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### **Staff News**

#### **Additional Promotions and Tenures**

Three names were inadvertently left off last week's list of promotions and tenures granted for the 2008/09 fiscal year. My apologies to:

Jan Cox (IUPUI School of Dentistry Library) granted tenure

Emily Dill (IUPUI-Columbus Library) promoted to Associate Librarian and granted tenure

Kristi Palmer (IUPUI University Library) promoted to Associate Librarian and granted tenure

Congratulations to all.

*Submitted by: Betty Davis, HR Administrative Assistant, IUB*

**SALC Bids Farewell to Malia / Welcomes Return of Celestina**

Celestina Savonius-Wroth has been on sabbatical in Britain and Finland conducting research in libraries and archives for her dissertation on “Religious Culture and Ethnography in Eighteenth-Century Britain”. She returns to the IUB Libraries on June 1 to resume her role as Librarian for History, Religious Studies, Classical Studies, and History and Philosophy of Science. SALC is glad to have her back and hopes she enjoyed a wonderful and productive sabbatical.

Malia completes her ten month position as the Visiting Assistant Librarian for History, Religious Studies, Classical Studies, and History and Philosophy of Science on May 31. On June 24, she will begin serving as the Information Literacy/ Learning Commons Librarian at Loyola University New Orleans, where she will also serve as the liaison for History.

We will sorely miss Malia’s friendly presence, as well as her energy, her effectiveness, and her generosity, but we are delighted to know that she is moving on to a much sought-after, professional position. We wish her bonne chance and all the best in the brilliant career that awaits her!

*Submitted by: Moira Smith, Head, Subject and Area Librarians Council (SALC)*

## **Library News and Events**

### **Next Metadata Discussion Group**

The Metadata Discussion Group is an informal meet-up for individuals interested in metadata issues. The group meets monthly to discuss an article relating to a current metadata topic. The group has no formal "membership" -- discussions are open to anyone from the Libraries, SLIS, or elsewhere on campus who is interested in the topic. Here are the details for our next meeting:

Date: Thursday May 28

Time: 9:30a-10:30a

Place: Wells Library Staff Lounge (3rd floor East tower)

Article to discuss: Smith-Yoshimura, Karen. 2009. "Networking Names." Report produced by OCLC Research. Published online at:

<http://www.oclc.org/programs/publications/reports/2009-05.pdf>.

Hope to see you there!

*Submitted by: Jenn Riley, Metadata Librarian, IUB*

### **Join the Dialogue on Enhancing Accessibility and Usability in IT for Individuals with Disabilities**

Members of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Accessibility and Usability Working Group invite you to attend the CIC Accessibility and Usability Conference. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss and plan methods for improving accessibility and usability in information technology for individuals with disabilities across partnering university campuses.

Attendees of the conference will have the chance to provide input on a variety of topics and areas of planning and action, including: alternative content and multimedia policies and techniques, assistive technology implementation, course management systems, education, library systems, and training.

We encourage everyone with an interest in accessibility and usability trends and practices to attend this direction-setting conference.

Dates: June 15-16

Location: Indiana Memorial Union, IUB

To register: [http://www.indiana.edu/~uits/cic\\_usability/index.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~uits/cic_usability/index.html)

*Submitted by: Julie Hardesty, Usability & Interface Specialist, IUB*

### **IPFW Walter E. Helmke Library Receives LSTA Digitization Grant**

IPFW Walter E. Helmke Library has received a Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) digitization grant from the Indiana State Library for the project "Thirteen Millennia: Native American Life in Northeastern Indiana." The award of nearly \$24,000 will augment the publicly accessible digital record of the first inhabitants of Indiana and their descendants. The project is intended to deepen public understanding of Native American prehistory and contemporary experiences through records ranging in format from archival documents, maps, photographs, and paintings, to lithic or pottery artifacts, historic markers, and video recordings.

The library's partners under the grant include the IPFW Archaeological Survey, the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, and the "We Shall Remain" community coalition, with representatives from the Miami Indian Alliance, the Allen County Public Library, Science Central, and the IPFW Three Rivers Language Center. In coordination with the upcoming PBS American Experience series, sponsored by WFWA PBS TV39 with a grant from WGBH, local "We Shall Remain" partners have developed a series of events for 2009 that will bring together scholars, tribal elders, storytellers, dancers, and artisans. Funds from the LSTA grant (the third award for IPFW Helmke Library) will be used to preserve the video record of these activities in IPFW's mDON History Center Digital Collection. When completed, the public will have access to four History Center lectures, the Kekionga Storytelling Festival at Headwaters Park (scheduled for August 1), and the text of papers to be presented at the conference on Great Lakes region endangered languages to be held on the IPFW campus (August 29-30).

Lacking a permanent exhibition space, the IPFW Archaeological Survey will be able to use LSTA funding to digitize significant artifacts from its investigations over the last decade, making them available to wide audience. Up to 200 points from its Northeastern Indiana Paleoindian Project, an ongoing survey and study of the first peoples in the area (ca. 11000 to 8000 BC) will be digitized. The Archaeological Survey is also involved in research on the Late Prehistoric (ca. 1000 to 1400 AD) cultures of Indiana. While the Late Prehistoric Western Basin peoples were once thought to have inhabited Allen County only to a small extent, recent excavations have documented earthen enclosures and villages in the Three Rivers area and palisaded villages as far south as Strawtown on the White River near Indianapolis. The ceramics from an earthen-enclosed village in Allen County form the largest collection to date in the Midwest of Western Basin pottery and will be among the artifacts digitized. A small collection of artifacts from the area of the French fort on the St. Mary's River in what is now downtown Fort Wayne will be digitized, documenting French and Native American interaction during the 1700s. A number of important Indiana historical documents consulted in archaeological research will also be put online.

The grant will also support the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society's efforts to digitize portions of its archival collections related to local Native American history and culture, including the Miami Indians and other indigenous peoples of the region. The History Center's extensive outreach program to K-12 schools will be enhanced through the innovative use of digital technology, allowing educators to develop classroom lessons that incorporate images of local documents, historic sites and markers, paintings and portraits, and other artifacts.

*Submitted by: Pamela Effrein Sandstrom, Director of Library Programs and Development IPFW Helmke Library*