

## University Professorship Awarded to Geoscience Chair

Steve Hovan, chairperson of the Geoscience Department, has been selected as IUP's 2007 University Professor.

This award, recently reinstated by President Tony Atwater and Provost Cheryl Samuels, is presented to an IUP faculty member who demonstrates an outstanding record of teaching, research, and scholarly activity and service. The award will con-

'best of the best' with this prestigious honor, which signifies exemplary commitment to the profession."

The professorship is meant to recognize, reward, and encourage faculty members who are actively and demonstrably engaged in research and scholarly activity that advances the faculty member's discipline or the teaching of the discipline.

climate changes. He currently serves on the U.S. Advisory Committee for Ocean Drilling, and he has secured two National Science Foundation Awards and awards from several other agencies to advance his research. He was also instrumental in a statewide collaborative for excellence in teacher preparation. He won the 2000 Outstanding Achievement in Research Award from the IUP School of Graduate Studies and Research.

"To be honored with the distinction of University Professor, to essentially be selected as doing the very best at what you long to do as a faculty member, is one of the highest compliments that I can imagine," Hovan said. "I love teaching. There's nothing that compares to the moment when a student who is taking your class realizes why it is important to learn about the earth, or the oceans, or the climate." ∞

## Rome Prize Takes History Professor to Italy

Modern European History Professor Paul Arpaia is making some history of his own.

Arpaia is the first IUP professor to win a Rome Prize. His particular award is the National Endowment for the Humanities/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Rome Prize. "It's the award to get in my field," Arpaia said of the Rome Prize. "It is just so prestigious. It's life-changing."

The American Academy in Rome was formed in 1913. Today, the national Rome Prize fellowship program it sponsors annually selects scholars to conduct research in archaeology, architecture, classical studies, design arts, historic preservation and conservation, history of art, landscape architecture, literature, modern Italian studies, musical composition, post-classical humanistic studies, and visual arts.

Awardees are provided with a stipend, a study or studio, and room and board for a period of six months to two years. Arpaia will spend eleven months in Rome, starting in September.



Arpaia

He will focus on the study of Luigi Federzoni, a co-founder of the Italian Nationalist Party and leading Fascist political and cultural figure.

"I won't be doing much writing," he said. "Most of my work is going to be detective work because most of Federzoni's personal archives were lost."

Arpaia said he also plans to make presentations in London. He will write a column for *IUP Magazine* and a blog for IUP's Department of History that will later be used in his European history classes when he returns to the university. ∞



KEITH BOYER

Atwater and Samuels congratulate Hovan. The award will continue to be presented on an annual basis.

"Teaching and learning are the center of this university's mission," said IUP President Tony Atwater. "Our faculty members reflect the very best of the teacher-scholar model, and it is most appropriate to honor the

In addition to the lifetime title of University Professor, Hovan will receive a \$5,000 grant through the Foundation for IUP to support his research activities.

"Dr. Hovan is an individual who feels that his activities as a researcher, teacher, colleague, and student mentor are, as he states, 'just doing his job,'" said Samuels. "He personifies the qualities of the University Professor honor."

Hovan, who joined IUP in 1994, works with graduate and undergraduate students on a variety of projects designed to help them develop an appreciation for discovery. His research focuses on the relationships between atmospheric circulation, oceanic currents, and global

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## Site Seeing



KEN CIROLI

On a pleasure flight last month, IUP employee Ken Cirola, a commercial-rated pilot, snapped this photo, providing a bird's-eye view of the campus's changing face between Wayne Avenue and Grant Street. Suites on Grant and the future site of Suites on Maple, both part of the Residential Revival, are visible at top, while toward the bottom is the future site of the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, which has been nearly cleared of inventory by its current occupant. More information about Residential Revival is available at [www.iup.edu/newhousing](http://www.iup.edu/newhousing), while more information about the Kovalchick Complex—including floor plans—may be found at [www.iup.edu/kcac](http://www.iup.edu/kcac).





## Faculty and Staff Stars

### Istanbul, Taipei, and Brazil

#### Athletics

Assistant track and field coach **Bob Raemore** was named the 2007 Division II East Region Women's Assistant Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

#### Communications Media

**Erick Lauber** received the Gold Award in the e-Commerce category of the Hermes Creative Awards 2007 competition for development of the Romeo's Pizza and Hoagies website: [www.Romeos-Pizza.com](http://www.Romeos-Pizza.com).

#### Criminology

**Daniel Lee** is one of only twenty-five recipients internationally who received an award at the Second Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security. At the conference, IUP students Vedat Kargin and Osman Kilic presented their coauthored research "History of Al-Qaeda," and Mehmet Alper Sozer presented his coauthored

research "Crime Prevention through Incapacitation and Deterrence: The Evaluation of Three Strikes Laws." Kargin, Kilic, and Sozer are from Turkey.

#### Economics

**Yaya Sissoko** presented the paper "Military Expenditure, External Debt, and Financial Turmoil: The Case of Brazil," coauthored with Mete Feridun '02, at the 2007 Pennsylvania Economic Association conference in Williamsport. Sissoko also discussed the paper "The Effect of Stress in Entrepreneurs' Success" during the conference.

#### Health and Human Services

The Pennsylvania Army National Guard Certificate of Appreciation was presented to **Jackie Beck** for organizing IUP Operation Uplift: You've Got Mail.

#### Health and Physical Education

**Richard Hsiao** and **Andrew Shim** presented "Motivational

Factors in Sport Organizations" at the seventh annual Sports Management Conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

#### Political Science

"Iran and the United States: The Emerging Security Paradigm in the Middle East" by **Gawdat Bahgat** was published in the Summer issue of *Parameters*. In addition, his article "Saudi Arabia and the Arab-Israeli Peace Process" was accepted for publication in *Middle East Policy*, and "Terrorism in the Middle East" will be published in the *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies*.

#### Punxsutawney Campus

**Valarie Trimarchi** presented "A Living-Learning Center Model for a First-Year Residential Regional Campus" at the annual leadership conference of the Regional and Branch Campus Administrators conference in Florida. ☺

## Academic Administration



John Kilmarx joined the university as associate vice president for Academic Administration last month. He will play an important role in the administration of academic units with regard to budgeting and planning. Kilmarx has worked in higher education administration for twenty years and has extensive expertise working with university faculty, administration, staff, and students. He most recently

served as special assistant to the provost for Enrollment Management at Binghamton University (SUNY). "Binghamton is similar in many ways to IUP. Both are state system universities, and both provide degrees from the associate to the doctoral level," said Provost Cheryl Samuels. "Dr. Kilmarx brings to IUP an awareness of the unique needs of academic programs at a Doctoral Research university within a large state system."

## Roberts-Atwater Appointed to State's Commission for Women

Governor Ed Rendell has appointed Dr. Beverly Roberts-Atwater, an Indiana physician, to the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

Roberts-Atwater, the wife of President Tony Atwater, is one of six women to be named to a two-year term on the commission. She is medical director for Indiana Regional Medical Center's Spine and Pain Management Center.

She holds a medical degree from Michigan State University and has a doctoral degree from Michigan State in counseling and clinical psychology. She previously ran private practices in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Youngstown, Ohio. ☺

## Honorees to Address Freshman Convocation

This year's Freshman Convocation will feature remarks from an alumnus who recently received an honorary doctoral degree.

Richard Macedonia, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from IUP in 1966, received his honorary Doctor of Laws degree at IUP's midyear commencement undergraduate ceremony last December. He is the president and chief executive officer of Sodexo, Inc., the leading provider of food and facilities management services in North America, and serves as a chief operating officer for Sodexo Alliance, which was ranked second worldwide among the highest performing service companies on the Global Outsourcing 100, a list created by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals and

published in *Fortune* magazine in 2006.

Dan Tannacito, a member of the English faculty, will address the convocation, as will student Chad Buckwalter. Tannacito, who received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching at last spring's Honors Convocation, also serves as director of the American Language Institute at IUP. Buckwalter, a business major, serves as the student member of the IUP Council of Trustees.

The Freshman Convocation, developed to introduce new students to IUP's academic environment and to celebrate the beginning of the upcoming year, will be held Sunday, August 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the Memorial Field House. All members of the university are encouraged to attend. ☺

## Articulation Agreement



Butler County Community College President Cynthia Azari and IUP President Tony Atwater recently signed an articulation agreement to ensure seamless transfer of credits for BCCC students who plan to transfer to IUP. Under terms of the program articulation, BCCC will offer some courses required for the IUP Bachelor of Science degree in marketing offered at Northpointe. "The signing of these agreements is the result of IUP's new Community College Strategic Partnership Initiative, and they recognize IUP's commitment to facilitating completion of four-year degree programs by community college students," said Atwater. Earlier this year, Atwater signed a formal Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the continued development of new program articulation agreements between IUP and Penn Highlands Community College. Looking on during the signing ceremony are Nick Neupauer, BCCC vice president for academic affairs, left, and Nicholas Kolb, associate provost at IUP.

### ABOUT IUP REPORTER

*IUP Reporter* is produced monthly for employees and friends of IUP by the Marketing and Communications Office.

Deadline for the August edition is August 3. Submissions are edited for length and style. Submissions may be sent to [my-news@iup.edu](mailto:my-news@iup.edu) or sent by campus mail to the Marketing and Communications Office, 316 Sutton Hall. Call 724-357-3062.



## Student Stars

### Free Vision Care to Those in Need

IUP student Randi Vargason will travel to Bulgaria for a two-week mission to **provide eye care and recycled eyewear to more than 25,000 underprivileged people** as part of Give the Gift of Sight, a family of charitable programs providing free vision care and eyeglasses to more than five million underprivileged individuals on five continents and in hundreds of communities across North America.

“I feel privileged to have been chosen to share the gift of sight to those who are less fortunate,” said Vargason. “I think vision is so often taken for granted, and to be able to help give that to someone for the first time or give it back to someone who once knew what it was like to see is amazing. Give the Gift of Sight is such a great organization, and I am so fortunate to be part of it.”

On missions, volunteers hand-deliver recycled eyewear

that most closely matches the patient’s prescription. The eyewear is originally collected in retail stores and in participating optometrists’ offices and Lions Clubs across the country. The glasses are then cleaned, repaired, and boxed, resulting in 30,000 pairs of recycled eyewear for each mission team’s trip. For more information, visit [www.givethegiftofsight.org](http://www.givethegiftofsight.org).

## PASSHE Presents Grant Opportunity

Depending on the outcome of the state’s budget, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education plans to offer economic development grant opportunities. IUP has been encouraged to submit proposals in the event that the funding comes to fruition.

Anticipating that a \$5-million line item in the System’s budget is funded, the President’s Office and the Provost’s Office ask that proposals be submitted to Tracy Eisenhower in the Research Institute by July 30.

“Because many of the State System universities have been serving the economic and workforce demands without funds from the system and because of the governor’s obvious and outward support for this topic, the chancellor felt that it was important to compete effectively for a share of these funds,” said President Tony Atwater.

Information about the Economic Development Initiative and the process for awards may be found on the Research Institute website at [www.iup.edu/researchinstitute](http://www.iup.edu/researchinstitute). ∞

## Cignetti Scholarship Reaches Endowment

The Frank Cignetti Scholarship has reached a milestone, thanks to the efforts of two alumni.

The scholarship, established through the efforts of Don Gill ’62, Bob Cleminson ’59, and George Glarner ’56, has received support from numerous alumni and friends and has surpassed the endowment level of \$15,000. Gifts to continue the endowment’s growth may be made by contacting the Foundation for IUP.

News of the endowment’s status was announced at a golf outing to support IUP Football, at which time Cignetti was honored. Cignetti retired as head football coach in 2005, after more than two decades of leading teams that consistently won championships and competed at the national level. Cignetti earned a bachelor’s degree from IUP in 1960 and a master’s degree in 1965. ∞

## Coaches of the Year



President Tony Atwater congratulated IUP’s Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference head coaches of the year during the recent Nell Jack Golf Classic, which raised funds for women’s athletics. From left are soccer’s Adel Heder, golf’s Fred Joseph, Atwater, football’s Lou Tepper, and basketball’s Cindy Martin.

## In Transition

### New to the university:

**Michael Powers**, web developer, Marketing and Communications, June 25

**Elaine Jacobs Smith**, web editor, Marketing and Communications, June 25

**Erik Templeton**, fiscal assistant, Payroll Services, June 25

### Moved to new positions:

**Deborah Mock**, from the Biology Department to clerk typist in the Communications Media Department, June 21

**Pamela Fisher**, from a temporary position to clerk typist in the Admissions Office, June 23

**Megan Kiebler**, from Engineering and Construction to administrative assistant in the Public Safety Office, June 25

**Toni Apryasz**, from Admissions to fiscal assistant in the Department of Theater and Dance, June 29

**Michele Norwood**, from interim assistant dean to assistant dean, College of Fine Arts, July 1

**Judith Stitt**, from Printing and Postal Services to clerk typist in the Admissions Office, July 9

### Retired or submitted notice of retirement:

**Beverly Bistok**, Custodial Services, June 22

**Albert Hathaway**, Custodial Services, June 22

**Susie Hile**, Grounds, June 22

**Linda Lightcap**, Custodial Services, June 22

**Timothy McKelvy**, Carpenter Shop, June 22

**Margaret Runco**, Plumbing Shop, June 22

**Andrew Browe**, Biology, June 29

**Ronald Lunardini**, Student Affairs in Higher Education, June 29

**Frank Viggiano**, Human Development and Environmental Studies, June 29

### Resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

**Heather Duchene**, Housing, July 27

**Nancy Bell**, English, August 16

**Jay Gilliam**, Criminology, August 16

**Nancy Benham**, Special Education and Clinical Services, August 17

**Pavani Tallapally**, Accounting, August 17 ∞





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### IUP CALENDAR

For all dates, events, and details, see the on-line Central Calendar by accessing [www.iup.edu](http://www.iup.edu); follow the link marked "Calendar."

- August 4** Academic Expo
- August 9** End of Summer Session 2
- August 23** State of the University Address
- August 24-26** Welcome Weekend, including Freshman Convocation
- August 27** Fall Classes Begin

