



IUPUC

Division of Liberal Arts

Dear Friend,

We in the IUPUC Division of Liberal Arts highly value our opportunities to enrich community life in Columbus and surrounding south central Indiana. Throughout the year our students and faculty host celebrations, forums, and film screenings that serve the public. Here are highlights from spring, 2022:

- March 24: In honor of Women's History Month, **Aimee Zoeller** (Sociology Program Director and professor and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Coordinator) showed the film, *Madan Sara*, and moderated a conversation with the film's director, Etant Dupain. The women known as Madan Sara in Haiti work tirelessly to buy, distribute, and sell food and other essentials in markets through the country.
- April 12: **Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick** (IUPUI Chancellor's Professor of English, Office of Student Research (OSR) Director and IUPUI Affiliate Faculty in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies), and **Scott Desmond** (sociology professor and interim OSR co-director) hosted IUPUC's annual Student Research Exhibition with support from Senior Administrative Assistant **Vicki Kruse**. The exhibition featured poster presentations on students' research in business, education, engineering, English, and psychology. Julie and **Kate Wills** (English Program Director and professor) were among this year's faculty sponsors.

[Read more about the OSR exhibition](#) >

- March 24 – May 19: IUPUC and Columbus' Mill Race Center partnered to provide the Great Decisions series of weekly forums on international issues. Great Decisions is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and supported locally with an Innovate Indiana grant from IU. Series organizer **George Towers** (Division Head and geography professor) led off this year's program with a presentation on global demographic trends. Also among the presenters were IUPUC biology professor **Luke Jacobus** and IUPUC management professor **Jon Padfield** who spoke on climate change and industrial policy, respectively.
- Please visit IUPUC's [WWW Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

We are grateful for the internship and service-learning opportunities our community partners have created for IUPUC students majoring in Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, English, and Sociology.

Our students gain experience that helps them launch their professional careers. In turn, our partner organizations and firms benefit greatly from their interns' contributions. Please reach out to us to explore how we can build such mutually rewarding internships and service-learning experiences with you.

As Head of the Division of Liberal Arts, it is my honor to share with you the wonderful work of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,



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Students

Liberal arts students complete Indiana University bachelor degrees in Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, English, General Studies, and Sociology at IUPUC. Communication studies offers minors in corporate and organizational communication and health communication; our English degree includes concentrations in creative writing and literature; and sociology majors may complete concentrations in medical sociology and criminology. We offer a thriving minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.



Student Spotlight: **Elizabeth Pike**

Elizabeth, a junior majoring in English with minors in Communication Studies and Sociology, is this year's recipient of the IUPUC Outstanding Student in Liberal Arts Award. Citing Elizabeth's work as a writing tutor in the

Academic Resource Center, a supplemental instructor, a mentor for the Early Start Program and an editor on the Talking Leaves staff, English professor **Lisa Siefker Bailey** wrote in her award nomination that “Elizabeth has been a strong leader on campus, especially in academics.” Lisa lauded Elizabeth as a student “who combines multiple disciplines of study and who is comfortable with and encourages others to think outside a narrow focus and contribute to original ideas ...”. Reflecting on her IUPUC career, Elizabeth reports that “In going to college, I have gained a better love and desire for learning, which is why I wish to continue after my initial degree - learning what I am not clear on yet. I also have always held a deep love for reading and writing, this love I feel has helped me in other areas in my life like tutoring.” She is a Columbus North High School alum and will be the second of the six children in her family to earn a college degree.

Student Recognition

- IUPUC Bachelor of General Studies Degree Outstanding Graduate Award – **Andy Helwig**
- IUPUC Best English Essay – **Emerson Fowler**
- IUPUC Outstanding Student in Communication Studies – **Cristina Villani**
- IUPUC Outstanding Student in Criminal Justice – **Alec McCullough**
- IUPUC Outstanding Student in English – **Cynthia Scott**
- IUPUC Outstanding Student in Liberal Arts Award – **Elizabeth Pike**
- IUPUC Outstanding Student in Sociology – **Hannah Brooks**

Alumni Spotlight: Jaclyn Vanosdol, Class of 2015

Communication Studies major with minors in Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

It is hard to believe that it has been seven years since Jaclyn graduated. Jaclyn's gregarious, positive personality left such an impression that it seems like just yesterday. After a false start at IU Bloomington, Jaclyn found IUPUC, which was, in her words, "the first place where I felt like it was home and these were my people." One of those people was Communication Studies Program Director and professor **Anna Carmon**. Jaclyn credits Anna with changing her life by believing in her and mentoring her from the time she arrived at IUPUC. Since graduation, Jaclyn has made a huge impact in our community. When Jaclyn's son Luca was born three years ago, she and Shayna Heavern formed a support group for moms that they named "Boobs and Brews." With their mission to create an inclusive, judgement-free space based on treating others with kindness and respect, they quickly found 80 kindred spirits in south-central Indiana. Since then, the group's membership has zoomed past 3,000. Community service is a foundational value of Boobs and Brews and they have raised over \$50,000 for Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, refugees at Camp Atterbury, and Jackson County's Blessings in a Backpack program providing school supplies for underprivileged children. Fittingly, Jaclyn's excellent volunteer work led to her current position as Director of Development for Advocates for Children in Columbus. Jaclyn lives in Columbus with her husband Jimmy and their son Luca.

Faculty & Staff

Scholar Teachers



Sociology professor Nathan Rousseau was named a 2022 IUPUI Virtual Global Learning Fellow with his proposal to use Virtual Exchange in his Introduction to Sociology course. His class will connect with a cohort of students in the United Kingdom to study the significance of race, stratification, social justice, and the history and purpose of dividing people into races. They will review the development of the classification system that became a means to rank human groups into distinct races and provided the legitimacy for global expansion and oppression.

[Learn more >](#)



Pursuing her passion for teaching students about the relationship between music and social change, **Aimee Zoeller** has organized the Teaching Woody Guthrie Faculty Learning Community with leading Guthrie scholars from the U.S. and England. The group's work contributed to the spring, 2022 exhibit, "Woody Guthrie: People Are the Song," at New York's Morgan Library & Museum. In turn, the exhibit was featured by Jane Pauley on CBS Sunday Morning. At IUPUC, Aimee's special topics course, Protest Music in the U.S., is a popular elective.

[Read the story in IUPUC newsroom >](#)

[Go to the CBS News article >](#)



Digital Gardener Faculty Fellows

Kate Wills, communications studies professor **Pamela Morris**, and management professor **Kevin Jones** are representing IUPUC in the inaugural cohort of IU's Digital Gardener Faculty Fellows. The Fellows work together to identify and implement the best ways of integrating digital literacy into teaching and learning. The program's goals complement those of Media Literacy Week, an annual series of public forums at the Columbus Learning Center. Pamela organizes Media Literacy Week which will be held this year from October 24 to 28.

[Learn more](#) >

Faculty Recognition



Terry Dibble received promotion to Senior Lecturer of English. After completing his Ph.D. at IU Bloomington, Terry joined the IUPUC faculty in 2000. He teaches across the literature and writing curriculum, from early American literature to screenwriting. Terry's teaching has been celebrated with an IU Trustees Teaching Award (2006) and an IUPUC Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Teaching Award (2018). He is also renowned for his service which

includes coordinating IUPUC's offerings in liberal arts disciplines outside our degree programs.



Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick received two prestigious awards in spring, 2022. Her teaching was recognized with the IU system-wide Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. In the words of IU President Pamela Whitten, "This is the highest honor the University can bestow on any faculty member in recognition of their teaching excellence." Julie's research earned accolades as well. Her co-edited 2021 volume, *The Collected Writings of Assia Wevill*, won the Popular Culture Association's Susan Koppelman Award for the Best Anthology, Multi-Authored, or Edited Book in Feminist Studies in Popular and American Culture. Julie's work with students also resulted in recognition this spring. The Feminism Club, which she founded and sponsors, received IUPUI's inaugural \$500 MLK Student Organization Grant on MLK Day. Aligned with the grant's purpose, the club has long provided programming and services that promote inclusion and respect for diversity.

[Read about Julie's teaching honors >](#)

[Read about Julie's new book >](#)

[Read about the Feminism Club award >](#)



Pamela Morris was promoted to Associate Professor of Communication Studies with approval for tenure. Pamela's scholarly interests include media law, media and technology, and the uses and effects of technology on communication processes. The co-author of a recent book and more than a dozen journal articles and book

chapters, Pamela has won six Top Paper awards for her research presentations at communication studies conferences. Pamela's service to the community and the university is equally excellent. In addition to organizing Columbus' Media Literacy Week, she is IUPUC's Assessment Coordinator.



Kate Wills was honored on MLK Day as a community recipient of IUPUI's 2022 Building Bridges Award. The award "honors Indiana University faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners across IU's campuses who capture King's spirit, vision, and leadership." Through her teaching, research, and service, Kate has helped create and sustain a diverse and inclusive campus community.

[Read about Kate's honor >](#)



Part-Time Faculty Spotlight: **Jackson Sargent**

Jackson, who teaches criminal justice, won IUPUC's Jacqueline D. Franz Outstanding Part-time Faculty Teaching Award for 2021-22. He has earned IU's Master of Public Affairs degree and is working towards a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at IUB. As the Assistant Director of Human Resources for the City of Columbus, Jackson relies upon his strengths in strategic planning, recruitment, and retention and works closely with the Columbus Police Department. Jackson also has extensive experience in the administration of airport security. His broad academic and professional background is reflected in the range of IUPUC courses he teaches which includes Criminal Justice Data, Methods, and Resources; Police in Contemporary Society;

Cybercrime; and Corrections and Criminal Justice. Jackson brings to his classes a deep knowledge of his subject, careful preparation, and a sincere concern for his students' success. He lives in Hope with his wife, DeAndrea, and children Nicholas and Jack Sargent, and Aunaka and Simeon Wasil.



In memory, Dr. Douglas G. Gardner

History professor **Doug Gardner** passed away on June 14, 2022. Doug had retired this spring after 21 years at IUPUC. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Doug earned his bachelor's degree at Ohio State, went to Duke University for his masters and returned to Ohio for his Ph.D. from Miami University. Doug's areas of expertise included Southern history, African American history, the Civil War era, and visual history. As the coordinator of IUPUC's history offerings, Doug taught everything from introductory world history to upper-division U.S. History. His teaching was recognized with an IU Trustees Teaching Award in 2007. Doug was a voracious reader and articulate conversationalist known for his kindness, thoughtfulness, and sense of humor. Accordingly, his colleagues relied upon his friendship, supportive advice, and deep institutional knowledge. A calming source of wisdom as a faculty senator and as a member of innumerable committees, Doug earned the 2010 IUPUC Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Service Award. Doug's humanity and intellectual gifts made a lasting impact on our campus. He will be dearly missed.

Contribute

Please consider supporting our student by contributing to one of the following programs:

- **IUPUC Outstanding Student in Liberal Arts Award.** Gifts will be used to continue to provide prizes for the division-wide Outstanding Student Award and our other student awards.
- **Charles Bantz Scholarship in Communication Studies.** Funds support juniors and seniors majoring in Communication Studies who have demonstrated involvement in the IUPUC community. Dr. Bantz, a prominent scholar in communication studies, was IUPUI's Chancellor from 2003 to 2015.
- **Dr. Jay Howard Scholarship.** This fund supports students studying sociology. An IUPUC sociology professor for two decades, Dr. Howard served as IUPUC's Vice Chancellor and Dean from 2007 to 2009. He is now the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Butler University.
- **IUPUC Criminal Justice Scholarship.** Criminal justice majors who have achieved an A or B average are eligible to receive scholarships from this fund.
- **IUPUC Division of Liberal Arts.** This fund is used primarily to support co-curricular and community programming sponsored by the Division of Liberal Arts. The fund may also be used to augment promotional efforts and other activities as needed.

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- **Student Research.** Gifts support student research through the Office of Student Research.

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Thank you for your support. Please let us know how we can work together and help each other. We would love to hear from you.