June 2016 Newsletter
Dean Parrish delivers Snyder Lecture at Cambridge
Just days after presiding over commencement, Dean Austen L. Parrish flew to the United Kingdom to deliver the Snyder Lecture at Cambridge University. Parrish presented "US Courts and Transnational Justice: Domestic Politics, Extraterritoriality, and International Law" on May 13. The lecture -- held in memory of Dr. Earl Snyder, a 1947 Indiana University law graduate, and serving as a unique partnership between the University of Cambridge and the IU Maurer School of Law -- described the rise and recent fall of transnational litigation in the U.S. The annual lectures are held alternately in Cambridge and Bloomington and are subsequently published in the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies. Past speakers include Sir Elihu Lauterpacht, Professor Alfred Aman, Professor James Crawford, and Professor Jost Delbrück.
Slaughter appointed to Indiana Supreme Court
On May 9, Indiana Governor Mike Pence announced the appointment of Geoff Slaughter to the Indiana Supreme Court. Slaughter, a 1989 graduate of Indiana Law, was selected from a pool of 29 candidates. "In a 30-year legal career, Geoff has demonstrated a first rate legal intellect (and) unparalleled understanding of constitutional and antitrust law," Pence said. Former Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard wrote Pence a handwritten note in support of Slaughter's appointment. Slaughter has most recently been a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. He is a member of the Law School’s Board of Visitors.

Geyh named a Carnegie Fellow
Prof. Charlie Geyh has been selected for the 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program. Geyh, the John F. Kimberling Professor of Law, was chosen as one of 33 fellows from about 200 nominees in the fields of science, law, technology, business and public policy. An expert on judicial conduct, ethics and the judicial selection process, Geyh will receive a grant from the Carnegie Corp. to research and write a book based on his proposal "Lies, Damn Lies, and Judicial Elections: Transcending the Shrill Public Policy Debate over Judicial Selection in America." The research builds upon his recent book, "Courting Peril: The Political Transformation of the American Judiciary" (Oxford University Press, 2015), which explores how the courts have become increasingly politicized, explains why longstanding efforts to depoliticize the courts have failed, and offers a more promising approach to reform.

Carden, Conway, Curiel, O'Connor inducted into ALAF
Their paths took them all over the world, making an impact as far away as Southeast Asia and as close as Bloomington. But for the four inductees into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows, those paths all began from the same place: the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Dean Austen L. Parrish inducted retired Ambassador David L. Carden, U.S. District Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel and attorneys Catherine A. Conway and Joseph D. O'Connor on April 15, inside the Tudor Room at the Indiana Memorial Union. "It is a privilege to add these four names to our distinguished list of Academy of Law Alumni Fellows," Parrish said. "David, Cathy, Gonzalo and Joe have distinguished themselves in their careers through personal achievement and dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession. It is an honor for the law school to induct them into the academy." Read more about the ALAF ceremony in this fall’s edition of ergo.

Buxbaum part of IU delegation to Italy, Poland
Prof. Hannah Buxbaum joined IU President Michael A. McRobbie, Vice President for International Affairs David Zaret, and School of Global and International Studies Dean Amb. Lee Feinstein on a trip to Italy and Poland, where ties between the university and several institutions were strengthened. Buxbaum and Zaret met with University of Bologna faculty in areas in which IU and Bologna have similar strengths to explore new undergraduate and graduate student exchanges and potential collaborations between the two universities’ scholars and researchers. At the University of Warsaw, Buxbaum and Andrea Adam Moore, academic and gateway directors, respectively, of the new IU Europe Gateway office in Berlin, shared how the new office, which opened last fall, will support activities and initiatives for IU faculty to deepen ties with key institutional partners in Poland and across Europe.

Two students earn CLEO internships
The Court of Appeals of Indiana has selected two Indiana Law students for its 2016 Carr L. Darden Conference for Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) internship program. Hanna
Kim, who just concluded her 1L year, and Boyu Wang, who earned her LLM this May and is now pursuing a JD, will both participate in the ten-week, paid internship program. Kim is interning for the Hon. Robert R. Altice, Jr. while Wang has been paired with Chief Judge Nancy H. Vaidik. Kim and Wang, along with five other students from Indiana law schools, will be immersed in the court’s daily work, guided by some of Indiana’s most accomplished and respected jurists. They will also make site visits across the state, including a stop at the Maurer School of Law in July.

Five instructors honored with teaching awards
Five Indiana University Maurer School of Law faculty members were honored for exceptional instruction during a ceremony April 11 at Baier Hall. Professor Daniel O. Conkle was presented the Leon H. Wallace Teaching Award, the highest honor the school bestows on an instructor, for the second time in an illustrious career at the law school that dates back to 1983. Professor Charles Geyh, associate professor Gina-Gail S. Fletcher and clinical professor Amy G. Applegate were all awarded Trustees’ Teaching Awards, and Tim Morrison was presented with the Adjunct Teaching Award. "We are fortunate to have an exceptionally energized and dedicated faculty who are not only tremendous scholars but also care deeply about their students," said Dean Parrish. "Providing a well-rounded legal education to the nation's future leaders is a critical part of the law school’s mission, and I am grateful that our faculty are committed to ensuring that our students have an exceptional experience."
Hoffmann, students participate in Jagiellonian panel
For William McCarthy and Ashley Eklund, receiving their law degrees at graduation was not the end of this phase of their legal studies. After the ceremony, they climbed on a plane to join the second Bradley-Wolter Colloquium in Comparative Criminal Law and Procedure in Krakow Poland. During three days of intensive meetings, representatives of the three universities -- including Prof. Joe Hoffmann -- discussed similarities and differences in their legal systems with the underlying question being "Why do you do it that way?" Both students said they came away with a greater understanding of international perspective that will help them in their careers moving forward.

Also at the conference, Prof. Hoffmann was one of several panelists who took up the question of "Will big data make judges unnecessary?" Hoffmann was joined by legal experts from IU, Jagiellonian University, and the University of Warsaw. If big data can determine the future risk of releasing a criminal into society, will it replace the judge's decision regarding sentencing? Issues of proportional punishment, consistency, and mercy all play into the answer, the panel concluded.

In brief...
Sidney Eskenazi and his wife, Lois, have donated $15 million to the IU Art Museum, which has been renamed in their honor. The gift will lead to extensive renovations of the museum and also includes the donation of several pieces of art from their personal collection.

Prof. Aviva Orenstein has released a new novel. "Fat Chance" is available for order online. Prof. Orenstein has done several public readings in connection with the book, which was selected by Bloom Magazine as its Book Club selection for June.

Prof. Ken Dau-Schmidt presented "Union Shareholder Proposals" at the Weil, Gotshal & Manges Roundtable on Corporate Law at Yale Law School in March.

Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration Kenneth L. Turchi published "Indiana University Auditorium: 1941-2016," a complete history of the university's renowned performance venue. The book was unveiled during a ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Auditorium.

Student volunteers from Indiana Law and the Kelley School of Business helped local
taxpayers file nearly 970 tax returns this spring as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The students volunteered more than 175 hours in total.

Seven alumni earned "Leadership in Law" awards from The Indiana Lawyer. Congratulations to Arend J. Abel, the Hon. Craig J. Bobay, Matthew D. Bruno, Jay Chaudhary, Alex E. Gude, Sarah C. Jenkins, and Richard J. Thrapp.

Upcoming alumni events
GRAND RAPIDS -- Thursday, June 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Thornburg LLP.
LOS ANGELES -- Thursday, July 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Zuber Lawler & Del Duca LLP.
ST. LOUIS -- Tuesday, July 19, 7 a.m. Marriott St. Louis Grand (NBA Annual Alumni Breakfast)
BLOOMINGTON -- Saturday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. BLSA and Latino Alumni and Student Reception, Prof. Kevin Brown's home.

Visit the events calendar for details as they become available and to RSVP.