



# EXCELLENCE



Newsletter of the Alliance of Distinguished and Titled Professors

## IU endowment ranked 15th

### IU endowment receives top 15 ranking nationally

According to a survey released by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, Indiana University is ranked among the top 15 public universities in the nation in endowments. As of June 30, 2007, IU's endowment totaled \$1.6 billion.

The endowment is managed by the IU Foundation and received

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contributions from more than 112,000 donors last year.

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### 2008 Fall Dinner

The Alliance 2008 fall meeting and dinner will be held in Indianapolis at the University Place Conference Center on **Monday, September 22, 2008**. President Michael McRobbie and Chancellor Charles Bantz will be hosting the event.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to attend. You will be receiving more information in late summer.

We plan to provide bus transportation from Bloomington to Indianapolis and return. It would be helpful to let Janet Black in the Alliance office (812-855-8279 or [jlblack@indiana.edu](mailto:jlblack@indiana.edu)) know if you are interested in taking advantage of this service.

### Call for nominations

The Alliance Steering Committee is forced to delay the elections originally scheduled for spring 2008 to the fall because of a lack of nominations of eligible candidates.

### Revised Bylaws

In light of the above elections issue, and to respond to other concerns that have arisen during the implementation of the new bylaws, the Steering Committee intends to recommend to the members revisions to the bylaws to facilitate more efficient and transparent operation of the Alliance. The ballot on the proposed revisions to the bylaws will take place in **September**; the delayed election for Steering Committee members and co-chairs will take place in **October**.

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## Web redesign

The Alliance will be giving their web site a new look later this summer. If you have ideas or suggestions, please forward them to the Alliance office ([alliance@indiana.edu](mailto:alliance@indiana.edu)).

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## 18 IU Simon Cancer Center doctors receive recognition

Eighteen physicians with the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center have been named as the best in their field. Twelve are Alliance members. They are:

**John J. Coleman III** (plastic surgery), **Lawrence Einhorn** (medical oncology), **Robert Fallon** (pediatric hematology-oncology), **Jay Grosfeld** (pediatric surgery), **Valerie Jackson** (diagnostic radiation), **Keith Lillemoe** (surgery), **Patrick Loehrer Sr.** (medical oncology), **Scott Shapiro** (neurological surgery), **George Sledge Jr.** (medical oncology), **Frederick Stehman** (gynecologic oncology), **Thomas Ulbright** (pathology), and **Stephen Williams** (medical oncology).

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## NAS and AAAS

Two Indiana University biologists, **Thomas Kaufman (BL), Distinguished Professor**, and **Michael Wade (BL), Distinguished Professor**, were elected to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences respectively.

The elections are among the highest honors American scientists can receive.

Thomas Kaufman has made numerous contributions to developmental biology, particularly developmental genetics. Michael Wade is an expert on sexual selection--natural selection on traits associated with mating and reproduction.

For more information, please go to <http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/8123/html>

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## Two Alliance members chosen for AAP

**Mary Dinauer (IN), Nora Letzter Professor of Pediatrics**, and **Michael Econs (IN), Glen W. Irwin, Jr. Professor of Endocrinology**

and **Metabolism**, have been elected to the prestigious Association of American Physicians. Only 55 physician-scientists are elected each year.

This brings to 12 the number of current and emeritus IU School of Medicine faculty who are members.

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## Phillips receives prestigious honor

Tubist **Harvey Phillips (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus**, Jacobs School of Music, has become the first brass player chosen for induction into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame. He becomes the second Jacobs School faculty member to be inducted in the American Classical Music Hall of Fame. Conductor **Leonard Slatkin**, now the Arthur R. Metz Foundation Conductor at the Jacobs School was inducted in 2002.

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## Special Honors and Awards

The following members have received special recognition in

their field. They are:

**Claude Baker** (BL), Class of 1956 Chancellor's Professor of Composition, Jacobs School of Music, has been named the 2008-09 Paul Fromm Composer-in-Residence at the American Academy in Rome.

Former Indiana Governor **Otis "Doc" Bowen** (IN), Lester D. Bibler Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine, received the John G. Walsh Award for Lifetime Contributions to Family Medicine from the American Academy of Family Physicians.

**Hal E. Broxmeyer** (IN), Distinguished Professor and Mary Margaret Walther Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, is the recipient of the E. Donnall Thomas Lecture and Prize. The lectureship is intended to recognize pioneering research achievements in hematology. Professor Broxmeyer is also Vice President of the American Society of Hematology, the first "non-M.D." to be elected. He will become President Elect in 2009 and President in 2010.

**Bruce Cole** (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was awarded the Grand Cross, Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest honor awarded by the Italian Government.

**James Perry** (BL), Chancellor's Professor of public and environmental affairs, has received the Dwight Waldo Award from the American Society for Public Administration. The award is presented to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of public administration over an extended career.

**Fred H. Cate** (BL), Distinguished Professor, School of Law, has been named the C. Ben Dutton Chair which is the school's oldest chair.

**J. Michael Dunn** (BL), Oscar R. Ewing Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, was awarded last spring upon his retirement, the Indiana University Bloomington Provost's Medallion and also was made a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor an Indiana Governor bestows.

**George Kuh** (BL), Chancellor's Professor of Higher Education, received the National Association of Student Personnel Administrator's 2008 Outstanding contribution to Higher Education Award.

**James Lemons** (IN), Hugh McK. Landon Professor of Pediatrics, is one of three from IU winning the Indianapolis Business Journal's "Health Care Heroes Awards" March 7.

He has been instrumental in getting the Riley/Kenya Mother and Baby Hospital project going in Eldoret, Kenya.

**Michael McRobbie, President of Indiana University** and 2007 Alliance Honorary Member, was awarded an honorary doctorate by his alma mater, the University of Queensland, on December 3.

**Milos Novotny** (BL), Distinguished Professor and Lilly Alumni Chair, is the recipient of the 2008 Ralph N. Adams Award in Bioanalytical Chemistry.

**James Perry** (BL), Chancellor's Professor of public and environmental affairs, has received the Dwight Waldo Award from the American Society for Public Administration. The award is presented to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the professional literature of public administration over an extended career.

**Denis Sinor** (BL), Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was awarded a Doctorate h.c. by the University of Pedagogy and the Humanities of Kazan (Russia) in recognition of his work in Altaic studies and his contribution to the strengthening of the relations between Russian and Western

scholarship.

**Leonard Slatkin** (BL), Arthur R. Metz Foundation Conductor, was honored with awards for best classical album, best orchestral performance and best classical contemporary composition at the 2008 Grammy Awards February 21.

**Mohammad Torabi** (BL), Chancellor's Professor of Applied Health Science, is the recipient of the 2009 Alliance Scholar Award, which is the highest honor for research bestowed by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

**NOTE:** If you wish to have your award or special recognition included in the next issue of Excellence, please email the information to [alliance@indiana.edu](mailto:alliance@indiana.edu)

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## New members

We welcome the following new members to the Alliance since the December 2007 issue of Excellence.

**Janice S. Blum** (IN), Chancellor's Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology

**Michael J. Econs** (IN), Glenn W. Irwin, Jr. Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism

**David A. Flockhart** (IN), Harry and Edith Gladstein Professor of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics

**Thomas J. Howard** (IN), Willis D. Gatch Professor of Surgery

**Peter A.S. Johnstone** (IN), William A. Mitchell Professor of Radiation Oncology

**John L. Mikesell** (BL), Chancellor's Professor, SPEA

**Grant D. Nicol** (IN), Showalter Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology

**Stuart Sherman** (IN), Glen A. Lehman Professor of Gastroenterology

**Eliot R. Smith** (BL), War Years Chancellor's Professor, Psychological & Brain Sciences

**Edward F. Srouf** (IN), Robert J. and Annie S. Rohn Professor of Leukemia Research

**Charles H. Turner** (IN), Chancellor's Professor, Biomedical Engineering

**Michael J. Wade** (BL), Distinguished Professor, Biology

**Steven Weitzman** (BL), Irving M. Glazer Chair in Jewish Studies

**Meredith West** (BL), Class of '71 Chancellor's Professor, Psychological and Brain Sciences

**Members who have received new or additional titles:**

**David B. Audretsch** (BL), Distinguished Professor and Ameritech Chair of Economic Development, SPEA

**Tatiana M. Foroud** (IN), Chancellor's Professor and P. Michael Conneally Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics

**Brian Powell** (BL), Rudy Professor of Sociology

**Peter J. Roach** (IN), Distinguished Professor and Chancellor's Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Linda B. Smith** (BL), Distinguished Professor and Chancellor's Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences

**James T. Townsend** (BL), Distinguished Professor and Rudy Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences

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## In Memoriam

The Alliance wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following members who have passed away.

**J. Michael Walker (BL)**, Jack and Linda Gill Chair in Psychology

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## Profiles in Excellence

The Alliance wishes to thank **Bloomington Provost Karen Hanson** and **Professor Howard J. Edenberg** for agreeing to be profiled.

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### Member Profile I

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**Karen Hanson, Bloomington Provost and Rudy Professor of Philosophy.**

*First, we would like to congratulate you on your new position, and thank you for taking the time to answer a few questions. Tell us a little about your academic career prior to becoming Provost and Executive Vice President: what were your research and teaching interests?*

*Do you find any time to pursue those now in the face of the great demands of your current job?*

Thanks-- My main research interests are in topics in philosophy of mind and issues at the intersection of philosophical psychology and value theory. I also do some aesthetics, and there are a few figures in the history of philosophy in whose work I have a special interest, about which I've occasionally written and for which, at one time, I took curricular responsibility—namely, the American pragmatists and the later Wittgenstein. I enjoyed teaching in areas in addition to those connected to my research specializations, though, so I've taught a much wider range of courses: lots of different introductory courses, social and political philosophy, feminist philosophy—whatever seemed a curricular need I could fill. It is really, really difficult now to find any sustained time for the kind of concentrated thought that philosophical writing requires. I've managed to finish an article this year—in fact just some minor polishing, and even that was a struggle—and to give a couple of invited symposia papers at the APA meetings. These were antecedent commitments, things I had agreed to do before I took on this job, but I have to

admit that the talks were less polished than I would have preferred-- and the talks wouldn't have been delivered at all if I hadn't had a long flight to the meetings and a little spare time in the conference hotel! I haven't taught a course this past year, but I hope I'll find a way to teach at least a bit again.

*Q. How does your prior academic work inform your work as Provost and Executive Vice President, or do you find yourself drawing on entirely different skills now?*

A. Understanding the work of the faculty “from the inside” is crucial. The provost should aim to help the faculty do their best, in both research and teaching, and it helps for the provost to be a working member of the academic community, to share the motivation and goals of the faculty, to share a sense of what is frustrating and what is useful. This office has a very broad range of responsibilities, though, so it's also true that there are lots of new things to learn.

*Q. Speak to the meaning of excellence in your life and work: How did you foster excellence in your students and colleagues as a professor and how do you now in your current position?*

A. One of the first lessons that it's important for a philosophy student to learn is to trust his or her own mind and to respect the force of good arguments. We often have models of excellence in the work of the great philosophers of the past, but the point is usually to engage with that work on original terms. The process of argument and counter-argument is the lifeblood of philosophy. (A NY Times story on our annual meeting unfortunately but memorably, and I hope inaccurately, called our sessions "organized aggression.") This process does not have to be understood as unpleasantly aggressive; it can be understood as a communal search for the truth, or, at least, for better ideas. I hope that approach—respecting good arguments and trusting the powers of thought—is relevant to this administrative post.

*Q. You have been active in the Alliance for a number of years. As Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, how do you see the role of the Alliance in promoting excellence at Indiana University? Are there things the Alliance should be doing—or doing better—that it currently isn't?*

A. The members of the Alliance promote excellence first and foremost by doing the outstanding work that stands behind their having been

awarded chairs, titles, and distinguished ranks. In addition, because the members represent a broad range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary work at the university—and work at the highest levels of their fields—it could be useful for the Alliance to convey from time to time a collective judgment about issues and challenges faced by IU in particular, and higher education and university research in general.

*Q. What are your interests outside of the academy?*

A. --Family and friends, certainly, and at some earlier point I would have listed things I enjoy doing apart from work—travel, reading, theater, music, viewing films, dance, etc.—the usual suspects. But now there is virtually no time outside of work! Fortunately, almost any life experience or activity can seem in some way relevant to the work of a philosopher, and the variety in the work of a provost is inherently refreshing.

*Q. Finally, is there anything else you want to share with the members?*

A. It's been a pleasure getting to know so many wonderful people through the Alliance, and I've profited from the intellectual companionship of

so many members. My sign-off here would reach to my Minnesota roots, and echo Garrison Keillor: Be well; do good work; and stay in touch.

*Thank you again, and good luck.*

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## Member Profile II

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**Howard J. Edenberg (IN), Chancellor's Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.** His research addresses a range of topics from molecular biology of gene regulation in a family of mammalian alcohol dehydrogenase genes to molecular genetics.

*Q. What are your research interests? Your mission?*

A. My research interests center on how genetic variation affects complex diseases and gene regulation. From studying how alcohol dehydrogenase genes are regulated, I became interested in the effect variations in these genes had on the risk for alcoholism. This led me to join the planning of a major, multi-departmental and multi-institutional project on the genetics of alcoholism, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, of which I am

currently a co-PI. The broadening of my interest into genomics also led to interests in genomic measures of gene expression and the founding of the Center for Medical Genomics with a grant from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund and later INGEN, and into bioinformatics.

*Q. Talk about your department and where it fits into your research.*

A. Two colleagues associated with my department (who have since become Alliance members), Chancellor's Professor William Bosron and Distinguished Professor Ting-Kai Li, triggered my interest in the alcohol dehydrogenases. The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology provided a supportive environment as I developed and broadened my research, and there are excellent colleagues with whom to discuss ideas. Dr. Robert A. Harris, a Distinguished Professor who chaired Biochemistry and Molecular Biology for many years, set an example of excellence in research, teaching and service to the University that has clearly influenced me and other members of the department. I have found the atmosphere here very collegial, and interact with many outstanding people in other departments as my interests have broadened.

*Q. Speak to the meaning of excellence in your life and work and how you foster excellence in your associates and colleagues.*

A. This is a difficult question. I strive to do my best in whatever tasks I undertake, but the press of competing demands means I don't always reach my targets. I sometimes comfort myself with a Robert Browning quote "*Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?*" I try to be harder judging my own work than manuscripts or grants that I review. I try to be helpful to colleagues, sometimes giving them a different perspective on a problem.

*Q. Mention any special honors.*

A. In 1993 I won the Indiana University School Of Medicine Faculty Teaching Award. I have served on the National Advisory Committee of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an NIH institute. I was recently elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

*Q. What are your interests outside of research?*

A. I have many interests, of which photography is one of the longest lasting. My wife and

I attend many musical performances around Indianapolis.

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### Letters to the Editor

The Steering Committee invites the general membership to contribute "letters to the editor." The topics should be related to the mission of the Alliance. Given our sparse publication schedule, the letters should address concerns that will be of relevance after a delay of weeks or months. Such letters provide a means for members not on the Steering Committee to play a role in setting policy and priorities, and we encourage you to make such a contribution. Please send letters to the Alliance office, Poplars 823, IUB, Fax: 812-855-5767 or email to [alliance@indiana.edu](mailto:alliance@indiana.edu)

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