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Centers

Honors
Ian McIntosh (Anthropology), director of IUPUI’s International Partnerships program and associate director of the Confucius Institute, has been named a 2010 Rotary World Peace Fellow. Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace and the successful resolution of conflict. As part of the distinguished award, McIntosh will spend three months next summer at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand at the Rotary Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Students
Students from the Museum Studies and Anthropology programs, as well as the Herron School of Art and Design, have collaborated to create a collection of Wikipedia articles titled “IUPUI Public Art Collection.” The project, which may be viewed online at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:IUPUI_public_art_collection, sought to condition report, catalog and create a content management system for IUPUI’s outdoor sculpture collection. It is an example of applied research that builds student skills, adds to the knowledge about and stewardship of cultural objects, and benefits the urban community.

Grants
The United Way of America has awarded $1.48 million to Patrick Rooney, executive director of The Center on Philanthropy and professor of Economics, for a project to develop and deliver training programs which address the next generation of fundraising in workplaces and communities. The project will focus on integrating multi-year fundraising strategies within the work of local United Way organizations.

Creative Activity
Two poems written by Hannah Haas, senior lecturer in the Department of English, will be featured in the spring issue of InScape, a literary journal at Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.). The work is result of Haas’ participation in the New Frontiers Exploration Traveling Fellowship.

Conference
Several SLA faculty from the departments of Communication Studies, History and Political Science participated in the first IUPUI European Studies Conference. The conference brought together scholars whose work focuses on European topics to share work and promote collegial discussion.

Faculty
Ulla Connor, the Barbara E. and Karl R. Zimmer Chair in International Communication and professor of English, and Thomas Upton, professor and chair of English, have been selected co-editors of the “Language for Specific Purposes” portion of a ground-breaking, 10-volume reference set called the Encyclopedia of Applied Linguistics.

Books
Dennis Bingham, associate professor of English and director of the Film Studies program, has written a book to be published February 2010 by Rutgers University Press. Whose Lives Are They Anyway? The BioPic as Contemporary Film Genre proves a critical point—the biopic (or biographical film) is a genuine, dynamic genre and an important one; it narrates, exhibits and celebrates a subject’s life and demonstrates, investigates or questions his or her importance in the world.

Contracts
David Bodenhamer, executive director of the Polis Center, received $98,302 for two hazard mitigation contracts. The Polis Center GIS Systems Services team will design and implement multi-hazard plans for Dubois County in Indiana and Clark County in Illinois.

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