
Shehzad H. Qazi, a senior International Studies student, recently published "United States' Attempt to Balance the Rise of China in Asia", in the peer-reviewed Islamabad Policy Research Institute Journal. Shehzad wrote the article when he was a sophomore.

Edward Curtis (Professor of Religious Studies and Millennium Chair of Liberal Art) has received a notable pre-publication review of his book, Muslims in America: A Short History in a recent issue of Publishers Weekly.

The work of Professor Peg Brand, philosophy and women's studies, is on exhibit in the IUPUI Campus Center's Cultural Arts Gallery through Oct. 2. Picture Yourself Here is a project that consists of a series of visual parodies of famous, recognizable paintings by artists such as Willem de Kooning and Pablo Picasso: well-known artists routinely revered in the history of art. Dr. Brand also is the author of numerous articles and books in the philosophy of art and feminist aesthetics, particularly the topic of beauty.

Four Liberal Arts students have been selected as Life and Health Sciences Interns for the 2009-2010 academic year. The students are: Andree DeLee (Individualized Major), Casey Orr (Individualized Major), Irene Robinson (Individualized Major), and Victoria Brown (Spanish and Anthropology).

Associate Professor of Religious Studies Rachel Wheeler's To Live Upon Hope: Mohicans and Missionaries in the Eighteenth-Century Northeast (Cornell University Press, 2008) has been named one of five finalists for the Best First Book Prize in the History of Religions, given by the American Academy of Religion.

Associate Professor of Economics Anne Beeson Royalty's project "Price Responsiveness in Health Plan Choice: Evidence for Policy Making" has received a $57,650 grant from Stanford University. This subcontract with Stanford University supports Professor Royalty's second collaborative project with Dr. Kate Bundorf of Stanford. Royalty and Bundorf will evaluate price elasticity measures, examine their use by modelers, and develop recommendations for policy makers regarding health care plan choice.

The Spirit & Place Festival, managed by The Polis Center, has unveiled a new model for the festival, a new website, a re-vamped Public Conversation, and 40 programs that will celebrate the theme Inspiring Places from November 6-15, 2009. Several departments from the School of Liberal Arts are presenting programs. Learn more at www.spiritandplace.org.

The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture has been awarded $144,637 by the National Endowment of the Humanities to conduct a three-week institute for high school teachers on the role of religion in American history and life. Twenty-five teachers will be selected to participate in the July 2010 institute with the goal of helping teachers develop strategies for making the study of religion come alive in their classrooms.

William E. Bartelt will present "Remembering Lincoln's Indiana Youth" at 4:30 pm on September 24 at the University Library auditorium. He is the author of There I Grew Up: Remembering Lincoln's Indiana Youth (Indiana Historical Society Press, 2008.) Mr. Bartelt's visit is sponsored by the Department of History and the IUPUI 40th Anniversary celebration speaker's fund. The event is free and open to the public.

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