

IU School of Liberal Arts
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Highlights Report, 2013-14

The IU School of Liberal Arts contributed in multiple ways to the success of IUPUI in 2013-14.

- The school's academic program innovations included admitting the first students to the new Ph.D. program in Health Communication, and adding a new undergraduate Minor in Native American and Indigenous Studies.
- IUPUI's largest-enrolling undergraduate course, COMM R110, Public Speaking, is now available online. In addition, the entire first-year sequence of language instruction in Spanish, French, and German is now available online. Online versions of several courses were added in other departments as well.
- Our innovations in research and creative activity included becoming the home of Ray Bradbury's papers, manuscripts, and memorabilia, received a large National Endowment for the Humanities grant to study the historical origins of HIV/AIDS and presenting the findings of the nationwide, multi-year project on "The Bible in American Life."
- Our innovations in civic engagement included providing English language training to Indianapolis' growing immigrant communities through the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, and collaboration with federal agents in the recovery and identification of native American and other artifacts.

Last but certainly not least, as 2013-14 drew to a close, the IU Board of Trustees approved the merger of the IU School of Journalism at IUPUI into the IU School of Liberal Arts. The new Department of Journalism and Public Relations becomes the School's 12th department.

The Success of Our Students

- The School and campus approved the offering of a new Minor in Native American and Indigenous Studies.
- Our newest online course offerings include IUPUI's largest-enrolling undergraduate course, COMM R110, Public Speaking and the entire first-year sequence of language instruction in Spanish, French, and German.
- The Archaeology Summer Field School, organized and led by Dr. Jeremy Wilson of the Department of Anthropology with funding from the National Science Foundation, enrolled students in research excavations at Angel Mounds in southern Indiana.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iu_seeking_undergraduates_for_summer_research_fellowship_in_archaeological/
- The IUPUI student literary journal, *genesis*, received honors from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association Awards for its fall 2013 issue. The publication won Literary Magazine of the Year, 1st place for best cover design, and multiple awards for stories, essays, and poems.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/FYI_May_2014.pdf
- The Center for Ray Bradbury Studies is now the home of celebrated author Ray Bradbury's papers and memorabilia.

http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/donation_to_center_for_ray_bradbury_studies_at_iupui_brings_authors_legacy/

- In April 2014, the New Oxford Shakespeare Project and Hoosier Bard Productions presented a U.S. premiere performance of “Arden of Fevershame,” parts of which appear to have been written by William Shakespeare according to recent research.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupuis_hoosier_bard_presents_arden_of_fever_shame/
- Dr. Rosa Tezanos Pinto, Associate Professor of Spanish, received the Teacher of the Year Award (University level) from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese of Indiana, and Dr. Judith Carlstrand, associate faculty member in Spanish and a teacher at Franklin High School, received the Teacher of the Year Award (Secondary level).
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/world_languages_faculty_honored_with_teacher_of_the_year_awards/ Professor Tezanos-Pinto also received IUPUI’s 2014 Joseph T. Taylor Award for Excellence in Diversity. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/FYI_May_2014.pdf
- Dr. Claudia Grossmann, Senior Lecturer in, received the 2014 Susan Buck Sutton Award for promoting international education from the IUPUI Office of International Affairs.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_office_of_international_affairs_presents_susan_sutton_study_abroad_pr/
- David Sabol, Senior Lecturer in English, received the 2014 Glenn W. Irwin Jr., M.D. Experience Excellence Award. http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/FYI_May_2014.pdf
- The Liberal Arts Student Council was recognized as IUPUI’s outstanding student council of the year by the IUPUI Undergraduate Student Government. A Liberal Arts student senator, David Paul (Sociology), was named the outstanding student senator at IUPUI.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/index.php/features/student_council_wins_recognition_supports_liberal_arts_students_through_fun
- Liberal Arts major Mariana Lopez-Owens was named IUPUI’s Most Outstanding Female Student during the annual IUPUI Top 100 awards program held in April 2014.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/lopez-owens_top_female_iupui_student_3_other_liberal_arts_majors_in_iupui_t/

Advancing Health and the Life Sciences

- The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a \$290,000 three-year grant to a team of IUPUI scholars led by William H. Schneider, Professor of History and Medical Humanities, for a research project intended to determine the origins of HIV in humans.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_receives_290000_neh_grant_for_international_research_team_to_study_or/
- Dr. Richard Gunderman was named a Chancellor’s Professor in April 2014.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/gunderman_named_iupui_chancellors_professor/ Professor Gunderman also received the esteemed Spinoza Chair in Medicine for 2013-14.

http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/richard_gunderman_awarded_spinoza_chair_of_medicine_at_university_of_amster/

- Professor Sandra Petronio received the National Communication Association's Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_professor_receives_national_knapp_award_in_interpersonal_communicatio/
- Jennifer Bute, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, received the National Communication Association's Bill Eadie Distinguished Award for a Scholarly Article.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/FYI_December_2013.pdf
- The Center for Health Economics Research organized and hosted a mini-conference at Bradford Woods Outdoor and Leadership Center.
<http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/Assets/uploads/docs/Miniconference.pdf>
- The inaugural class of Ph.D. students in Health Communication were admitted and will begin their doctoral studies in Fall 2014.

The Well-Being of the Citizens of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and Beyond

- An international research conference on rivers, communities, and climate, "Rivers of the Anthropocene," was held at IUPUI and co-sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts, the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute, and many others.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/conference_at_iupui_explores_transdisciplinary_approach_to_problems_with_ea/
- An international research conference on "Researching and Teaching Intercultural Competence and Intercultural Rhetoric and Discourse" was co-organized and hosted by the International Center for Intercultural Communication, the Department of World Languages and Cultures, and the IUPUI Max Kade German American Center.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/conference_explores_intercultural_understandings_celebrates_memory_of_iupui/
- The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture presented the findings of its Lilly Endowment-funded research project, "The Bible in American Life".
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_study_the_bible_in_american_life_king_james_is_not_dead_african_ameri/
- The IUPUI Center for Economic Education won the statewide 2013 Peter V. Harrington Award for University Centers from the Indiana Council for Economic Education.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_center_for_economic_education_wins_statewide_award/
- The Africana Studies Program and the Frederick Douglass Papers co-hosted "The Life and Times of Madame C.J. Walker: The Historical Development of a Business Empire."
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/university_center_founders_honored_at_madame_walker_frederick_douglass_lect/

- The community-based research project, “The Neighborhood of Saturdays,” was the subject of a WFYI-TV documentary that aired during the prime-time PBS series, “The Story of the Jews.” Students and community members also participated in presentations at the Jewish Community Center and the Concord Neighborhood Center.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/wfyi_presents_neighborhood_of_saturdays_featuring_iupui_student_publication/ and
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/jcc_and_iupui_students_present_neighborhood_celebration_of_diversity/ and
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/exhibit_highlights_memories_from_former_multi-ethnic_near_southside_communi/
- Faculty and students from the School of Liberal Arts worked closely with the FBI to recover and identify Native American and other artifacts from a home in Rush County.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_faculty_and_students_help_fbi_identify_cultural_artifacts_seized_from/
- A 25th anniversary—in partnership with IndyTalks and with the ongoing support of the Lilly Endowment, the School of Liberal Arts presented the 25th annual Joseph T. Taylor Symposium.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/taylor_symposium_marks_25th_year_by_exploring_politics_race_place/
- In partnership with Indiana Humanities, Lilly Endowment, and multiple other community organizations and IUPUI schools, The Polis Center organized and presented the 2013 Spirit & Place Festival.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/annual_indy_festival_explores_value_of_risk_through_10-day_series_of_events/
- Students in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program offered free public classes for non-native English speakers in partnership with the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/southport_and_haughville_public_libraries_to_offer_iupui-developed_esl_prog/
- For a second year, the Museum Studies Program partnered with the Eiteljorg Museum and other organizations to present the Community Collections Care Fair.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_collections_care_fair_offers_professional_preservation_advice_to_public/
- Dr. Edward E. Curtis IV, Professor of Religious Studies and Millennium Chair of Liberal Arts, delivered a public lecture, “Muslim Journeys, Human Journeys,” part of the National Endowment for the Humanities’ “Muslim Journeys” program and in partnership with the IUPUI University Library, the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, and Ivy Tech Community College.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_university_library_joins_with_community_partners_to_share_perspective/
- The Africana Studies Program received Mary McLeod Bethune and Carter G. Woodson Award for Outstanding Service in the Promotion of Social Responsibility in Africana Studies from the National Council for Black Studies.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/iupui_africana_studies_program_receives_award_from_national_council_for_black_studies/ Dr. Obi Nnaemeka, Chancellor’s Professor of French, Women’s

Studies, and Africana Studies, received the Amistad Award from the Center for Africana Studies at Central Connecticut State University.

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- Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun, Director of the Africana Studies Program, received the Global African American Activist Ambassador Award from the African American Restoration Movement of Indianapolis and the Globe Changers Movement.
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- The European Union's ambassador to the United States, Joao Vale de Almeida, delivered a public lecture on U.S.-Europe trade agreement negotiations, sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the School of Liberal Arts and organized by Professor John McCormick.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/eu_ambassador_to_discuss_eu-u.s._transatlantic_trade_agreement_in_iupui_lec/
- The Reiberg Reading Series for 2013-14 included a presentation by poet Richard Bianco, who wrote and presented the poem for President Obama's second inauguration. Bianco was also the keynote speaker at IUPUI's 2014 Research Day.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/inaugural_poet_richard_bianco_highlights_spring_reiberg_reading_series_at_i/
- The Department of World Languages and Cultures again organized and presented the Italian Film Festival.
http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/news/index.php/site/news_article/italian_film_festival_returns_to_iupui_april_12_to_may_10/