

# Advances

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News from the School of Liberal Arts

## Dr. Joseph T. Taylor: A Life Celebrated

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*"His legacy of high achievement will be sustained in all the thousands of people whose lives he touched."*

-IUPUI Chancellor  
Gerald Bepko

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Joseph Thomas Taylor, the first dean of the School of Liberal Arts and IUPUI dean emeritus, died Saturday, September 23.

Dr. Taylor, who earned his doctorate from Indiana University in 1952, retired in 1984 as professor emeritus of sociology and dean emeritus of the School of Liberal Arts.

"Dr. Joseph Taylor was one of the giants of education in our university and our community," IUPUI Chancellor Gerald Bepko said. "His legacy will create a fitting memorial to his greatness here at IUPUI."

Taylor could be called one of the architects of the integration of Indianapolis public schools, U.S. District Court Judge S. Hugh Dillin said. In 1973 Dillin appointed Taylor as one of two commissioners to assist school officials in the desegregation of schools.

"He didn't take any flack from anybody. He just did his job," Dillin said of Taylor's work on a project that faced opposition from

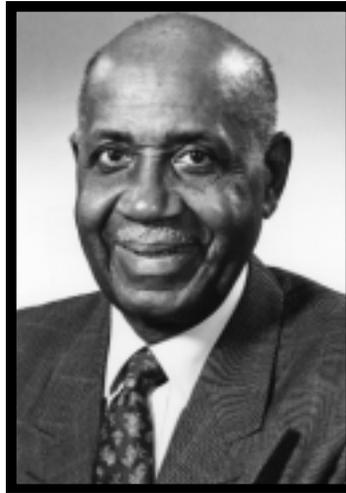
people who thought schools should remain segregated by race.

Taylor's death is a loss to the community, the judge said.

"He has been an outstanding citizen and has done a lot for Indianapolis, in education, particularly," Dillin said. "We'll miss him."

Taylor had been associated with Indiana University for more than 30 years. He joined the Indiana University faculty in 1962 as associate professor of sociology at what was then the IU extension in downtown Indianapolis. He was appointed dean of the downtown campus in 1967 and played a major role in implementing Indiana University and Purdue University trustee boards' directives in the merger creating the IUPUI campus in 1969.

The Mississippi native was promoted to professor of sociology in 1970, and was dean of the IU School of Liberal Arts from 1972 to



Dr. Joseph T. Taylor  
1913-2000

1978. Taylor then served as special assistant to the vice president from 1978-1983.

He was appointed dean and professor emeritus

in 1983 and had remained active in campus affairs after retiring.

For more than a decade, The Joseph Taylor Symposium sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts, has honored Taylor and his contributions to IUPUI and the Indianapolis community. The topic for this year's symposium, *Building Community: Civil Society in Urban America*, and future topics will continue to reflect Dr. Taylor's life-long interest in issues of urban life and diversity.

"We are not accustomed to setting aside time for public discussion of some critical issues unless something comes to a crisis, which rarely results in a true resolution," Taylor said prior to the 2000 symposium held in February. "You

can think in a crisis, but you don't bring enough information to a social issue in a one-night meeting."

Taylor earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois. Prior to moving to Indianapolis to work at Flanner House in 1957, Taylor taught at Dillard University in New Orleans, Albany State College in Georgia, and Florida A & M University.

As a teaching fellow at Florida A & M, he was a field investigator for the Carnegie-Myrdal study: "The Negro in America - An American Dilemma." The study was one of the first to focus on race relationships between African-Americans and the white majority.

Taylor's work at IUPUI included serving as director of the Black Clergy Leaders, a campus educational community outreach program that provided managerial and organizational assistance and training to local ministers who had not attended seminary.

Dr. Joseph T. Taylor will be greatly missed by the School, University and Indianapolis communities.

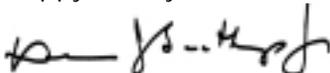
*If you would like to make a gift in Dr. Taylor's memory, contact the Office of External Affairs, 317-278-1839 or libarts@iupui.edu.*

# From the Liberal Arts Family to Yours



Dear Friends,  
 Thank you for all you have done to contribute to our successes this past year. We've had a good start to the century. We have celebrated new faculty, babies, books and articles, alumni homecomings, retirements and lives well led. We said goodbye to our first dean, with awe and pride in what he'd accomplished. We welcomed new students and congratulated graduates. We honored our best and brightest. Shared laughs and shed a few tears.

It has been a good year. Thank you and all best wishes for 2001!

Happy Holidays,  
  
 Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.  
 Dean, School of Liberal Arts

## Hey Alumni!!

Are you single? married? have kids?  
 What kind of career do you have?  
 Where do you live?  
 What do you like to do?

We want to know what's new in your life!

Send a ClassNotes submission to [LibArts@iupui.edu](mailto:LibArts@iupui.edu) or Office of External Affairs, 425 University Blvd., CA441, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Or use our handy online form to fill us in. [www.iupui.edu/~sla/extaff/ClassNotes.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/~sla/extaff/ClassNotes.htm)  
 You can submit the form electronically, or print it and mail it.

# The Master of Arts in Sociology: Liberal Arts' Newest Degree



The School of Liberal Arts and Department of Sociology are proud to announce the school's newest degree: The Master of Arts in Sociology.

David Ford, Chair of the Department of Sociology, reports that the degree can be tailored to the interests of each student, but the program's curriculum will have two main concentrations. The concentrations, in family sociology and medical sociology, will utilize the Department's location at IUPUI and in Indianapolis.

Specifically, the unique resources of an urban campus and major medical school will create opportunities for collaboration in family and medical sociology that are not available elsewhere in

Indiana.

The faculty anticipate that many of the students will be residents of Central Indiana who are employed locally and pursuing graduate study part-time. The program will be rounded out by traditional students who wish to pursue the degree full-time in preparation for careers in sociology and/or continued sociological study.

The program will admit its first students and begin offering classes in the fall of 2001.

The Master of Arts in Sociology is the fifth master's degree in the School of Liberal Arts. The other degrees are in Economics, English, History, and Philanthropic Studies.

*For more information about the Master of Arts in Sociology, please contact the Sociology Department Office Coordinator, Velma Graves at (317) 274-8981 or [vsgraves2@iupui.edu](mailto:vsgraves2@iupui.edu).*



In other Sociology news, the department graduated twins. Emily Stanley and Ann Haase both received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology on May 14, 2000.

# Liberal Arts Campaign Co-Chairs Announced



Karl and Barbara Zimmer



David Frick, Anthem Inc.

Barbara and Karl Zimmer and David Frick have agreed to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Liberal Arts Comprehensive Campaign Committee. The IUPUI Campaign will kick-off in September of 2001.

The Zimmers are long time friends of the School. Mr. Zimmer is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication and Mrs. Zimmer is retired associate faculty of the English Department.

David Frick, EVP, Chief Legal and Administrative Officer, Anthem Inc., is an active member of the Indianapolis community and served on the Liberal Arts Dean's Advisory Committee from 1984-1996.

## New Beaudry Curriculum Center, Spanish Resource Center Open

After months of renovation, the new Beaudry Curriculum Center and the Spanish Resource Center in the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures opened their doors on September 22, 2000.

The occasion was marked by an open house and remarks by Don Gonzalo Gomez-Dacal, Education and Science Counselor for the Embassy of Spain, and Dean of Liberal Arts, Herman Saatkamp, Jr.

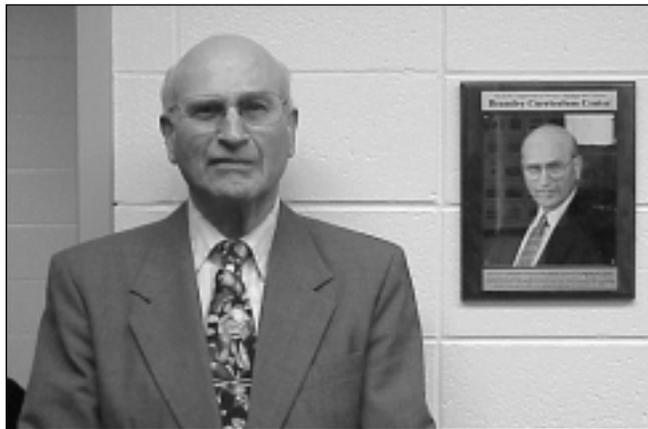
Dr. James Beaudry, Professor Emeritus of the Department of French (now part of the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures), made the renovations possible through his generous support.

The Spanish Resource Center is located in Cavanaugh Hall Room 408. It is the Indianapolis extension of the center in Bloomington. The Spanish centers are sponsored by the government of Spain and are dedicated to providing materials for teachers of Spanish at all levels.

The Beaudry Curriculum Center, Cavanaugh Hall



Chair Larbi Oukada, Dean Herman Saatkamp, Jr. (l-to-r), look on as Don Gonzalo Gomez-Dacal makes remarks at the centers' opening.



Professor Emeritus of French James G. Beaudry in front of the plaque naming the new Curriculum Center in his honor.

Room 422, is a resource center for the Foreign Language Department faculty, and through them, students of language and culture.

For information on the

*Spanish Resource Center, please contact Director Milagros Sanchez de la Blanca at (317) 278-2347.*

*To learn more about the Beaudry Center, please call (317) 274-062.*

### Liberal Arts Campus Campaign 2000 Raises \$230,117

Each year IUPUI provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to support campus programs that they feel are especially important.

For the second year in a row, the generosity of School of Liberal Arts faculty and staff leads the campus.

So far, 95 Liberal Arts faculty and staff have given a total of \$230,117!!

These gifts support everything from department programs to new School of Liberal Arts initiatives to campus priorities.

Campus Campaign 2000 will go through the end of the year.

Special thanks go to Liberal Arts faculty and staff. Once again, they have gone above and beyond to provide extraordinary service to the School and the University.



# Making Choices

By Gail Plater, Director of Development & External Affairs

There was a real “Dime Store” about five blocks from my home when my children were little. It was a frequent destination for life’s little necessities, with the potential for causing considerable fussiness, whining and hyperactivity for a toddler at eye level with sweet temptation.



Gail Plater

When my oldest child was about three, I began to give her a small “allowance” when we went to this particular store. Two cents. (They sold penny candy for a penny, then!) We talked a lot about choices. She could spend both pennies on whatever she wanted, or she could save both, or save one and spend one. The fussiness stopped as soon as she knew she had choices. If she wanted something that cost a nickel, she knew her choice was to save her pennies until she had that nickel. Over time, and with her demonstrated responsibility, her allowance grew and she had more choices.

As December 31 approaches, we all receive frequent reminders that the choices we make in these last critical weeks of the tax year will have an impact on what happens to us tax-wise on April 15. And we’re usually not talking about penny candy.

Let’s suppose you really value the mission of a particular cause, but sending a check from your current assets at this time would be difficult. There are some creative ways of dealing with this dilemma that can help you achieve your charitable goals while at the same time allowing you to make the critical choices that determine the use of your hard earned funds.

Following are short descriptions of several of these options. You will want to consult with your own financial advisor about details.

♦ Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT)

CRAT receives gift and pays back to donor or other beneficiary at least 5% return on initial principal for life or for a period of up to 20 years. Can pay out tax-exempt income, but cannot receive subsequent contributions. No capital gains tax if appreciated property is used. Donor can deduct immediately the present value of charity’s remainder interest, subject to the 50% or 30% limitation.

♦ Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT)

CRUT receives gift and pays back to donor or other beneficiary at least 5% of the annual value of the trust principal, either for life or for a period of years up to 20. If principal goes up in value, so does payout amount. Can pay out tax-exempt income, and can receive subsequent contributions. No capital gains tax if appreciated property is used. Donor can deduct immediately the present value of charity’s remainder interest, subject to the 50% or 30% limitation.

♦ Pooled Income Fund (PIF) PIF pays an income to the donor, proportionate to his or her share of fund earnings. Can be funded with smaller gift amounts than CRAT or CRUT, and can receive subsequent contributions. No capital gains tax if appreciated property is used, but cannot pay out tax-exempt income. Donor can deduct immediately present value of the charity’s remainder interest, subject to the 50% or 30% limitation.

The fundamental choice we have is “do we spend our money the way we want to, or do we give it to the government and trust them to spend it the way we want?” That is why this is the time of year you begin to hear from every charity or cause that has your address. Most choices are simple—you like the charity or cause or you don’t. You send a check or you don’t. Or you find a means, like one of those described above, to make a gift that allows you a broad range of choices.

The message I would leave with you (and the one I spent considerable time teaching my children) is that you have choices, all of them good.

*For more information on these and other gift opportunities, please give me a call (317-278-1055) or email me (gplater@iupui.edu).*

## Lasting Impact: Richard Turner

*We asked alumni to tell us about professors who made a difference. Linda G. Richey, BA '79, English, wrote us this letter.*



Richard Turner  
Professor of English  
Assistant Director, Women's Studies  
Ph.D. Emory University '66  
At IUPUI Since: 1972

"Professor Richard C. Turner had a profound influence on my life. I first encountered him in a poetry class which was scheduled to be taught by someone else. After getting over the disappointment of not having that professor teach the class, I found I really enjoyed Professor Turner's teaching style.

I started taking classes in eighteenth-century and Restoration literature, which he taught, and this led to my lifelong interest in that area. It led to my working with Professor Rufus Reiberg on his James Boswell research - one of the great joys of my life.

Professor Turner's enthusiasm for poetry, drama, and English literature in general certainly had an impact on my life. I will always owe him for enriching my life through his kindness, and for inspiring my fervent interest in seventeenth and eighteenth century English literature."

*Linda is a reference librarian in Anderson, Indiana.*



### LASTING IMPACT What Professor Changed Your Life?

What Liberal Arts Professor made a difference to you and why? How did your experience impact your career and personal life? And, what made your favorite professor so extraordinary? Let us know and watch for your story in the next *Advances!*

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## School of Liberal Arts Dec-Feb Calendar



Aristea Pappas, retired staff from the Anthropology Department and Dean Herman Saatkamp at Dean's Day 2000. A longtime friend and supporter of Liberal Arts, Ari was named an honorary alumnae of the School at Dean's Day on October 28.

- Dec 14 Film Studies Club Screening - *Easy Rider***  
Ruth Lilly Auditorium, University Library, 6 - 9 p.m.
- Jan 24 Seminar in Medical Ethics and Humanities**  
"Drugs of Distinction: The Arts and Artifacts of Pharmacology from 'The Hospice of Humanity,' Beaufort's Hotel-Dieu, circa 1500--circa 1800"  
Kevin Robbins, History  
Ruth Lilly Learning Center, Conf. Room B, Riley Hospital
- Jan 25 Sabbatical Speaker Series**  
"Blood, Lead, and Ink: A Preliminary Analysis of Civil War Letters"  
Jane Schultz, English  
Cavanaugh Hall, Room 438, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Rufus Reiberg Creative Reading Series**  
Poet Richard Jones  
Ruth Lilly Auditorium, University Library, 7 p.m.
- Feb 8 Sabbatical Speaker Series**  
"Negotiating Cultural Imperatives, Colonial Legacies and International Human Rights Laws: Widowhood as Site of Struggle"  
Obioma Nnaemeka, Foreign Languages/Women's Studies  
Cavanaugh Hall, Room 438, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Feb 9 Seminar in Medical Ethics and Humanities**  
"Letters from the Front: On Making War, Practicing Medicine and Other Contradictions"  
Jane Schultz, English  
Ruth Lilly Learning Center, Conf. Room B, Riley Hospital
- Feb 22 Sabbatical Speaker Series**  
"The Politics of Employee Rights: Recourse for Wrongful Discharge"  
Jim Wallihan, Political Science  
Cavanaugh Hall, Room 438, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Rufus Reiberg Creative Reading Series**  
Poet Reginald Shepherd  
Ruth Lilly Auditorium, University Library, 4 p.m.

For more information:  
(317) 278-1839 LibArts@iupui.edu  
[www.iupui.edu/~sla/calendar.html](http://www.iupui.edu/~sla/calendar.html)

## Alumni Profile: Stephen Akard, B.A. French/Economics, 1986 2000 Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni Service Award Winner

*Partially excerpted from  
IUPUI Partnerships.*



Steve, baby Julianne, and Kay on a visit to Indianapolis last year.

How did Steve Akard end up living in Mumbai, India, and in Brussels, Belgium?

When Steve and his wife Kay, BA Political Science/ Journalism 1992, decided that they were ready for a new challenge, they weren't kidding!

Steve, who besides his Liberal Arts degrees in Economics and French also has a master's degree in business from the IU Kelly School of Business and a law degree from the IU School of Law

(both in Indianapolis), works for the American Foreign Service.

Steve's Liberal Arts Professors aren't surprised that Steve is well suited for the Foreign Service.

Economics Professor Bob Kirk reports that Steve, "was an excellent student, of course, but what I respect as much is the breadth of his interest."

"We in Liberal Arts have always been interested in following his career."

Rosalie Vermette, Professor of French, on the other hand, knew both Kay and Steve.

Vermette says that Steve, "was a tall, quiet, thoughtful type of kid."

The teaching and friendship of Professors Kirk and Vermette and others, including Dick Fredland of Political Science, has led Steve to maintain his relationship with the School of Liberal Arts and IUPUI long after graduation.

Steve was chosen as the 2000 Distinguished Alumni Service Award Winner because of his service to the

school and the university.

Steve was a panelist at last year's Dean's Day where he spoke about his experiences as a lawyer abroad. He also served as the Liberal Arts representative to the IU Alumni Association Executive Council and as the vice chair of the IUPUI Alumni Advisory Council.

Steve's brother, John, accepted the award on Steve's behalf at this year's Dean's Day on October 28 with his parents, two of his brothers, a sister and brother-

in-law in attendance.

Steve, Kay and their daughter, Julianne, couldn't be present because they are in Brussels. Steve says that his work in Brussels is different than his first assignment in Mumbai. In Brussels, he is a political officer and an administration officer, while in Mumbai he was a consular officer and helped people traveling between the U.S. and India.

Steve says that for now he is interested in making foreign service a long-time career. "There are lots of paths to follow that interest me."



Herman Saatkamp, Rosalie Vermette, and part of the Akard family after the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.



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