

Take Five

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The News in Academic Affairs



It doesn't get all the attention and, well, fireworks that Independence Day gets, but Constitution Day is recognized around the country every year, especially on college campuses. The website for the U.S. Senate explains, "To encourage all Americans to learn more about the Constitution, Congress in 1956 established Constitution Week, to begin each year on September 17, the date in 1787 when delegates to the Convention signed the Constitution." Our library is sponsoring a Zoom talk that I will deliver on Benjamin Franklin's involvement with the Constitution this week. Franklin is a favorite among the many American writers I have studied and taught over the years, and I recently came out with an Audible Original called [Ben Franklin's Lessons in Life](#). During my talk, I will discuss the role that Franklin played in rallying his fellow delegates around the Constitution. His remarks constitute (so to speak) an interesting lesson in both persuasion and reason. See the calendar at the right for a link to more information about my presentation, as well as a Table Talk on the Constitution and a giveaway in the library.

Call for *Field* Submissions

IUK's journal of arts and sciences, *Field*, is now accepting submissions for Vol. 7. Our mission is to represent IUK's diversity, creativity, and insight by giving the student body the opportunity to publish their works in a peer-reviewed publication. The works can include poetry, short fiction, research, music, podcasts, art, design, films, comics, creative non-fiction, and interviews. We are particularly interested in works highlighting themes of vibrancy and celebration, but we welcome all submissions. The deadline is Nov. 5. If you have questions or would like to submit work, please contact fieldpub@iu.edu.

-The Editors at *Field*



Christian Chauret and Amelia Tebbe joined School of Sciences colleague Lina Rifai and her ornithology students for a birdwatching outing last week near Mississinewa Reservoir.

Upcoming Events

- 9/13: [A Video Game Day](#) (10 a.m.—2 p.m., Alumni Hall)
 - 9/13: Virtual Coaching Webinar: Live Resume Review (1—2 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/14: [Cougar Cupboard Meal in a Bag Giveaway](#) (10 a.m.—2 p.m., Lower Alumni Hall)
 - 9/15: [Table Talk: Let's Talk about the Constitution](#) (11:30 a.m., Library)
 - 9/15: [Benjamin Franklin: A Force for the Constitution \(and More\)](#) (6:30 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/16: [Constitution Week Giveaway](#) (all day, Library)
 - 9/16: [Canvas: Quizzes](#) (10 a.m.—12 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/16: [Community Conversations: Voices from the Hispanic/Latino Community](#) (3:30—5 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/17: [Canvas: Outcomes and Rubrics](#) (10 a.m.—12 p.m., Zoom)
 - 9/20-10/1: [Universal Design Guidelines](#) (Two-week course, online)
 - 9/23: [IUAA: Designing Your Career](#) (12-1 p.m., Zoom)
- Some events may require registration. Click on links for details.

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Here's a big shout-out to all of the academic units that have sponsored welcome-back picnics and other events for students this fall. Forming relationships with fellow students, staff, and faculty is an important step toward a sense of belonging and ultimate success in college. Thank you!