

Hutton Honors College

Class notes December 2012

1960s

In June the IU Alumni Association named **Sandra Schultz Moberly**, BS'63, as the 2012 recipient of the Gertrude Rich Award, which is given for outstanding contributions to the IUAA. Moberly serves as a docent at the IU Art Museum, is president of the IU Theatre Circle, and recently completed a five-year term as president of the Alpha Chi Omega House Corporation Board. She lives in Bloomington with her husband Steve, BA'63, LLB'66, a former chairman of the IU Alumni Association. He retired in 2006 after a 40-year career, including 30 years practicing law in Shelbyville, Ind., followed by 10 years as the chief executive officer of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

1970s

In October, the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents named Craig J. Hintz, EdD'02, superintendent of Warsaw Community School Corporation, as 2013 State Superintendent of the Year. The association also honored four other IU School of Education alumni. Neyland G. Clark, BS'72, MS'76, EdS'79, EdD'85, superintendent of South Harrison Community School Corporation, was named District VIII Superintendent of the Year; Stacey Moore Humbaugh, MS'93, EdD'00, of South Gibson School Corporation, was named District VII Superintendent of the Year; **Sharon Williams Johnson-Shirley**, BS'77, MS'90, of Lake Ridge Schools was named Superintendent of the Year for District I; and Robert L. Taylor, MS'81, EdD'03, of Lebanon Community School Corporation was named District V Superintendent of the Year.

1980s

Robin C. Hemley, BA'80, published three books in 2012. *A Field Guide for Immersion Writing: Memoir, Journalism and Travel*, published by the University of Georgia Press in March, looks at the broad categories of travel writing, immersion memoir, and immersion journalism. Using the work of such authors as Barbara Ehrenreich, Hunter S. Thompson, Nellie Bly, and James Agee, Hemley examines these three types of "immersion writing" and further identifies the subcategories of the quest, the experiment, the investigation, the infiltration, and the reenactment. Hemley's novel, *The Last Studebaker*, published by Indiana University Press, also appeared in March, while *Reply All*, his third collection of short stories (which take a humorous, edgy, and frank look at the human art of deception and self-deception), was published in June by IU Press. Hemley is professor of English and director of the Nonfiction Writing Program at the University of Iowa. He is author or editor of eight books, including *Do-Over!* and *Turning Life into Fiction*, and is the editor of the magazine, *Defunct*. Hemley lives in Iowa City.

During an April 2012 investiture ceremony, Illinois Wesleyan University appointed professor of composition and theory **David J. Vayo**, BM'80, MM'82, as Fern Rosetta Sherff Professor of Music. Vayo has given more than 400 performances and broadcasts of his compositions around the world. Nationally, his work has been performed at the University of Wisconsin, Ohio State University, and the California Institute of the Arts. Before joining the Illinois Wesleyan faculty in 1991, Vayo taught at Connecticut College and the National University of Costa Rica. He lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Billionaire entrepreneur and Kelley School of Business alumnus **Mark Cuban**, BS'81, returned to the Bloomington campus in November for a public event sponsored by the IU School of Informatics and Computing in conjunction with the school's Building Entrepreneurs in Software and Technology competition. The competition was created when 10 Indiana entrepreneurs and IU's Research and Technology Corp. invested \$1.1 million to fund the annual event. In its inaugural competition, BEST provided \$250,000 in start-up funding to four businesses conceived by IU Bloomington students. Cuban, of Dallas, has joined the original group of BEST investors.

Patricia L. Wellinger, BA'86, MLS'92, has been appointed to the 2012–13 recruitment committee for the American Association of Law Libraries. She is reference services coordinator at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Westminster Law Library. Wellinger lives in Aurora, Colo.

Andrew G. Long, BS'87, was recently promoted to vice president of finance for Thermo Fisher Scientifics Laboratory Products Group in Pittsburgh. He lives in Gibsonia, Penn.

In November 2011, **Christopher E. Wolfla**, BA'87, MD'91, professor of neurosurgery and director of the residency program in neurological surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, was elected president of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons for 2011–12. A neurological spine specialist, Wolfla joined the Medical College faculty in 2005. He lives in Brookfield, Wis.

Former two-term mayor of Evansville, Ind., **Jonathan D. Weinzapfel**, BA'88, JD'00, has joined the government team at the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels as counsel. He will practice remotely from Evansville. At the firm, Weinzapfel utilizes his experience in government to assist clients in their interactions with federal, state, and local government entities. He will help clients with their strategic planning and will design and implement public policy campaigns. In addition, Weinzapfel will counsel businesses, not-for-profits, and government clients on the development of public-private partnerships, economic development initiatives, and neighborhood revitalization programs. As mayor of Evansville from 2004 to 2011, Weinzapfel formed many economic development agreements leading to job creation, including a \$22 million AT&T Indiana call center, a new \$30 million American General Corporate headquarters, a \$20 million Berry Plastics investment, and a \$3.5 million investment from GBT USA. His development initiatives also included construction of the Ford Center, a \$127.5 million multipurpose arena downtown, and an investment of more than \$60 million in a new storm sewer system to address flooding problems on the southeast side of town.

Stephanie Davis Gattman, BA'89, writes, "I recently left *The Elkhart Truth* after almost 23 years as an editor and reporter to take a job as a communications specialist with the Congregation of the Holy Cross, U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers in Notre Dame, Ind. I have two sons — Steven, 16, and Alexander, 13. We live in Goshen, Ind., and they attend Concord High School, where I am a football and band mom."

1990s

Jennifer B. Richter, BA'91, of Corvallis, Ore., is one of seven Oregon poets whose works were chosen for public display at Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center, scheduled to open in Hillsboro, Ore., in August 2013. Richter is senior poet at Wood Springs Institute for Creative Writers and visiting poet in Oregon State University's MFA Program.

In June, **Jeffrey D. Stumpf**, BS'91, MBA'98, joined the IU Foundation as senior vice president for finance and operations. An Indianapolis resident, he has 20 years' experience in organizational leadership, finance and budget, IT, and donor relations. Stumpf previously served as chief financial officer and executive director of finance and administrative services for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"After more than six years with the New America Foundation," writes **Troy K. Schneider**, BA'92, "I am returning to journalism and publishing proper [as] executive editor of *Federal Computer Week*. I will be shaping editorial coverage, both in print and online, and helping drive new digital and mobile publishing strategies." Schneider lives in Arlington, Va.

Leslie Ann Warren, JD'94, is associate director in the American Bar Association's Division for Public Education. She lives in Chicago.

James H. Markus, MLS'05, is the library development manager at Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne. His wife, **Jennifer (Mathia)**, BS'98, MLS'05 is a librarian at Cheyenne East High School.

The city of Bloomington, Ind., has honored local volunteer **Lisa Schwenk Ritchel**, BME'98, with a 2012 Be More Award for outstanding community service. Ritchel, who is an animal adoption counselor for the City of Bloomington Animal Shelter, received the Be More Sustainable Award. She is responsible for registering all of the shelter's adopted animals' microchips with their new owners' information. In addition, she spends hours each week comparing lost reports to animals in the shelter, calling potential matches, and reuniting lost cats and dogs with their owners. Ritchel lives in Bloomington.

Sally Hulett Hubbard, BA'99, JD'08, is president of Adams Hubbard Legal Solutions in Carmel, Ind. The company works with law firms and businesses to find employees who are matched to client needs, including searches for permanent and temporary attorneys, paralegals, legal administrative assistants, law clerks, and executive legal recruiting. Hubbard is an attorney licensed in the state of Indiana. During law school, she served as a Program in Law and State Government fellow and led a symposium about public health policy and its relationship to laws and regulations. She also served as a Congress-Bundestag Scholar and studied abroad for a year in Hamburg, Germany. Hubbard spent several years working as a legal research specialist on a health policy team at a research university, where she reviewed and analyzed hundreds of legal codes and comprehensive plans throughout the United States. Prior to law school, she worked in the health-care industry for five years. Hubbard has authored and co-authored law review and journal articles, and frequently speaks at legal and general conferences. She lives in Carmel.

2000s

Ryan M. Hurley, BA'00, JD'03, is a partner in the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels' Indianapolis office. He is a business litigator with significant experience in the areas of antitrust, health care, contract disputes and bankruptcy litigation. Hurley has litigated class actions and multi-district litigation proceedings, and has first and second chair trial and arbitration experience. He also has appellate experience, including a Seventh Circuit oral argument on behalf of a pro bono criminal client. Hurley lives in Carmel, Ind.

Rosanna Fidler Stephens, BS'01, MLS'04, is a technology support manager at Innovative Interfaces, Inc., in Emeryville, Calif. She lives in Alameda, Calif.

As a finance and real estate major with a minor in dance, **Tonya Vachirasomboon**, BS'05, JD'08, planned to own a dance studio one day. Now she practices in the business advisory department at the law firm Bingham Greenebaum Doll in Indianapolis, advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, start-ups and contracts.

John D. Hill Jr., BA'09, is attending law school at the University of Cincinnati.

John P. "Jack" Shannon, BS'09, and Gary V. "Deuce" Thevenow II, BS'11, are co-founders of GLOWfest, a college music festival tour that brings music, fashion, art, technology, and startup culture to campuses across the U.S. The company's mission is to promote, encourage, and support student entrepreneurship on campuses while providing entertaining, enriching, and uplifting campus experiences.

Kaci M. Alexander, BA/BS'10, has been awarded a 2012–13 medical education fellowship by the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Mo. She recently completed her second year of medical school.

"I am wrapping up my second year as a Teach for America corps member in Helena, Ark.," writes **Zachary W. Cunningham**, BA'10, who lives in West Helena, Ark.

Third-generation IU graduate **Matthew J. Basore**, BA/BFA'11, of Bloomington, Ind., has been selected as the Rotary Club District 6580's 2012–13 Ambassadorial Scholar. He will study at the Glasgow School of Art in Glasgow, Scotland. Until recently, Basore has been working a graphic designer for Cook Medical in Bloomington.

Straight No Chaser founder Daniel F. Ponce, BS'99, is the producer of a new Chicago-based *cappella* group, Gentleman's Rule. All the members of the group either attended or currently attend IU and all are former members of Straight No Chaser. They are T.J. Breen; Corey Frye; Drew Kipfer; Will Lockhart; Brent Mann; Lucas G. "Luke" Mechling, BA'07; Andrew M. Morstein, BS'12; Holland Nighthenheler, BA'10; Jasper A. Smith, BS'12; and **Jesse P. Townes**, BS'12.

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