Ostrom awarded Nobel Prize

Indiana University professor Elinor Ostrom was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the award on Oct. 12.

Ostrom is the Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUB. She is co-founder and senior research director of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at IU.

She is the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Economics, which was established in 1968. The award recognizes her analysis of economic governance, especially the commons.

“Elinor Ostrom has challenged the conventional wisdom that common property is poorly managed and should be either regulated by central authorities or privatized,” the Academy said in announcing the prize.

“Based on numerous studies of user-managed fish stocks, pastures, woods, lakes and groundwater basins, Ostrom concludes that the outcomes are, more often than not, better than predicted by standard theories. She observes that resource users frequently develop sophisticated mechanisms for decision-making and rule enforcement to handle conflicts of interest, and she characterizes the rules that promote successful outcomes.”

Ostrom said she was “flabbergasted” to get the news. “It was a fantastic surprise and a thrilling one,” she said. “I’m very appreciative.”

“This is fantastic news,” said IU President Michael A. McRobbie (pictured above, with Ostrom). “Professor Ostrom has won widespread recognition from around the world for her very original research and scholarship. For her to win the Nobel Prize is fully appropriate.”

An IU faculty member since 1965, she co-founded the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis with her husband, Vincent Ostrom, in 1973. She served as president of the Public Choice Society from 1982-84 and president of the American Political Science Association in 1996-97. She was the first woman to chair the Department of Political Science in 1980-84.

“We are very proud of Lin and her accomplishments,” said Russ Hanson, department chairman.

Ostrom shares the award with Oliver Williamson, Edgar F. Kaiser Professor Emeritus of Business, Economics and Law at the University of California, Berkeley. She said she knows Williamson, and is pleased to share the award with him.

Ostrom received her BA at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1954; her MA at UCLA in 1962; and her PhD at UCLA in 1965.

IUAA members: Look for our cover story on Ostrom in the November/December Indiana Alumni Magazine.
Greetings from Bloomington, where the fall semester has been full of interesting developments.

The biggest and most exciting news is that Professor Elinor Ostrom was recently awarded a Nobel prize in economic governance for her research on the cooperative management of shared resources. She is the first woman recipient of the honor in economics and only the second political scientist to win the award. In the adjacent columns you’ll find a full account of Lin’s extraordinary accomplishments as a scholar, as well as her visionary leadership of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis.

We’re also celebrating IUB’s latest winner of the Harry S Truman scholarship, which is awarded to 60 undergraduate students across the nation who possess outstanding leadership qualities. Miles Taylor possesses those skills in abundance, and he’ll use the scholarship to continue his education in preparation for a career in public service. More award-winning students are listed in this newsletter (see page 3).

At the spring 2009 awards ceremony, we also honored Donald Fehr with our Outstanding Alumni Award. As the recently retired executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, Fehr provides the definitive answer to our students, who are sometimes asked, “What can you do with a major in political science?” As you’ll see on page 5, the correct reply is, “Anything you put your mind and heart into.”

This fall we regretfully bade farewell to three faculty members. Professor Norman Furniss retired after 40 years of teaching at IUB. Norm’s contributions to the Department of Political Science and IU’s Western European Studies Department, Hutton Honors College, and Liberal Arts & Management Program are detailed in a fitting tribute from another recently retired faculty member, Richard Stryker. I’m sure that many of you were the beneficiaries of Norm’s intelligence, insight and wit in the classroom and around the seminar table. He is an unusually gifted teacher, and we will sorely miss his services, though we will still enjoy is company in Bloomington.

Robert Rorhschneider has moved to the University of Kansas and Michael Ensley to Kent State University, but we’ve welcomed two to our department. Tim Hellwig joins us from the University of Houston. Hellwig’s work examines how European political leaders appeal to supporters when seeking re-election, and how electoral rules affect parties’ re-election strategies. Yana Krupnikov, who was trained at the University of Michigan, is analyzing the effect of negative advertising on voting behavior.

These are some examples of the research our faculty are conducting and sharing with our students. You’ll find many more on our recently revamped Web site: www.indiana.edu/~iupolsci. You’ll also see a list of upcoming events, including lectures by leading scholars from around the world. Perhaps you can attend one if you are planning a visit to campus or have tickets to a sporting contest, musical performance, or theatrical event.

Meanwhile, we welcome your continuing support, which is offered in many ways. If you know of talented high-school students, mention us to them, and them to us. If you can offer students an opportunity to serve as interns, or if you’re willing to serve as a mentor, please let us know. Finally, if you are able to provide financial support for our students, or wish to underwrite the exciting research of our faculty, please consult our webpage for further information. With your help we can do great things — as the shining example of Professor Ostrom proves.

— Russell L. Hanson

Born in South Dakota and raised in northern Minnesota, Russ Hanson earned his PhD at the University of Minnesota. He and his wife Connie arrived in Bloomington in 1988 and raised two children, Sarah and Peter, who will join them for brief visits in Australia and New Zealand, where Hanson is on sabbatical leave this fall. He is researching the emergence of self-styled “liberal” reform movements in the United States in the post-Civil War era.
Furniss retires after 40 years of service

Norman Furniss, professor of political science at IU since 1971, retired in summer 2008. He is a valued colleague and contributor to the department and to the university in many roles.

Furniss co-authored an influential study with Professor Tim Tilton (retired in 2006) on The Case for the Welfare State: From Social Security to Social Equality (IU Press, 1977), which remains a classic comparative study of the welfare state in Western Europe and the US. He also contributed a number of significant articles to the leading journals in the field over the years, including the APSR, World Politics, the Journal of Politics, and many others.

"... a significant scholar, an exceptional teacher, a fine administrator, and a warm and engaging colleague." — Richard Stryker

He was a leader in the department, serving as director of undergraduate studies, honors director, and as leader of the Preparing Future Faculty Program. Furniss also served as IU’s director of West European studies (WEST) and established the area as a National Resource Center. In addition to political science and WEST, Norman has taught for the Intensive Freshman Seminar, the Hutton Honors College, and the Liberal Arts and Management Program.

In addition, since his retirement, Norman has become a mentor and tutor for reading programs at Binford Middle School and at the Pinnacle School in Bloomington.

For nearly 40 years, Norman Furniss has given much of value to IU and the Political Science Department. He has been a significant scholar, an exceptional teacher, a fine administrator, and a warm and engaging colleague. — Richard Stryker

Perspectives: The student experience

As Political Science Department alumni, you are part of a long, distinguished history of teaching and learning. We are proud that thousands of students have pass through the doors of Woodburn Hall on their way to successful lives and fulfilling lives as citizens. Here, we present today’s experience through the eyes of two standout students, poised to make a difference in their post-IU worlds.

Undergraduate student: Miles Taylor, class of 2010

Look out Washington, D.C.

Senior Miles Taylor is majoring in political science and international security studies. Carrying a 4.0 GPA, he is a Harry S. Truman Scholar, Herman B Wells Scholar, U.S. Senate Youth Scholar, U.S. Steel Corp. Scholar, Washington Crossing National Scholar, Louis E. Lambert Scholar, William G. Bray Scholar, and Grandmothers for Peace Scholar (awarded for work on nonproliferation issues).


While in the Capitol this past summer, he conducted studies of India and Pakistan for use in national security policymaking, assisted with interagency study related to China, and researched and produced threat assessments related to international events and foreign entities.

Taylor’s articles have appeared in Arms Control Today and the Chicago Tribune.

At IU, he is more than a student. He is an IU presidential intern, director and founder of Student Alliance for National Security, and member of the Board of Aeons, Trockman Microfinance Initiative, 2020 Vision, the Center for Constitutional Democracy, and Union Board.

After graduation, Taylor plans to continue his education in international relations and eventually return to government work.

Graduate student: Madeline Barch, PhD student

Community-focused research

I have always been drawn to the practical applications of political science research. I'm interested in comparative regulatory policy, social movements, information communications technology, and the nonprofit sector. I hope to tie these interests together in a career that includes involvement in government and community groups as well as research and teaching.

In the last four years, I had several opportunities to explore these interests.

I recently returned from a pre-dissertation research trip to Brussels, Belgium, and Washington, D.C., where I spoke with bureaucrats about the ways technology is shifting public interactions. I drafted a paper for the EPA that explored the potential of Web 2.0 to improve the transparency of the regulatory policymaking process.

Over the past several semesters, I was lucky enough to teach the introductory class for the Leadership, Ethics, and Social Action Program (LESA), exposing students to community organizing through hands-on experiences. Setting up meetings with community leaders and facilitating volunteer work, I learned how to inspire the students’ own capacity to learn through doing.

My dissertation research addresses the processes of bureaucratic agencies use to craft regulations. I am particularly interested in exploring how procedural rules shape the quality of governance and the extent of agency transparency and public deliberation. I am curious about whether the Internet and technologies can improve democratic representation through greater citizen and stakeholder participation. — Madeline Barch is a fourth-year PhD student.
Class notes

Before 1960

Lina Hafner Miller, BA'51, writes, "After four hip surgeries in 2007 and four months in the hospital, I am back managing the Wabash General Hospital gift shop and also working as the [shop's] buyer as of April 2008." Miller lives and works in Mount Carmel, Ill.

Daniel P. Byron, BA’59, JD’62, is senior law partner for the law firm Bingham McHale in Indianapolis. He has served as general counsel for the Indiana Broadcasters’ Association since 2002, and in 2007 he was selected to lead a team of West African attorneys as they attempted "to end impunity for violence against journalists, publishers, and broadcasters and combat laws that limit freedom of expression." From October to December of 2007, Byron worked with the Media Law Foundation for West Africa, based in Accra, Ghana. Named an Indiana Super Lawyer for 2008 by Law & Politics Magazine and Indianapolis Monthly, Byron lives in Carmel, Ind.

In October 2008, Daniel P. Byron, BA'59, JD'62, a senior partner in the Indianapolis law firm Bingham McHale, was honored with the 2008 Indiana Broadcasters Association Lifetime Achievement Award. He is the first non-broadcaster to receive the honor, having served as general counsel to the Indiana Broadcasters Association since 2002. The award recognizes individuals for meritorious service, contributions to, or achievements in the field of broadcasting in Indiana. In February 2009, Byron was one of 13 Bingham McHale attorneys to be named to the annual Best Lawyers in America listing. He lives in Carmel, Ind.

1960s

Stephen F. Cohen, BS'60, MA'62, is the author of Soviet Fates and Lost Alternatives: From Stalinism to the New Cold War, published by Columbia University Press. A professor of Russian studies and history at New York University and a professor emeritus of politics at Princeton University, Cohen credits his IU undergraduate education with preparing the path for his academic career. "IU’s diversity of quality course offerings and faculty enabled me to discover my own intellectual and professional interests," he writes. "[IU] remains a model of undergraduate education in a democratic society, and I found nothing its equal at the ‘elitist’ universities where I later studied and taught." Cohen and his wife, Katrina Vanden Heuvel, the editor and publisher of The Nation, live in New York City.

Guy O. Kornblum, BA’61, the principal of Guy O. Kornblum & Associates, a San Francisco-based trial and appellate law firm, has been appointed to the advisory board of the National Board of Trial Advocacy. The NBTA is part of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification, which provides board certification for lawyers. Kornblum has also been inducted as a plati num member of The Verdict Club, an elite society of the most accomplished litigators in the United States. Inductees are nominated by fellow attorneys and are certified as being exceptional trial lawyers. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Trial Counsel, which limits its membership to 2,500 trial lawyers.

Kornblum is the author of Negotiating and Settling Tort Cases, a two-volume treatise published by AAJ/Thompson West. He lives in San Francisco with his wife, Victoria.

Dennis M. Hanaghan, BA’62, LLB'65, is an attorney for the law firm Hanaghan & Hanaghan in Dayton, Ohio. He concentrates his practice on estate planning and probate of estates. For the past 11 years, Hanaghan has been the executive director of the Fred and Alice Wallace Charitable Memorial Foundation, Hanaghan, and his wife, Patti, live in Dayton.

John L. Hess, BA’65, JD’68, is a partner for the Carmel, Ind., law firm Petit Hess Petit & Slack. He practices in many areas of law, including personal injury and insurance claims, wills and estates, divorce and family law, real estate, and small business and corporate law. Hess is a retired captain in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy Reserve, and is active in the American Legion and the Shrine of North America. He lives in Indianapolis.

Robert S. Hoop, BA’65, MAT’69, teaches computer-based Webinars on statistics and medical writing. In 2010 he will present a three-hour seminar on clinical statistics for non-statisticians at a professional conference in California for medical writers. Hoop is a pharmaceutical consultant who lives and works in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Ivi Joe Cannon, MA'66, of Tallinn, Estonia, has been elected to the board of directors for the American Chamber of Commerce in Estonia. For the past 10 years she has volunteered at the Estonian Women’s Studies and Resource Center at Tallinn University, and she is currently a member of the center’s board of directors. Cannon served as an editor for Carrying Linda’s Stones: An Anthology of Estonian Women’s Life Stories, a 600-page book published by Tallinn University Press in 2006. The book can be purchased online or by contacting Cannon at ilviceannonn@gmail.com. [appeared in Sept.- Oct. ’08 Alumni Magazine]

Philip G. Harrison, MA’67, writes that he and his wife, Elizabeth (Lindsay), BME'69, "are at home in Naples, Fla., with a summer place in Culver, Ind." The couple also has business residences in Lawrence, Kan., and on the island of Kauai in Hawaii. Philip manages real estate interests in Kansas and Hawaii and is a trustee of the Culver Educational Foundation, serving the Culver Academies and Summer Schools and Camps. Beth is involved in a wide variety of musical organizations.

In June, Harold D. "Pete" Goldsmith, BA’66, EdD’77, was named dean of students and vice provost for student affairs at Indiana University Bloomington. He replaces Dick McGaig, who retired after a 38-year career at IU. Goldsmith had served as vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at Kent State University since 2003 and had previously worked as a student affairs administrator at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Michigan State and Old Dominion universities.

H. Patrick Callahan, BA’69, a partner in the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, has received the Rainmaker of the Year Award in the category of partner-transactions for effective business development and marketing. The award is presented jointly by Originatel, an online newsletter for attorneys, and the Legal Sales and Services Organization, which focuses on sales, service, and quality issues in law firms and legal departments. The award is given to only five individuals annually. Callaghan provides legal and business counsel to entrepreneurs, corporations, and other business and governmental entities. He joined Baker & Daniels in 1985 and is active in a number of business and community organizations, including the Indianapolis Airport Authority, the Indiana Technology Partnership, and the IU School of Informatics Dean’s Advisory Council. Callaghan lives in Indianapolis.

1970s

Lilia Georgiev Judson, BA71, JD’75, is executive director of the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration. Her responsibilities include working with Supreme Court justices and trial courts across the state. She also oversees programs designed to promote more efficient administration of justice, volunteer-based court appointed special advocates, and the certification of court interpreters. She lives in Indianapolis.

Jane Pauley, BA’72, LHD’96, television news anchor and NBC host for close to three decades, was one of three IU alumni inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in April. Pauley began her career as a reporter with WISH TV in Indianapolis and spent a year as a news anchor in Chicago before starting her 13-year tenure as co-host of NBC's Today show in 1976. The winner of numerous Emmy awards, she later spent 12 years as a host of Dateline NBC. The other IU alumni who were inducted into the hall of fame were James W. Brown, MS’70, MBA’75, PhD’77, executive associate dean of the IU School of Journalism at IUPUI, and Craig Klugman, BA'67, editor of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette since 1982.

Gene A. Coyle, BA73, MA74, is the author of No Game for
Distinguished Alumni Award

Major-league honor for alumnus

The department’s 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Donald M. Fehr, BA’70. Fehr, 61, majored in government at Indiana University.

As executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association, the 61-year-old presided over three significant MLB work stoppages: a two-day midseason strike in 1985, a 32-day spring training lockout in 1990, and the seven-and-a-half month strike in 1994–95 that wiped out the World Series and delayed and shortened the following season. The past 14 years of his leadership have seen relative peace between players and owners.

The MLBPA is the collective bargaining unit for all active Major League players. Fehr began his career there as general counsel in 1977, and was formally elected as executive director in 1985.

Under Fehr’s leadership, the average player’s annual salary rose from $289,000 in 1983 to more than $3.3 million this season. In 1966 the average yearly salary was $19,000.

In June 2009, Fehr announced he would retire as executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association after 25 years of service. He will leave the post no later than March 31, 2010. “It has been a high privilege to be entrusted with the leadership of this extraordinary union for the last 25 years,” he says. “I am enormously proud of what the players have accomplished during that time.”

In addition to serving as the players’ chief negotiator in collective bargaining with the Major League club owners, Fehr was responsible for administration of all other aspects of the MLBPA’s operations, including contract administration, grievance arbitration, and pension and health care matters. He oversaw an MLBPA staff that includes a group-licensing department and a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, the Players Trust.

Fehr has also played an important part in spreading the popularity of baseball beyond North America, including efforts to help create and develop the World Baseball Classic, the sport’s first World Cup-styled international tournament featuring active Major Leaguers. His international foresight played out in his role as one of eight Public Sector Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1996 to 2003, appointed specifically to represent the interests of the American public in the activities of the USOC.

Fehr earned his law degree at University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law in 1973. In 1991, the law school presented him its Alumni Achievement Award. He serves on Indiana University’s Dean’s Advisory Board.

Prior to joining the MLBPA, Fehr was associated with the Kansas City law firm of Jolley Moran Walsh Hager & Gordon, where, on behalf of the MLBPA, he successfully defended the landmark Mestersmith-McNally free agency case before a federal appeals court. He receives perennial recognition as one of the most influential people in sports. Fehr and his wife, Stephanie, have four children.

The Indiana Alumni Magazine profiled Fehr in its July/August 2004 issue. To read, visit: http://alumni.indiana.edu/magazine/issues.

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more than 400 food producers, restaurants, farmers' markets, winemakers, brewers, and food festivals, as well as recipes by top Indiana chefs. Barbour, who lives in Bloomington, is a senior lecturer in the department of political science at Indiana University.

Scott C. Clarkson, BA79, is an attorney for the law firm Clarkson Gore & Marsella in Torrance, Calif., where he has practiced commercial and insolvency law since 1987. He was recently elected chairman of the Los Angeles Bar Association's commercial and bankruptcy law section. Clarkson lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and can be contacted at sl Clarkson@lawcgm.com. [appeared in Sept.-Oct. '08 Alumni Magazine]

In June, Sherri Burrell Monteith, BA79, completed a master's degree in public policy from Ohio State University's John Glenn School of Public Affairs. She is manager of state legislative and regulatory policy at American Electrical Power Co. Monteith and her husband, Gene, BA79, a senior account manager for the Cochran Group, Inc. live and work in Columbus, Ohio, and have three grown children, two of whom are students at IU Bloomington.

1980s

In October 2008, Indiana University named Fred Glass, BA81, JD'84, as its new athletic director. A former partner in the law firm Baker & Daniels, Glass was president of the Indianapolis 2011 Super Bowl Bid Committee and helped pave the way for Indianapolis to host its first Super Bowl in 2012. He also played a key role in making the city a part of the permanent rotation for hosting the NCAA Final Four basketball tournaments. Glass joined Baker & Daniels in 1983, providing counsel on business and other legal issues, and has been honored on many occasions for both his legal skills and public service. He has been recognized as one of The Best Lawyers in America® for corporate law and an Indiana Super Lawyer for business and corporate law. Before joining Baker & Daniels, Glass served former Indiana governor Evan Bayh, BS78, LL'D81, from 1989 until 1993. Glass and his wife, Barbara (Lamann), BS'96, have four children, and live in Indianapolis.

Larry W. Hill, BA82, retired from the U.S. Air Force in Hawaii after 30 years of service. He now works as a Department of Defense civilian at the U.S. Army Garrison–Yongsan in Seoul, South Korea. Chae Ok (Park), '85, his wife of 34 years, is also a DoD civilian at Yongsan. They live in Seoul.

Jeffrey C. Sharpe, BA84, has been appointed Midwest regional scanning center coordinator for the Internet Archive's scanning center at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind. The San Francisco–based not-for-profit organization is building the world's largest open-access digital library. The scanning center is currently digitizing books from the ACPL genealogy collection as well as collections from other Midwest libraries. Sharpe lives in Fort Wayne and can be reached at j g sharpe@msn.com.

Natalie J. Stucky, BA85, JD'89, has received accreditation as a Leader in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional, the only attorney in Indiana to achieve such accreditation according to U.S. Green Building Council records. The USGBC was formed in 1993 with the primary mission of encouraging and supporting sustainable development. Stucky is a partner in Bose, McKinney & Evans' real estate and financial institutions groups and leads the firm's green initiatives group. As a LEED AP, Stucky advises clients on all aspects of green building. She lives in Indianapolis.

Marcy A. Watson, BA86, is president of Elpama Communications, an Indianapolis-area public-relations and marketing firm she started in January to help small- to medium-size companies with their public-relations and marketing needs. Watson lives in Zionsville, Ind., and can be reached at aswatson@indy.rr.com.

City of Bloomington, Ind., employment services director Daniel J. Grundmann, BA87, received a Partnership Award from the Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities for his leadership in shaping attitudes and practices toward people with disabilities. INARF presents the award annually to an individual, business, club, or educational institution that has made significant contributions to improving the lives of people with disabilities. Grundmann, who has served as Bloomington's employment services director since 2001, is the lead business representative for DiversityWorks and has worked for a number of organizations and programs in developing and implementing strategies for people with disabilities. He lives in Bloomington.

Clifford M. Lippard, BA88, is an associate executive director of the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, an organization of state and local government officials and private citizens that provides a forum for the discussion and resolution of intergovernmental problems. He writes, "I have begun work on a PhD at Tennessee State University and I am teaching as an adjunct at Vanderbilt University. Lippard lives and works in Nashville, Tenn.

1990s

In January, Nathan J. Feltman, BA/BS'92, JD'94, joined Baker and Daniels as a partner in the law firm's Indianapolis office. He works in the company's business and corporate finance practice and helps lead the firm's economic development, government relations and international initiatives. Feltman was formerly Indiana secretary of commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. He previously spent four years in Moscow, where he represented multinational companies seeking to do business in Russia. Feltman lives in Carmel, Ind.

Joelle Hill Zak, BA92, is owner and executive vice president of Scientific Control Labs Inc., an environmental laboratory and consulting firm based in Chicago, where she lives.

Delton E. Shrock, BA94, is loss-prevention manager and bank-secrecy-act officer for Lake City Bank in Warsaw, Ind. He has been married for 10 years and has three children. Shrock lives in Granger, Ind.

Michael W. Phelps, BA95, is an injury lawyer with the Nunn Law Office in Bloomington, Ind. In February he secured a $157 million judgment for a Lafayette, Ind., woman whose husband died after falling from a defective deer-hunting tree stand. It is the largest single-plaintiff judgment for a wrongful death ever awarded in Indiana and one of the largest ever in the U.S. Phelps lives in Bargersville, Ind.

Randall B. Stiles, BA'97, JD'00, is the founder and owner of Stiles Law Office in Fort Wayne, Ind. The firm specializes in bankruptcy law. Stiles lives in Fort Wayne.

Jennifer Manning Discher, BA98, is a manager for the consulting firm Accenture in Reston, Va. Her daughter, Hayley Elizabeth, was born in March 2008. Discher lives in Alexandria, Va.

2000s

Mark W. Bina, BA00, is an associate with the law firm Krieg DeVault in Chicago. He is a member of the firm's health-care practice group and concentrates a portion of his time on litigation and creditor's rights and bankruptcy. Prior to joining Krieg DeVault, Bina represented the state of Illinois and its employees in the Illinois Attorney General's Office. He has also served as the executive director for the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, at which he managed licensing and discipline of Indiana's pharmacists, pharmacies, and health professionals. Bina lives in Chicago.

In November, Louis M. Bubala, BA70, was elected president of the Northern Nevada Bankruptcy Bar Association. The association is a professional organization composed of approximately 120 attorneys whose practice involves the representation of debtors and creditors. As president, Bubala coordinates monthly meetings including selection of topics and speakers. He also serves as liaison between local attorneys and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the U.S. Trustee's Office, and the State Bar of Nevada. Bubala is an associate attorney with the law firm Jones Vargas in Reno, Nev. He lives in Washoe Valley, Nev. [Political Science was his "Outside Area" according to BEN]

Dax E. Denton, BA01, is the assistant vice president for government relations at the Indiana Bankers Association. He previously served as manager of state relations for the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, and prior to that was the deputy legislative director of the Association of Indiana Counties. Denton lives and works in Indianapolis.

Gavin Mariano, BA01, is the coordinator for youth as resources at the Crisis Center Inc. in Gary, Ind. He writes that because the center saved his life as a 17-year-old runaway from East Chicago, he is now "giving back to the community." Mariano also serves the Crisis Center as a public relations and technical support specialist, Webmaster, and Safe Place program assistant. He is the national president of the IU Latino Alumni Association, and he was featured in a recent edition of BuisNess magazine as one of "20 Under 40" to watch in Northwestern Indiana and the Chicago area. Mariano lives in Merrillville, Ind.

Amanda L. Brock, BA02, has been elected to the board of trustees
of the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium in Fort Myers, Fla. An attorney with the Fort Myers law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, she works in the land use and environmental law division, focusing on matters relating to hazardous waste, the environment, zoning, and compliance. Brock lives in North Fort Myers.

Two IU alumni who work for the law firm Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt in Fort Myers, Fla., have recently received accolades. Amanda L. Brock, BA’02, was included in the 2009 Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star list, and Thomas H. Gunderson, BS’85, was listed among Florida’s Super Lawyers. Brock concentrates her practice in land use and environmental law, and Gunderson is chair of the firm’s real-estate division. Both live in North Fort Myers.

Michael A. Stewart, BA’02, has joined the Nashville, Tenn., law firm Bass, Berry & Sims in its commercial transactions and real estate practice division. Prior to attending law school in Georgia, he taught 3rd grade in the Atlanta Public School system as a Teach for America Corps member. Stewart lives in Nashville.

Jennifer Jacobs Robbins, BA’03, MS’05, relocated to Carmel, Ind., with her husband, John, BA’05, in 2008. Jennifer works with corporate clients and youth education programs for the Burchard Group, a boutique-consulting group based in San Francisco. John is sales and marketing manager for Flexware Innovation, an information-technology firm based in Fishers, Ind. They write, “While we enjoyed our time living in Texas immensely, we are excited to be ... closer to friends, family, and our Midwestern roots.”

Elizabeth Lewis Baney, BA’04, JD’07, works for the law firm Baker & Daniels in Washington D.C. Her husband, Nathan, JD’07, is an associate with the law firm Cyrus & Miller in Alexandria, Va., where the couple lives.

Margaret J. Cultivan, BA’04, is director of the Berlitz Language Center in St. Louis. The former Spanish major writes, “I have many clients and colleagues worldwide, many of whom are located in Central and South America.” Cultivan lives in Brentwood, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis.

Cullen C. Harkness, BA’04, is an attorney operating as a solo practitioner in Lansing, Mich. He received his juris doctor degree in January from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. Prior to graduation, Harkness worked as a law clerk for Cardelli Lanfeau & Buikema in Royal Oak, Mich. He lives in Lansing. Douglas W. La Fave, BA’04, works as city manager for Grant, Mich. He was recently commissioned as a reserve intelligence officer for the U.S. Navy, with the rank of ensign. He lives in Grand Rapids, Mich.

David L. Thomas, BA’06, writes that he is a second-year student in the IU School of Law—Indianapolis. He lives in Indianapolis.

Michael A. Cortese, BA’06, received his law degree from Rutgers Law School in May 2009. He lives in Haddon Heights, N.J.

Christina L. Vega, BA’06, anticipated receiving a JD from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2009. She lives in Savoy, Ill.

Paul E. York, BA’06, MS’08, is a residential life coordinator at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, where he lives. He writes, “I get to enjoy incredible vistas, hiking, skiing, and more in an amazing place.”

Austin L. Deakins, BA’07, is a fifth-grade math teacher in Houston, where he lives.

Andrea M. Denney, BA’07, is a key accounts manager for SPEAK! Creative, a graphic-design firm based in Memphis, Tenn. She lives in Eads, Tenn.

Jon M. Frain, BA’07, graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Wheeling, Ill., in September. He is serving a one-year state-required internship at Frain Mortuary in Winamac, Ind., where he lives.


Joseph F. Lovejoy, BA’07, MS’09, married Marsha E. Dawes, BA’08, MS’09, at Beck Chapel on the IU Bloomington campus. Joseph is an assistant director at the Career Development Center at IUB. Marsha is a public-relations coordinator for Cook Medical Inc. in Bloomington, Ind., where the couple lives.

Ozair M. Shariff, BA’07, writes, “I recently completed my commitment with Teach for America—St. Louis where I taught literature to high-school special-needs students. I returned to Bloomington [in August] as a first-year law student at the Maurer School of Law.” Shariﬀ expects to graduate in 2012.

Thomas C. Cook, BA’08, is the author of a popular political blog, www.blueindiana.net. In August 2008 he was chosen to sit with the Indiana delegation on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Cook received his seat after the national Democratic Party chose him to be part of the convention’s State Blogger Corps program. Cook lives in Bloomington, Ind., where he is a student in the IU Maurer School of Law.

Michael S. McGraw, BA’08, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. The eight-week program included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. McGraw is originally from Evansville, Ind.

Marquita L. Trotter, BA’08, is attending Notre Dame Law School. She plans to graduate in 2012. Trotter lives in Michigan City, Ind.

Annie Berning, BA’09, was crowned 2009 500 Festival Queen at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 16. The 22-year-old Indianapolis native participated in pre- and post-race celebrations and will serve as a yearlong ambassador for the 500 Festival and the Indianapolis 500. Berning plans to turn her passion for public service into a career.
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