



IUPUI

SENIOR ACADEMY

(Retired Faculty and Staff)

ANNUAL REPORT – 2020-2021

In 2020-2021 the organization and events of the IUPUI Senior Academy were overshadowed and constrained by the COVID-19 pandemic-determined restrictions. And yet, thanks to the work of the Board and the administrative assistance lent by the Office of Academic Affairs the past year can be characterized as a successful one. The annual reports of the officers (Secretary and Treasurer) and the Standing Committees make up the **APPENDIX** below.

The activities of the IUPUI Senior Academy fell into the three broad and interconnected areas of membership, communication, and programming. Fundamental to all of three of them is a functional **member database**, an ambitious project that the Membership Committee under the leadership of Georgia Miller undertook with the assistance of Mansi Singh and Chad Beckner in the Office of Academic Affairs. The COVID-19 pandemic restriction underscored the need for easy and reliable digital connections for virtual get-togethers first and, more recently, as a complementary option to in-person meetings. Creating and updating the member database relies on the select use of the university's data, operating in the background and in accordance with the laws and university policies and procedures to assure that all personal data are kept confidential and protected.

The member database is critical for the ongoing development of the IUPUI Senior Academy [website](#), which is the primary tool for communication with and among Senior Academy members. The website is in effect the information hub for all Academy activities, including instructions for how to join, the payment of dues, and registration for events. Through its **MEMBER CENTER**, the website connects Senior Academy members, making it easy to find and link to retired colleagues and friends who share similar interests. The Communications Committee worked closely with the Membership Committee in reviewing and developing the website into the most important link to access all Academy affairs. Facebook is another avenue that leads to the website and, it is hoped, that the monthly Senior Academy *Bulletin*, distributed to members via email, may also serve to encourage follow-up on details on the website.

The assistance of the Chief Academic Officer, Kathy Johnson, has extended to the Senior Academy also allowed to reap the benefits from the campus calendaring system (Salesforce) for our events in two useful ways, the announcement and reminder of events that include a registration feature and a record of attendance—both immensely helpful in organizing and planning events. Both features enable the Academy to offer **a rich variety of programming** even under COVID-19 pandemic conditions. Among the in-person get-togethers, virtual presentations and workshops via Zoom, and the Academy's sponsorship of or collaboration with others who offered interesting events I want to highlight three: The several offerings in connection with the broad theme of transition to and success in retirement proved very successful. The more informal but regular gatherings around particular interests have brought smaller groups together, starting with the successful pilot of the IUPUI String Theory group and followed more recently with the Academy Book Club. Touring the recently renovated Madam Walker Legacy Center afforded not only an opportunity to admire an important new venue for gathering—classes and cultural events—on campus but also to venture out and meet people after vaccinations had allowed for more movement and freedom.

The past year was difficult, but the Board was fully engaged and rose to the unanticipated challenges well and creatively and also with much hard work for which I am very grateful.

Respectfully,

Marianne S. Wokeck
President

APPENDIX: COMMITTEE REPORTS

The annual report of the **Secretary** is the collection of the monthly Board meeting minutes (August 2020 through May 2021). **Anne Belcher**, who served as Secretary in the concluding year of her two-term service, has in this manner created a detailed and reliable record of the Board’s actions and decisions, which is filed and archived in MS Teams Senior Academy—important documentation, a service for which the Board is very grateful.

Treasurer Annual Report 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 annual budget was drafted and discussed by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee in July 2020. The proposed budget was then presented and approved at the August 2020 Board meeting. The Treasurer tracked actual income/expense vs. the budget. The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 resulted in less in-person programming and therefore a decrease in program fee income and relative expenses. As of writing of this report, before the final expenses of the 2020-21 annual meeting have been incurred, the 2020 budget year shows income in excess of expenses. The year-end budget vs actual report will be completed in July 2021 and submitted to the Board of Directors.

Monthly account balance and transactional reports are provided to the Board. As of April 30, 2021, the account balances are as shown below:

IUF Accounts	July 1, 2020 Balance	April 30, 2021 Balance
SA Scholarship Returning Students	\$ 58,733.71	\$ 72,322.79
SA Scholarship IPS Students	\$ 53,187.85	\$ 61,198.61
SA Scholarship General Fund	\$ 43,383.10	\$ 53,831.66
SA General Endowment Fund	\$ 13,372.27	\$ 15,391.64
IMCU Accounts	July 1, 2020 Balance	April 30, 2021 Balance
Checking	\$ 2,129.08	\$ 3,284.45
Savings	\$ 2,485.69	\$ 2,488.18

An account review was initiated in October 2020 and completed March 2021 under the oversight of Senior Academy Treasurer. A “Statement of Work” was developed and used as a template for the account review activities. Four major areas of the review: 1) Accounting Procedures, 2) Indiana Members Credit Union account, 3) PayPal account and 4) Membership Dues. The Account Review Final Report March 2021 was approved and submitted to the President and Board in March. A copy of the report is available upon request, and it outlines the activities, considerations and recommendations for each major area. No major considerations or recommendations were reported.

During the 2020-21 year:

- \$12,000 - Scholarships awarded by Senior Academy.
- \$1,450 - membership dues collected.
- \$46.03 - expense for PayPal membership payments by credit card
- \$4,910 - total contributions to the IU Foundation accounts

*Submitted by: Gabrielle Bovenzi
Treasurer*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**IUPUI Senior Academy Finance Committee**

Per the IUPUI Senior Academy Bylaws the responsibility for the Finance Committee is to 1) present a proposed annual budget to the Board on or before the September Board meeting and 2) arrange for and facilitate a financial account review by a person who is not currently a member of the Board.

The 2020-2021 annual budget was drafted and discussed by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee in July 2020. The proposed budget was then presented and approved at the August 2020 Board meeting. The Treasurer has responsibility of tracking the actual budget and presenting and variations to Finance Committee and Board; no variations from the budget were experienced in 2020-21.

An account review was initiated in October 2020 and completed March 2021 under the oversight of Senior Academy Treasurer, Gabrielle Bovenzi. The Reviewer was Mark Volpatti Ed.D., CPA,, associate vice chancellor, IUPUI Division of Finance and Administration. The Treasurer and Reviewer met three times as well as communicating via email. A "Statement of Work" was developed and used as a template for the account review activities. Four major areas of the review: 1) Accounting Procedures, 2) Indiana Members Credit Union account, 3) PayPal account and 4) Membership Dues. The Account Review Final Report March 2021¹ was approved and submitted to the President and Board in March. A copy of the report is available upon request, and it outlines the activities, considerations, and recommendations for each major area. No major considerations or recommendations were reported; it was overall an excellent account review report.

Submitted by: Gabrielle Bovenzi

Chair – Finance Committee

Members – Giles Hoyt, Steve Kirchhoff

¹ The Account Review Final Report is filed and archived in MS Teams Senior Academy.

IUPUI Senior Academy **Communication Committee**

Purpose of Committee: The purpose is to produce and publish an Academy **newsletter**, assist in administering and maintaining the Senior Academy **website**, and initiate other activities and written materials to **promote awareness** to the membership about the Academy and its contributions to the university and the greater community.

Committee Members:

Karen Black – Board Member
Giles Hoyt - Board Member, Chair
Russell Vertner – Board Member
Wanda Worley – Board Member
Marianne Wokeck – President, Liaison to Board

Activities:

This has been a challenging year, given the pandemic and our inability to meet and carry out our activities as normal. The digital connections and virtual links were critical in maintaining our organization.

We must thank Mansi Singh, our Academic Affairs person and Chad Beckner, our IT contact. With their help we have been able to effect ongoing communication with our members via our website and email newsletters. We can be particularly pleased with our website. The structure and links therein are useful and clear. In the members section we have the link to the Member Center, that is the link for the members' database that the Membership Committee has been working on with great effort. <http://senioracademy.iupui.edu/>. The chair has also been working with University Library archivist Steve Towne to set up a section under "Voices of the Academy" to both present already collected historic material as well as collect new items from our retired members.

The chair has been primarily responsible for our Facebook (FB) page. As mentioned in our last report, although not all of our members use FB it does get some traffic and is an access point for people interested in the Senior Academy. The chair has communicated with visitors to the site.

We have sent out info on events as needed using our e-mail list. Again, we thank Mansi for her help getting the word out about our events. Marianne Wokeck is currently the editor of the monthly newsletter. The Committee deems a short regular communication to be a useful tool to maintain continual contact with members. Distribution of Board items is facilitated using MS Teams currently after switching from IU Box. The Committee updated our brochure. It is available for distribution.

Thanks also to President Marianne Wokeck and other members of the board who have visited university forums to talk about the Senior Academy.

Submitted by: Giles R. Hoyt
Chair – Communications Committee

IUPUI Senior Academy Last Lecture Nominating Committee

The 2020 IUPUI Last Lecture was pre-recorded and released virtually on [this webpage](#). The presenter was [Florence Wagman Roisman](#), William F. Harvey Professor of Law and Chancellor's Professor, in the Robert H. McKinney School of Law. As in previous years it was sponsored by IUPUI Senior Academy, IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, and IU Foundation.

Summary of Actions of Senior Academy Nominating Committee: Nominations for Presenter of the Last Lecture November 5, 2021

In late 2020 the IUPUI Senior Academy solicited nominations for the Last Lecture presentation, which is scheduled for November 5, 2021. Nominations remained open until mid-February 2021. During that time, no new nominations were received but two strong nominations were carried over from last year. In consultation with Academic Affairs, we decided to move forward with those two nominations and not have a second round to solicit nominations, in view of the extraordinary pressures on deans and administrators this year.

The two nominees carried over confirmed that they were able to commit to the event timing and were willing to have their nominations reviewed by the Nominating Committee of the Senior Academy.

The Nominating Committee met on February 12, 2021 to review all submitted materials for the two candidates. Discussion centered not only on the accomplishments of the candidates but also on their ability to communicate broader messages based upon their experience. The Nominating Committee unanimously agreed to send one name forward to the Selection Committee, which is tasked with making the final selection of the speaker. The person whose nomination was not forwarded has been notified by Dr. Queener.

The Final Selection Committee for the Last Lecture was formed and included representatives from Academic Affairs, the IU Foundation, and from twelve schools at IUPUI. The group met virtually to make the final selection on March 22, 2021. The Selection Committee unanimously voted for Professor Erwin Boschmann to give the 2021 Last Lecture. Arrangements for the honorarium have been made.

Dr. Queener contacted Professor Boschmann and he has confirmed that he will give the lecture on November 5, 2021. Dr. Queener met with him during the week of April 5, 2021 to counsel Professor Boschmann on expectations for the Lecture and on resources to help in preparation for the event.

Submitted by: Sherry F. Queener

Chair – Last Lecture Nominating Committee

Members – Anne Belcher, Nan Bohan, Rebecca Porter, William Schneider, Christy Tidwell, Wanda Worley

IUPUI Senior Academy Membership Committee

The SA Membership Committee for 2020-2021 is composed of Chair Nan Bohan, Georgia B Miller, Panos Niarchos, and Russell Vertner, with staff support provided by Chad Beckner. The group met frequently via Zoom to address the on-going development of the Senior Academy Membership Database (DB), Member Center (MC), and Academy Members Directory.

The DB, MC, and Directory were developed, made available for early Board use, and revised given feedback. In March all three were moved to steady state, so no additional structural changes would be made for six months. Data in all three continue to be added, modified, and deleted as more information is gathered. Requested and suggested revisions to the DB, MC, and Directory will be collected by the Membership Committee to be considered by the Committee when they update the site in October.

Collaboratively with other Board members and Committees, the Membership Committee will continue to develop strategies and tactics for using DB, MC, and Directory.

Policies and Procedures for use of DB and MC and Directory were drafted by the Committee and approved by Board. They are available in the Teams folder online.

Continuing work by the Committee includes capturing suggestions for structural changes in the three areas; ongoing clean-up of data, particularly for the historical Inactive Members category; and training and/or supporting Board members using the DB, MC, and Directory to more efficiently and effectively accomplish their work. Feedback will continue to be encouraged and solicited to continue to improve the quality of the tools and access to and maintenance of the data.

Early use by Board members includes the Philanthropy Committee using the DB to frame SA involvement in United Way and Campus Campaign activities. The Membership Committee is leading the development of Interest Groups, based on areas of interest of SA members that they identify via the Member Center. These Groups may find homes in a variety of SA Board Committees.

Led by Russell Vertner, Project Manager for Interest Groups, the SA Book Club has been established and an SA Hiking Interest Group is in formation stages. Wanda Worley and Sherry Queener are leading the Book Club as Team Leader and Discussion Leader respectively. Gabrielle Bovenzi has agreed to lead the development of the Hiking Group. Initiated separately, but joining in the Interest Group structure, the String Theory group developed mid-year; Becky Porter leads that group. Russell will continue to initiate Interest Groups as the numbers in the Member Center/Directory support them, following the plan approved by the Board, updating and expanding that plan as we learn from experiences of the early Groups.

Thanks to Nan Bohan, who rotates off the Board this year, for her leadership in the Committee. The Technology subset of the Committee would not have been nearly so successful without her guidance in keeping us grounded in the realities of the Board and SA members being willing and able to access and use the Database, Member Center, and Directory.

*Submitted by: Georgia Miller
Member – Membership Committee*

IUPUI Senior Academy **Nominating Committee**

Proposed New Members for the Board

Pursuant to Article IV(C) of the [bylaws](#) of the Senior Academy, the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of candidates for membership on the Board of the IUPUI Senior Academy for 2021-2022:

Proposed New Members

Sarah Baker	<i>School of Medicine/University College</i>
Mary Anne Black	<i>Enrollment Management/Registrar</i>
Sharon Holland	<i>Administration/Alumni Relations</i>
Steve Kirchhoff	<i>School of Medicine</i>

Current members to be elected to new terms

Black, Karen	Second term	<i>Planning & Institutional Improvement</i>
Bovenzi, Gabrielle	Second term	<i>Administration/Finance & Administration</i>
Froehlich, Jan	Third term	<i>School of Medicine</i>

The following members are continuing their terms:

Fitzpatrick, Christine	(2 nd year of first term)	<i>Chancellor's Office/Engineering</i>
Kissel, Francia	(2 nd year of first term) *	<i>School of Liberal Arts</i>
Miller, Georgia	(2 nd year of second term)	<i>Columbus/School of Business</i>
Porter, Becky	(2 nd year of first term)	<i>School of Health & Rehab. Sci./Enrollment Management</i>
Queener, Sherry	(2 nd year of second term)	<i>School of Medicine/Graduate School</i>
Schneider, Bill	(2 nd year of first term)	<i>School of Liberal Arts</i>
Vertner, Russell	(2 nd year of first term)	<i>Kelley School of Business</i>
Wokeck, Marianne	(2 nd year of second term)	<i>School of Liberal Arts</i>

* To be elected by the Board 13 May 2021 to fill the remainder of unexpired first term following Wanda Worley's resignation on 6 May 2021.

Members are listed with the position(s) in which they made their mark at IUPUI—roles and identities that likely have changed and been redefined. Brief biographies of members are available by visiting the [About--> Board of Directors section](#) of the Senior Academy [website](#).

Submitted by: Mark Grove

Chair – Nominating Committee

Members – Anne Belcher, Bill Bosron, Gabrielle Bovenzi, Georgia Miller, Christy Tidwell, Marianne Wokeck

IUPUI Senior Academy Philanthropic Outreach Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: Karen Black & Christine Fitzpatrick

Activities:

1. The Senior Academy participated in **IUPUI’s United Way Campaign** as in years past, with members receiving a targeted letter (see Appendix A). IUPUI campaign activities were adjusted to accommodate the coronavirus quarantine; therefore, the kick-off and other celebratory activities were virtual events. Senior Academy members once again gave generously to the Central Indiana community through this campaign.

Amount Pledged by Senior Academy as of January 12, 2021

- 39 pledges, \$30,800.85

Leadership Pledges (\$1,500 or more)

- 7 of 39 members have pledged a total of \$21,800

Total pledges at end of Campaign – comparison to previous years (per “weekly tracker” report)

Campaign year	Weekly Tracker Report As of:	No. of donors	Amount Pledged	No. of donors Leadership Level	Amount Pledged Leadership
2020	1.12.2021	39	\$30,800	7	\$21,800
2019	1.16.2020	34	\$29,664	9	\$24,800
2018	3.19.2019	28	\$26,670	7	\$20,361
2017	1.8.2018	44	\$31,016	6	\$18,854
2016	1.11.2017	34	\$32,916	8	\$23,489

For 2021, the Philanthropic Outreach Committee will work with campus partners to integrate members of the Senior Academy more completely in IUPUI communications for the United Way Campaign.

2. The Committee met with Pete Hunter, IUPUI Development Director, IU Foundation, to plan for Senior Academy outreach for the **IUPUI Campus Campaign** during 2021-2022, particularly to develop our scholarship funds. Similar to the process planned for the United Way Campaign, a list of Senior Academy members will be provided to the IU Foundation to facilitate targeted outreach for the IUPUI Campus Campaign.
3. The Committee considers other avenues of philanthropic support for the campus and plans connections with **Paws Pantry** for food collection at Senior Academy events. The first of these will be the annual meeting on June 10, 2021.

*Submitted by: Karen Black and Christine Fitzpatrick
Co-Chairs – Philanthropic Outreach Committee*

IUPUI Senior Academy Program Committee

The Program Committee operated without an officially designated chair, de facto making Christy Tidwell and Marianne Wokeck co-chairs. Excepting three in-person events all programming occurred via Zoom (meetings and webinars).

June 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy Walking Club</i></p> <p>We have recently formed a Walking Club, based on responses recorded in the Member Center Interests area. Our first walk will be held this Thursday, June 10, weather permitting, after the Annual Board Meeting in Eagle Creek Park.</p>
June 2021	<p><i>Annual Meeting hosted at Eagle Creek Park</i></p> <p>This academic year's concluding event of the Senior Academy took place outside at Eagle Creek Park, Shelter A, keeping a safe physical distance, and anyone not fully vaccinated was also asked to wear a mask.</p> <p>The business meeting covered updates on board election results, slate of officers, announcement of student scholarship winners, and summary of annual report.</p> <p>2021's annual meeting presentation was given by Chris Lamb on "The Art of Political Putdown". Dr. Lamb is a professor of journalism in the Department of Journalism and Public Relations in the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI,</p> <p>2020-2021 annual reports are accessible on this webpage.</p>
June 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy String Theory Group</i></p> <p>The monthly gathering of Senior Academy members, spouses, partners, and friends to participate and create useful and beautiful items that can warm bodies and hearts.</p>
June 2021	<p><i>Tour and Lunch with SA Members Prior to Tour of "Laughter & Resilience: Humor in Native American Art" at Eiteljorg Museum</i></p> <p>Senior Academy members met for a tour of "Laughter & Resilience: Humor in Native American Art", a new special exhibit at the Eiteljorg Museum and optional lunch at the museum cafe prior to the tour.</p>
May 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy Book Club</i></p> <p>Beginning May 19, 2021, the book discussions occur every third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m.–Noon (or longer if we don't want to leave a lively discussion) via Zoom (for now).</p>
May 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy String Theory Group</i></p> <p>The monthly gathering of Senior Academy members, spouses, partners, and friends to participate and create useful and beautiful items that can warm bodies and hearts.</p>

April 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Faculty & Staff: The Transition—Retirees’ Stories of Exploring and Taking Different Routes</i></p> <p>As part of IU Human Resources' 2021 Road to Retirement Series, Senior Academy hosted a panel with discussion and stories from IUPUI retirees about their journey from employee to retiree, and answered questions about this important transition.</p> <p>Presentation shared during this event is available via this link.</p>
April 2021	<p><i>Tour of the Madam Walker Legacy Center</i></p> <p>Members were invited for in-person tour of the Madam Walker Legacy Center (MWLC). The tour was provided by tour guides Laura Lucas, associate university architect at IU Capital Planning and Facilities, and Kim Raby, sales and planning manager at IUPUI Event and Conference Services.</p>
April 2021	<p><i>Living Stories: An Evening with Elaine Pagels</i></p> <p>Religious studies scholar and best-selling author Dr. Elaine Pagels has spent her career examining not only the origins of (Western) religious traditions and how they shape our understanding of ourselves, but also the necessity of re-interpreting these sacred stories so that they might continue to help us in challenging times.</p> <p>Dr. Pagels shared insights about her research.</p> <p>Presented by Spirit & Place; Community for Contemplation and Justice of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church; IUPUI Senior Academy; and Department of Religious Studies, School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.</p> <p>This event was made possible through the generous support of Lilly Endowment Inc.</p>
April 2021	<p><i>Pre-Event Community Conversation to April 16 Event on "Living Stories: An Evening with Elaine Pagels"</i></p> <p>Spirit & Place, St. Luke's UMC, and the IUPUI Senior Academy organized a pre-event community conversation on April 8 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. where participants gathered in small groups to explore what 'living stories' mean to us personally.</p> <p><i>This pre-event communication conversation was in advance of the April 16 event "Living Stories: An Evening with Elaine Pagels.</i></p>
March 2021	<p><i>Digital Handmade: How Technology Is Impacting the Future of Art</i></p> <p>Shelley Spicuzza, coordinator of the Digital Fabrication/Imaging Lab at the Herron School of Art + Design, shared some of the exciting art being created at the intersection of art and technology.</p> <p>Shelley, an accomplished multi-media artist, directs the “Think-it, Make-it” lab</p>

	<p>at Herron, where students use computers and 3-D printers to create pieces of art. Two senior students, Katya Reinhard, specializing in ceramics, and Paul Williams, specializing in furniture design also displayed some of their work done in the lab.</p> <p>Presentation shared during this event is available via this link (requires IU CAS-login).</p>
March 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy String Theory Group</i></p> <p>The monthly <i>IUPUI Senior Academy String Theory Group</i> invites Senior academy members, spouses, partners, and friends to participate and create useful and beautiful items that can warm bodies and hearts.</p> <p>The purpose of the group is to perform a service and provide an opportunity to get together with others and chat while knitting, crocheting, or being otherwise creative. During the holiday season the creations of the group will be donated to IUPUI Paws' Closet whose students will direct them to where they are needed and enjoyed. A monthly virtual gathering for Senior Academy members.</p>
February 2021	<p><i>A three-part series: Where to Live in Retirement and What are my Options?</i></p> <p>Click here for Session 1: Understanding the Emotional Impact of Downsizing and Planning Early Click here for Session 2: Aging in Place vs. Continuing Care Retirement Communities Click here for Session 3: Understanding and Managing the Financial Risks of Retirement Communities Supporting Documents Information on how to become more involved with Always United Information from IUPUI Senior Academy relative to Where to Live</p>
January 2021	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy Social Hour</i></p> <p>A monthly virtual gathering for Senior Academy members.</p>
December, 2020	<p><i>IUPUI Senior Academy Virtual Hour</i></p> <p>Senior Academy members were invited to bring a drink and a snack to where they have their computer or tablet, say hello to others on screen, and share with them your 2020 observations, thoughts, and experiences, and your hopes for the upcoming year.</p>
November, 2020	<p><i>Ask the Geriatrician – Evidence Based Information for Aging Gracefully</i></p> <p>A webinar featuring an informal conversation with Dr. Cathy C. Schubert, Mary Elizabeth Mitchell Professor of Geriatrics, in the School of Medicine.</p> <p>Dr. Schubert answered questions pertinent to seniors on a variety of topics.</p> <p>Conversation was moderated by Dr. Anne Belcher.</p>

November, 2020	<p><i>IUPUI Last Lecture – pre-recorded lecture was released virtually on this webpage.</i></p> <p>Presentation by Florence Wagman Roisman, William F. Harvey Professor of Law and Chancellor's Professor, in the Robert H. McKinney School of Law. This event is sponsored by IUPUI Senior Academy, IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, and IU Foundation.</p>
October, 2020	<p><i>Lunch and Learn: Tornado God: American Religion and Violent Weather</i></p> <p>Dr. Peter Thuesen, professor of religious studies and director of Humanities Research in the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, School of Liberal Arts, discussed his recently published book, <i>Tornado God</i>, before the fires in the West of the United States and the hurricanes in the Atlantic and the Gulf called all of our attention to the occurrence and effects of violent weather.</p> <p>A video recording of this session is available via this link to the IU community.</p>
October, 2020	<p><i>Coffee and Learn: Madam C.J Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy during Jim Crow</i></p> <p>Dr. Tyrone Freeman, assistant professor of philanthropic studies and director of undergraduate programs in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, discussed about his biographical account of Madame C.J. Walker's life.</p>
October, 2020	<p><i>Tea and Learn: The 2020 Elections in Times of Chaos</i></p> <p>Featured a presentation by Dr. Aaron Dusso, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Sheila S. Kennedy, professor of law and public policy and founding director of the IUPUI Center for Civic Literacy, on upcoming presidential elections.</p>
October, 2020	<p><i>Lunch and Learn: Tips for Getting What You Want Out of Social Media and Streaming</i></p> <p>A presentation by Sara Lowe, associate dean for educational services, IUPUI University Library.</p>
September, 2020	<p><i>Socially Distanced Senior Academy Picnic: "Reflections During Self-Isolation"</i></p> <p>Senior Academy friends and colleagues gathered for an old-fashioned picnic planned with the Coronavirus in mind at the Eagle Creek Park.</p>
September, 2020	<p><i>The Economy and Personal Finances in Uncertain Times</i></p> <p>A Virtual presentation via Zoom featuring Brian Nick, chief investment strategist at TIAA, on his latest perspective, "<i>Economic and Market Outlook: 2020 and Beyond.</i>"</p>

Submitted by: Christy Tidwell and Marianne Wokeck

Co-Chairs – Program Committee

IUPUI Senior Academy **Scholarship Committee**

The Senior Academy offers three competitive student scholarships through the Arthur Mirsky Scholarship Program (currently \$3000 each):

- **SENIOR ACADEMY FRESHMAN (IPS) SCHOLARSHIP:** The IPS Scholarship supports incoming full-time freshmen IUPUI students graduating from Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and showing the potential for academic excellence.
- **SENIOR ACADEMY GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The General Scholarship supports IUPUI senior students who have demonstrated high achievement with a minimum IU GPA of 3.5 and who will graduate with a baccalaureate degree at the end of their final spring semester.
- **SENIOR ACADEMY RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** The Returning Student Scholarship supports returning or transfer students in completing their first undergraduate degree.

Further detail describing these scholarships can be found on the IUPUI Senior Academy website at <https://senioracademy.iupui.edu/>.

- **2021 Freshman IPS Scholarship Recipient--Olaitan Faniyan**

Olaitan Faniyan is currently a senior student at Crispus Attucks High School. She was born in Nigeria and immigrated to America two years ago following her father's sudden death in 2017. Olaitan is strongly motivated by her father's belief that she could make a difference in the world and plans to follow her dream of a career in the neurosciences. In high school, she is near the top of her class, while also finding time to serve on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (student mental health focus), as a project manager for Students in Action, and as a tutor for elementary and her fellow students.

One reference described her as "a shining star" who displays commitment and determination to get the job done whether it be in academics, her work-based learning program, or volunteering in the community. Another described her as having "a maturity beyond her years" and as "a level-headed young woman who gives careful consideration to her decisions and actions." With the help of this scholarship, Olaitan hopes to "continue to serve others and my community to the best of my ability in order to make an impact and put smiles on the faces of others."

- **2021 General Scholarship Recipient--Emily Lesich**

Emily Lesich is currently an IUPUI senior completing her studies for a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. Emily has overcome family financial and personal health challenges to complete her studies at IUPUI. She has maintained a 3.8 GPA while working 20 hours per week and being very involved on campus and in the community. On campus, she has served as secretary for Her Purpose (a faith-based organization for women), as a member of DEAP (diversity enrichment and achievement program), as an orientation and first year seminar leader for O Team, as a member of the Organization of Kinesiology, and as a member of the School of Health and Human Sciences ambassador program. Out in the community, Emily has volunteered at multiple agencies including Gleaners Food Bank, Pendleton Correctional Facility, and the Broad Ripple Farmers Market.

Emily states "Whether it be working at my job at the University Hospital, giving food to those who may be struggling, or simply having a conversation with someone who feels alone, I want to make people feel like they are human and treat them with the utmost respect. IUPUI has been a great contributor to helping me understand the impact that we can make as one person." She plans to

attend graduate school to complete a master's degree in athletic training. Her career goals are to work as an athletic trainer at a college or work with athletes that have a disability or a special need (Special Olympics).

One reference stated that Emily “. . . is an excellent peer mentor. She is a very conscientious, dependable, and mature individual. She is also very civic-minded and truly cares for her community and others.” A second reference stated that “Emily's grit, determination for degree completion, and incredibly positive attitude make her the ideal candidate for this scholarship. She is a wonderful human!”

- **2021 Returning Student Scholarship Recipient**

Kathleen Whipker is the epitome of a non-traditional student. Having last attended college classes at IVY Tech in 1993, she is now studying for a bachelor's degree in American Sign Language at IUPUI at age 54. Kathleen has gained valuable life experience in multiple roles as a mother, a community volunteer, and a church administrator. Her volunteer work included countless hours as a school classroom assistant, helping with food drives, assistance to homeless and domestic violence shelters, and supporting many community outreach programs through her local Ecumenical Assembly.

Kathleen is currently enrolled at IUPUI and states “my goal is to become an American Sign Language interpreter. Currently, I am just finishing the first year of ASL and excelling. It is challenging, but really exciting to learn a new language and have the potential to serve a group of citizens who depend on Interpreters in their daily interactions at the doctor, in school, at appointments, in church, and so many other situations. My hope is to be employed in a school setting.”

She has served as a mentor to her fellow IUPUI students, stating “one of the things I excel at is encouraging others. It has been really rewarding to interact with the younger students and be able to build them up and help them when they are feeling overwhelmed with college, homesickness, or life in general.”

Her reference states “I can already tell she is motivated to do well, is organized, and an engaged student. Her communications skills are impressive as are her writing talents and her ability to be proactive enough to get work done.”

Kathleen has displayed great determination and a strong work ethic while also dealing with family health and financial challenges. As she states “I want (*a degree*) more than anything. I have waited a lifetime to pursue this.”

Scholarship Committee Comments:

The Senior Academy Scholarship Committee includes five Senior Academy (SA) members and six additional IUPUI faculty and staff. The SA members include Stephen Kirchhoff, chair; Janice Froehlich; David Roberts, Amy Richardson, and Christine Fitzpatrick. The remaining committee members include Etta Ward, Kim Nguyen, Nathan Lohr, Amanda Lumpkin, Kristina Delbridge, and Erin Steinfort.

As Scholarship Committee chair, I would like to offer sincere thanks on behalf of the Senior Academy to all the committee members. And I want to offer a special thanks to Erin Steinfort, the Senior Assistant Director in the Office of Student Scholarships. Erin supported the committee by screening our applicants to make sure scholarship requirements were met and by assisting with the IU online scholarship review process.

Last summer, the IUPUI Center for Research and Learning also included the Senior Academy in its request for judges for the Student Summer Poster Symposium. I also offer my thanks to two Scholarship Committee members, Amy Richardson and Christine Fitzpatrick, who participated in this process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing activity for the Scholarship Committee.

*Submitted by: Stephen Kirchhoff
Chair – Scholarship Committee*

IUPUI Senior Academy Spirit and Place Committee

Committee Members: Anne Belcher, Christine Fitzpatrick, Jan Froehlich, Sherry Queener

Activities:

- Anne Belcher chaired the committee for 2020-2021 and with Christine Fitzpatrick coordinated support for two Spirit and Place presentations. Due to COVID-19 the November festival was presented virtually. The Senior Academy had hoped to partner with the School of Liberal Arts to co-sponsor an event but that was not possible in 2020.
- Erin Kelley, Program Director for Spirit and Place reached out to the Senior Academy to enlist support from the Academy for a Community Conversation on the works of Elaine Pagels, featured speaker for the 2020 Spirit and Place Festival. Board members Christine Fitzpatrick, Sherry Queener, Marianne Wokeck and Anne Belcher participated in planning with members of St. Luke's Methodist Church and led small group discussions on 8 April 2021 via Zoom. Questions generated from the robust discussion of 38 participants were incorporated into Professor Elaine Pagels formal webinar presentation on 16 April 2021. Dr. Pagels webinar presentation had 348 pre-registered for the session. The IUPUI Senior Academy was listed as a co-sponsor for these events.
- Christine Fitzpatrick will be chairing the Spirit and Place Committee for 2021-2022 and has reached out to Peter Thuesen from the IUPUI Department of Religious Studies to provide Senior Academy co-sponsorship for a session exploring American Religion and Violent Storms in the context of the 2021 Spirit and Place theme "Change." Grant proposals are due 4 June 2021.

*Submitted by: Anne E. Belcher and Christine Fitzpatrick
Co-Chairs – Spirit and Place Committee*

IUPUI Senior Academy University Relations Committee

The University Relations Committee serves as an umbrella for three activities of the Board that intersect closely with IUPUI, its administration and organizations. The president and vice-president meet quarter-annually with the Chief Academic Officer (EVC), Kathy Johnson. The IUPUI Senior Academy is an independent organization that receives critical support from the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA), in particular Mansi Singh, the office manager, and Chad Beckner for IT-related assistance. The value and ease of collaboration and cooperation of the OAA and the Senior Academy bears highlighting and deserves our thanks. The EVC's greeting for the Annual Meeting provides some insight into this special relationship (watch the [video recording](#)). As part of that collaboration, the Senior Academy is engaged with a special OAA project, "Transition to Retirement," a broad national initiative that is focused on preparing faculty more and better for retirement that makes much sense for IUPUI to get involved because it is a young university with as yet relatively few traditions for its retirees since the Senior Academy is not even a quarter century old. Another campus project in which Academy members are involved is the mentoring circles for STEM faculty that is supported by an NSF grant for which the EVC is the principal investigator. Comparable, but with an artistic focus, is the participation of the Senior Academy representative on the IUPUI Campus Public Art Committee.²

The Senior Academy has traditionally been kept well informed about development at IUPUI through Board members who serve as liaison to the IUPUI Faculty Council (IFC) and the IUPUI Staff Council (ISC). Sherry Queener fulfilled the role of IFC liaison and Nan Bohan, with Karen Black as alternate in case of scheduling conflicts, served as ISC liaison—attending the respective meetings virtually via Zoom and reporting at the monthly Academy Board meetings.

*Submitted by: Christy Tidwell
Representative – University Relations Committee*

² Report of IUPUI Campus Public Art Committee

The final meeting of the Committee was conducted by Dean Hull. The following were items from that meeting:

1. The Campus public art restoration work will continue over the summer. This restoration is being done as a result of a Noyes Foundation fund donation. It was noted that students in the Museum Studies program will be invited to participate in this restoration effort.
2. The Crystal De Haan new sculpture will be finished shortly and installed. This project funded by a \$50,000 contribution was designed and the construction supervised by graduate students in the MFA program. The original site near the School of Art + Design has been changed to the Magnolia Court so it will be more visible on campus.
3. The campus art engagement projects that had been discussed at length will be postponed until fall term because of manpower and student interest.
4. The dean has been asked to help evaluate a piece of art belonging to the School of Medicine considering current equity and inclusion criteria.
5. It was suggested that a complete inventory of public art on campus be undertaken in light of current equity, inclusion and bias issues. This would happen possibly in the next year.
6. Two – year appointments to the Committee will conclude as of June 2021 and the dean asked members to indicate to him whether or not members wished to be reappointed.