IU enjoys a record number of AAAS fellows

A record number of 12 faculty members from IU were awarded AAAS Fellows for 2012. They are: Hal Edward Broxmeyer (IN), Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Mary Margaret Walther Professor Emeritus, and G. David Roodman (IN), M.D., Ph.D., Kenneth Wiseman Professor of Medicine along with IUB’s James Bever, Yves Brun, Clyde Culbertson Professor of Biology, Gregory Demas, William "Clay" Fuqua, James Goodson from the Department of Biology, David Giedroc and Dennis Peters, Herman T. Briscoe Professor of Chemistry, from the Department of Chemistry, Eliot Smith, War Years Chancellor’s Professor, from the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Julia Heiman from the Kinsey Institute and the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, and Karen Kafadar, Rudy Professor of Statistics, in the Department of Statistics, all from the IU Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences.

The group was sworn in as new fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the 2013 AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston in February. The total number of AAAS Fellows affiliated with IU is 81.

For more information, please go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/23812.html

Six Alliance members chosen AAAS fellows

Guggenheim Fellowships awarded to five IU Bloomington professors

Robert Fulk (BL), 1964 Chancellor’s Professor of English, was one of five recipients from the Bloomington campus of the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for 2013, all in the College of Arts
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and Sciences.

In addition to Fulk, other 2013 fellows from IU Bloomington are Poet Ross Gay, Polish translator Bill Johnston, biologist James Bever, and religious studies professor David Haberman.

For more information, please go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/24105.html

KSOB Marjorie Lyles to be first female president of management society

Marjorie Lyles (IN), Chancellor’s Professor and OneAmerica Chair in Business Administration, Kelley School of Business, was recently elected as president of The Strategic Management Society. She will be the first female president in the society’s 33-year history.

Lyles is a professor of international strategic management and was the first female management professor at the Kelley School of Business.

“I am fortunate to be succeeding a group of presidents who have had the vision to grow SMS from a relatively small organization to a worldwide organization impacting international business strategies in a dynamic climate of change,” Lyles said.

Among the first U.S. business scholars to focus on China, Professor Lyles has been involved in an extensive array of projects beginning in 1986, when she consulted for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Dalian, China.

Sun Yat-sen University in China recently nominated Professor Lyles for the prestigious Chang Jian Scholar Award, the Chinese government’s highest award to scholars.

For more information, please go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/23709.html

2013 Alliance Fall Dinner

The 2013 Alliance Fall meeting and dinner will be held on Monday, September 30, 2013, in Bloomington at the Indiana Memorial Union. President Michael McRobbie and Bloomington Provost Lauren Robel will be hosting the event.

The general business meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the University Club, followed by a reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Solarium and dinner at 6:30 in the newly renovated Alumni Hall.

You will be receiving more information later this summer about the event. The invitation will come from President McRobbie’s office.

Please mark your calendars now. We hope that you and a guest will plan to attend.

We will be hearing presentations by the following new Distinguished Professors for 2013: David Burr (IN), Distinguished Professor, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology; Edward (Ted) G. Carmines (BL), Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor and James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science; Keith Clay (BL), Distinguished Professor of Biology; and Mervin Yoder (IN), Distinguished Professor and Richard and Pauline Klingler Professor of Pediatrics.
Alliance mourns the loss of one of its founders

Janos Starker (BL), Distinguished Professor of Music, passed away in April at the age of 88. Janos was one of the founders of the group once called Concerned Title Professors (originally called The Concerned 39) which was formed sometime around 1979.

Janet Black, with the Alliance office, had the honor of interviewing three of the Alliance founders, Janos Starker, Bob Byrnes, and Anthony San Pietro, in 1997 for the Alliance Historical Archives (all three are now deceased). Below are a few paragraphs from that interview.

In their words, “Several professors felt the need to do something about the decline of the University. A group of them announced that anyone concerned in the development and the future of the university and not in their own personal gain (and who qualified - distinguished and titled/named professors) come to a meeting. Quite a few were already retired at that time. They then had those interested in joining their efforts to sign a ‘we have nothing to gain’ agreement. They were able to get 39 signatures and hence the name. They were the active ones from then on. Not everyone signed, of course. Some did not know what it was all about or the relationship the group would have with the university administration. Their concerns were: libraries, scholarship, research funds, laboratories and the Institute for Advanced Study. Some of the retired professors wanted research funds but the group could not put in a request for such or they would become self-serving.

President John Ryan had a dinner for the members asking the professors for their views on things (and got it from all sides of the table). It was then that they saw a need to form an association.


- Bob Byrnes, Anthony San Pietro and Janos Starker

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Special Honors and Awards

Katy Börner (BL), Victor H. Yngve Professor of Information Science, School of Library and Information Science and who began offering what was currently the university’s only massive open online course, sat on a panel recently with Sir Tim Berners-Lee, founder of the World Wide Web and current director of the WWW Foundation. The topic, “The Global Design Challenge,” is a session designed to provide insights on the growing importance of design and to share ideas on how it can foster change in addressing a range of global issue.

For more information, please go to:
http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/23727.html

Raymond R. Burke (BL), E.
W. Kelley Professor of Business Administration and founding director of the school’s Customer Interface Laboratory, has been named editor-in-chief of the Journal of Shopper Research. The publication, formerly known as the Journal of Marketing at Retail, available both in print and online, is regarded as the leading peer-reviewed, academic research journal in the areas of shopper behavior, shopper insights, and in-store and shopper marketing.

For more information, please go to:
http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/23706.html

Michael Larsen (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Science, has received the E. H. Moore Research Article Prize from the American Mathematical Society. The Prize is awarded every three years for an outstanding research article that appeared in the past six years in one of the primary research journals of the American Mathematical Society.

For more information, please go to:
http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/23661.html

George Kuh (BL), Chancellor’s Professor Emeritus of Higher Education, is the recipient of the 2013 Robert Zemsky Medal for Innovation in Higher Education. The award is given annually to honor individuals whose leadership in higher education has resulted in transformational change in colleges and universities. Kuh is best known as the founding director of the Center for Postsecondary Research and the National Survey of Student Engagement based at IU. Through his scholarship, he has contributed volumes to the research of how college students learn.

For more information, please go to:

Harikrishna Nakshatri (IN), Marian J. Morrison Professor of Breast Cancer Research, received an award from The Society of Asian American Scientists in Cancer Research for outstanding contributions to cancer research. Dr. Nakshatri’s work has evolved into a biotech company called Leuchemix, which is currently testing this drug in Phase I clinical trial.

For more information, please go to:

David G. Marrero (IN), J. O. Ritchey Professor of Medicine, has been named vice president of health care and education for the American Diabetes Association, the nation’s largest voluntary health organization leading the fight to stop diabetes. Individuals elected to this position are leaders in the health care and education profession and have a demonstrated knowledge of the clinical management of diabetes care principles and practices.

For more information, please go to:

William R. Newman (BL), Distinguished Professor and Ruth N. Halls Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, was recognized for outstanding scholarship in history of chemistry with the 2013 HIST Award presented by the American Chemical Society. The HIST Award, formerly known as the Dexter Award and the Edelstein Award, is presented by the Division of History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. It has been awarded annually since 1956. Newman is the first recipient from Indiana University.

For more information, please go to:
Linda Smith (BL), Distinguished Professor and Chancellor’s Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, is the recipient of the 2013 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions.

The APA is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the U.S. and this award is considered its highest honor. In her work, Smith systematically explores the stages of learning and human development in children, developing computational models of perception, language use, categorization and motor behavior.

For more information, please go to: http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/print/24148.html

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Alliance since the December 2013 issue of Excellence.

Ašok Antony (IN), Chancellor’s Professor, School of Medicine

David B. Burr (IN), Distinguished Professor, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Edward (Ted) G. Carmines (BL), Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor and James H. Rudy Professor of Political Science

Keith Clay (BL), Distinguished Professor, Department of Biology

Jonathan Eller (IN), Chancellor’s Professor, School of Liberal Arts

Lee H. Hamilton (IN), Distinguished Scholar, School of Global and International Studies

Christoph Irmischer (BL), Provost Professor of English

Arlen W. Langvardt (BL), Eveleigh Professor in Business Ethics

Eric Leeper (BL), Rudy Professor of Economics

Honorable Richard Lugar (IN), Distinguished Scholar, School of Global and International Studies

Marjorie Lyles (IN), Chancellor’s Professor and OneAmerica Chair in Business

In Memoriam

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

Stephen D. Allen (IN), James Warren Smith Professor of Clinical Microbiology

Gov. Emeritus Otis R. Bowen (IN), Lester D. Bibler Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine

Janos Starker (BL), Distinguished Professor, Jacobs School of Music
Profiles in Excellence

The Alliance would like to thank Professors Giuseppe Del Priore and Mohammad Torabi for agreeing to be profiled.

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Member Profile I

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Giuseppe Del Priore  (IN), Mary Fendrich Hulman Professor of Gynecologic Oncology, received his B.A. Magna Cum Laude in Philosophy from The City University of New York (1983), his M.D. with Distinction in Research from The State University of New York Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn (1987) and his M.P.H. in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from the University of Illinois School of Public Health (1993).

Q. What are your research interests? Your mission?

A. My personal areas include early detection of endometrial cancer through a new patented biopsy device. Also I am investigating early lymph node spread through another patent pending sentinel node process. Finally, for endometrial cancer I am developing a risk score to predict the utility of surgical staging on quality of life.

For ovarian cancer, we have completed a first in woman ovarian cancer screening trial using another patent pending process. Finally, I am working with industry to develop a simplified technique to cryopreserve ovarian cortex for future fertility. Currently, only 10% of eligible cancer patients do anything to preserve fertility. I want everyone to have the chance.

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

A. The division of gynecology is supportive of each members’ research priorities. For instance, the other clinicians have helped me introduce robotic surgery to IU gynecology as I performed the first radical hysterectomy, tracheectomy, Fallopian tube anastomoses, sentinel node and other robotic firsts. They also assisted in several other firsts including help in recruiting patients to my first in human trials. Of course, they are equally innovative which makes for a creative inspiring environment. This environment allows us to tackle high risk situations. Recently, a pregnant patient was told to choose between her safety and that of her unborn fetus. Instead, after fully vetting all the alternatives, I was able to operate on her uterus while pregnant, curing the cancer and preserving the fetus until a safe term delivery was achieved. It was a very stressful few months but luckily, with everyone’s support, mom and baby are well and were the subject of a Christmas eve news story.

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

A. I give everything 110% effort. If I can't because of my priorities, I find someone else who feels passionately about the task at hand. Then I go about helping to create a work environment that enables colleagues to pursue their passions. I created a no blame office with everyone willing to take on whatever needs to be done. I have answered phones, made copies, and helped in pitch ins! I encourage ongoing education and am proud to have helped several team members go on with careers in research,
nursing, and higher education.

Q. Mention any special honors.

A. US News and World Report top 1%; Castle Connely top doctor; CTSI grant; Patient Choice Award; and a few others.

Q. What are your interests outside of University work?

A. Sailing, flying (airplanes and kites), skiing. My first trip to Indiana was in 1991 when I arrived to race motorcycles sponsored by Bell Helmets. I gave up racing soon after but found some satisfaction in driving a fire truck as a volunteer fireman.

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest that you may want to share with the members?

A. I shouldn’t be here. Really. I grew up in NYC with more than 3 murders/day. I have had a gun to my chest and twice a knife to my throat. I have been mugged and robbed more than 2 dozen times. It was a bad time. My parents had no formal schooling. Mom lied about her age to get a job at 15 and was married by 17. No prenatal care or insurance. Drinking and smoking was typical.

They cleaned up nicely and against their better judgment let me go to high school. I was working in the family business since 8 years old. Everyone helped with the business. Bills went out by assembly line starting with mom and ending with the youngest licking the envelope. We lived in one house with 11 relatives sharing a common kitchen and eating area.

I applied to one school early, decision - Georgetown Foreign Service on an Air Force Intelligence Scholarship. But February of my senior year, dad became ill and disabled so I had to work full time and deferred Georgetown. All turned out well and surgery to remove a acoustic neuroma brought me an opportunity to go to college. Only the City University Brooklyn College would take me so late in the year so I applied to their most competitive program - a combined BA-MD.

Since I really wanted nothing to do with medicine I majored in Philosophy, swam varsity and photo edited the paper. But med school still accepted me so I went, never intending to finish but looking for a way to make money. I applied for an NIH research grant my freshman year, got it, and have never looked back.

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Member Profile II

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Mohammad R. Torabi (BL), Dean and Chancellor’s Professor, School of Public Health-Bloomington, received a B.S. and M.S.P.H. from Tehran University, Ph.D. from Purdue University and M.P.H. from Indiana University.

Q. What are your research interests? Your mission?

A. Public health is an applied and interdisciplinary field. I have had extensive training in research methodology, health behavioral research, and evaluation. Consequently, I have applied my research training in various public health areas, especially in prevention of tobacco and other drug use, public health policy, HIV/AIDS prevention, and obesity prevention.

Tobacco use remains public health enemy number one. It is the most preventable cause of morbidity and premature death. Tobacco use not only destroys one’s health but also negatively impacts quality of life. Therefore, the majority of my work has focused on tobacco prevention. More specifically, through empirical data, my co-authors and I have
demonstrated that tobacco serves as a gateway drug. In another study, our research project provided evidence that a smoke-free policy reduced the incidence of heart attacks in the community.

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

A. A century ago the leading causes of death were primarily infectious diseases, which, for the most part, required medical treatment and personal hygiene to address them. In contrast, the leading causes of death today stem from chronic conditions such as heart disease, cancer, and stroke. Premature death and morbidity from today’s modern killers are to a great extent, preventable, and are related to lifestyle choices and behavior. The root causes of these killers are directly tied to smoking, physical inactivity, poor nutrition, and lack of access to health care.

Our former School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation had the oldest and largest accredited public health program in the State. Academically speaking, the School has been doing public health with a narrower focus since its inception during the legendary presidency of Herman B Wells in 1946. But because of the changing health landscape in Indiana and the nation, the School has broadened its mission to emphasize disease prevention, health promotion, and enhancement of quality of life. Under the visionary leadership of President McRobbie, the help of former Provost Hanson, and unwavering support of Provost Robel, we successfully transitioned to the School of Public Health-Bloomington.

With this transition, we are positioned to broaden that focus and to promote the health of our fellow Indiana citizens through research, teaching, and community engagement. With our five academic departments and the Division of Recreational Sports our School has become the third largest school at Indiana University-Bloomington as measured by total student enrollment and external funding. Likewise, we have over 20,000 alumni making a difference in the health and well-being of people all over the world.

As the Founding Dean of our School of Public Health-Bloomington, I still try to be engaged in teaching Ph.D. students as well as continuing my research and staying involved in leadership roles in various national and international professional organizations. It has been an enormous honor for me to serve Indiana University in this important leadership position for the School.

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

A. Excellence is a relative and abstract term. I am in an applied field and excellence has a different connotation. To me, excellence means doing quality, meaningful, and ethical work that will result in making a real, positive, difference in the lives of our fellow world citizens. If my research, teaching, and public health engagement help prevent someone’s suffering or disability, or prevent a premature death, then I have achieved excellence in my professional work. As a head of an academic unit, if I recruit, retain, mentor, inspire, and support a rising star in our field, that is excellence. Helping to bring about happiness in the lives of those who surround you and leading by example is promoting excellence at the personal level. Knowing that you are judged by your deeds, not your words, and striving toward doing the right thing (your conscience), means you are committed to excellence. A Persian Poet of the thirteenth century, “Saadi,” said and I translate it “two hundred essays and lectures conceptually are...”
Q. Mention any special honors.
A. I have been lucky to have been honored by various academic units, professional and voluntary organizations, to mention a few. Below are selected examples:

- Elected as a Fellow by five national professional organizations including the American Academy of Health Behavior.
- Scholar of the Year, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; American Association for Health Education; International Council for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; First recipient of Scholar of the Year, Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Research Council Award, American School Health Association; and Scholar Award, Midwest District of American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; elected as President of the American Academy of Health Behavior; President-Elect and a Past-President of the American Lung Association; and Indiana University Distinguished Teaching and Service Awards.

Q. What are your interests outside of University work?
A. Spending quality time with my family; reading Persian Poetry of 12th - 14th century; hiking, biking, swimming, and generally physical workouts; following world news.

Q. Finally, is there anything of human interest that you may want to share with the members?
A. Here is a brief list of valuable lessons I have learned in my personal and professional journey that I could not have learned from books and classrooms:

- Do your best and ultimately things will work out for the best.
- Ultimately, we are judged by our deeds.
- Our ultimate source of happiness is knowing and counting your blessings.
- Experiencing hardship in your life journey is not a curse but builds character.
- A Persian Proverb says (paraphrased), “there is a joy in forgiveness that cannot be found in revenge.”
- We can make a difference; we may as well make it a positive one.

Professionally speaking, I paraphrase from an unknown source that “research is to teaching as sin is to confession.” This obviously implies that if you do not do research, you do not have much to offer to your students or for mentoring scholars.
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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

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