

Greetings, All:

On July 1, Brian Winchester, founder of the Center for the Study of Global Change, passed leadership of the center to Hilary Kahn.

In the mid-1990s, Brian Winchester was charged with transforming the Indiana Center for World Peace and Global Change into something that would reflect the needs of the new millennium. His brainchild was the Center for the Study of Global Change, which first became a Title VI National Resource Center in 1996. Brian developed the initial proposal and directed its activities for 15 years. In that time, Brian oversaw

a summer institute that attracted high school students and teachers from all over the world. He formulated the international studies undergraduate minor, which is now available on all IU campuses, and the Global Studies PhD minor. During his time, five proposals for funding from the Department of Education's Title VI program went forward and all five were approved. Brian's career began in African Studies; that early work led to a passionate interest in issues related to global governance, and in environmental policy, climate change and sustainability. Much of the work of the center during its first decade and a half reflected Brian's passions.



Left to right: Hilary Kahn, Patrick O'Meara, Brian Winchester

Hilary Kahn was appointed associate director of the center in 2006. She has been extraordinarily successful in winning grant support for the center's activities. Upon her applications, the Social Science Research Council awarded the center three major grants for a Voices and Visions project to extend Western familiarity with Islam and Muslim culture. The Mellon Foundation is funding a five-year grant, to be shared by IU and the IU Press, to support scholarly research and publications that will develop interdisciplinary approaches to global studies. Hilary has established links with associations of international educators around the country, including a cooperative effort with Ivy Tech Community College. An anthropologist, Hilary now directs the PhD Global Studies minor and is responsible for the inauguration of IU's Human Rights minor. She has taught a service learning course in Jamaica for several years. These activities reflect her enduring interest in human rights and in the analytical framework for teaching global awareness. She has promoted center activities in methods for internationalizing across the curriculum, in visual communication and art in the classroom, and in international service learning.

Although I am sure the center will see subtle shifts to reflect the different interests of these two accomplished leaders, I am just as sure that their mutual commitment to matters international will make the transition seamless, and the center is fortunate indeed to attract this level of leadership. I want to thank Brian for his vision in developing the center and his dedication as it has become a premier model for international study at the university level. He leaves a program bustling with activities and enthusiasm. And I want to congratulate Hilary and express my confidence that, having already proved her value to the center, she will continue and enhance these activities.

Sincerely,  
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