



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 fall, 2021:

- Thanks to Communication Studies professor **Pamela Morris**, Media Literacy Week has become an IUPUC institution every October. Last fall's schedule of events included a screening of the documentary "Fake: Searching for Truth in the Age of Misinformation" and a workshop titled "Detecting Truth." The highlight of the week was a well-attended panel discussion on Media and Mental Health with IUPUC and IUPUI students and faculty that featured English professor **Terry Dibble**. If you are interested in being a part of Media Literacy Week 2022 (October 24 – 28) please contact Pamela (pammorri@iupuc.edu).
- On November 6, a packed house at the Columbus Learning Center auditorium enjoyed "Grimm and Gulley: Song and Story" featuring the music of Tim Grimm and stories from author Phillip Gulley. Sociology professor and program director **Aimee Zoeller** hosted the event on behalf of the IUPUC Sociology Program and The Granny Connection of Columbus.
- **Anna Carmon**, Communication Studies professor and program director and Coach of the Columbus East High

School Speech Team, annually organizes the Hoosier Heartland District Invitational High School Speech Tournament on behalf of IUPUC. The 2021 tournament was held on December 4 via Zoom and engaged a record number of participants from across the state. Professors **Pamela Morris** and **Kate Wills** served as judges.

- Please visit [IUPUC's Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

We also engage the community through our student organizations. For example, the Feminism Club, sponsored by English professor **Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick**, partners with Columbus' Turning Point Domestic Violence Services to provide community programming that helps prevent domestic and dating violence. Last fall, Turning Point celebrated the Feminism Club's contributions with a Mission Partner Award. We are also proud of the community contributions of the Alpha Lambda Delta first-year honor society (**Maggie Evans**, sponsor), and the American Sign Language Club (**Peggy Williams**, sponsor).

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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News from the Division of Liberal Arts

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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. If you or a friend are interested in exploring our academic programs, please reach out to Academic Advisor **Maggie Evans**.



Student Spotlight: Hannah Brooks, Sociology major

Consistent themes in Hannah's higher education journey are her dedication to working with children and her initiative. Upon graduating from Jennings County HS, she completed coursework at IUPUC and IU Southeast. Hannah went on to earn an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Ivy Tech in 2006 and embark on her pre-school teaching career. A few years later, with her two sons in their toddler years, Hannah opened her own licensed day care. All the while, Hannah planned on returning to complete her bachelor's degree. She seized the opportunity presented by the pandemic's interruption of her day care business and worked with advisor **Maggie Evans** to re-enroll at IUPUC. As an online student in 2020-21, she made the Dean's list both semesters. This year, while continuing with online classes, Hannah has also greatly enjoyed taking sociology with **Aimee Zoeller** and American Sign Language with **Peggy Williams** in person. She will graduate in fall, 2022 and plans to work with children as a school social worker or in the state's

foster care system. Hannah lives in North Vernon with her husband Andrew and their sons Alex and Jackson.

Alumni

Alumni Spotlight: **Jesse Henderson, B.S., Criminal Justice, Class of 2020**

Jesse is one of those people who makes an excellent first impression and backs it up. For example, shortly after graduation he had the enviable experience of being offered his first-choice job just a few hours after the interview. As a Certified Probation Officer for Wabash County Court Services, Jesse coordinates the county Work Release Program. He finds the work challenging and highly rewarding and is proud of the high success rate among the program's participants. He also conducts pre-sentencing investigations and assists with the Adult Day Reporting Program. Jesse says that his "big heart and hard a—" are valuable assets in his line of work. Originally from Brown County, Jesse returned to IUPUC after careers as a musician and in the U.S. Army. The personal attention that students receive at IUPUC motivated Jesse to excel as a student. Among the many IUPUC staff and faculty whose guidance and friendship mean a lot to Jesse are advisor **Maggie Evans** and professor **Scott Desmond**.

Faculty & Staff



As we were confined by COVID-19 in 2020-21, English professor **Lisa Siefker Bailey** used her poetic talent to help us cope with the pandemic's challenges. In recognition of how well Lisa's words capture our collective experience, the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Arts Commission selected her poems, "[Pandemic Generation](#)," "[If a Bee Is Working, It Does Not Look like the Apocalypse](#)," and "[One Guide](#)" for inclusion in INverse, the state's poetry archive.

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Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick's third book, *The Collected Writings of Assia Wevill*, was published in November, 2021 by the Louisiana State University Press. Julie, an IUPUI Chancellor's Professor of English, IU Bicentennial Professor, affiliate faculty member in women's, gender, and sexuality studies, and the director of IUPUC's Office of Student Research, is an authority on Wevill, a critically important figure in the life and work of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Sylvia Plath and the British Poet Laureate Ted Hughes. *The Collected Writings*, co-authored with Peter K. Steinberg, joins Julie's 2019 monograph *Reclaiming Assia Wevill: Sylvia Plath, Ted Hughes, and the Literary Imagination* (LSU Press) in recovering Wevill's identity on her own terms and in her own words. Julie is also the author of *Modernist Women Writers and War: Trauma and the Female Body in Djuna Barnes*,

H.D., and Gertrude Stein (LSU Press, 2011). Julie's books are available from the [LSU Press](#) and [Amazon](#).

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Communication Studies professor **Pamela Morris** and her co-author, Susan H. Sarapin, have written a new book, *Holy Hype: A Guide to Religious Fervor in the Advertising of Goods and the Good News*. The book explores the intersection of the sacred with the profane world of advertising. Pamela and Susan analyzed over one hundred ads to assess the effectiveness of religious references in selling goods and services. In addition to her scholarship on advertising, Pamela publishes research in communication and law with a focus on the First Amendment and social media, and media and technology in higher education pedagogy with an emphasis on media literacy. Those interested in purchasing the book can use promo code LEX30AUTH21 on the [Rowman and Littlefield website](#) to receive a 30% discount.

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Faculty Spotlight: Jim Byrd, Communication Studies

In 1998, IUPUC received the gift of Jim Byrd. Jim had recently taken early retirement from Cummins to care for his wife during her terminal illness. After her passing, Jim heard that part-time teaching opportunities were available at IUPUC. While on his steep career trajectory from the mail room to Director of Advertising, Sales Promotion, and Publicity, Jim benefited from a Cummins employee tuition reimbursement plan that helped him complete a bachelor's degree in Business from IU and a master's in Communication and Community Development from the University of Louisville. Humility, however, is a hallmark of Jim's character and he wasn't about to presume that IUPUC would hire him. He was relieved to learn that he was indeed over-qualified! Moreover, Jim is a natural in the classroom. He loves teaching and cares deeply about his students. Jim's compassion for our students as they balance family, work, and school responsibilities informs his guiding principles: treat students with empathy, respect that students' families come first, students' questions are never too small, and there are no problems that he and his students can't work together to solve. Accordingly, students love Jim and he will admit that he can hardly go anywhere in Columbus without being warmly recognized by a former student. Greatly admired by his colleagues as well, Jim has received IUPUC's Jacqueline D. Franz Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Teaching Award. To know Jim is to know how sincerely he lives out his reflections on teaching: "I love to be able to help the young adults that I teach. It is so helpful to me to know that I've helped someone along the way."



Staff Spotlight: Farewell to our friend and colleague, Vickie Welsh-Huston

Pandemic-related budgetary issues caused a reduction in force that affected program director **Vickie Welsh-Huston**. Vickie began her IUPUC career in 1986 as the campus' only academic advisor. Her leadership quickly grew to include the directorships of the Bachelor of General Studies Degree Program and University College. In 2013, Vickie became the founding Director of the Honors Program. She grew the program and created a medallion ceremony for Honors graduates that became a highlight of IUPUC's annual commencement. Among her many co-curricular contributions, Vickie initiated IUPUC's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD), the national honor society for first-year students. ALD honored Vickie's leadership with its Delta Silver Award. Her innumerable service contributions include the Co-Presidency of Staff Council and membership on the IU Bicentennial Committee. She was recognized with the C.W. Coons Distinguished Service Award and the Staff Council Service Award, the latter of which is now named the Vickie Welsh-Huston Staff Council Service Award in her honor. Over the course of her exemplary career, Vickie guided generations of students, mentored scores of colleagues, and made an enormous, lasting impact at IUPUC.

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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