



Bulletin

The Newsletter of the Indiana Association for Institutional Research

Volume 19 Issue 1

November 2006

INAIR Bulletin is a publication of the Indiana Association for Institutional Research, a regional affiliate of the Association for Institutional Research. Please submit direct inquiries or comments to members of the Publications Committee or via e-mail to babutcher@usi.edu.

President's Message (Andrea Ingle)

Greetings to everyone! As we are all in the midst of the fall term and the tasks are at hand at each of our individual institutions, just a friendly reminder that INAIR is here to help. If you have any concerns or just want to discuss a topic with colleagues across the state, INAIR offers a forum to discuss these issues and share information related to institutional research (IR). The INAIR listserv is inair@listserv.iupui.edu. Also available for your convenience is the INAIR website www.inair.org, which provides upcoming INAIR and other related local or national conferences, institutional research job postings across the state and historical INAIR events. I find INAIR to be an open, friendly, and informative organization; however, there is always room for improvement. So, please contact me or any other committee member with any ideas or concerns that you may have about the organization.

In addition, the INAIR Executive Committee is working hard to make sure that next year's annual conference (March 8-9, 2007) will be one to remember. You won't want to miss attending next year's conference since it will be located at the talk of the state, newly restored French Lick Resort and Casino. If that's not enough, the organization recently received another BIRC grant, which will help provide additional luxuries and features to the conference. I'm sure Debra Atkinson (our Conference Planning Committee Chair) and Sherry Woosley, (this year's Vice President and Conference Chair) will be letting everyone in on all the exciting details in their articles.

The annual forum is used to share and learn research ideas, research methodologies, and to learn new technologies from other institutional peers. So, it's never too early to start thinking about your proposals/papers that you'll be presenting at the conference. The organization needs your help in making this event a success.

Vice President's Message (Sherry Woosley)

Mark your calendars – INAIR's 21st Annual Conference will be held on March 8-9, 2007 at French Lick Resort and Casino in French Lick, Indiana. The Executive Board has begun planning for the conference and we have a number of things to be excited about this year.

First, we're excited because Randy L. Swing, Ph.D. has agreed to be our keynote speaker. Dr. Swing is the Co-Director and Senior Scholar for the Policy Center on the First Year of College. He is not only a nationally known expert in assessment, but he is also passionate about using assessment as a means to an end (not an end in itself) and improving students' experiences through data-driven decisions. In addition to providing the keynote speech, Dr. Swing has also agreed to conduct a second session about assessment.

Second, an AIR BIRC grant is allowing us to provide new opportunities for INAIR members. As part of the grant, INAIR will be offering three awards for the INAIR 2007 conference: two Pre-Professional/New Professional Awards and one New Presenter Award. Specifically, graduate students and professionals with less than two years IR experience who submit poster presentations may apply for two Pre/New Professional Awards. Similarly, INAIR members who submit a presentation proposal for the 2007 conference and have not previously presented at an INAIR conference may apply for the New Presenter Award. Award winners will have their conference registration fees provided and receive recognition for their good work.

Third, we're looking forward to seeing the newly remodeled resort which has been highlighted in recent news stories about the grand re-opening. The INAIR Conference is always a great time to catch up with colleagues, make new connections, reflect on our work, and develop our skills and thinking. The French Lick Resort and Casino should provide a wonderful environment to do just that.

Looking forward to it!

From the Conference Planning Committee (Debra Atkinson)

The INAIR Executive Committee will be meeting at the French Lick Resort on Friday, December 1st from 10 am to 2 pm. Committee members will soon be receiving via e-mail an agenda and additional details concerning the exact meeting location along with lunch menu items and prices. Be sure to check out this fabulous renovated facility at: www.frenchlickresort.com.

From the Membership Committee (Maggie Dalrymple)

Do some of your colleagues believe in academic truthiness? Do they claim to know something intuitively or instinctively without regard to fact, evidence, or logic – you know, like using rankings to determine which institutions are the best? Then encourage them to join INAIR to help them understand the issues and know the *real* facts of academia. Members may be anyone, including graduate students, interested in institutional research. Membership fees are \$15 annually. For those of you who were unable to attend the annual conference, don't forget to renew your membership through the online membership form at www.inair.org.

Questions regarding membership may be directed to Maggie Dalrymple, Membership Committee Chair, at mld@purdue.edu or 765-494-7108.

From the Publications Committee (Beth Butcher)

Job openings; conferences; IR related news; links to helpful IR information. These are just a few of the many topics that can be found on the INAIR website. Allow me, Publications Chair, to cordially invite you to check out the website at: www.inair.org/.

As always, the committee is working hard to make certain you are well informed about what is going on in IR around the state. Therefore, if you or your colleagues have items to be included in the newsletter or website, please direct them to the Publications Committee Chair, Beth Butcher, at babutcher@usi.edu.

INAIR Spotlight

(The INAIR Spotlight highlights INAIR members' activities).

Honors, Promotions, Retirements, Etc.

Iryna Johnson is an invited manuscript reviewer for *Social Forces*, a top Journal of social research in the U.S. and internationally that highlights sociological inquiry and explores the realms shared with social psychology, anthropology, political science, history, and economics.

Gary Pike has been appointed Executive Director for Information Management & Institutional Research at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

Kevin Snider has been named Interim Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services at Indiana State University. He also continues to fulfill the role of Executive Assistant to the President for Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

Don Sprowl has joined Indiana Wesleyan University in a new IR position, Assistant to the VPAA for Institutional Research. IWU has not had an IR department in the past, as bits and pieces of IR work were done by many offices. Prior to coming to Indiana, Don was a physics professor at Louisiana College.

Michelle White has been hired as an IR Research Assistant at University of Southern Indiana. She received her BA from USI this past spring in Political Science and International Studies and is currently in the USI master of Public Administration program.

Job Openings in Indiana

Indiana University Bloomington is actively seeking to fill the position of Research Assistant / Assistant Research Scientist. Further information about this posting can be found at:

chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000478364-01&pg=s&cc=.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) is looking for a Student Life and Diversity Director of Assessment and Planning. To apply, please visit www.life.iupui.edu/contact/admin.asp for a detailed list of qualifications and responsibilities. Cover letters and resumes should be submitted to www.hra.iupui.edu for consideration.

Indiana University Southeast is currently searching for a Director of Institutional Research and Assessment. For more information, visit the following website: www.ius.edu/HR/prospective/empopp.cfm.

St. Mary's College is presently looking for a Research Analyst. Additional information is located at: chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000481265-01.

University of Notre Dame has an opening for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Community-Based Learning. For more information visit: chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=0000480349-01&pg=n.

**Post IR Jobs Nationally For Free
At AIR's Website:
www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=585**

Presentations

Borden, Vic, and Kahn, Susan. (October, 2006). Accountability for Student Learning. Presented at the 2006 National Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Hansen, Michele & others. (October, 2006). A Comprehensive Assessment Plan for a Large Entering Student Unit. Presented at the 2006 National Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

Lucas, Cheryl. (October, 2006). IPEDS Peer Analysis System for Beginners Workshop. Presented for the Ohio AIR group, Columbus, OH.

Wosley, Cheryl, and Whitaker, Don & another. (October, 2006). Making Achievement Possible: Using Assessment to Impact First-Year Students. Presented at the 2006 National Assessment Institute, Indianapolis IN.

Whitaker, Don. (November, 2006). Making Achievement Possible (MAP): Using Assessment to Intervene with First-Year Students. Presented at the 13th National Conference on Students in Transition, St. Louis, MO.

Publications

Ishitani, T. T. (2006). "Studying attrition and degree completion behavior among first-generation college students in the United States." *Journal of Higher Education*, 77(5).

Johnson, I. L. (2006). "Analysis of stopout behavior at a public research university. The multispell discrete-time approach." *Research in Higher Education*, 47(8).

Johnson, I.L. & another (2006). "Perceptions of personal economic status and attitudes toward economic and political transition in four Slavic countries: A structural equations approach." *Scientific Notes*, 58.

Pike, G.R. (2006). "Students' personality types, intended majors, and college expectations: Further evidence concerning psychological and sociological interpretations of Holland's theory." *Research in Higher Education*, 47(801-822).

Pike, G.R. (2006). "The convergent and discriminant validity of NSSE scalelet scores." *Journal of College Student Development*, 47(550-563).

Pike, G.R. (2006). "Vocational preferences and college expectations: An extension of Holland's principle of self-selection." *Research in Higher Education*, 47(591-612).

Pike, G.R. & another (2006). "Revisiting relationships among structural diversity, informal peer interactions, and perceptions of the campus environment." *Review of Higher Education*, 29(425-450).

Pike, G.R. & others (2006). "Educational expenditures and student engagement: When does money matter?" *Research in Higher Education*, 47.

Conference Calendar

November 16 - 17, 2006 – The Kentucky Association for Institutional Research Annual Forum will be held in Versailles, KY. More information is available at their website: www.kair.org.

November 27, 2006 - The Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers of Admission (MSACROA) 76th Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Atlantic City, NJ. More information is available at their website: www.msacroa.org/meet2006/.

February 5 - 7, 2007 - The Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (SACRAO) Annual Meeting will be held in Little Rock, AR. More information is available at their website: www.sacrao.org/.

February 8-9, 2007 – The Florida Association for Institutional Research (FAIR) Annual Conference will be held in Cocoa Beach, FL. More information is available at their website: florida-air.org.

February 27 – March 2, 2007 - The Texas Association For Institutional Research (TAIR) will have their annual conference on South Padre Island, TX. More information can be found at their website: texas-air.org/Tair/Conference/Tair2007/conftheme.htm.

March 5 - 7, 2007 – The North Carolina Association for Institutional Research (NCAIR) will hold their annual conference in Wilmington, NC. For more information, contact Michael Hadley at mhadley@methodist.edu.

March 8-9, 2007
INAIR Annual Conference
At the Newly Renovated
French Lick Resort & Casino
In French Lick, IN