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*News from the Dean's Office*

*December 10, 2018*

## **Pilot Career Communities**

At the September Faculty Assembly, I announced the following 5 leadership priorities for the 2018-2019 academic year:



1. Respond boldly to deepening financial crisis
2. Expand efforts to protect SLA turf
3. Launch a major initiative to increase majors, minors, and partnerships
4. Re-examine allocation of resources in a fair and systematic way
5. Pilot career communities initiative

This week, let's talk about priority #5.

We have made substantial progress on our career communities initiative. A pilot community centered around Writing, Editing, and the Creative Arts has been formed, and a new, second-eight weeks class will be offered in the spring semester. On Thursday, David Heard presented on our progress to the Dean's Advisory Council, and the energy in the room was electric. This is something we can do and will do!

By participating in a career community, students will:

- **Discover and explore** different career options based on current academic and personal interests
- **Connect** with alumni who have careers in areas of student interests and/or job placement opportunities
- **Participate** in internships
- **Meet and network** with other students with similar interests/career goals
- **Broaden and deepen** industry knowledge by participating in activities that address career aspirations
- **Explore** the relevancy and application of classroom knowledge and skills with the needs of the business community in mind
- **Learn** how to self-brand (marketing my skill set to employers)
- **Create** career paths that will allow for the integration of experiences (how my overall experiences collectively prepare me for my career)
- **Become** career-ready before junior or senior year

I will share more on this important initiative in January, but I wanted you to know that we have wonderful people working on this, and soon we will expand the conversation to the entire school, so be ready when the call comes.

Thanks for all you're doing to help.

Best wishes,  
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Marta Anton

#### HEADLINES

### New Interim Associate Dean

Dean Rebein is pleased to announce that **Marta Anton** will serve as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs beginning in January. Anton was appointed by Dean Tom Davis last spring but was on sabbatical during the fall semester.

“All of us in the Dean’s office are thrilled to have Marta on board,” Rebein said. “She was a great department chair, and she’ll make an even better Associate Dean. She’s already met with Rebecca to get up to speed, and I’m looking forward to working closely with her in the months to come.”

Rebein expresses his thanks to **Rebecca Shrum** for her able and inspired service as Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs during the Fall semester. “I’m amazed by the job Rebecca did,” Rebein said. “That is an extremely demanding and important position, and Rebecca not only rose to the occasion, she excelled. I can’t thank her enough for her service to the school.”

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Susan Hyatt

## Dr. Susan Hyatt named a Bicentennial Professor

**Dr. Susan Hyatt**, anthropology chair, has been honored with an appointment to serve as an Indiana University Bicentennial Professor, next year.

In the late 1800s, Indiana University made a commitment to expand its educational mission to reach Indiana citizens with lectures on art, science, the rising professions, and medicine. In honor of IU’s bicentennial celebration in 2019-2020, the tradition has been revived with the appointment of 25 specially-selected scholars, artists, and scientists to serve in the titled position of Bicentennial Professor.

As part of a careful review process, multiple committees and individuals chose Dr. Hyatt from several hundred nominations. In her capacity as Bicentennial Professor, she is looking forward to conducting four to five special lectures across several of the 92 counties across Indiana. Please congratulate Sue on her exciting opportunity.

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## Follow us on LinkedIn

The IU School of Liberal Arts LinkedIn page is now up and running. If you have an active LinkedIn profile, search for **Indiana University School of Liberal Arts** and follow us. Aside from great marketing and promotion for the school and the many events we host, this site is also a community for our students, alumni, donors, faculty, and staff to share information about their experiences with the School of Liberal Arts.





## Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The IU School of Liberal Arts held its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon last week to pay tribute to its staff members for their commitment and contributions to the success of our academic and community mission. School leadership and faculty conveyed well deserved thanks to staff members for the work that they do every day.

Congratulations to Connie Ely, Assistant Director, Finance and Administration, who is this year's honoree for the Don W. Schultheis Outstanding Staff Award!

Special thanks to the History Department for hosting this year's event.

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## Announcements



Bill Blomquist

### Leadership change for the Individualized Major Program

Dean Rebein is pleased to announce that **Bill Blomquist**, Professor in Political Science, will be serving as the Individualized Major Program (IMP) Director in Spring 2019. This will be in addition to his leadership for the Liberal Arts and Management Program (LAMP).

Dean Rebein expresses his thanks to **Anita Morgan**, Senior Lecturer in History, for leading the program in Fall 2018. Anita will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical-like leave in the spring.

Currently, there are 25 students active in the IMP, with the majority of students studying Japanese, Chinese, or Arabic.



The Individualized Major Program (IMP) provides a home for SLA students who seek to focus their studies in an area for which there is no formal academic major offered. IMP has also served as an incubator for new majors, including Medical Humanities.

A permanent director will be named toward the end of the spring semester.

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## Alumni Award Nominations Due January 13, 2019

Each year, the IU School of Liberal Arts Alumni Association honors people associated with the School who have achieved distinction through their careers and/or service.

Now is the time to nominate your outstanding alumni and friends of the School. Please visit Alumni Awards for the criteria and forms for the **Distinguished Alumni Award**, the **Career Achievement Award**, and the **Honorary Alumnus Award**.

Nominations are due by January 13, 2019. These awards are presented in Spring 2019.

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## Save the Date



January 24, 2019

IUPUI 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash

It's a birthday party for IUPUI! On January 24, 1969, Indiana University, Purdue University, city, and state leaders officially created the IUPUI campus.

The campus will mark this milestone with a day that will include birthday cake and community engagement, among many other features. Join colleagues and friends at the IUPUI Campus Center to celebrate the countless stories of success that together make up both the history of IUPUI and our future.

### **50th Anniversary Report to the Community**

Campus Center, 4th Floor

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.; Program from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

The annual event to which IUPUI invites members of the community will feature remarks by President McRobbie, Purdue President Daniels, and a panel of Indianapolis mayors – past and present – who will help celebrate the occasion of IUPUI's official birthday in historic fashion.

### **Special Sessions**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor and other locations TBA

12 – 5 p.m.

*Faculty are encouraged to have their students visit one or more of these sessions. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes.*

- IUPUI faculty and staff will host a number of conversations, tables, and demonstrations, including “Research Rock Stars,” “Diverse and Inclusive IUPUI,” a session on IUPUI's unique academic offerings, stories from the Archives, and an activity to explore “The Future of IUPUI.”

- IUPUI **professor of anthropology Paul Mullins** will offer a featured session, “The Price of Progress: Race and Displacement in Indianapolis’ Near-Westside.”
- University Library colleagues will share information about Digital Collections, including an opportunity to have a **3D scan made of your favorite IUPUI artifact** for our digital repository that will commemorate the day.
- The Office of Community Engagement working with the Polis Center will demonstrate the new **interactive map of community engagement for IUPUI**, a Welcoming Campus Innovation Fund project.

**Throughout the day on the first floor and lower level of the Campus Center:**

- Engaging student-led activities
- Exploring IUPUI through 3D Internet technology
- Commemorative photo opportunities
- Music and dancing
- Special commemorative keepsakes
- Birthday cake and other refreshments
- Special announcements possible

**A Toast to IUPUI**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Special invitation event for **alumni, Senior Academy members, Council of Deans, 50th anniversary liaisons** and others.

**The party continues**

7 – 10 p.m.

The celebration goes on in the Campus Center for evening employees, students and visitors.

More information on specific events will be posted on IUPUI 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash

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