

VCAA newsletter



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Indiana University South Bend



Dear Colleagues,

It's the season of giving thanks, so it's appropriate that I begin by thanking you, the faculty, for the excellence of your work in teaching, research and service and to the staff that support all of us. Your work is invaluable in assuring the university's commitment to serve each of our students with dignity and respect. It is this spirit that unites us as one community, a credo woven throughout my recent address to the academic senate, *A Ten-Year Retrospective: The Past, The Present and The Future*. Over those years, the university's progress is visibly documented in the construction of new facilities and improvements in its physical landscape. Less tangible, but readily affirmed through the university's vigorous assessment of learning outcomes, is the excellence that occurs daily in the classrooms, the recital halls, the creative arts studios, the science laboratories, the clinical rotations, and through internships and student practica in the schools, hospitals and businesses. In my view, our work together stands as a shining example of faculty governance and faculty development. Clearly, we are an engaged community, and therein exists our university's greatest potential for extraordinary success as a premier regional, comprehensive university.

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Essentially, all the elements of a great university are already in place, strong leadership, excellent faculty, vibrant academic programs, devoted staff, eager and interested students, a welcoming campus community and an aesthetically pleasing physical environment. The future has limitless possibilities. As one community, we must be purposeful and strategic in our thinking. Our new strategic plan will guide us. Our only limitations are our imaginations. In imagining what can be, I will continue to reflect on the last ten years, but only as a launch pad to soar toward the future and the exciting things we can achieve together for our great university.

Many of you have probably read the horrifying news of the killings of school-age children that have dominated the Chicago press. This seemingly ubiquitous and indiscriminate violence is at the core of Alex Kotlowitz's book, *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*, chronicling the lives of two brothers living in Chicago's Henry Horner projects. A journalistic story of urban poverty and terror, the book offers an empathetic overview of what it means to be both black and poor in America's inner cities. Yet his portrait of the resolve of two brothers and the quiet, stoic strength of their mother provide glimpses of hope that escape from cyclical poverty and violence is possible. Eighteen years have passed since the publication of Lafayette's and Pharaoh's story; hopefully, tonight's lecture will bring happier news about how they have fared. Kudos to Nancy Botkin and Steven Gerenscer, the coordinators of this year's theme, *The Rural and the Urban*, and who arranged Mr. Kotlowitz's visit.

Everyone is invited to participate in the open forums for the CLAS Dean candidates. This is a critical appointment as we look to the future. Your input is necessary. I also invite you to attend the Research Award lecture by Mark Fox, Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship, on November 11th at 7PM in DW 1001.

Enjoy the last of the fading autumn colors before winter's baptismal snow that is surely to arrive before month's end.

Sincerely,



Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr.,
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Senate Address Available

Vice Chancellor Guillaume's 10-year retrospective Academic Affairs Address at the October 16 Academic Senate meeting has been posted online as text, audio (with and without slides), and video files. [link](#)

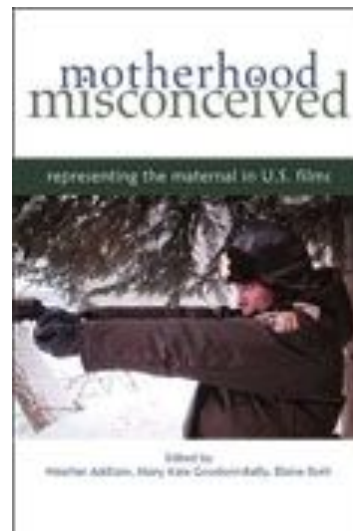


Kudos

Congratulations! The campus was recently notified that the Indiana University South Bend River Crossing Campus Apartments and Community Building (submitted by The Troyer Group, Inc.) has been selected by the editorial advisory board of the *Real Estate & Construction Review* as one of the best new green projects in the Midwest region. The project will be publicized as a Green Building of America Award-winning project and is scheduled to be featured in the upcoming 2010 edition of *Real Estate & Construction Review's* Midwest Green Success Stories.

Congratulations to the IU South Bend Debate Team (coached by Julie Allee)! The team took 2nd Place overall in a debate tournament held at Ball State University in mid-October. It might be noted that among the other teams in the competition were those from IU Bloomington and Purdue. This is quite a showing for the Debate Team in its first competition appearance.

Kudos to Elaine Roth of English on the publication of the book *Motherhood Misconceived: Representing the Maternal in U.S. Films*, co-edited with Heather Addison and Mary Kate Goodwin-Kelly. The book is published by SUNY Press and is available in hardcover and paperback editions. For further details visit the [publisher's website](#).



Congratulations: The Natural Step

Kudos to Mike Keen for an outstanding seminar on sustainability with David Cook of The Natural Step. The full-day event was covered by local TV stations. This coverage may be found at the following links: [fox28 wndu](#)

Upcoming Dean's Seminar Dates

Jan 22, 2010 - Jeremy Linton (Education)
Feb 26, 2010 - Theo Randall (Anthropology)
Mar 26, 2010 - Anne Brown (Mathematics)
Apr 23, 2010 - Gabriel Popescu (Geography)

Shrader: Dean's Seminar

The second Deans' Seminar of the year will be held, Friday, **November 20th** at noon in the UCET Classroom. J.R. Shrader, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will make a presentation about his research entitled "Emerging Options in the Mind-Body Problem" (abstract posted at this [link](#)), looking at different theoretical options in addressing the mind-body problem. As always, drinks will be available and please feel free to bring your lunch. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Research Award Presentation

Mark Fox, Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship in the School of Business and Economics, will deliver a lecture entitled "Work Life Balance: Choices, Constraints, & Possibilities" on Wednesday, **November 11** at 7:00 pm in room 1001 of Wiekamp Hall. This lecture is associated with receiving the IU South Bend Distinguished Research Award, and based on Professor Fox's research, will address "factors that contribute to and impede work-life balance."

Award/Grant Opportunities:

The Assessment Committee accepts applications for assessment grants throughout the year. These grants, for up to \$3,000, can be used for projects related to the assessment of student learning. Information and guidelines available at: www.iusb.edu/~sbassess/grants/granhome.shtml.

IRB Office Hours

Mike Scheessele, chair of the IRB and Erika Zynda, IRB Administrator, have instituted office hours specifically for IRB questions. Mike is available in his office (NS333) on TTH 5:30 - 6:30pm and Erika is available on MW from 2:00 - 3:00pm. Erika and Mike are also willing to set up individual appointments with faculty at any time to talk about IRB related questions. Students who wish to talk about IRB issues should make an appointment with Erika and they should be accompanied by their faculty sponsor. You can contact Mike at 4815 (mscheess@iusb.edu) or Erika at 4181 (ezynda@iusb.edu).



More Kudos

Congratulations to Grant Black (picture at left) of Business and Economics who appeared on NBC Nightly News in a story about Elkhart's recovery from its economic and unemployment difficulties on October 20. ([link to story](#))

A musical composition "Bluesy Cantabile from Nightwatch for Solo Piano" by Marjorie Maxine Rusche, an associate faculty member in the Raclin School of the Arts in music, will be performed in concert in London on November 6th as part of the 12th London New Wind Festival and Women in Music UK Joint Event. This will be the world premiere of the work.