Indiana University
South Bend

College of Liberal Arts
and Sciences

Lynn R. Williams
Dean

Douglas W. McMillen
Associate Dean

Rebecca L. Torstrick
Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences individual faculty and program accomplishments in 2008 were outstanding. As this report chronicles, College faculty engaged in substantial amounts of scholarly activity, publishing 5 books, 86 journal articles or book chapters, and 22 articles in conference proceedings. The faculty provided quality teaching to our students as well as significant and important service to the College, campus, university, local community, and beyond. Roughly 63.4% of the total campus student credit hours in fall 2008 were in Liberal Arts and Sciences courses. College faculty members have been leaders in the development of courses to support the campus general education curriculum.

We added two new members to the tenured Associate Professor rank: Oscar Barrau and Ilan Levine; three members to the rank of Professor: Yi Cheng, Monika Lynker, and Jim Wolfer; and Laura Talcott to the rank of Senior Lecturer. Neovi Karakatsanis received an all-IU President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Eileen Bender and Rebecca Torstrick received the all-IU W. George Pinnell Award for Service. We had ten recipients of Trustees’ Teaching Awards. Hayley Froysland received the Outstanding Advisor Award. Monika Lynker was selected as a KITP Scholar for 2009-2011 by the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at the University of California-Santa Barbara. In 2008 we welcomed 18 new full-time faculty members, including 4 new assistant professors and one new professor. Four additional faculty members joined the college with the dissolution of SPEA—two in Political Science and two in Criminal Justice, a new department added to the College. Two faculty members retired in 2008 (Jim Blodgett and Linda Fritschner).

Faculty research and creative activity has received substantial external recognition. Peter Bushnell received extensive media coverage for his shark research and Ilan Levine’s work (with his students) on dark matter continued to draw national attention. Lesley Walker organized an international conference on “New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies” with the University of Notre Dame that assembled scholars from France, Japan, Canada, the UK, and United States in South Bend in the fall for two days of presentations.

CLAS faculty members actively involve undergraduate students in their research. In 2008, students were listed as co-authors on two refereed journal articles, and there were twelve separate presentations at professional meetings with students as authors or co-authors. There were 14 SMART awards to CLAS students.

Although the College faces a number of areas of concern, an excellent faculty will be able to address these concerns and continue to graduate liberally educated students who are well-prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.
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The items listed in Part I are intended to provide an overall sense of how the full-time faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences have responded to the teaching, service, and research mission of IU South Bend. Many of the items listed in this section will also appear in the departmental reports in Part II. *Note:* Listings included in this report list currently active IU South Bend CLAS faculty members only (i.e., retired or departed faculty are not listed). An archive of IU South Bend CLAS faculty who have been recognized for their activities may be found at the CLAS website (www.iusb.edu/~lasi).

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

IUSB TEACHING AWARDS

Gretchen Anderson  Chemistry  1996
Neovi Karakatsanis  Political Science  2007
Mike Keen  Sociology  1993
Betsy Lucal  Sociology  2004
Gail McGuire  Sociology  2005
John McIntosh  Psychology  1994
Patricia McNeal  Women’s Studies  1998
Scott Sernau  Sociology  1995
Morteza Shafii-Mousavi  Mathematics  1997
Rebecca Torstrick  Anthropology  2003

IUSB ASSOCIATE FACULTY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARDS

Patricia Lewis  Mathematical Sciences  2006
Elizabeth Mooney  Sociology & Anthropology  2007
2008 TTA RECIPIENTS

Trustees’ Teaching Award

Elizabeth Bennion  Political Science
Anne Brown  Mathematical Sciences
April Lidinsky  Women’s Studies
Betsy Lucal  Sociology and Anthropology
Gail McGuire  Sociology and Anthropology
Dennis Rodriguez  Psychology
Henry Scott  Physics and Astronomy
Warren Shrader  Philosophy
Monica Tetzlaff  History
Lisa Zwicker  History

FACET AWARDS

Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching

Gretchen Anderson  Chemistry  1997
Eileen Bender  English  1989
Elizabeth Bennion  Political Science  2004
Catherine Borshuk  Psychology  2005
Rebecca Brittenham  English  2006
Anne Brown  Mathematical Sciences  2001
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FACET AWARDS (Cont.)

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Kirk Mecklenburg  Biology  1997
Elaine Roth  English  2006
Margaret Scanlan  English  1994
Carolyn Schult  Psychology  2004
Scott Sernau  Sociology  1995
Morteza Shafii-Mousavi  Mathematics  1991
Kenneth Smith  English  2004
Laura Talcott  Psychology  2008
Monica Tetzlaff  History  2001
Rebecca Torstrick  Anthropology  2001

ALL UNIVERSITY MENTORING AWARDS

Linda Chen  Political Science  Wilbert Hites Mentoring Award, 2005

ALL UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARDS

Eileen Bender  English  W. George Pinnell Award, 2008
Kenneth Smith  English  W. George Pinnell Award, 2007
Rebecca Torstrick  Anthropology  W. George Pinnell Award, 2008
**IUSB LUNDQUIST FACULTY FELLOW AWARDS**

- Eileen Bender, English, 1995
- Dé Bryant, Psychology, 2006
- Mike Keen, Sociology, 2005
- John McIntosh, Psychology, 2000

**CLAS OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISING AWARDS**

- Hayley Froysland, History, 2008
- Ann Grens, Biological Sciences, 2005
- Rebecca Torstrick, Sociology & Anthropology, 2007

**IUSB DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARDS**

- Peter Bushnell, Biological Sciences, 2003
- Michael Darnel, Mathematical Sciences, 2001
- Jerry Hinnefeld, Physics and Astronomy, 2006
- **Ilan Levine**, Physics and Astronomy, 2008
- John McIntosh, Psychology, 2000
- Daniel Olson, Sociology, 2003
- Margaret Scanlan, English, 2001
- Andrew Schnabel, Biological Sciences, 2005


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ASSESSMENT AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS IN 2008

Allen Anderson, Criminal Justice
Educational Testing Services Major Field Test

Robert Batzinger, CSCI
Development of a course to teach object-oriented programming in Ruby

Elizabeth Bennion, Political Science
Local government and public policy course

Hossein Hakimzadeh, CSCI
On integrating problem solving and critical thinking

Lee Kahan, English
Living History: A Study Abroad Experience in London and Edinburgh

Monika Lynker, Physics and Astronomy
CLAS Advising Center and Assessment

Henry Scott, Physics and Astronomy
The Nature of Evidence: A Central Theme for Two New Courses

Jay VanderVeen, Sociology and Anthropology
Creating a Field School in Archaeology (ANTH P405)

Liqiang Zhang, CSCI
C490/P545: Embedded and Real-Time Systems
SMART AWARDS IN 2008

Student/Mentor Academic Research Teams

The dollar amounts listed in this section indicate the amount awarded to the student for the project. Mentor names appear in bold and student names appear in italics.

**Peter Bushnell**, Biology

**Alan Gift**, Chemistry
- *Daniel Brooks*, Travel Grant to National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, $500

**April Lidinsky**, Women’s Studies
- *Kristin Cravens-Hutton*, Travel Grant to Midwest Modern Language Association conference, $500

**Deb Marr**, Biology
- *Elaina Curtis*, “Fusarium species identification using molecular techniques.” $300

**Gail McGuire**, Sociology and Anthropology
- *Tara Dial*, Travel Grant to Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference, $175
- Group Travel Grant to Midwest Student Sociological Conference, $1400

**Isabel O’Connor**, History

**Yilei Qian**, Biology
- *William Borowski*, Travel Grant to American Society for Microbiology conference, $500
- *William Borowski*, “Establish a Conjugative Gene Transfer System Between Escherichia coli and Bifidobacteria,” $106
**Smart Awards in 2008 (Cont.)**

**Student/Mentor Academic Research Teams**

*Dennis Rodriguez*, Psychology
- *Sarah Mertes*, Travel grant to Midwestern Psychological Association conference, $106

*Andy Schnabel*, Biology
- *Britnie Fouch*, “Interspecific variation of selfing rates in a population of Hibiscus aponeurus and Hibiscus flavifolius,” $473

*Henry Scott*, Physics and Astronomy
- *Marteve Gray*, Travel grant to 19th Annual Argonne Symposium for Undergraduates in Science, $129

*Ken Smith*, MLS
- *Krista Bailey*, Travel Grant to Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs Annual Conference, $600

*Monica Tetzlaff*, History
- *Derek Webb*, “Open Housing in South Bend: The Development and Interaction of Grassroots Organizations,” $3400

*James VanderVeen*, Sociology & Anthropology
- *Darryl Ricketts*, “Trauma, Disease and Death Among the Followers of Columbus: Further Analysis of Skeletal Remains from La Isabela, Dominican Republic,” $3400

*Lisa Zwicker*, History
- Group Travel to 16th Annual Clement S. Stacy Undergraduate Research Conference, $537
FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS IN 2008

Raman Adaikkalavan, CSCI  
Secure Event Streaming  
$8,500

Louise Collins, Philosophy  
Western Conceptions of Friendship and Relationships Online  
$8,500

Linford Fisher, History  
The Indian Great Awakening: Religion and the Shaping of Native Cultures in Early America  
$8,500

Hayley Froysland, History  
The Quest to Progress: Public Health, Race, and Nation in Colombia, 1910-1940  
$8,000

Julio Hernando, World Language Studies  
Crown, Violence, Chivalry  
$8,000

Jake Mattox, English  
Occupying American Space: U.S. Travelers in Panama and Nicaragua, 1820–1860  
$8,000

Theo Randall, Sociology and Anthropology  
Malaria Associated Health Seeking Behavior in the Gambia  
$8,000

Elaine Roth, English  
After the Film is Before the Film: The Cinema of Tom Tykwer  
$5,000

Rolf Schimmrigk, Physics and Astronomy  
A spacetime interpretation of L-functions via D-branes for families of Calabi-Yau manifolds  
$8,000

Andy Schnabel, Biology  
Application of Molecular Genetic Data to the Study of Diversity in the Genus Gleditsia  
$8,500

Henry Scott, Physics and Astronomy  
In Situ Observations of CO2-Bearing Fluids Interacting with the Materials of Earth’s Crust  
$8,500

R Matthew Shockey, Philosophy  
Heidegger’s Descartes and Heidegger’s Cartesianism  
$8,000

Lesley Walker, World Language Studies  
A Mother’s Love  
$1,626
### IU AND EXTERNALLY FUNDED GRANTS IN 2008

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NEW FACULTY (Cont.)

Rick Seniff  
Lecturer of Criminal Justice  
Criminal Justice  
M.S., Indiana State University,

James Smith  
Visiting Lecturer in Political Science  
Political Science  
ABD, University of Illinois, Chicago

Tracey Trottier  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Political Science  
Ph.D., University of Central Florida, 2005

Joshua Wells  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Informatics  
Sociology & Anthropology  
Ph.D., Indiana University Bloomington, 2008

Qiang Xu  
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice  
Criminal Justice  
Ph.D., Bowling Green State University, 2006

PROMOTIONS

To Associate Professor
Oscar Barrau  
World Language Studies
Ilan Levine  
Physics & Astronomy

To Professor
Yi Cheng  
Mathematical Sciences
Monika Lynker  
Physics & Astronomy
Jim Wolfer  
Computer & Information Sciences

To Senior Lecturer
Laura Talcott  
Psychology

EMERITUS

The following colleagues in Liberal Arts and Sciences retired and were granted emeritus status.

Jim Blodgett  
English  
2008
Linda Fritschner  
Sociology & Anthropology  
2008
### ENROLLMENT DATA

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**Criminal Justice and the MPA program in Political Science moved into the College in 2008-09.
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Director’s Remarks

The Advance College Project [ACP] welcomed 18 new area teachers during Summer 2008 in the content areas of Biology, Communication Arts/Speech, Composition, Fine Arts, Geology, German, History, Literature, Mathematics, and Spanish.

Expansion of ACP course offerings for 2008-2009 was at the following area secondary schools: Bremen, Marquette, Mishawaka, Northridge, and Warsaw Community. These schools’ teachers trained in ACP 2008 Summer Seminars in order to teach ACP courses in 2008-2009.

New ACP schools are DeKalb High School in DeKalb, IN and Northrop, in Fort Wayne, IN. DeKalb and Northrop teachers also trained in ACP 2008 Summer Seminars.

ACP enrollments for 2008-2009 continued to be robust at 3,238 credit hours for Fall 2008 and 1,976 credit hours for Spring 2009, for a total of 5,214 credit hours.

Chair’s Remarks

This year was a somewhat unusual year for the department as Drs. Schnabel and Mecklenburg were on sabbatical in the fall and Dr. Pope resigned his position and moved to Washington D.C. to assume a position directing a microscopy facility. Fortunately we were able to hire Dr. Diane McCubbin for the 2008-2009 academic year. Despite the high teaching load and the disparate variety of majors and non-major courses we asked her to teach, she did an exceptional job in all venues and she will be missed. With the advent of Dr. Pope’s resignation, the department began a search for a cell biologist which was successfully concluded in the spring of 2009 with the hiring of Dr. David Wilkes. He will join the faculty in August 2009.

Enrollment in various facets of the Biology program (Biology majors, pre-professional programs, etc.) remained healthy. The number of biology majors stood at about 300, with 7 of them graduating in 2008, and 3 others being accepted into professional schools without having completed their degree.

Finally, members of the Biology Department published 3 research articles in peer-reviewed journals, reported another 7 in preparation, and made a total of 10 presentations at local and national meetings. Faculty members in the department also served on 2 editorial boards of national journals, 2 NSF panels, and 3 graduate student thesis/dissertation committees.

In keeping with the department’s commitment to provide research opportunities for undergraduate students, approximately 7 students participated in departmental research projects this year. IUSB undergraduates appeared as co-authors on 3 publications in professional, peer reviewed journals, and delivered 6 oral and poster presentations at national society meetings and local and national undergraduate research meetings.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Murlidharan T. Nair at the Genome Informatics Conference and Andrew Schnabel, (with Britnie Foutch, Juan Carlos Ruiz Guajardo, Adriana Otereo Arnaiz, and Graham Stone), at the Ecological Society of America.

INVITED

Yilei Qian (with student Bill Borowski) at the American Society for Microbiology’s 108th General Meeting and Andrew Schnabel at the Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research at the Australian National Herbarium. Kirk Mecklenburg presented an IU South Bend Dean’s Seminar.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

Deborah L. Marr: Indiana Humanities Council ($1000); Kirk Mecklenburg and Andrew Schnabel: National Science Foundation ($86, 873 as co-principal investigators, continuing); Andrew Schnabel: National Science Foundation ($61,764, continuing).

INTERNAL

Andrew Schnabel: Faculty Research Grant ($8500); Peter G. Bushnell mentored Rumya Sundharam (SMART Summer Fellowship) and Deborah L. Marr mentored Elaina Curtis (SMART Research grant); Murlidharan T. Nair: Curriculum Development grant ($3000).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS

Andrew Schnabel: National Science Foundation (5 proposals).

MANUSCRIPTS


HONORS

Deborah L. Marr began serving a three-year term as the Plant Ecology Associate Editor for the American Midland Naturalist Journal; Jim McLister served as President of the Indiana College Biological Teacher’s Association; Kirk Mecklenburg was awarded a Visiting Scientist classification from the University of Notre Dame; and Murlidharan T. Nair was appointed a member of the Educational Committee for the International Society for Computational Biology.

MENTORING

Peter G. Bushnell (Anders Hostrup and Michael Frisk, undergraduate Danish researchers and Karen Capossella, graduate researcher), Thomas M. Clark (Jay Bara, doctoral dissertation), Deborah L. Marr (Lucy Rzeszutek, Master’s Thesis, Gail Spitzer, graduate student, Elaina Curtis, undergraduate researcher, and Andrea Mitchell, undergraduate Honors Thesis), Jim McLister (Emily Higginbotham, independent study), and Andrew Schnabel (Jeremy Chase, high school researcher, April DeLaPaz and Britnie Foutch, undergraduate researchers, Steven Chivers, undergraduate from Australia, and Juan Carlos Ruiz Guarjardo, doctoral dissertation).
Chair’s Remarks

With retirements and administrative assignments, the past few years have been transition years in the department and this year was no exception. While Doug McMillen continues his excellent service as Associate Dean of the College, the department said goodbye to recently hired analytical chemist Alan Gift. Due to family considerations, Alan decided to take a position closer to his hometown. Thus in the Fall semester the department began another search for an analytical chemist.

Despite these transitions, the department enjoyed another successful year both in and out of the classroom. Our lower division enrollments were again healthy and there are approximately equal numbers of students in both the chemistry and biochemistry programs. In fact, our six May graduates were divided equally – three with BS degrees in chemistry and three with BS degrees in Biochemistry. The seminar series “Chemistry Right Here, Right Now” continued with talks by local chemists from Underwriters Laboratories and Valley Research.

Chemistry Department members are very involved in service at all levels. Along with Doug McMillen’s work in the College, all department members are active on college and university committees as well as in community activities such as science fairs. In addition to these activities, members of the department continue their strong work in the area of undergraduate research.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Gretchen L. Anderson, two papers at the Biennial Conference on Chemistry Education.

INVITED

Gretchen L. Anderson, Plenary Speaker at the Indiana College Biology Teachers’ Association.

GRANTS

INTERNAL

Gretchen L. Anderson: IU Faculty Podcasting Initiative ($10,000) and UCET/FACET ($1028).

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS

Gretchen L. Anderson reviewed grants for SMART.

MANUSCRIPTS

Gretchen L. Anderson: Journal of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, JSoTL online; William G Feighery: Journal of Coordination Chemistry; Douglas McMillen: Journal of Organic Chemistry; and Matthew G. Marmorino: Journal of Chemical Education. Marmorino also reviewed the first 5 chapters of the 5th edition of Fundamentals of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry.

HONORS

William G Feighery was inducted into FACET.
Chair’s Remarks

2008 was a busy year for the department – with much work done in teaching, research and service. In terms of teaching, the department spent much time in designing a new first-year computer science course for our majors. This new course (which will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2009) will focus on the development of problem-solving skills and the use of the computer to implement these solutions. The need to address the deficiency in problem-solving skills by our students has become apparent over the past few years. After much work we are confident that this new course will meet its objectives and also help in our retention efforts. In terms of research, our faculty remained active as over 30 journal and conference articles were published – many in top-tier journals and conferences. Several grants were obtained to support research and curriculum development efforts. In terms of service, faculty members served on many college and university committees. Of special note, Dr. Mike Scheessele served as the chair of the IRB committee and Dr. Hossein Hakimzadeh continued his work with the IU-EVAL and IU-RETAIN systems. Dr. Hakimzadeh was also awarded a 5-year Lilly foundation grant to support further research and development with these vital systems.

Among the new initiatives was the partnership between Informatics and the School of the Arts to strengthen the “New Media” cognate. A successful search was recently completed and a new faculty member with expertise in this area will start at IUSB in the fall of 2009.

Our enrollment continued to be quite healthy. Enrollment in Computer Science, Informatics, and in the various certificate programs was approximately 280 students. Additionally, there were about 30 graduate students pursuing their MS degrees in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science.

The department continued to be active in its outreach mission. Examples of such activity include faculty and student volunteering efforts to provide expertise to our local and regional non-profit organizations; increased interaction with local and regional K-12 educational institutions; internships and professional practice; increased course offerings for non-majors and community members; increased departmental sponsorship of public presentations; development of stronger relationships with our alumni; and the creation of endowments and scholarships in computer science.
PUBLICATIONS

Raman Adaikkalavan and Sharma Chakravarthy, “Events must be complete in event processing!,” ACM SAC 2008 (DTTA TRACK), Fortaleza, Brazil, March 16-20, 2008: 1038-1039.


PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)


PRESENTATIONS

Raman Adaikkalavan at the ACM SAC 2008; Hossein Hakimzadeh at the 2008 Assessment Institute, at the INTERTECH=2008 B International Conference on Engineering and Technology Education; Murli Nair at Genome Informatics workshop GIW (2008); Dana Vrajitoru at the IEEE/EG International Symposium on Volume and Point-Based Graphics and the IADIS International Conference on Informatics; and Liqiang Zhang at the 13th IEEE Workshop on Dependable Parallel, Distributed and Network-Centric Systems (DPDNS’2008), in conjunction with the 22nd IEEE/ACM International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium.

INVITED

Nicolae Santean at the 13th International Conference on Implementation and Application of Automata, and James Wolfer as keynote speaker at the Safety, Health, and Environment World Congress.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

Hossein Hakimzadeh: Lilly Foundation ($139,645 for five years); Liqiang Zhang: National Science Foundation ($61,369).

INTERNAL

Raman Adaikkalavan, Faculty Research Grant ($8500) and an IU Overseas Conference Fund, CLAS and Informatics grant for travel, and Liqiang Zhang: IU Overseas Conference Fund grant ($500). Curriculum Development grants were received by Raman Adaikkalavan and Hossein Hakimzadeh, with Murli Nair and Robert Batzinger, ($3000); Hossein Hakimzadeh with Robert Batzinger, ($3000); Michael Scheessele, ($8000); Liguo Yu, ($188); and Liqiang Zhang ($2960).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

MANUSCRIPTS

JOURNALS


CONFERENCES

HONORS

Raman Adaikkalavan served on the program committee for the International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems (DEBS) 2008 and the Computer Security Conference 2008; Dave Surma served on the International Program Committee for the 2008 International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) Parallel and Distributed Computing and Systems (PDCS) conference and on the International Program Committee for the 2008 International Workshop on Wireless Mesh and Ad hoc; James Wolfer was presented an award from the International Conference on Engineering and Technology Education; and Liqiang Zhang served as guest editor for Elsevier Journal of Computer Communications, special issue on Wireless Mesh Networks, and as program Co-Chair of the Second IEEE International Workshop on Wireless Mesh and Ad Hoc Networks.

MENTORING

Raman Adaikkalavan (Thomas Perez, graduate student); Hossein Hakimzadeh (Clint Rhodes and Hung Q. Truong, interns and graduate thesis advisor for Aarti Kheiri, Hung Trung, and Mike Rupley); Dave Surma (Jon Anglin, thesis chair and Yu-Jen Cheng and Mike Rupley, thesis committee member); Dana Vrajitoru (Kavitha Anasamudran, thesis chair, undergraduate researchers Charles Guse and Alexander Blake Robertson, and coach to Charles Guse, Alex Trautman, and Joe VanWanzeele for the Association for Computer Machinery International Collegiate Programming Competition); Michael Scheessele (graduate students David Kratowicz and Robert Batzinger, and undergraduate student Chad George); and Liqiang Zhang (Yu-Jen Cheng, thesis chair).
Chair’s Remarks

Fall semester, 2008, represented the first semester that the Criminal Justice discipline at IUSB was housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Support has been exceptional. The new department has approximately 300 active students, and four full-time faculty members, including two tenured/tenure track faculty (Xu, Anderson) and two lecturers (Jordanich, Seniff). The department also has a professional advisor (Vukovits) who is responsible for all freshmen course scheduling. During fall semester, a departmental secretary (Wahl-Gasaway) was hired, and has proven to be exceptionally effective and efficient. This group of individuals has come together as a team of supportive colleagues who are dedicated to the success of our majors.

The timing of the department’s start up in CLAS allowed it to make bulletin changes that reflected the new curriculum. A new departmental website was also developed with strong assistance from CLAS. In addition, a new articulation agreement on the transfer of Criminal justice coursework from Ivy Tech Community College was also negotiated during the fall to allow for a smoother transition for students from that two-year institution.

In an attempt to firmly establish Criminal Justice as a member of the social sciences in CLAS, the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice curriculum was modified to include a two-year language requirement. It is strongly believed that this new requirement will be a major benefit to our graduates, and most especially those who choose to go directly into the justice arena. The forensics area (Criminalistics) was also reactivated both because of student interest and in an attempt to better utilize an impressive forensics lab that was going unused.

Student evaluations of faculty teaching were exceptionally strong during the semester. To buttress actual learning assessment, the department adopted the Major Fields Test in Criminal Justice from the Educational Testing Service. Funding to pilot this test was acquired through a campus-level Assessment Committee grant. Students in our capstone course take this national assessment instrument just prior to graduation, the results of which rank our students against other programs across the country. This test will serve as the cornerstone of departmental learning assessment.

The department is committed to quality advising. A redistribution of advisees took place during the semester to help ensure that students, under almost all circumstance, will keep one advisor through their entire course of study in the department in an environment that emphasizes stability, consistency, and accuracy.
Chair’s Remarks (Cont.)

Though only two faculty in the department have research responsibilities, two articles were published (Xu) during fall semester. Another journal manuscript (Anderson) and a book chapter (Xu and Anderson) were accepted for publication. Current research agendas suggest that this level of activity will increase in the future.

Department members had strong campus, community, and international service contributions. A spirit of service is also evident among our majors. The Criminal Justice Association, with Xu, Vukovits, and Seniff as advisors, raised approximately $700.00 cash for the U.S. Marines’ Toys for Tots program during November and December.

Finally, the Kappa Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (The National Criminal Justice Honor Society) was chartered with an initial class of ten members. This organization will be another vehicle for community service, and will also encourage academic excellence among our students.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Qiang Xu, 31st Annual Conference of Applied Geography.

GRANTS

Allen F. Anderson: Assessment Grant ($1125).

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS

Allen F. Anderson reviewed grants for *Council for the AIDS Trust Fund*, Hong Kong.
Chair’s Remarks

2008 was a year of transition and activity for the English department. In the spring, Jim Blodgett retired after 33 years as a professor. In the fall, Phyllis Moore-Whitesell also retired, after 23 years as a lecturer. During the spring semester, the department interviewed three candidates for an assistant professorship in medieval literature and linguistics to replace Jim. In the fall, we welcomed the successful candidate, Bobby Meyer-Lee, who had previously been teaching at Goshen College, and whose book, *Poets and Power from Chaucer to Wyatt*, was published by Cambridge University Press. We were also joined by Shawn Nichols-Boyle, who has a Ph.D. from University College Dublin, in Ireland, and who took a position as a lecturer of second-level writing with a specialization in technology-based writing. Diane Economakis and Clayton Michaels held one-year visiting lecturehips for 2008-2009, while Jessie Borgman, Mary Alice Hardy, Jessica Kaiser, Kerry Lawson, Virginia Olson, and Kyoko Takanashi held one-semester visiting lecturehips in fall 2008. A committee chaired by Rebecca Brittenham, which included Karen Gindele, Lee Kahan, Bobby Meyer-Lee and Yilei Qian (Biology), started the search for a post-colonialist to replace Margaret Scanlan, slated to retire in May 2009. In winter 2008, we learned the exciting news that beginning in fall 2009, Anne Magnan-Park, who has worked in the department as a lecturer, will move into a tenure-track line. She will continue to direct the English as a Second Language program.

A number of members of the department received recognition this year. In spring 2008, Eileen Bender won the W. George Pinnell all-university Award for Distinguished Service for her work on the successful Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation. Jake Mattox and Elaine Roth were awarded summer Faculty Research Grants, and Lee Kahan was awarded a Curriculum Development grant. Lee Kahan and Elaine Roth also received New Frontiers Exploration Traveling Fellowships. A film that Anne Magnan-Park produced, *A Tall, Long-Faced Tale*, was nominated for a Qantas Award, the New Zealand equivalent of an Emmy. Al Vitale and Kerry Lawson were awarded Associate Faculty Merit Status.

The department was very professionally active as well this year. Lee Kahan had an article published in the journal *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*, Bobby Meyer-Lee had an article published in the journal *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, and Jake Mattox had an article accepted in the journal *American Literature*. Kelcey Parker’s short story collection *Biography of Your Husband* was a finalist in the Saint Lawrence Book Award and her novel *Prague Spring* was a semifinalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award. Kelcey also had several pieces published: a short story in *Santa Monica Review*, a short story in *Bellingham Review*, and an interview in the 2009 *Novel and Short Story Writer's Market*. Anne Magnan-Park had a review published in the
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journal *Absinthe: New European Writing*. Sally Smits had a poem published in *Laurel Review*. Ken Smith edited the spring and fall issues of *Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*, which each include an editor’s introduction. In spring 2008, he also contributed a co-authored essay. Rebecca Brittenham, Joe Chaney, and Anne Magnan-Park presented papers at conferences; Lee Kahan presented papers at two conferences. Anne also chaired a panel at a second conference, while Ken Smith gave a conference presentation. Nancy Botkin and David Dodd Lee attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference.

Our majors have also been active, both undergraduate and graduate students. Rachel Custer presented work at a Butler University undergraduate research conference that grew out of a class she took with Lee Kahan. The graduate program continues to thrive, benefitting faculty and students alike. This year we were pleased to have several graduate students teaching in the composition program, including Rebecca Gerdes, Jessica Kaiser, Bonita Nelson, Laura Pimienta, and Joshua Rubin.

One way the English department contributed to the life of the university this year was by hosting literary events. In the spring, Sam Sheridan read from his memoir, Greg Rappleye read his poetry, and New Zealand director Yvonne Mackay screened her film *A Tall, Long-Faced Tale*. In the fall, Lily Hoang read from her experimental novel and James Owens read his poetry. In April, Brock Clarke served as judge for the departmental literary awards, including the Wolfson poetry prize, and read from his fiction after the awards were presented. In an event connected to the campus theme in the spring, Erik Reece read his literary journalism.

On July 1, Elaine Roth returned from a spring sabbatical to resume her position as English department chair; Margaret Scanlan continued as associate chair. Rebecca Brittenham continued as Director of First-Year Writing, after also serving during the spring as associate chair. Nancy Troeger continued as Associate Director of the First-Year Writing program. Ken Smith continued as Director of the Master’s of Liberal Studies Program, while Joe Chaney continued as Director of General Studies.
PUBLICATIONS


Smits, Sally. orange. The Laurel Review

PRESENTATIONS

Nancy Botkin was a featured author at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs; Rebecca Brittenham at the Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media; Joe Chaney at the Annual Meeting of the National Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association; Lee Kahan at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, at the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies and at the New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies program; Anne Magnan-Park at the American Literary Translators’ Association.
PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

and at the Modern Language Association Convention; Robert Meyer-Lee at the International Conference on Middle English and the New Chaucer Society International Congress.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

English faculty involved in media activities include WVPE radio essays by Joe Chaney (8) and Ken Smith (9); Kelcey Parker launched the IUSB Creative Writing Blog; Anne Magnan-Park Associate producer and researcher for the documentary A Tall, Long-Faced Tale: Margaret Mahy in Conversation with her Own Characters and Author Elizabeth Knox; Ken Smith edited the American Democracy Project blog; and Kate Wolford writes the column Making Home Work for the small weekly newspaper, The Farmer’s Exchange.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

Ken Smith: Community Foundation ($5000 for Wolfson Press) and Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs ($5000).

INTERNAL

Jake Mattox: Faculty Research Grant ($8000); Elaine Roth: Faculty Research Award ($5000) and an IU New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Traveling Fellowship ($2500); Lee Kahan: Curriculum Development Grant ($3000) and an IU New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Exploration Traveling Fellowship ($2500).

BOOK REVIEWS

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

MANUSCRIPTS

Eileen Bender: *Change* Magazine; Rebecca Brittenham: *College Literature*; Lee Kahan: *Routledge Annotated Bibliography of English Studies*.

HONORS

Eileen Bender received the W. George Pinnell Award for Distinguished Service from Indiana University and Kelcey Parker was a finalist for Saint Lawrence Book Award and a semifinalist for Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award.

Eileen Bender was re-appointed to the Board of Contributing Editors for *Change* Magazine, finished a 6-year term on the editorial board for Indiana University’s publication *Research and Creative Activity*, and was reappointed by the Office of the Vice President for Research to the final review panel for the New Frontiers in Arts and Humanities program; and Rebecca Brittenham was invited to serve as a reader and reviewer for *College Literature*.

MENTORING

Eileen Bender (MA thesis director for Catherine Kelly and MA committee member for Carol Yee; undergraduate Talia Reed), Rebecca Brittenham (MA thesis director for Tina Menefee and Marcia Holland and MA committee member for Rebecca Gerdes and Naoko Fujimoto), Joe Chaney (M.A. committee member for Naoko Fujimoto, Rachelle Witter, and Tina Menefee and MLS committee member for Jeanne Fox and Linda Wingrove; mentor for undergraduate Isabel Dieppa’s SMART grant application), Karen Gindele (M.A. committee member for Rebecca Gerdes, Tina Menefee, and Marian Zuehlke), Lee Kahan (MA thesis director for Rebecca Gerdes and Bonita Nelson; undergraduates Rachel Custer and Doug Knoll), Jake Mattox (MLS committee member for Colleen Hahn and MA Committee member for Marcia Holland), Bobby Meyer-Lee (MA committee member for Marcia Holland), Kelcey Parker (MA thesis director for Nora Belzowski, Jessica Kaiser, Joshua Rubin, Jaron Turner, and Marian Zuehlke; MLS thesis director for Jeanne Fox; Honors thesis committee member for Vince Bauters; undergraduates Courtney Hardman and KaSandra Villalon), Elaine Roth (mentored Future Faculty Fellow Kasia Chmielewka), Ken Smith (MLS thesis director for Linda Wingrove and MA thesis director for Naoko Fujimoto; graduate student Cheryl King).
Chair’s Remarks

The year 2008 was a busy one for the History Department. We welcomed a new colleague, Dr. Linford Fisher, who came to us from Harvard University. His research focuses on Native Americans and the Great Awakening. His courses on Colonial America, Native Americans, and religion are a great addition to our curriculum.

The History faculty were actively engaged in research, scholarship, and teaching. Several members of the Department presented papers at international, national, and local conferences, with venues ranging from Lüneburg, Germany, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Linford Fisher, Yosuke Nirei, and Dmitry Shlapentokh published articles in peer-reviewed journals. Hayley Froysland’s chapter in a book originally published in English was translated into Portuguese in Brazil. Faculty were successful also at obtaining grants to support their research. Hayley Froysland received a Faculty Research Grant from IU South Bend for the Summer of ’08, as well as a research grant from the IUPUI Center on Philanthropy. Isabel O’Connor received an IU South Bend Research Project Initiation Grant in October ’08. Several faculty members received New Frontiers Traveling Exploration Fellowship Grants from Indiana University to finance travel to conferences abroad. Two faculty members were recognized for their excellence in teaching. Monica Tetzlaff and Lisa Zwicker received a Trustees Teaching Award. Lisa Zwicker also received a curriculum development grant from the IU European Union Center of Excellence. In May 2008, Monica Tetzlaff led Freedom Summer, a Civil Rights study tour of the American South.

In January 2008, the Department received the report from Grand Valley State University’s Dr. Gary Stark, who reviewed the program in November 2007. He praised the Department’s efforts to provide a wide range of courses to the students and to train them in research and writing. He was most impressed, however, with the quality of the History majors. In 2008, History students continued to win prestigious campus-wide awards: Derek Webb received a SMART Summer Grant. Jennie Wise won the Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, as well as a SMART Summer Grant. Elaine Roughton was the winner of the Women’s Studies writing contest, while Anny Gouin won the Religious Studies writing contest. Phil Contos, Susan Jacobs, and Derek Webb were selected to receive individual scholarships to attend the Cornelius O’Brien Conference on Historic Preservation, held in Bloomington in October 2008.
PUBLICATIONS


HISTORY

PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)


PRESENTATIONS

Linford Fisher at the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Annual meeting of the American Historical Association, the Annual meeting of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, and chaired a panel at the 2008 French-American Colloquium on New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies at the University of Notre Dame; Hayley Froysland at the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies and the annual meeting of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies; Isabel O’Connor at the 11th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Congress and the XI Simposio Internacional de Mudejarismo; Dimitry Shlapentokh at “Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg (Germany), at Alfred Krupp College, Greifswald, Germany, and at a conference at Georgia State University; and Lisa Zwicker at the German Studies Association Meeting, and as Chair and Commentator at the American Historical Association Meeting.

INVITED

Hayley Froysland at the Geography Educators’ Network of Indiana workshop for secondary education teachers; Jonathan Nashel at Northwestern University; and Monica Tetzlaff at the Indiana Political Science Association, St. Mary’s College and the University of Notre Dame.
MEDIA ACTIVITIES

History faculty involved in media activities include WVPE radio essays by Jonathan Nashel (7) and Monica Tetzlaff as Associate Producer on “Divided Waters” and as a guest panelist on Michiana Speaks on WNIT.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

Yosuke Nirei: University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies Library Research Grant ($250).

INTERNAL

Linford Fisher: Faculty Research Grant ($8500); Hayley Froysland: a UCET Teaching and Learning Partnership Grant (with Professor Dennis Rodriguez), IUPUI Center on Philanthropy Research Grant ($4082), and a Faculty Research Grant ($8000); and Isabel O’Connor: Research Project Initiation Grant ($500), two IU New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Exploration Traveling Fellowships ($2500 each), IU Office of International Programs Overseas Conference Fund Grant ($600), and Lisa Zwicker: IU New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Exploration Traveling Fellowship ($2500) and Alexander Van Humboldt Grant. Isabel O’Connor supervised Jennie Wise (SMART Summer Fellowship) and Monica Tetzlaff supervised Derek Webb (SMART Summer Fellowship).

BOOK REVIEWS

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

BOOK PROPOSALS

Jonathan Nashel reviewed an American history textbook proposal for Pearson Education *Visions of America*.

MANUSCRIPTS


HONORS

Linford Fisher, an alternate for the American Antiquarian Society NEH Long-Term Fellowship, a finalist for Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Wesleyan Center for the Americas and a finalist for Young Scholars in American Religion Fellowship. Fisher also served as the Editorial Assistant for the *Harvard Theological Review*. Jonathan Nashel was profiled in the Winter 2008 issue of *Diplomatic History*. Hayley Froysland was the recipient of the CLAS Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, was elected Secretary of the Gran Colombia Studies Committee of the Conference on Latin American History and was asked by Fulbright Colombia to serve as a judge of potential candidates for a Fulbright grants. Isabel O’Connor was asked by the United States Institute of Peace to review a website containing teaching materials which had been produced with the support of a grant from the Institute. Dimitry Shlapentokh was quoted in *La Monde Diplomatique* and had an article distributed by Project Syndicate, published in five languages in at least 17 newspapers in Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Near East and North America. Monica Tetzlaff received the Trustees’ Teaching Award.

MENTORING

Jonathan Nashel (Danielle Louis, David McCarthy, and Colleen Hahn and outside reader for Tuan Hong, University of Notre Dame); Monica Tetzlaff (graduate student Javaughn Fernanders and undergraduates Derek Webb and Tabu Gladney); Lisa Zwicker (undergraduates Derek Webb, Jennifer Wise, Amanda Buday, Rebecca Gibson, Rachel Custer, Phil Contos, Elaine Roughton, Thomas Smith, Erin Daren, Renee Taylor, Joe Pinter, and Megan Clark and dissertation committee member for Martina Cucchiara Ph.D. student at University of Notre Dame).
Chair’s Remarks

The year 2008 was generally busy and productive for the department as department members engaged in research, curriculum reform and various types of service.

Several faculty members piloted two online homework systems, Enhanced WebAssign (EWA) and MyMathLab (MML) in several different courses. Because of their success, the department has decided to require use of EWA in Math M014 and MML in Math M107. In addition, the department has been awarded Degrees of Excellence funding to provide graders for the lower level math courses and additional tutors for other math courses. These are part of our overall plan for improvement of the student success rate in introductory math courses. The department has also expanded its online course offerings to include Math M107, adding this to our present offerings of Math M111 and Math M118.

Our undergraduate degree programs have sustained solid enrollments, but enrollment in the joint Master degree program in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science continued to decline. The department has begun efforts to reverse this trend, starting with revision of the degree requirements.

The department conducted a survey of local high school teachers concerning the future of the annual high school mathematics competition, which has been offered for local schools for nearly 30 years. Only a handful of teachers responded and among those who did, the enthusiasm for bringing a team to this competition in the future was limited and qualified. After a debate, the department decided to discontinue the high school mathematics contest and explore other options for future outreach programs.

The Mathematics faculty continued to actively pursue their research interests and to make varied contributions to the mathematics profession. Several faculty members served as members of the editorial boards for professional journals, some faculty refereed articles for journals in our disciplines, and several faculty members served as external reviewers for tenure and promotion cases.

Department members recognize the importance of faculty recruiting and retention. The department will have about 10 faculty searches in the next 10 years. While we understand the long tradition of the current search procedure in this department, we have begun to reform the procedure to incorporate some good practices used in other departments. The department has adopted a new set of guidelines for faculty searches. We will continue to evaluate and refine these guidelines as we gain experience with them.


**PRESENTATIONS**

Anne Brown at Next Steps Conference, Indiana University South Bend; Yi Cheng at the Joint Statistical Meeting in Denver; Robert Huff at the AMS Sectional Meeting at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, and the Conference on Algebraic and Geometric Topology in Gdansk, Poland; and Morteza Shafi-Mousavi at the Joint Annual Mathematics Meetings of the AMS and MAA.

**INVITED**

Yi Cheng at the Joint Statistical Meeting; Michael Darnel at the 2008 OAL conference; and Robert Huff at the Geometry Seminar in Atlanta.

**MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

Richard Cook created 4 software programs that are public, but not published; [http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/FractionFromDecimal1.html](http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/FractionFromDecimal1.html) [http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/EuclideanAlgorithm.html](http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/EuclideanAlgorithm.html) [http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/lagrangeInterpolation.html](http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/lagrangeInterpolation.html) [http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/fractionm004.html](http://mypage.iusb.edu/~rcook/fractionm004.html)
MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

GRANTS

EXTERNAL
Morteza Shafi-Mousavi: SC Education Summer Workshop grant ($600).

INTERNAL
Shanqin Chen: Faculty Research Grant ($8000).

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

MANUSCRIPTS
Anne Brown: Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, the American Mathematical Monthly, and the Journal for Research in Mathematics Education;

HONORS

Anne Brown was named a member of the Editorial Board of the American Mathematical Monthly.

MENTORING

Yi Cheng (Xiemei Wang’s Ph.D. thesis, MS thesis committee member for Yu-Jen Cheng, MS thesis advisor for Shirin Ghalambor); Zhong Guan (Robert Batzinger, Steven Russell Penzenik, undergraduate research and Richard Jerome Thomas for thesis proposal); Robert Huff (Dan Stalvey, undergraduate research); Morteza Shafi-Mousavi (MS thesis committee for Michael Rupley Jr. and Susan Gordon); and Yu Song (thesis committee member for two graduate students).
Chair’s Remarks

The Philosophy Department had an excellent year in 2008, directed by Lyle Zynda as Acting Chair, and ably assisted by Mary Jester, our administrative assistant. Louise Collins was on sabbatical for the calendar year.

The department was remarkably productive in research in 2008. Mahesh Ananth had a banner year in his scholarship. He published his first book, *In Defense of an Evolutionary Concept of Health: Nature, Norms and Human Biology*, Ashgate Publishing, and secured a contract for a second book, an introduction to philosophy of biology, with Broadview Press. He also published two chapters in edited collections on philosophy and popular culture. JR Shrader and Matt Shockey each published a peer reviewed article, in *Acta Analytica*, and in *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, respectively. Members of the philosophy faculty also presented their research at scholarly workshops, symposia, and conferences: Matt and JR each gave papers at peer-reviewed conferences; Matt, Mahesh and Louise each gave two invited presentations to scholarly audiences. Members of the philosophy faculty also contributed to the discipline by serving as journal referees: Lyle reviewed papers for the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* and *Erkenntnis*; JR refereed for *Synthese*, and serves on the Editorial board of *Philosophy Compass*, an innovative online philosophy journal. Matt chaired a session of the APA Central meeting in April. In addition to these successes, Matt was awarded an $8,000 IUSB faculty research grant for summer 2008.

The Philosophy department contributed to the intellectual life of the campus in many ways over the year. In April, we celebrated Philosophy Day with a focus on philosophical questions around “Sustainability,” the Campus Theme for 2007-08. The very well-attended keynote lecture was given by Dr. Kristen Shrader-Frechette, who spoke on “Our responsibility for environmental-health threats to children.” Dr. Shrader-Frechette’s colloquium on, “Free informed consent and health threats to radiation workers,” was equally well-received. The department is grateful to the Addison Locke Roache Memorial Fund for supporting Philosophy Day. Matt Shockey and Lee Kahan (English) organized a campus visit by Eric Reece, the author of *Lost Mountain*, to speak about the social and environmental consequences of mining practices in Appalachia. This event also contributed to Campus Theme programming. Also in the spring, JR addressed the question “Science and Religion: Can they Co-exist?” as part of a panel at IU South Bend, in celebration of Darwin’s 200th birthday. The panel was very well-attended by students and lead to passionate
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debate. In addition, JR continues to serve as advisor to the undergraduate Philosophy Club. The Philosophy Department was also pleased to support the spring performance of the “Michiana Monologues.” In November, Lyle spoke on the aesthetics of contemporary classical music, as part of a panel with Jorge Muñiz (Music), as an introduction to a performance by the New Music Ensemble at IU South Bend.

The philosophy faculty is committed to teaching philosophically rigorous courses well, for our majors, minors and general education students at all levels. In 2008, JR was rewarded for his commitment to teaching, with an IU South Bend Trustees Teaching award. In addition, he developed a new 300-level Common Core course on “God, Space and Time.” Matt also developed a new Common Core course, PHIL T390, “Nature and Modernity.” Mahesh developed a new course on the Philosophy of Biology, which he taught in part to complement the campus theme.

Members of the philosophy faculty also perform valuable service for the college and campus. In addition to serving as Acting Department Chair, Lyle contributed a great deal of service to the campus. His work on the CLAS Dean’s Search Committee, and as Secretary to the Academic Senate, are particularly noteworthy for both the quality and quantity of labor involved. JR served on several committees. Among other projects, JR made a presentation to the Senate on the results of a survey of plagiarism and academic honesty conducted by the Senate Teaching Committee, of which he is a member. Matt gave significant service to the campus, focusing especially on areas related to the “greening” of IU South Bend. He has become a member of the new Center for a Sustainable Future, and is now Chair of the Center’s Working Group on Agriculture, Food and Values. Mahesh served on several important committees, including the Senate General Education committee, and a Search Committee for a new cell biologist. Louise Collins was on a research sabbatical and thus had minimal service responsibilities.

In 2008, 32 students had declared majors in Philosophy. Of these students, six made the Dean’s list in the spring, and five attained that honor in the fall. Three Philosophy majors graduated over the course of the year, and the department is proud of the skills, knowledge and intellectual maturity demonstrated by all three graduates in our assessment exercises. In May 2008, the Philosophy Excellence Award was given to Erika Vicsek, and the Alumni Award, to David Broughton. Both of these students produced outstanding work in their classes.

Overall, then, 2008 was a very good year for the philosophy department.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Mahesh Ananth at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, and at California State University, Fullerton, California, and Warren Shrader at Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference.

INVITED

Louise Collins at CAPPE (Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics) ANU, Canberra, Australia and at Murdoch University, Perth, WA, Australia; R. Matthew Shockey at Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Chicago, at the Philosophy Department Colloquium at Western Michigan University, and at International Association of Environmental Philosophy.

GRANTS

INTERNAL

Louise Collins: Faculty Research Grant ($8500) and R. Matthew Shockey: Faculty Research Grant ($8000).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

MANUSCRIPTS
Lyle Zynda: *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (BJPS) and *Erkenntnis*.

HONORS

Warren Shrader received an IUSB Trustees’ Teaching Award, and serves on the Editorial Board of *Philosophy Compass*.

MENTORING

Mahesh Ananth (one student, senior thesis), Warren Shrader (Erica Vicsek, senior thesis).
Chair’s Remarks

The five tenure-line members of the Department of Physics and Astronomy authored twelve articles in refereed publications in 2008, including one by Ilan Levine and collaborators in the prestigious journal *Science*. These faculty members also received several internal and external grants, in support of both research and curriculum development.

Ilan Levine became the third member of the department to win the IUSB Distinguished Research Award. His award lecture in November, “Finding the Unseeable: The Hunt for Dark Matter,” was one of the highlights of the 2008 calendar year for our department.

In addition to Ilan’s award lecture, the department was responsible for bringing several other interesting presentations to campus. Two of these were well-attended evening lectures, one by Steve Shore, former chair of the IUSB physics department and now a professor at the University of Pisa, and the second by Prof. Randy Ruchti of Notre Dame, on the physics of the Large Hadron Collider. Our introductory seminar course, PHYS-S106 Contemporary Physics Seminar, also continued to bring interesting speakers to campus, including Profs. Peter Garnavich and Morten Eskildsen of Notre Dame, Dr. Artemis Spyrou of the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, and IUSB physics alumna Dr. Shelly Lesher of Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

Enrollments in physics major classes continued their upward trend. Student credit hours in courses taken almost exclusively by physics majors and minors totaled 150 in 2008, an all-time high and about 40% higher than in 2007.

The department’s strong commitment to university and professional service was also evident in 2008, with Monika Lynker continuing to serve as Director of CLAS Advising, Henry Scott serving as a co-coordinator of the campus theme, “Revolutions in Thought,” and Jerry Hinnefeld beginning a term as Academic Senate President. Ilan, Henry, and Jerry reviewed grant proposals for various funding agencies, and Rolf and Henry served as referees for book chapters and journal articles.

Finally, the department celebrated two important milestones -- the promotion of Ilan Levine to associate professor, with tenure, and the promotion of Monika Lynker to professor.
PUBLICATIONS


PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)


PRESENTATIONS

Ilan Levine at the 7th SNOLAB Workshop on Science and Experiments for SNOLAB, in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, at the University of Notre Dame, and Monika Lynker, Rolf Schimmrigk (and Shabnam Kadir) at the Mathematisches Institut Oberwolfach, Germany, and Henry Scott at the Eos Trans. American Geophysical Union.

INVITED

Rolf Schimmrigk was invited to present at the Number Theory and Physics at the Crossroads conference Banff, Canada; Ilan Levine presented the IU South Bend Distinguished Research Award Lecture.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Henry P. Scott was interviewed by WSBT.
GRANTS

EXTERNAL
  Monika Lynker and Rolf Schimmrigk: Mathemisches Institut Oberwolfach in Germany, and Henry Scott: American Chemical Society, the Petroleum Research Fund ($5000).

INTERNAL
  Monika Lynker: Assessment Grant ($2100); Rolf Schimmrigk: Faculty Research Grant ($8000); and Henry Scott: Curriculum Development Grant ($3000).

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS
  Jerry Hinnefeld: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Stewardship Science Academic Alliance (SSAA) (3 proposals); Ilan Levine: National Science Foundation (2 proposals); and Henry Scott: Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society (1 proposal).

MANUSCRIPTS

HONORS

Ilan Levine, IU South Bend Distinguished Research Award, Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor; Monika Lynker, a Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Fellow and promotion to Professor; Rolf Schimmrigk, invited to publish a paper in a new journal, Advances in High Energy Physics; and Henry Scott was convener for a special session at the Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

MENTORING

Ilan Levine (Tina Shepherd, Cornell University student Henry Hinnefeld, Ryan Bauernfeind, Marian High School student Inyoung Park, and member of thesis committee for Purdue University student Chetan Sood); Rolf Schimmrigk (Noah Cooper and Nathan Vander Werf) and co-mentored with Monika Lynker (Savan Kharel); and Henry Scott (Nana Boateng, Marteve Gray, and member of Master’s thesis committee for Northern Illinois University student Beth Aarseted).
Chair’s Remarks

2008 was a year of change and of very welcomed growth for the Department of Political Science. The Master of Public Affairs program, formerly housed in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, was incorporated into the Department in fall 2008, and the Department began to administer its first graduate program, experiencing a doubling in its student numbers. Two former SPEA faculty members, George Candler and Tracey Trottier, were also welcomed into the department on a full time basis, while Doug Singh, Leda Hall (Business) and Otis Grant (Department of Sociology) began teaching regularly in our graduate program as affiliated faculty. Following a much-successful search in fall 2008, Jamie Smith was offered a tenure track position in American Politics. Linda Chen stepped down as Department Chair to serve as the new MPA Program Director. She was replaced by Neovi Karakatsanis as Chair of the Department.

During 2008, the Department graduated ten undergraduate Political Science majors, two students who received a BSPA, and three graduate students (in December 2008). Justin Kizer was awarded the Political Science Academic Excellence Award and Robin Beck received the John M. Lewis Award for Civic Engagement.

The listings that follow document the Department’s continued emphasis on teaching and mentoring students. All faculty members are involved in advising and many mentor students to prepare them for graduate school, law school or life in public service. Our students continue to do extensive research, to present at local and regional conferences, and to publish in undergraduate research journals. In 2008, three published in IUSB’s Undergraduate Research Journal and even more presented papers at local, regional, and international conferences.

Also, in 2008 Elizabeth Bennion was awarded an IUSB Trustees Teaching Award and Neovi Karakatsanis received the IU President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at Founders Day.

Faculty members were also very active professionally during 2008. Candler, Karakatsanis Popescu, and Trottier had articles published in peer reviewed journals. Karakatsanis served as a coeditor of one scholarly journal and as a book review coeditor of a second. Department faculty members also made presentations to local, regional, national, and international conferences. Linda Chen and Gabriel Popescu received grants to support their travel to conferences.

Finally, all faculty members in the Department were active in service. In addition to serving on significant and time-consuming committees at the Department, College and University levels, a number also served on an all-IU basis, while others held elected positions in regional and national professional associations. The listings which follow amply document this service as well as the many other contributions our faculty make to teaching, scholarship, and service.
**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**

**Elizabeth Bennion** at the American Political Science Association, the Indiana Political Science Association, and as chair and panelist at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association; **Linda Chen** at the Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, IU South Bend and at Professional and Organizational Development in Higher Education; **George Candler** at the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, at NASPAA, at Minnowbrook III, and at the Indiana Political Science Association; **Steven Gerencser** at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association; **Neovi Karakatsanis** at the Conference on Armed Forces and Society: New Challenges and Environments, International Political Science Association, Santiago, Chile; and **Gabriel Popescu** at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting and at “Border Regions in Transition IX”. 
PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

INVITED

Elizabeth Bennion keynote at YWCA Tribute to Women; George Candler at UDESC in Florianópolis, Brazil and at the School of Public Administration, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

Gabriel Popescu: Border Regions in Transition IX (BRIT IX) Travel Grant ($350 CND).

INTERNAL

Linda Chen: FACET/UCET Travel Award ($200); Neovi Karakatsanis: IU 2006-2008 International Exchange Affiliations Grant ($6000); Gabriel Popescu: Russian and East European Institute Travel Grant ($200); Elizabeth Bennion: Curriculum Development Grant ($3000).

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Elizabeth Bennion was featured in the Elkhart Truth (4), the South Bend Tribune (2), gave radio interviews to WSBT 960 AM (3), television interviews to WSBT News 22 (15), WSJV Fox 28 News (6), WNDU Newscenter 16 (1), and served as a panelist twice on WNIT 34. Additionally she was interviewed by the Black Enterprise magazine and by the independent Australian news website, newmatilda.com.

BOOK REVIEWS


OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS

Gabriel Popescu: Dissertation Enhancement Award of the Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers (5 proposals).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

MANUSCRIPTS


HONORS

Neovi Karakatsanis received the IU President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Elizabeth Bennion received a Trustees’ Teaching Award, and the Outstanding Teaching Award, American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, and was elected Secretary & Membership Chair for the Women’s Caucus for Political Science and President of Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science; Neovi Karakatsanis received the Outstanding Teaching in Political Science Award, American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, serves as elected Treasurer/Secretary for the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Society, International Political Science Association, is Co-editor of the Journal of Political and Military Sociology, is Book Review Editor for the Journal of Modern Greek Studies, was Executive Board Member for the Modern Greek Studies Association, was Chair of the Modern Greek Studies Association Administration Committee, was Chair of the Modern Greek Studies Association Executive Board, Nominations Committee, and was Honored at “Hear Our Voice,” 29th Annual Tribute to Women Awards Ceremony, YWCA of St. Joseph County; Gabriel Popescu was elected board member of Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, and serves as a member of the Dissertation Enhancement Award Committee, Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers.

MENTORING

Steven Gerencser (Andrea Walters and undergraduate researcher Allison Dowell); Neovi Karakatsanis (Undergraduate Conference Presentations or Student Publications: Joseph Pinter, Justin Kizer, Jeanette Getz, and Heather Scholine; MLS thesis committee member for Heather Gilvary-Hamad; MLS thesis advisor for Angelika Magrames); Tracey Trottier (undergraduate student Tataneshia Carpenter and graduate students Connie Bachotta and Kimberly Johnson).
Chair’s Remarks

The Psychology Department continued its tradition of strong teaching, scholarship, and service in 2008. Student learning was a major focus of faculty efforts. Excellent classroom teaching is a priority, so it was exciting to see Laura Talcott selected to FACET, joining four other faculty in that university-wide teaching group. Faculty put a strong emphasis on undergraduate research and many have very active research teams, which resulted in 7 students as co-presenters at conferences and 3 presenting their own work. Faculty spent a great deal of time advising students through orientations, individual sessions, and advising student clubs.

Scholarship continues to be a focus of faculty efforts. In 2008, faculty published 9 articles, and made 19 presentations. They received several travel grants and two external grants for their research. Dr. Kevin Ladd is in the second year of his large grant from the Templeton Foundation to study the social psychology of religion. His lab now involves 10 undergraduates who participate in a variety of activities.

The Psychology faculty is highly involved in service to the university, the community, and the profession. For example, faculty are active in UCET and FACET, the Institutional Review Board, the Campus Diversity Committee, many Senate committees, and various search committees. Most are active in national professional organizations, frequently review manuscripts and grants, and several serve on the editorial boards of national journals. Many of our faculty serve on community advisory boards, make presentations to community groups, and are interviewed by media.

There were also some personnel updates in 2008. Dr. John McIntosh, former department chair and Associate Dean of CLAS, moved to the position of Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. He continues to be an active member of our department. Catherine Borshuk assumed the role of Director of the Women’s Studies program in January. In addition, Ms. Laura Talcott was promoted to Senior Lecturer. She will continue to serve as Coordinator of the Psychology Lab.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Catherine Borshuk at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues; Kevin L. Ladd at the American Psychological Association; John McIntosh at the American Association of Suicidology and joint 20th annual Healing After Suicide Conference; Gwendolyn Mettetal at the Ninth Annual Midwest Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and at the Professional and Organizational Network (POD) Conference.
PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

INVITED
  John McIntosh full-day workshop at the Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES
  John McIntosh was interviewed for stories for High Country News (Bozeman, MT; March; article appeared in March 31 issue), Aging Well magazine (July), Bucks County Courier Times (PA; August), South Bend Tribune (October 23) with a panel on suicide in our community, and WSBT-TV 22; Gwendolyn Mettetal was interviewed on WSBT-TV 22.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL
  Kevin Ladd: John Templeton Foundation ($735,849; continuing grant); John McIntosh: Retirement Research Foundation ($5,500, continuing grant).

INTERNAL
  Gwendolyn Mettetal: UCET-FACET Travel Grant ($250).

BOOK REVIEWS


OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS
  Catherine Borshuk: SPSSI grants in aid committee (24 proposals) and Kevin Ladd: John Templeton Foundation (1 proposal).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

MANUSCRIPTS


HONORS

Catherine Borshuk is an editorial board member *ASAP: Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*; De Bryant was featured in the local publication IN Michiana; Richard Hubbard was awarded a Certificate of Proficiency in Treatment of Alcohol and Psychoactive Substance Disorders; Kevin Ladd is Associate Editor for *Journal of Social Psychology*; and John McIntosh is Associate Editor of *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior*, Editorial Advisory Board member for *Advancing Suicide Prevention*, member of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) Nomination Committee, served on the AAS Therapist Survivor Task Force, National Advisory Board member for the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program, member of the AAS “Future Directions” group and Advisory Editor for the upcoming *Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience* (Sage Publications).

MENTORING

Catherine Borshuk (thesis member, Jeanne Fox; practicum supervisor, Courtney Harding and Cristy Cummings); De Bryant (Social Action Project team members Wanakee Brown, Rebeccah Shaffer, and Lucas Mark, and Javaughn Fernanders); Daniel De Brule (Amanda Reasonover, Giuseppe Marturano, and Amelia Sinnott); Kevin Ladd (Lentine, Broughton, Dickson, Stout, Bowen, Grace, Peck, Ritter, Cook, Lord, Minder, Wakeland, Newsome, Zimmerman, Lawson, Shellhorn, Aikins, Fields, Krol, and Taylor); John McIntosh (committee member for Rachel Mickelson, PsyD student at Argosy University/Chicago); and Gwendolyn Mettetal (Diane Reece).
Chair’s Remarks

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology had 9 full-time, 3 visiting, and 5 part-time faculty members. We had approximately 85 majors and 90 minors, and also offered a Diversity Certificate. We taught about 37 course sections each semester, including courses cross-listed with Women’s Studies, Honors, the Master’s in Liberal Studies, and minors in international studies and gerontology.

Our department underwent several staff changes in 2008. We hired a tenure-track sociologist, David Blouin, and three visiting lecturers: Kevin James, David Piacenti, and Josh Wells. Becky Torstrick became Associate Dean of the college and Mike Keen was on leave to serve as director of the new Center for a Sustainable Future.

We had several “firsts” in 2008. Thanks to the efforts of Jay VanderVeen, we opened our Material Culture Lab. The department also organized its first Honors Reception. In addition to celebrating our students’ achievements, we honored Linda Fritschner upon her retirement. The Linda M. Fritschner Scholarship for Academic Excellence was announced at this event as well.

The department’s commitment to excellence in teaching is evident not only in our classroom instruction, but in the numerous ways we engage students outside of the classroom. For instance, Kevin James and Theo Randall brought nine students from across the campus to the Men of Color Leadership Conference in Bloomington. Scott Sernau helped students to see the connection between the global and the local through his study abroad programs in Costa Rica and Mexico. Our department is also a leader in the area of student research. For instance, faculty members served on ten thesis committees and were mentors for 10 student presentations and one student publication. We served as mentors on eight SMART grants, all of which were funded. For the second year in a row, two of our students were accepted into the American Sociological Association’s Honors Program. For the second year in a row, Jay VanderVeen brought students to the Dominican Republic as research assistants. Members of our department were also active in professional development activities and successful at obtaining teaching-related grants and awards. Two of our associate faculty members attended the 2008 Annual Associate Faculty and Lecturer Conference. Three faculty members (Otis Grant, Gail McGuire and Jay VanderVeen) received teaching related grants and three faculty members (David Blouin, Betsy Lucal, and Gail McGuire) won teaching awards.
Chair’s Remarks (Cont.)

The Department of Sociology & Anthropology also made significant contributions in the area of service. Members served the university on the IU Overseas Advisory Board, FACET, IU Undergraduate Women’s Studies Conference Committee, and the IU Teaching Awards Committee. Our campus service included the Senate Promotion, Tenure, and Reappointment (PTR), the Senate PTR Ad Hoc Committee, the Undergraduate Research Advisory Council, and the campus theme. Some of the college committees on which we served included the Civil Rights Heritage Center Advisory Board, the PTR Committee, the Trustees’ Teaching Award Committee, and the Budget Committee. Two of our faculty members, Otis Grant and Betsy Lucal, held leadership positions in national, professional associations. Becky Torstrick was recognized for her outstanding service to IU with the W. George Pinnell Award.

Members of our department also remained very involved in scholarly activity. We published six peer reviewed journal articles and two books in 2008. Faculty members also made ten presentations at professional meetings. Four of our faculty members obtained internal research grants totaling over $60,000, the majority of which came from Jay VanderVeen’s successful grant applications. One of our faculty members, Betsy Lucal, also became Deputy Editor for the top journal in the sociology of gender. Finally, our faculty remained very active in reviewing grants and manuscripts.
PUBLICATIONS


**PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)**


**PRESENTATIONS**


**INVITED**

**Otis Grant** at Diverse Students’ Leadership Conference, St. Mary’s College and the FACET Lilly House conference, “What Is Good Teaching?”

**MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

**Mike Keen** as a guest on “Sustainable Futures” Providing Options, WSBT Radio Talk Show and **Jay VanderVeen** and his research students were filmed in the Dominican Republic by the Big Ten Channel and National Geographic.
GRANTS

EXTERNAL

David Blouin & Gail McGuire: Elkhart Community Development Research Grant ($14,500)

INTERNAL

Otis Grant: Faculty Development Grant ($315); Elisabeth Lucal: Overseas Travel Grant ($600); Gail McGuire: UCET/FACET Faculty Development Grant ($97.44) and SMART faculty mentor for Alert, Ingram, Lane, Rough & Smith to present at the North Central Sociological Association ($1396), and Tara Dial to present at the Butler Undergraduate Research Conference ($175); Theodore Randall: Faculty Research Grant ($8,000); Jay VanderVeen: UCET/FACET Faculty Development Grant ($100), an Exploration Traveling Fellowship Grant ($2500), a New Frontiers in the Arts & Humanities Grant ($48,645), SMART faculty mentor for Darryl Ricketts (SMART Summer Fellowship and a SMART Research Expense Award), and with Lisa Zwicker a Teaching and Learning Partnership grant ($100).

BOOK REVIEWS

Otis Grant: Pearson Education (2 manuscripts) and Vantage Press (1 manuscript); Elisabeth Lucal: Polity Press (1 manuscript) and Oxford University Press (1 manuscript), and wrote a review of Intersections of Gender, Race and Class: Readings for a Changing Landscape (edited by Segal and Martinez) for Teaching Sociology.

OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS

Rebecca Torstrick reviewed applications for the National Screening Committee: Israel, U.S. Student Fulbright Program (70 proposals).

BOOK PROPOSALS

Rebecca Torstrick reviewed a proposal for Pluto Press.

MANUSCRIPTS

HONORS

David Blouin received the IU Lieber Memorial Teaching Associate Award and Rebecca Torstrick received the W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service.

Mike Keen passed the exam for and obtained the status of a LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional); Elisabeth Lucal received the Trustees’ Teaching Award and is one of two Deputy Editors for *Gender & Society*; Gail McGuire received the Trustees’ Teaching Award; Rebecca Torstrick was selected to attend the HERS Women in Educational Leadership Bryn Mawr Summer Institute.

MENTORING

Elisabeth Lucal (Allen Greene, Thomas Lambdin, and Jodi Kayser); Gail McGuire (undergrudates Sarah Homenchuk, Faith Stefaniak, Erin Tracey, and graduate student Colleen Han); Theodore Randall (Lisa Richards, Issac Dockery, Augustine Enabulele, Dennis Joel, William Johnson, Marc Mays, Issac Rios, and Leonard Simpson); Scott Sernau (undergraduate Derek Webb and graduates Thom Lambdin and Alexis Evans); Rebecca Torstrick (MLS thesis advisor for Connie Peterson Miller, Heather Gilvary-Hamad, and Janet Fliger); and Jay VanderVeen (mentor for Darryl Ricketts’ SMART research, co-author with undergraduate Jeannette Repczynski).
Director’s Remarks

In Jan 2008, Catherine Borshuk of the Psychology Department began as Director of Women’s Studies.

In (fall) 2008, the Women’s Studies Program doubled its faculty by successfully hiring a second assistant professor, Dr. Christina Gerken. The search, chaired by Prof. Linda Chen of the Political Science Department, yielded over 80 applicants. Dr. Gerken brings expertise in global perspectives, immigration, research methods, and race and sexuality to our program. As a result of her hire, we were able to plan new course offerings based on her areas of expertise. We also were able to begin to “regularize” course offerings, as we now have two full-time faculty to teach courses required for the major and the minor.

In 2008, we graduated 2 students with Bachelor’s Degrees in Women’s Studies. One of these students was accepted into a PhD program at the University of Michigan.

In 2008, the Women’s Studies Governing Board inaugurated a new student award for WOST majors or minors called the Patricia McNeal Agent of Change Award. This award recognizes a student who exemplifies the combined activist and intellectual spirit of the discipline of Women’s Studies, and is intended to honor our former long-time Director Pat McNeal, who formally retired in 2008.

2008 saw the 20th anniversary of the all-IU Women’s and Gender Studies Undergraduate Conference “Celebrating Our Students”, and for the first time since its inaugural year, the conference returned to IU South Bend on Mar. 27-28. Under the coordination of Prof. Lesley Walker of World Languages and an able sub-committee, we saw record attendance and participation at the conference. The pre-conference panel on Women and Leadership moderated by IUPUI Professor Peg Brand and highlighting South Bend Chancellor Mae Reck, IUPUI First Lady Prof. Sandra Petronio, and IU First Lady Laurie Burns McRobbie, was a remarkable event. And Prof. McNeal’s keynote speech on the importance of women’s studies was lively and powerful.

Other WOST events in 2008 included our popular monthly public forum events (our theme in spring 08 was Academic Balance; our theme for fall 08 was Revolutions in Gender & Feminism), during which faculty from our campus, as well as one visiting faculty from Bowling
Director’s Remarks (Cont.)

Green State University, spoke on various topics. Between 16 and 25 attendees enjoyed these Friday brown-bag events. In fall 2008, we hosted Prof. Janell Hobson of SUNY-Albany as our Gloria Kaufman memorial lecturer. Hobson, a well-known young women’s studies professor and author of Venus in the Dark, spoke to an enthusiastic audience of 65 attendees, and visited three women’s studies classes on Oct. 8 and 9.

Students were also busy with WOST events in 2008. The feminist student union (FSU, sponsored by Dr. Gerken) screened 2 films in fall 2008, and had about a dozen viewers attend. The student group IUSB V-Club (sponsored by Dr. Lidinsky) wrote and presented the original local production “Michiana Monologues” in February, and raised over $10,000 for local women’s shelters. We again presented awards at CLAS Honors Night not only to our Agent of Change winner, but also to our WOST excellence award winner, and to our WOST writing contest winner.

Our women’s studies overnight faculty retreat was held in October 2008 at a new venue in Michigan. A dozen faculty from the WOST governing board spent 1.5 days in meetings, evaluating past decisions and planning for the future. This also allowed the group an opportunity to officially welcome our new faculty member.

In terms of faculty recognition, Dr. Lidinsky in 2008 won a Trustee’s Teaching Award in honor of excellence in the classroom. Both of our faculty were productive on the scholarly front as well: Dr. Lidinsky’s textbook From Inquiry to Academic Writing: A Text and Reader was in print as of Jan. 2008, and Dr. Gerken published an article entitled “Neo-Liberalism and Family Values in 1990s Immigration Reform Discourse” in a peer-reviewed journal of social theory. Dr. Lidinsky and Dr. Gerken each gave three formal presentations in 2008 at regional and national meetings of women’s studies, history of science, and cultural studies. Both faculty also contributed to the local community through volunteer efforts and civic engagement.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Christina Gerken at the Great Lakes History Association; April Lidinsky at the Cultural Studies Association Conference, at the National Women’s Studies Association, and at the Midwest Modern Language Association.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

April Lidinsky was featured in a front page story in the South Bend Tribune, which was picked up by AP wires and ran nation-wide in USA Today and other newspapers; South Bend Community Monologues (interviewed by WNDU); monthly commentaries for WVPE *Michiana Chronicles* (8 essays).

GRANTS

INTERNAL

April Lidinsky: faculty mentor for Kristin Craven-Hutton ($500, SMART travel grant).

HONORS

April Lidinsky won a Trustee’s Teaching Award, was nominated for FACET, nominated for the IU South Bend Alumni Association Faculty Legacy Award, and nominated for Educator of the Year by Student Government Association.

MENTORING

Chair’s Remarks

In 2008, WLS undertook and completed its self-study and was pleased with the results. Since our last self-study, we have strived to increase our numbers of majors, to create more extra-curricular activities (clubs and overseas opportunities) for our students, and to create a sense of common purpose and collegiality among us. According to our outside reviewer, we have largely accomplished these goals. Since 2002, our majors in Spanish have increased four-fold; we have active clubs in French, German, Spanish, and Japanese; our students have had the opportunity to travel to Argentina, Costa Rica, England, France, Japan, and Mexico; our monthly faculty meetings are productive and, frequently, entertaining.


Several members of WLS are taking on new leadership roles on the campus and in the department. John Davis has served as an informal mentor to lecturers who are putting together their senior lecturer promotion dossiers. He was also asked to serve on the CLAS dean search by the Vice Chancellor. Yoshiko Green has finally cajoled and prodded a committee into being that began work in fall 2008 on a draft of an East Asian Studies minor—a dream she has nurtured for a long time. Tammy Fong-Morgan applied for and was awarded the Directorship of UCET. Cati Hebert started a Spanish table that met once a week and was thoroughly enjoyed by the student participants.

The Paris and London Program went again in summer 2008. The students returned enthusiastic and excited about what they had learned and seen while in these two great capitals. The department also co-hosted a lecture on translation, called *Red China in Translation*, which attracted nearly fifty students and faculty. The Spanish club continued its regular meetings and monthly readings of Hispanic theater.
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

Oscar Barrau at the Sixth International Conference On the Book; Bridget Fong-Morgan at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference; Julio Hernando at the 15th Annual University of New Mexico Conference on Ibero-American Culture and Society; Gabriela Ramis at the 32nd Comparative Drama Conference and the American Comparative Literature Conference; Lesley Walker at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

GRANTS

INTERNAL

John Davis: UCET Faculty Development Award ($400); Julio Hernando: New Frontiers Exploration Traveling Fellowship Grant ($2500) and a Faculty Research Grant ($8000); Lesley Walker: IU New Frontiers New Perspective Grant ($18,600), International Projects and Activities Grant ($1000), IU New Frontiers Exploration Grant ($2500), and Curriculum Development Grant ($1626).
OTHER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

GRANT OR FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS
Cheri Brown reviewed applications for the Fulbright National Selection Committee for Germany (82 proposals).

MANUSCRIPTS
Cheri Brown: Foreign Language Annals; Julio Hernando: Bulletin Bibliographique de la Société Rencesvals; Lesley Walker: Publication of the Modern Language Association (PMLA) and Ashgate Press (1 manuscript).

HONORS
Julio Hernando serves as Bibliographer for Société Rencesvals pour l’Étude des Épopées Romanes.

MENTORING
Lesley Walker (dissertation defense committee member for Marie-Thérèse Pallot-Raguet, at the Université Aix-Marseille I).