June 2012

Rick Sowers has been elected as the new president elect for the Indiana Choral Directors Association, the state affiliate of ACDA.

Carrie Clay has been selected by the Indiana American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese as the Spanish Professor of the Year in the university category.

Joani Brandon has been invited to be a charter member of a new association being formed by John Feierabend, chair of the music education area at Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Conn. This new association will formalize his method as well as establish a national organization.

Kent Saunders received the 2012 CBFA Chewning Award during the June closing banquet of the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) conference at Trinity Western University in Vancouver. This is the highest honor given annually to a business faculty member active in the Christian Business Faculty Association. The Falls School of Business holds the distinction of being the only university with three recipients of this award since its inception. Ken Armstrong received the award in 2002, Doyle Lucas in 2009, and now Kent Saunders in 2012.

Kevin Radaker delivered a dramatic portrayal of Thoreau on June 28 at the public library in Keene, N.H., and on July 5 at the public library in Northfield, Ohio.

July 2012

On July 14, Kevin Radaker delivered a paper titled “Thoreau’s Legacy According to my Audiences over the Years” at the International Annual Gathering of the Thoreau Society in Concord, Mass.

Leroy Quashie passed the National Council on Family Relations Certified Family Life Educator's exam in July 2012.

On July 27, Lolly Bargerstock-Oyler presented at Western Michigan University Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD Research Conference. The presentation was titled “Inter-religious Attitudes of Undergraduate Social Work Students as Related to Perception of Spiritual Competence of Academic Program.”

August 2012

Joani Brandon attended the organizational meeting of the Feierabend Association for Music Education (FAME). The organizational meeting was a gathering of 20 invited teachers and leaders and included planning for an initial conference in 2014. Joani will have a two-year term as president elect (2012-2014) followed by a term as president (2014-2016).

Faculty of the School of Nursing, including Ken Osborne, Lynn Schmidt, Sarah Neal, Denise Thompson, and Shelly Cary ran the Warrior Dash with several AU students. The group conquered obstacles, jumped fire, and crawled through the mud to the finish line.

Kevin Brown presented a paper at the 2012 Economics and Ethics Conference at the University of Glasgow hosted by the Association for Social Economics. He completed a book review for the Journal of Political Theology on their blog: http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/markets-morals-helpful-perspective-michael-sandel/.

Larry Seibert had an article, “It’s Time to De-average Satisfaction Ratings,” published June/July 2012 by VSAE Association Press. He also presented “Using Voice-of-the-Member Surveys to Increase Member Recruitment and Retention” at the Annual Convention of the Indiana Society of Association Executives in Muncie and attended the Annual Convention of the American Society of Association Executives in Dallas.

**September 2012**

Becky Hull, Donna Albrecht, Amber Reed and Katy Sample gave presentations at the Making Connections Early Childhood Providers Conference at Anderson Christian School.

David Murphy’s most recent book, Murder in Their Hearts: The Fall Creek Massacre, has been issued in an e-book format by the Indiana Historical Society.

Dulce Maria Scott presented two papers at the VII Congress of Portuguese Sociology, Portugal. Her participation was funded by the Luso-American Development Foundation. Her papers were titled “The Incorporation of Portuguese Americans into the Political System of Rhode Island: How did they do it?” and “Portuguese Communities in USA (P-NB- FR-RI-MA) and Canada (Toronto): A comparative demographic and socioeconomic profile” (with Carlos Teixeira, Canada).

John Millis was awarded a $11,500 grant from NASA/INSGC for his proposal of an analysis of gamma-ray emission from supernova remnants and next-generation detector development. He also appeared as a radio show guest for the following five stations: WDUN AM 550 Radio (Northern Georgia) on the topic of Neil Armstrong, KWRE/KFAV Radio - St Louis on the topics of Neil Armstrong/Mars rover, KMOX Radio (St. Louis) on the topic of Neil Armstrong, WDUN AM 550 Radio (Northern Georgia) on the topic of the Mars landing, and WFLA AM Tampa Bay on the topic of the Mars landing.

This past summer, Gert Kumi was invited to perform as a soloist at the Shenyang Conservatory of Music in China, which is among the nine major Conservatories in China. In addition to the performance, he gave three master classes for students at the conservatory and at the high school for performing arts in Shenyang.

Greg Kaufinger, the newest faculty member in the Falls School of Business, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and is now Dr. Kaufinger. His dissertation title was “Earnings Management Motivations in Gift Card Breakage Recognition Decisions.”

**October 2012**

Jill Merle’s paper “An Examination of the Relationship Between Board Characteristics and Capital Adequacy Risk Taking at Bank Holding Companies” has been accepted for participation in the Allied Academies International Conference in the area of banking studies. All of the conference submissions are blind peer reviewed prior to acceptance. It is under review for inclusion in the Journal of Banking Studies.

October 14 and 15, Kevin Radaker performed as C. S. Lewis at Houghton College in western New York.


Larry Seibert’s article “Who or what influenced you members to join” was published in the September/October 2012 issue of Florida Society of Association Executives.

November 2012

Michele Murray, Mark Murray, Mary Kathryn Brewer, Becky Chappell, and John Huntoon performed during a faculty recital on Oct. 25 in York Performance Hall on the AU campus.

Dulce Maria Scott has written a chapter for Human Rights and Quality of Life in the Portuguese Speaking Communities in the U.S. and Canada. Her chapter is titled “The Education of Luso-Descendants: Theory, Data, and Recommendations.” The book is published by the Government of the Azores, Portugal.

Diana Jones and a group of her physical education teaching students presented a session called “Story Books in Motion” at the IAHPERD (Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) regional workshop at Purdue University. Students were Cory Criswell, Zach Foley, Drew Enderle, Julia Seitz, Brandon Brown, Ricky Peters, and Carina Pena.

John Millis gave an invited colloquium at IPFW on The Future of High Energy Astrophysics. He was also named vice president for content management for redOrbit.com, a news and reference site for science, technology, and health. In addition to being a general contributor (writer) for the site, John oversees all science and technology related content and is in charge of improving site quality and developing new content strategies. John also attended the annual Indiana Astrophysics Meeting (IAM) and was appointed chair of the organizing committee for the IAM.


February 2013

Laura Stull’s participated as an author in the article “Implicit and Explicit Stigma of Mental Illness: Attitudes in an Evidence-Based Practice” published by the Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.

Sheridan Rayl was named the volunteer chair for the regional conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) in October 2014. The conference has the potential of drawing more than 3,000 mathematics teachers from surrounding states along with speakers from across the United States.

March 2013

Melanie Peddicord was appointed by the Indiana CPA Society Board of Directors to serve on its Ethics Committee for the July 2012 - June 2013 term. The mission of the Ethics Committee is “to promote the ethical practice of the CPA profession through educational and enforcement activities.” Melanie was also elected to serve on the 2013 Board of Directors for Bethany Christian Services in Indianapolis. Bethany’s mission is to “demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families through quality social services.” Melanie and her husband adopted their youngest son from Korea in 2011 through Bethany’s international adoption program.

Christopher Holmes successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on Feb. 28, 2013, at Indiana University to receive his PhD in musicology.

Susan Taylor served as the guest conductor for the Maryland All-State Junior Band Feb. 21-23, in Baltimore, Md. The band consisted of 96 outstanding musicians in grades 7-9. The concert was held on the campus of Morgan State University.
Three Anderson University history professors were elected to offices within the Indiana Association of Historians at the 2013 annual conference: David Murphy, president; Jaye Rogers, secretary; and Joel Shrock, membership secretary.

**Donna Albrecht** presented at the Indiana TESOL (INTESOL) Conference. The title of the presentation was “Best K-12 & University Collaboration: Training for the Co-Teaching Model.”


### April 2013

**Brandy Grayson** presented at the Renaissance Society of America Conference in San Diego (April 4-6). Her topic was “Prodigal Sons and their Jesuits: The Production of Moral Authority on the Early Modern Spanish Stage.”

**Marian Osborne Berky** presented an invited paper titled “No Jesus, No Peace? Reflections on Peace Education in a Self-Identified ‘Christian’ University” at the Benjamin Cohen Peace Conference at Ball State University on April 6, 2013.

On April 12, **Deidra Colvin** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled “Effect of Social Media as Measured by the Dispersion of Electronic Word-of-Mouth on the Sales Success of Experience Goods: an Empirical Study of Kindle Book Sales.”