CLAS Kudos
April 2012
Faculty Research Grants

- **Hayley Froysland** (History): Regenerating the Race and Nation: Charity, Health and Moral Order in Colombia, 1850-1936

- **Neovi Karakatsanis** (Political Science): The Greek Military Junta and American Foreign Policy

- **Anne Magnan-Park** (English): Redefining Magic Realism in New Zealand and Polynesian Literatures
Faculty Research Grants, cont’d

- **Grace Muna** (Chemistry): Electrochemical Methodology for Measurement of Steroidal Hormones in Water

- **Liqiang Zhang** (Computer and Information Science): Toward Resource-efficient Distributed QoS-aware MAC Protocols for Cognitive Radio Networks
Joe Chaney (English, MLS): Summer Overseas Study Program in Hong Kong
Kudos to the following faculty members who planned and organized the successful Undergraduate Research Conference held on April 13th.

- **David Blouin** - Sociology and Anthropology
- **Jamie Smith** - Political Science
- **Jake Mattox** - English
- **Yosuke Nirei** - History
- **David Wilkes** – Biology

(and Alison Stankrauff – Library)

Honorable Mention: Stephanie Merryfield, "Identity Theft: The Impact of White Literature in Frankenstein" Advisor: Kahan
Student Award Winners at URC Natural Sciences

- 1st Place: Cale Harnish, "Construction and Use of a Pressure Vessel Simulator for the COUPP Matter Search Experiment," Advisor: Levine

- Honorable Mention: Ashley Compton, "Arsenite Oxidase Genes from Alcaligenes faecalis at E.coli: Gateway Cloning" (poster) Advisor: Anderson
Student Award Winners at URC
Social Sciences

- Co-winners: Lillian Hubbard, "A Glut of Medications: An Imbalance of Power” Advisor: Bucksbarg
- Michelle Anastasio, "Interpreting Text Language” (poster) Advisor: Schult
Dana Vrajitoru (2012) has published Connecting Stage Objects and Custom Classes in ActionScript 3.0. in Game Coder Magazine, April 2012, 48-52.

English

- English major **Becky Pelky** was accepted into a graduate program at Northern Michigan.

- English major **Nichole Koroch** was accepted into a graduate program at Western Michigan.

- Graduate student and First-Year Writing instructor **Rebecca Gerdes** was accepted into a PhD program in Rhetoric and Composition at the University of Oklahoma.

- Part-time faculty member **Veronica Alfano** accepted a tenure-track position at the Borough of Manhattan Community College.
English

- **Diane Economakis** proposed and chaired the South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Auction and Dinner, raising over $7,300.

- **Joshua Rubin** is being awarded the 2012 CLAS Outstanding Alum award at Honors Night.

- English minor **Joel Irvin**, working with **Jake Mattox** on a paper he wrote for Jake’s class, won the Library Prize for Undergraduate Research.
Kelcey Parker has been publishing:

"Three Women" was published online at New Purlieu Review

"Domestic Air Quality" is being reprinted in a forthcoming anthology: Roadside Attractions: Stories About American Pop Culture

"Limberlost" is forthcoming at Booth (Butler University's journal)

For Sale by Owner, is getting reviewed on busy sites, including CultureMob, and a review on Literary Mama, written by graduate student Erinn Kelley

And she just received tenure and a sabbatical!!
Lisa Zwicker’s new project *Behind the New Woman: The Social History of the Economic Changes, Political Reforms, and Pioneering Activists that Made Possible the New Woman in Germany, 1890-1918*, has been selected for funding in the 2012 New Frontiers in the Arts & Humanities competition for a total of $22,091.
News for History majors:  Dan Stearns was accepted to the Master's Program in History at Indiana State University, and Kristen Thomasberger was accepted to the Master's Program in History at Purdue University.

Tim Willig gave a talk "A Path of Honor: John Norton & the Six Nations in the War of 1812" at the 2012 Academic Conference for the National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture (ie, NCGLNAC), April 21st in Portland, IN.
The hunt for dark matter

The search for the universe’s “dark matter” is one of astrophysics’ most enduring mysteries. It’s also the search at the heart of Ilan Levine’s research. Levine, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at Indiana University South Bend, is currently using two National Science Foundation grants to pursue his search.

Dark matter is a term used to describe the universe’s invisible missing mass. We cannot see dark matter because it doesn’t emit or absorb light, but astronomers have evidence of its existence because of the gravitational pull it produces. Currently, science labs hold superheated liquids. If a dark matter particle collides with a nucleus in a superheated droplet, the collision causes a heat spike, which triggers a small explosion into a bubble of gas. The mini-explosion is accompanied by an acoustic pulse.

Using sound sensors and equipment developed with the help of IU South Bend students, Levine and his research team record both photographic and acoustical evidence of particle collisions, which they examine for the rare occurrence when a dark matter particle may hit the nucleus of
Hot off the Presses!

4 undergraduate students in Physics and one in Chemistry co-published with Ilan Levine
Jamie Smith was selected as Educator of the Year by the IUSB SGA.

Political Science Student, Hannah Dill was selected Student of the Year by the IUSB SGA.

The Political Science Club was selected Club of the Year by the IUSB SGA.
Students in Tracey Trottier’s MPA capstone course have been busy making community presentations!

Kate Bathon, Chris Godlewski, John Forbes, and Chris Stuck presented the results of a benchmarking study they completed for the United Way of St. Joseph County to United Way staff and community members. This study will be used by United Way funded agencies to improve their measurement of program outcomes.
Christopher Allen, Lauren E. McLennan, and Miguel Salazar, Jr. presented the results of their project to United Way of St. Joseph County staff and community members. This study was completed to understand the impact of 2-1-1 on St. Joseph and its surrounding counties. Results suggest that outside of St. Joseph there is a lack of understanding about 2-1-1 and what services it provides to the community.

Imani Ingram, Brad McLeish, Tina Slabach, and Evelyn Yobera will present their capstone project to American Red Cross staff in May. The students assisted in developing program evaluation measures of disaster preparedness training for the Response and Preparedness (RAP) AmeriCorps Program.
Psychology

- **Ben Smith** – accepted to the University of Memphis, Counseling PhD program
- **Michelle Anastasio** – URC best poster award in social sciences
- **Mitch Kajzer** – SMART travel grant for Midwestern Psychological Association conference presentation
- **Danika Lowry** – accepted to the IU South Bend MSW program
- **Sherry Forzley** – accepted to the Arizona State University Master’s in Applied Behavior Analysis program
Sociology and Anthropology

Jay VanderVeen, Allison J. Foley, and Joshua J. Wells submitted *An Investigation of Human Skeletal Material Buried near the Museums at Washington and Chapin, South Bend, Indiana* to the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

Gail McGuire was the organizer of the 2012 North Central Student Sociology Conference in Pittsburgh on April 14. She and David Blouin accompanied 11 IUSB students to the conference where over 60 students from 21 different universities presented their research.
Jay VanderVeen, Joshua Wells, and Patrick Stevens made the following presentations in April:


Former Anth major Rebecca Gibson and Jay VanderVeen presented “Political Pins and Condom Tins: A Study in Sex and Power” at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, Tennessee (April 18-22).
Betty Mooney was awarded an Associate Faculty Grant for $685 to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Sexuality Educators.

Allison Foley was awarded an Associate Faculty Grant for $500 to attend the 2012 Paleopathology Association Annual Meeting.
Megan Albaugh Bonham received a SMART Summer Fellowship for $1700 for her project, “Social Construction of Sustainability in the Tourism Industry.”

Jamie Clemons, an Anthropology major, has been invited to speak on April 22 at the Ruthmere Museum in Elkhart for an Earth Day event. She is going to explain and show some of the artifacts uncovered at last summer’s Havilah Beardsley House archaeological excavation, speaking about the sustainability inherent in the use-life of historic materials.

Megan Albaugh Bonham, Steph Foreman, and Niesha McGhee were accepted into the American Sociological Association’s Honor Program.
Christina Gerken will be presenting "The DREAMers: Narratives of Deservingness in Pro-Immigrant Activism in the 21st Century" at the German Association for American Studies" in Mainz, Germany in June.

April Lidinsky had her paper "Odd Bodies/Bodies at Odds: Rhetorics and Materiality of New Subjectivities” accepted for presentation at the National Women's Studies Association 2012 annual meeting in November in Oakland, CA.
Women’s and Gender Studies

Jennifer Randall, a WGS and Anthropology major, received the Catherine Romano Orth Scholarship in Women’s & Gender Studies. In addition, she has received a scholarship from the AAUW for leadership and will be attending a national student leadership conference this summer in Maryland and Washington D.C.