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### **Staff News**

#### **Kathy McCarnes Named Sustainability Officer for IU Bloomington Libraries**

Patricia Steele, Ruth Lilly Dean of University Libraries, today announced the appointment of Kathy McCarnes as sustainability officer for the Indiana University Bloomington Libraries, in addition to McCarnes' responsibilities as director of business affairs and facilities. In her new role, McCarnes will oversee the IUB Libraries' sustainability efforts and represent the IUB Libraries at the campus level.

"This assignment is a natural fit with Kathy's current duties, and I know she will lead us in the right direction," says Steele. "Libraries can clearly play an important role in providing the information resources that lead to a better understanding of sustainability issues. With this appointment we now also demonstrate our commitment to action."

The appointment follows a report on sustainability created by a task force within the IUB Libraries, which outlined recommendations for advancing the Libraries' sustainability efforts. The task force report, entitled "Greening the Libraries, A Call to Action," recommended the creation of a Libraries Sustainability Officer and administrative committee to oversee a broad range of sustainability efforts by the libraries. The committee's recommendations included new initiatives to support environmental

literacy, energy and resource conservation, recycling, environmental quality, and enhanced alternative transportation options for library staff and patrons.

“The IUB Libraries can play a powerful role in moving the general goals of the campus sustainability into practical implementation,” says Michael Hamburger, associate vice provost and co-chair of the IU Task Force on Campus Sustainability. “Because of their prominent role in both the academic and operational realms of our campus, the Libraries can take a leadership position in moving the campus forward to address critical issues of local and global sustainability.”

The IUB Libraries serve students and faculty on the Bloomington campus with a system of libraries and facilities, including the Herman B Wells Library, branch libraries that support departments and subjects, the Lilly Library for rare books and manuscripts, the Ruth Lilly Auxiliary Library Facility, and the Wylie House Museum.

The IUB Libraries task force report can be viewed at IU's Archives of Institutional Memory: <http://institutionalmemory.iu.edu/>. Select IU community, then Libraries.

Further information about the campus sustainability effort can be obtained at <http://www.indiana.edu/~sustain>.

Submitted by: *Eric Bartheld, Director of Communications, IUB Libraries*

## **Library News and Events**

### **Schurz Library Speaker Series "Radical Evolution & Revolutions in Thought"**

When: February 26, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Wiekamp 1001 , IU South Bend

“Radical Evolution and Revolutions in Thought”:

Promise and Peril of Enhancing Our Minds, Our Bodies, and What It Means to Be Human

Please join the faculty and staff of the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Media Services Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wiekamp 1001 for author Joel Garreau’s presentation “Radical Evolution and Revolutions in Thought.” The event is sponsored by Academic Affairs, Friends of the Schurz Library, Political Science Club, Student Government Association, Chancellor Una Mae Reck, School of Education, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Raclin School of the Arts, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the Office of Public Affairs and University Advancement.

Most recently Garreau is the author of *Radical Evolution: The Promise and Peril of Enhancing Our Minds, Our Bodies, and What It Means to Be Human*, published in 2005. The book takes an unprecedented look at the hinge in history at which we have arrived. For hundreds of millennia, our technologies have been aimed outward at altering our environment in the fashion of fire, agriculture, or space travel. Now, for the first time, we are increasingly aiming inward at modifying our minds, memories, metabolisms, personalities, progeny and possibly our immortal souls. *Radical Evolution* is about altering human nature -- not in some distant tomorrow, but in the next 10 or 20 years thanks to the technological possibilities of genetics, robotics, information, and nanotechnology, which involves: working at the scale of the very small -- even single atoms and molecules -- to build any device you like. In Garreau’s presentation he will discuss the possibilities of these four technologies and the potential outcomes for humanity. Garreau is a reporter and editor at *The Washington Post* and principal of The Garreau Group, the network of his best sources committed to understanding who we are, how we got that way, and where we’re headed, worldwide.

The Schurz Library Speaker series provides speakers of intellectual interest to the university and the community. For more information, call 520-4410.

Submitted by: *Julie Elliott, Assistant Librarian/Coordinator of Public Relations & Outreach, Franklin D. Schurz Library, IU South Bend*

### **200th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Birth at the Lilly Library**

The Lilly Library at Indiana University will mark the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by showcasing highlights from its vast collections of materials pertaining to the president. As the most extensive exhibition of such items ever displayed at the library, "Remembering Lincoln" traces Lincoln's life from his Indiana boyhood through his celebrated presidency. The exhibition runs through May 9.

Arranged in three parts, "Remembering Lincoln" features 140 items drawn from the Lilly Library's sizable Lincoln collections. In the Main Gallery are two groupings of materials—one that places the emigrant Lincoln family within the context of Indiana from 1816 to 1830 and reveals Abraham's boyhood experiences; and the second which focuses on the many ways that Americans have commemorated the man and his life. In the adjoining Lincoln Room, materials relate to the Lincoln presidency and assassination, Mary Todd Lincoln and their children, and Lincoln's lasting influence as leader and orator.

Submitted by: *Eric Bartheld, Herman B Wells Library, Director of Communications*

### **Workshop on Support Grants, Research Leaves, and Sabbaticals for IUB Librarians**

When: Friday February 27th, 11:00 am—12:00 pm

Where: Herman B Wells Library, Rm E174

The Continuing Education Committee is hosting a Workshop on Support Grants, Research Leaves, and Sabbaticals at E174 Wells Library. We will have five speakers to

talk about various issues and answer questions: Julie Bobay will speak on research leave-related issues from the perspective of administrators; David Lasocki will address research leave-related issues that librarians should pay attention to; Wen-ling Liu will talk about IUB grant opportunities for librarians; Brian will comment on his experience with teaching and learning research-related grants; and Andrea will share her experience of sabbaticals with us.

The complete schedule will be posted on the Continuing Education Committee intranet page.

Submitted by: *Brian Winterman, Head, Geography and Map Library and Life Sciences/Chemistry Librarian*