

Beyond the Valley

December 2015

Perennial media favorites Mark Hamm, professor of criminology, and Jean Kristeller, professor emerita of psychology, were in the news during December for their research on terrorism and mindful eating, respectively. Up-and-comer Matt Bergbower, assistant professor of political science, made television news in Indianapolis for comments on Vigo County's status as a bellwether county in presidential elections, and State's unmanned systems program made news twice during the month.

The Office of Communications and Marketing presents this chronological summary of significant news coverage of the university outside the Terre Haute media market, AKA, Beyond the (Wabash) Valley.

Dec. 2 – Infection Control Today magazine – Student-athletes research strep bacteria resistance to antibiotics – ISU news release about research by student-athletes Conrad Nicholls and Andrew Kump through the university's Summer Undergraduate Research Experience program on the bacterium that causes strep throat.

Dec. 2 – The Indianapolis Star – Facing fraud claims, College Network reorganizes – Article about The College Network terminating employees last week and announcing the firm was going "dormant." The article mentioned that attorneys general in Indiana and New York as well as Indiana State University sued the company, which sold online materials to prepare for college equivalency exams.

Dec. 3, 15 – USA Today, Washington Post, Inside Korea – Clinton takes on issue of terror suspects legally buying U.S. guns – Reports cited a 2014 ISU study that found guns have surpassed bombs as the weapons of choice for U.S. terror attacks in the years since the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Dec. 3-4, 7 – Inside Indiana Business, Dayton Daily News, Dayton Business Journal, Bluffton News Banner, WDTN/Dayton, Hoosier Ag Today – Ohio college, Indiana State University to partner on drone studies – Reports about Indiana State and Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio agreeing to cooperate on unmanned aerial vehicle studies.

Dec. 5 – BBC News – Becoming radicalized – and keeping a secret – An article about violent extremists and what draws individuals to join extremist groups quoted criminology Professor Mark Hamm.

Dec. 9, 14 – **WRTV/Indianapolis, WBAA/West Lafayette, Network Indiana – Who will be the next president? Ask Vigo County** – Reports about Vigo County’s status as a bellwether in presidential elections includes comments from Matt Bergbower, assistant professor of political science at Indiana State.

Dec. 9 – **WISH-TV/Indianapolis – Basketball legend Johnny Wilson honored with statue** – Report about the installation of a Wilson statue at Anderson High School. He played college ball at Anderson University and went on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters for five years and later earned a master’s degree in education at Indiana State.

Dec. 10 – **Indiana Daily Student – Panelists call people to action for prison reform** – Mark Hamm, professor of criminology at Indiana State, who has studied the radicalization of religion and inmates in prison.

Dec. 15 – **Kokomo Tribune – Drone owners must register aircraft** – Repost of Tribune-Star article quoting Dick Baker, director of Indiana State’s Center for Unmanned Systems.

Dec. 16 – **Inside Unmanned Systems – Precision Hawk forms partnership with Indiana State University** – News release about the new partnership with the North Carolina-based company that counts many ISU aviation and unmanned systems alumni on its staff.

Dec. 17 – **Chalkbeat Indiana – Discouraged teaching preschool, a young boy’s email inspired her to keep going** – Feature about Indiana State University graduate Megan Bouckley, who teaches fourth grade at Riverside School in Indianapolis.

Dec. 17 – **Springfield (Mass.) Republican – Springfield native Bilqis Abdul-Qadir featured on ESPN's Outside the Lines** – Report about the former Indiana State University women’s basketball player’s experience as a Muslim woman in competitive sports.

Dec. 28 – **Phys.Org – Long-time white-tailed deer study a training ground for young researchers** – ISU news release about student research led by Rusty Gonser professor of biology.

Dec. 28-30 – **Rushville Republican, Zionsville Times-Sentinel, Batesville Herald-Tribune – Minding what you eat: ISU professor’s new book tells how** – Reposts of Tribune-Star columnist Mark Bennett’s article about the latest book by mindful eating expert Jean Kristeller, professor emerita of psychology at Indiana State.

Alumni updates

Heather Blasingame, '99, BS, criminology – Promoted to correctional and team manager at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility.

Alan Clayton, '86, BS, business administration/marketing – Named director of first party operations, Frost-Arnett Co., a Nashville, Tenn.-based collection agency

Brett Fisher, '05, BS, marketing – Named director of retail sales and vice president, First Merchants Bank, Muncie

Chuck Johnson, '84, BS, economics – Named president, Vincennes University

Brad Miley, '82, BS, physical education – Named to Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame