The Paralegal Program, in the Department of Political Science, has been selected to be the 97th chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi, known as LEX, the national honors society for paralegal and legal studies students.

Edward Curtis, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Millennium Scholar of the Liberal Arts, has been selected as a Carnegie Scholar by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The Corporation will provide Curtis with a grant of approximately $100,000 for Professor Curtis to study African American Muslim connections to foreign Muslims and Islamic institutions in Muslim countries.


Three English Department faculty have received IUPUI Lecturer Summer Development grants to implement projects designed to improve their teaching of undergraduates. Hannah Haas and Francia Kissel share an award of $4,860 for their "Collaborative Multimedia Resources Project," in which they will create wiki-based multimedia presentations to use in their Introduction to Poetry courses. Sharon Henriksen was awarded $4,860 to explore the educational possibilities of Second Life, a 3D virtual world, in order to best incorporate this interactive realm into her online and traditional classrooms.

This year the Anthropology Department's Summer Field School will be held in Sheridan, Indiana, at the cabin site of George Boxley, an early Virginian abolitionist running from the law who stumbled into becoming the first white settler in Adams Township, Hamilton County. For more information on the Field School, email kcglidde@iupui.edu.

Associate Professor of History Ch. Didier Gondola has received a Fulbright Award from the United States government to pursue his research in Kinshasa, Congo, during the 2008-2009 year. During the Fulbright, he will further his research on "Tropical Cowboys" and will assist in the University of Kinshasa History Department with a curricular and programmatic reorganization.

Out of the ten William M. Plater Civic Engagement Medallions given by IUPUI this year, three have gone to Liberal Arts majors. Caridad Ax (Political Science), Vanessa Fry (English & Communication Studies), and Caroline Wade (Communication Studies) were recognized for depth and diversity of commitment in serving their communities.

Liberal Arts Summer Research and Creative Activity grants were awarded to eight faculty members. The awardees are:
- Julie Beiz, English, Microgenetic Analysis of the Development of Second Language Pragmatic Competence
- Dennis Bingham, English, Film Studies Projects: Biopics and Stars
- Peg Zeglin Brand, Philosophy/Women's Studies, "Beauty Revisited" Book Manuscript & Reproductions
- Frederick DiCamilia, English, Myth, Metaphor, and US Foreign Policy
- Carrie Foote, Sociology, Stigmatization of Women with HIV/AIDS in Arab Countries
- Jennifer Geigel Mikulay, Museum Studies & Herron, Public Art Web
- Debra White-Stanley, English, War Nurses: The Literary Eyewitness and Cinematic Representation
- Katherine Wills, English, "Dream Helix" Poetry Manuscript Submission to Academic Poetry Publishers

Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD, has been selected to receive IU's all-university teaching prize, the Herman Frederic Lieber Memorial Award. Gunderman is associate professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, and philanthropy, and also serves as vice chairman of radiology and director of pediatric radiology. Gunderman is a five-time recipient of the Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award, and also received the 2006 School of Medicine Faculty Teaching Award and the 2007 IUPUI Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Liberal Arts students received more than $150,000 in scholarships and awards at A Celebration of Scholarship: The Liberal Arts Honors Convocation on Friday, April 18th at the IUPUI Campus Center.