

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Points of Pride



FACULTY AND STUDENT STARS

STUDENTS GAINING HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Geoscience student Kayla Kroczyński presented her ongoing research on stormwater runoff at the 14th annual **Regional Science Consortium Research Symposium** at Presque Isle.

Students Carlee Benhart, Erin Penzelik, Abbey Roberts, Molly Sarver, Wyatt Stitely, and Kristina Thomas and faculty member John Benhart (geography and regional planning) recently presented research at the annual **Pennsylvania Geographical Society** meeting.

Faculty member Courtney McLaughlin (educational and school psychology) and graduate students Dana Elmquist, Adrienne Bardo, and Chelshea Thompson presented at the 2018 annual conference on **Advancing School Mental Health**, hosted by the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Four art students were included in the **exhibition** "Students of Artists Who Teach:" undergraduates Jordan Hershberger and Sam Tyson, and graduate students Katie Ott and Jacob Wareham. Ott also presented at the "SIX x ATE: Impossible Objects" conference in Pittsburgh.

Faculty member Sharon Massey (art) and student Sam Tyson (art) were chosen to exhibit their work during the inaugural **New York City Jewelry Week**.

Katie Campbell (communications media) spent a week aboard a research vessel in the Bering Sea and North Pacific as part of the **Science Technology Engineering and Math Student Experiences Aboard Ships (STEMSEAS)** Program.



STUDENT STARS

International business major Jedediah Pancoast has been selected for a **Gilman Scholarship**. He will study at Nagoya Gakuin University in Nagoya, Japan, for the spring semester. Pancoast brings IUP's Gilman total to 17.



Denise Kennedy (employment and labor relations) won the Pennsylvania State Education Association's 2018 **Education Support Professional of the Year**.

Four mathematics and computer sciences students—James Lutz, David Kornish, Daniel Richmond, and Matthew Scott—won third place in the CAE Regional Resource Center NE **Cyber Competition**.

Jialei Jiang (English composition and applied linguistics) was selected as one of six 2018–19 graduate fellows for the **Sweetland Digital Rhetoric Collaborative**, a "space for shared inquiry into the range of ideas, conversations, and activities that together constitute the work of digital rhetoricians and of the computers and writing community."

Jacob Clouse (English) was a finalist in the 2018 **English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities Undergraduate Poetry Contest** for his poem, "Distance."

Demir Moore (philosophy) received the Outstanding Student Award presented at the 32nd annual Robert D. Lynch **Student Leadership Development Institute**, sponsored annually by the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education.

Aaron Sebach (nursing PhD) has been conferred a **Fellowship in Hospital Medicine** by the Society of Hospital Medicine in recognition of commitment, dedication, and experience in care for hospitalized patients.

Anna Manges (biology) won the Undergraduate Student Research Award from the **Pennsylvania Vector Control Association** and the Jobbins Scholarship from the

Northeastern Mosquito Control Association. Manges has been part of Tom Simmons' (biology) team of researchers examining black legged ticks (insects known to carry Lyme disease) and Lyme disease risks since her freshman year.

Josh Krentz (career and technical personnel preparation) has been named the 2018 **Collision Repair Education Foundation's Instructor of the Year**.

Ryan Redilla (economics and ROTC), was selected for a **Cultural Understanding and Learning Program (CULP) trip** to Lithuania. CULP provides an opportunity for military training and educational and humanitarian work with the designated country's military.

FACULTY STANDOUTS

Ben Ford (anthropology) participated in a workshop to scope a new National Science Foundation initiative to study **the impacts of coastal environmental variability and natural hazards on populated coastal regions**. The National Science Foundation invited approximately 400 researchers to participate in the workshops through a competitive nationwide application process.



Anthony and Jennifer Perillo (psychology) received a \$334,787 grant from the National Science Foundation to study **biases in opinions relating to the testimony of experts in forensic psychology cases**.

Jeremy Waltman's (communications media) *The Empty House*, a horror film shot in Indiana, premiered at the **Morbido Film Festival** in Mexico City.

Nick Deardorff (geoscience), Lara Homsey-Messer (anthropology), Eric Morschhauser (biology), Charles Lake (chemistry), Wayne Moore (history) and Jonathan Warnock, Jon Lewis, and Steve Hovan (geoscience) received \$425,829 from the National Science Foundation to purchase a **Scanning Electron Microscope with energy dispersive spectroscopy capabilities**.

John Mueller (student affairs in higher education) has been selected a **Senior Scholar** for the American College Personnel Association.

Daniel Weinstein (English, Center for Digital Humanities and Culture), delivered the keynote speech **"Computers As Collaborators: Human Creativity In the Age of Artificial Intelligence,"** at the 22nd annual conference of the Great Plains Alliance for Computers and Writing.

IUP's Department of Geoscience and collaborators at Edinboro, Kutztown, and West Chester universities received \$33,576 in funding from the National Science Foundation to host a workshop focused on designing **an inclusive geology field camp for all Pennsylvania State System geoscience programs**. The workshop will be held in early January 2019 and will revolutionize field camp in Pennsylvania.

Distinguished University Professor Steve Hovan (geoscience) served on a panel with colleagues from the industry to discuss ongoing efforts to address **orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells** and create opportunities for collaboration.

Erick Lauber (journalism and public relations, Mid-Atlantic Research and Training Institute for Community and Behavioral Health) presented information on Indiana and Armstrong counties' **response to the opioid crisis** to Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary of the Drug and Alcohol Program Jennifer Smith.



Ben Ford (anthropology) recently excavated and recorded the only known archaeological example of a **Durham boat**. This boat type was used by President Washington to cross the Delaware River.

Veronica Paz (accounting) and Lynnan Mocek (academic affairs) won the George Krull/Grant Thornton 2018 **Teaching Innovation Award** from The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants,

Distinguished University Professor Krys Kaniasty (psychology) presented at the 39th international conference of the **Stress and Anxiety Research Society (STAR)** in Lublin, Poland. Kaniasty's research program was featured in four presentations. The presentation, titled "It's complicated II: Type D personality and social support," was coauthored with psychology honors program student Kate Appolonia. The other three presentations—collaborations with researchers from Israel, Mexico, and New Zealand—investigated social-support dynamics following recent disastrous events (earthquake, hurricane, etc.)