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Community
The IU School of Liberal Arts is proud to announce the opening of the American Indian Programs office, a component of a first-of-its-kind partnership between IUPUI and the Potawatomi Band of the Potawatomi Indians. Among other activities, the new office will develop programs of study focused on Native American culture and contributions and a possible distance education program for the Potawatomi Band. Assistant Professor Johnny Flynn (Religious Studies), Director of American Indian Programs, says it is the first time in 200 years Native Americans and educators have joined together to "plan the future of education for Native Americans in Indiana."

Awards
Ralph Gray, Professor Emeritus of History, is the recipient of the 2010 Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana Historical Society (IHS). Presented annually, the award honors an individual who has made contributions to the history field and/or to the IHS. Gray, who taught at IUPUI for 30 years, has helped students, as well as the public, learn about the history of their state; indeed, one of his many books, Indiana History: A Book of Readings, continues to be used in college courses throughout Indiana.

Service
Carrie Foote, Associate Professor of Sociology, participated in The Office of AIDS Research of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, Social and Behavioral HIV Prevention Research Think Tank meeting on September 26-28, 2010, in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting developed recommendations to guide and strengthen future NIH HIV social and behavioral prevention research. The recommendations will also inform the President’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy which aims to reduce new HIV infections, to increase access to care and optimize health outcomes, and to reduce HIV-related health disparities.

Engagement
Graduate students in the Museum Studies Program’s Collections Care and Management course recently collected information on 40 pieces of artwork in the Indiana State House. The class, taught by associate faculty member and IMA Associate Conservator Richard McCoy, embarked on the project to raise awareness of Indiana's public art heritage and will produce Wikipedia pages for each piece as well as upload related photos to Flickr. Visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WSPA/IndianaStatehouse to learn more.

Publications
Jane Schultz, Professor of English, is the editor of This Birth Place of Souls: The Civil War Nursing Diary of Harriet Eaton. Eaton’s diary, unpublished until now, recounts her experiences caring for soldiers following the battle of Antietam. Published by Oxford University Press, the book offers a new perspective on those caring for the war’s wounded. To complete the decade-long research project Schultz transcribed and annotated Eaton’s diary and wrote the volume introduction; she also included in the book resources such as newspaper articles, letters, and a biographical dictionary to flesh out the journal for readers.

Faculty
Enrica Ardemagni, Professor of Spanish, recently received special recognition from the Northern Indiana Medical Interpreters Association (NIMIA) for dedication and outstanding contribution to the growth and recognition of medical interpreting. NIMIA is a non-profit organization for medical interpreters and translators in the state of Indiana whose mission is to promote the recognition and advancement of medical interpretation and translation as professions.

Students
Three Liberal Arts students recently completed internships as part of The Sam Masarachia Scholars Program. John Coan worked with Community Alliance for the Far Eastside (CAFÉ) this summer. Abby Ogden worked with Central Indiana Jobs with Justice and Anne Weiss worked with the Hoosier Environmental Council. John, Abby, and all students in the Masarachia Scholars Program follow a program of study and internships focused on labor, senior citizens, and community activism. Applications are now being accepted for the Program which awards full in-state tuition and fees, renewable up to four years and is open to both entering and continuing undergraduate students. Visit http://liberalsarts.iupui.edu/msarachia to learn more.

Publications
Historian William Schneider is the co-editor of a new book from the University of Rochester Press. Ludwig Breitfeld: The Story of One Life. The republished memoir of the physician and Holocaust survivor includes annotations based on extensive research and interviews and an introduction by Schneider and Marta Balinska.

Teaching
English faculty members who lead University College First-Year Experience Learning Communities presented this fall at the National Learning Communities Conference. Sara Harrell, David Sebol, and Leslie Miller presented best practices focused on student engagement from their classes. The team showed a wide variety of projects and student responses to the learning activities.

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