Five inducted into Academy of Law Alumni Fellows

Five distinguished alumni were honored in April with induction into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows. Rodolfo Chapa Jr., '85; Julia Lamber, '72; Larry A. Mackey, '76; Hon. Loretta H. Rush, '83; and Carl E. Ver Beek, '62, were celebrated at an evening ceremony held in the Indiana Memorial Union’s Tudor Room.

"Members of the academy have brought honor to the legal profession through their accomplishments in the practice of law, business, the judiciary and public service," said Dean Austen L. Parrish. "This year's inductees continue the tradition of accomplishment that they share with the most distinguished alumni of our 175-year history."

This year we were especially honored by the attendance of members of the IU Board of Trustees, the Indiana Court of Appeals, and the Indiana Supreme Court.
Read more about this year’s ALAF honorees.

LLM program earns A+ rating from International Jurist
The Indiana University Maurer School of Law has received an A+ rating from The International Jurist magazine for its Master of Laws program in all four rating categories. It is one of only two schools in the U.S. to achieve this distinction.

The Law School earned the top rating in the areas of academics, best law school experience, career planning and best value. The school shares A+ honors with other outstanding national law schools, including Duke University, the University of Minnesota and the University of Pennsylvania. But only one other school -- Ohio State University -- took top honors in all four categories.

Prof. Gabe Goodwin, director of the Graduate Legal Studies program, spent the second half of April recruiting future international students in China, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, and Thailand.

Milt and Judi Stewart make surprise IU Day gift
In recognition of IU Day (April 19), Milt and Judi Stewart made a surprise $233,000 gift to the Law School. The couple, for whom our Center on the Global Legal Profession is now named, has been an extraordinary supporter of the Law School. The Stewarts previously announced a $7.8 million gift to the school last October. Their generosity has allowed more than 100 of our students to pursue international summer experiences as part of our Stewart Fellows program. We are extremely grateful for their continued generosity.

Buxbaum named ASIL vice president
Prof. Hannah Buxbaum has been appointed vice president of the American Society for International Law. Buxbaum, who holds the John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics, will serve a one-year term, renewable for a second year. ASIL is the preeminent U.S. scholarly association in the field of international law, with 3,500 members. The organization publishes the American Journal of International Law, which is the top-ranked peer-reviewed journal in the field. Buxbaum also serves as academic director of the IU Gateway in Berlin.

Prof. Eaglin earns prestigious Princeton fellowship
For the second time in three years, a Law School faculty member has been awarded a Law and Public Affairs fellowship at Princeton University. Associate Professor Jessica Eaglin, who teaches courses on evidence and criminal law, will spend the 2017-18 academic year there before returning to the Law School. "This will be a really great opportunity for me to start thinking about my research from different angles and interact with some of the leading scholars in the field," she told the Daily Princetonian. Prof. Tim Lovelace, Jr., was awarded a LAPA Fellowship in 2015-16.

Baier's environmental book a finalist for two awards
Lowell E. Baier's book Inside the Equal Access to Justice Act: Environmental Litigation and the Crippling Battle over America's Lands, Endangered Species, and Critical Habitats has been chosen as a finalist for two book awards; the 2016 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award in the two categories of Ecology/Environment and History, as well as the George Perkins Marsh Prize for best book on environmental history. One of America's preeminent experts on environmental litigation, Baier chronicles the century-long story of America's resources management, focusing on litigation, citizen suit provisions, and attorneys' fees. He provides the first book-length comprehensive examination of the little-known Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and its role in environmental litigation, focusing on its effect on wildlife and especially endangered species. Baier Hall is named in honor of the 1964 graduate.

Five honored with Teaching Awards
Five Indiana Law faculty were presented with Teaching Awards in late April. Prof. Ryan W. Scott earned the Leon H. Wallace Teaching Award, the highest teaching honor the school presents. Senior Lecturer Laura Daghe and Associate Professors Victor Quintanilla and Steve Sanders were presented with Trustees' Teaching Awards, and the Adjunct Teaching Award was given to Sylvia Orenstein. "Excellent teaching is a core commitment of our educational mission, and our faculty takes that commitment very seriously," said Dean Parrish, who presented the awards. "There are many wonderful teachers at the Maurer School of Law, and it is an honor to celebrate their achievements."
In brief...

- Prof. Jeannine Bell was featured on the DiscoveryID television program "Vanity Fair Confidential," providing commentary on the Dylann Roof case.
- Prof. Dawn Johnsen delivered the faculty address at Indiana University's Baccalaureate ceremony on May 5.
- Prof. Rob Fischman was named "Scholar of the Month" (April) by The Center for Climate, Energy, Environment, and Economics.
- The Law School's JD/MBA program with the Kelley School of Business has been ranked the 23rd best program of its kind by Eduniversal. Our environmental law (A-) and IP (A) programs also received recognition in the spring issue of preLaw magazine.
- Prof. Donna M. Nagy organized a spectacular panel as part of the IU Provost's "Engaged Conversation" series. The event focused on congressional ethics and financial conflicts of interest, and featured the Hon. Lee Hamilton, '56, the Hon. David Hamilton, Dean Parrish, Dean Lee Feinstein (IU School of Global and International Studies), Prof. Arthur Lopez, '83, (Kelley School of Business), and Prof. Nagy.
- The Indiana Law Journal and American Constitution Society hosted a major symposium on "The Future of the U.S. Constitution," with more than 16 of the nation's leading constitutional scholars participating, including Harvard's Mark Tushnet, the University of Texas-Austin's Steve Vladeck, and several Indiana Law faculty members. Prof. Johnsen helped organize the event.

Upcoming alumni events

Fort Wayne -- Friday, May 19. Hoppy Gnome; noon.
Indianapolis -- Thursday, June 1. Young Alumni Reception, Indianapolis Indians game.
Mexico City -- Wednesday, June 21. As part of the annual Law and Society Association conference, the reception will also celebrate the establishment of the IU Mexico Gateway and the university's commitment to international engagement; Sheraton Mexico City Maria Isabel Hotel, Mexico City. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Bloomington -- Saturday, September 16. Save the date for the annual BLSA and Latino alumni and student reception.

Visit the events calendar for details as they become available and to RSVP. Contact lawalum@indiana.edu for further information.