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Awards

John McCormick, professor of political science, has been named a Fulbright–Schuman Distinguished Chair. Awarded to U.S. citizens, the grants allow for continuing studies of the European Union and U.S./European relations. During his term in Spring 2013, McCormick will teach a course on transatlantic relations at the College of Europe, located in Bruges, Belgium and complete research for an upcoming book on the US role in European integration.

Nominations

Professor of English Jonathan R. Eller’s Becoming Ray Bradbury, a biography of Bradbury’s early life and career, is one of five finalists for the 42nd annual LOCUS awards, the most prestigious awards in the genre of science fiction. Other nominated authors in the category of non-fiction include award-winning Canadian writer Margaret Atwood. The Locus Science Fiction Foundation works to promote and preserve science fiction, fantasy, and horror literature and will present the LOCUS awards in June.

Grants

David C. Bell, professor of sociology, has been awarded a grant in the amount of $304,960 by The National Institutes of Health that will allow him to complete research to better understand the sexual behavior of HIV positive and HIV negative people and their motivations for both taking and reducing risks in their sexual behaviors. The study uses the AIDS Risk Reduction Model, which focuses on a person’s self-protection motivation with the goal of reducing risk and the enactment of risk-reduction behaviors.

Awards

The Museum Studies program has announced the placement of its inaugural Clowes Museum Fellows class. The program provides academic year-long internships for graduate students in local museums. The five selected students will complete their internships from August 2012 to May 2013. The students, along with the partnering museum they will join, are: Susan Johnson (Conner Prairie); Martha Hill (Conner Prairie); Susannah Koerber (Indiana State Museum); Norah B. Fitchall (Indianapolis Zoo); Michael Kenyon (Percussive Arts Society).

Awards

Richard Gunderman, professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, and philanthropy, has been named the 2012 Distinguished Educator of the American Roentgen Ray Society, the first and oldest radiology society in the US. The annual award “celebrates one inspirational person with a track record of new and innovative educational activities that have disseminated scientific and clinical information, stimulated critical thinking, promoted research, and helped to develop and support educators in radiology.” Also, Northwestern University's Garrett Theological Seminary will award Gunderman an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at its annual commencement ceremony in Evanston, Illinois. According to President Philip Amerson, Gunderman, who is also serving as the commencement speaker, is "one of those rare individuals who brings together great knowledge of medical science, faith, and philanthropy," and is being honored for "a distinguished career of educational and scholarly excellence."

Awards

On April 13, 2012, Dr. Rosa Tezanos-Pinto, associate professor of Spanish, was inducted into the Order of the Discoverers, one of the Sigma Delta Pi’s National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society’s highest honors. Professor Tezanos-Pinto’s exceptional service to the profession and her loyal promotion of the organization’s ideals earned her the distinction.

Grants

Rebecca K. Shrum, assistant professor of history and assistant director of public history, and John Dichtl, executive director of the National Council on Public History and adjunct assistant professor of history, received a grant from the Indiana Humanities for “Celebrating the Spirit of Competition: The Hoosier Historical Smart Phone App Tour.” Hoosier Historical is a smart phone app and companion website being developed by Shrum and Dichtl to feature approximately 20 customizable layered, map-based, multimedia curated tours around common themes for cities throughout Indiana. This grant will allow them, in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, to develop a pilot tour on amateur sports history in Indianapolis.

Grants

Susan Brin Hyatt, associate professor of anthropology, was the recipient of the 2012 Chancellor’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement, which was presented during the IUPUI Chancellor’s Academic Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 19, 2012. The award honors faculty members who exemplify high standards of civic engagement, professional service, or service learning with documented records of achievement that include peer review, student evaluations, assessments from community organization representatives, and evidence of scholarly research, publication or presentations developed from the professional service to the community and civic engagement.

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Awards

Richard E. Ward, professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Research and Learning, was named an IUPUI Chancellor’s Professor and was honored at the IUPUI Chancellor’s Academic Honors Convocation in April, along with other top faculty and student honorees. The award is the most distinguished appointment awarded to faculty by IUPUI and is recognition of senior faculty members who display records of extensive accomplishment and leadership in teaching, research, and campus service.

Students

Three IU School of Liberal Arts students were among the 20 graduating seniors who were awarded IUPUI Plater Civic Engagement Medallions. Danielle Davis (Spanish BA, International Studies minor), Mary Kate Dugan (Sociology BA, Women’s studies minor), and Taylor Rhodes (International Studies BA, Business minor) were honored for their exemplary commitment to the community. William H. Plater, Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus, presented the medallions at the IUPUI Civic Engagement Showcase.

Presentations

On June 14, the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI and the Center for Interfaith Cooperation will present a symposium exploring Islamic law entitled “Sharia beyond the Headlines.” Local scholars, lawyers, and religious practitioners will come together to discuss and examine Islamic law and ethics in American life. Participants include Marion County Superior Court Judge David Shaheed; attorney and human rights activist Rafia Zakaria; professor of public affairs in SPEA and adjunct professor of political science in the School of Liberal Arts Sheila Kennedy; Lamese Hassan, a former official at the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; local activist Fatima Warsame; IU Social Work professor Khadija Khaja; and IUPUI lecturer in Arabic language Amira Mashhour. Edward E. Curtis IV, Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and professor of religious studies, will present a luncheon address about the origins and meaning of sharia. Information: www.centerforinterfaithcooperation.org.

Grants

Thirteen Liberal Arts faculty recently received numerous grants to fund research, host conferences, and finish books. Several internal initiatives provided the grant support, including the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Initiative and the IU New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities program. The grant recipients, along with the title of their project and the amount awarded, are:

- Jennifer Bute (Communication Studies)—“Managing Private Information about Miscarriage: Couples’ Perspective” $14,824
- Edward E. Curtis IV (Religious Studies)—“Islam in the Global African Diaspora” $25,475
- Andre De Tienne (Philosophy)—“Digital Redesign of Scholarly Editions: A Collaboration between Humanities and Informatics Researchers” $30,000
- Frederick J. DiCamille (English)—“The Mediating Function of Metaphor and Myth in Constructing the Role of America in the World: The Hilary Clinton Hearings for Secretary of State” $6,314
- Aaron Dusso (Political Science)—“Voting Correctly: A Survey Experiment Measuring and Explaining the Effect of Incomplete Information on Voters’ Choice of a Presidential Candidate” $15,000
- Kelly E. Hayes (Religious Studies)—“In the Spirit of the New Millennium” $19,350
- John R. Kaufman-McKhigan (History)—“Rediscovering the Life and Times of Frederick Douglas” $15,000
- Elizabeth Kryder-Reid (Anthropology/Museum Studies)—“Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Art, Race, and Civic Space” $29,652
- Elizabeth Brand Monroe (History)—“Legal Practice in Local and Appellate Courts in the Early National Period” $5,000
- Kevin Robbline (History)—“The Messy History of ‘The Butter Plate:’ Radical New Media, Police Action to Contain Popular Visual Protests, and the Internationalization of a Graphic Arts Community in Modernizing Paris, 1900-1914” $8,480
- Genevieve Shaker (Philanthropic Studies)—“Faculty and the Public Good: The Philanthropic Meaning of Academic Work” $4,950
- Elise Wood (Museum Studies/Education)—“Interpreting the Family Museum.” $4,984; and “The objects of Experience: New Considerations for Object-Based Learning in Museums” $22,750
- Iker Zulacca (World Languages)—“A Corpus-Based Study of the Interactive Tense-Demonstration in Spanish” $7,192

Students

Five IUPUI students are the first to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Philanthropic Studies, offered by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and awarded by the IU School of Liberal Arts. The degree prepares students for entry-level positions in philanthropy and non-profit organizations with a wide-range of areas to focus on such as health, the arts, community development, the environment, and human services. The two-year old program currently has 21 students working to complete the major. The graduating students are Arishaa Kahn, Mark Lighthizer, Brittany Sears, Hannah Croucher and Elizabeth Wells.

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