and paramount ruler of Egbaland in Ogun State, Nigeria.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/iupui_professor_receives_egba_national_award_of_excellence_from_a_nigerian/
- President Barack Obama appointed Liberal Arts alumna Alice Wong to the National Council on Disability. The 15-member council is an independent federal agency that advises policymakers with respect to programs and policies affecting persons with disabilities.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/alum_appointed_by_president_obama_to_national_council_on_disability/