

FYJ: English Department News

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Publication

- **Kim Brian Lovejoy, Steve Fox, and Katherine V. Wills** published "From Language Experience to Classroom Practice: Affirming Linguistic Diversity in Writing Pedagogy" in the Spring 2009 issue of *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture*.
- **Kim Lovejoy** also published "Self-Directed Writing: Giving Voice to Student Writers" in *English Journal*, July 2009.
- **Jennifer Thorington-Springer** received a contract with Africa World Press for the publication of *Unraveling Gender, Race, and Diaspora* to be edited with **Dr. Obioma Nnaemeka**.
- **Ken Davis** and **Scott Weeden** published "The Teacher as Trickster on the Learner's Journey" in *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* in June 2009.
- **Jane Schultz** is editing a special issue of the journal *LITERATURE AND MEDICINE* based on approximately 12 articles that began as paper presentations at the November 2008 Cancer Stories symposium. The issue should come out early in 2010, and may later be published in book form.

Grants

- **Helen Schwartz** was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey, during the 2010 academic year.
- **Jennifer Thorington-Springer** received both a New Frontiers grant in spring of 2009 and an SLA Summer Research and Creative Activity grant.
- **Kim Lovejoy** received a New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Exploration Fellowship, awarded April 2009.
- **Julie Freeman**, director of the Writing Solutions program, received a second grant to continue work begun last year in providing writing workshops for Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) staff members from the Offices of Land Quality and Air Quality during the summer of 2009. **Gail Bennett-Edelman** and **Hannah Haas** also participated in the program.
- **Susan Shepherd** traveled to Kenya in the summer of 2009 with support from the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program Grant that was received by International Affairs for "Understanding Kenya through Partnership and Service: Focus on Curriculum Development." She was part of a small group of IUPUI faculty and students as well as several IPS teachers who participated in a month-long program of workshops and lectures taught by faculty at Moi University in Kenya, one of IUPUI's strategic partners

- **Terri Bourus** received an SLA summer grant which allowed her to travel to New Zealand to act as dramaturge for the first complete staging of Shakespeare's so-called "Lost Play," Cardenio: a play based on Cervantes' Don Quixote.
- **Gail Bennett-Edelman** received a 2009 Jump Start Grant to transform her S100 course linked to W131 and a political science class into a hybrid version.

Honors

- **Cathy Beck, Francina Kissel, and Mel Winger** joined the ranks of Senior Lecturers in the Department of English.
- In honor and celebration of the retirements of **Richard Turner** and **Ken Davis**, friends, family, colleagues, and former students have made gifts and pledges totaling more than \$20,000 to support the Turner-Davis Faculty Boundary Crossing Endowment.
- **Jennifer Mahoney** won the SLA Outstanding Distinguished Associate Faculty award for 2009. Her nomination materials pointed out that "Jennifer's contributions to the University Writing Center, the Writing Program, and in particular her Herculean service, merit the School's recognition."
- **Kate Sim** won the SLA Outstanding Distinguished Lecturer award for 2009. Her nominating letter said that "she has consistently demonstrated innovative, effective teaching; taken leadership roles in her service to department, school, and campus, especially in diversity initiatives and interdisciplinary connections; and furthered the IUPUI mission of supporting K-12 education."
- **Robert Rebein** received recognition for two works of nonfiction: the essay "Sisyphus of the Plains" was named a finalist in The Missouri Review's Editors' Awards for creative nonfiction; and another essay, "A Most Romantic Spot," was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.
- **Cathy Beck, Aye Nu Duerksen, Sharon Henriksen, and Jim Powell** received 2009-2010 Trustee Teaching Awards.

Students and Alumni

- Alumna **Amy Pettinella** is the author of "Nevermore," a play produced as a part of the recent Fringe Fest in Indianapolis. Amy was the featured speaker at the department's spring student awards ceremony.
- Alumna **Kay Castaneda** received a fellowship related to her poetry to attend Summer 2009 Literary Seminars in Vilnius, Lithuania. She is also a new member of the writing faculty.
- English major **Christin Johnson** was a member of the group traveling to Kenya this summer as part of the the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program Grant. Her blog appeared on the IUPUI website at iupui.edu/summerimpact/cris!
- English graduate student **Tiffany Kyser** is one of six IUPUI students honored at the Outstanding Women Leadership Awards sponsored by the IUPUI Office for Women and Campus & Community Life.

Outreach

- **Steve Fox** directs the newly-renamed **Hoosier Writing Project**. The program's grant from the National Writing Project was renewed for 2009-10, and the project will receive \$59,000 in matching funds as well as a mini-grant from the Urban Sites Network of the NWP for an inquiry project related to teacher equity and diversity among teacher-consultants. Summer 2009 activities included two Invitational Institutes for teachers. Additionally, the program will continue to work under a National Evaluation Study grant that funds a partnership with John Marshall Community High School in Indianapolis.
- The first Writing Summer Preparatory classes took place in summer of 2009, serving students on "the cusp of eligibility for admission to IUPUI." **Leslie Miller, Sarah Harrell, Jeff Russ, and Mary Sauer** taught in the program which was designed by **Ms. Sauer**.
- **J.J. Stenzoski** and a group of English and Communications students shot a short film last spring, "Rosemary's Baby Daddy." The project included **Chelsea Harper, Jesse Tryon, Ted Rossini, Erik Osburn, Amanda Harbeck and Brandon Harris**. The completed film is intended to premiere online at funnyordie.com and other web outlets.

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