DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL + BRAIN SCIENCES

ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

Alumni Recognition & Homecoming 2017

Friday | Nov. 3 | 7–9 p.m.
A former undergraduate of the IU Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Kylie Peppler is currently an associate professor of learning sciences in the School of Education at Indiana University, Bloomington. Peppler earned her doctorate in educational psychology and learning sciences at UCLA in 2007. Her research focuses on the intersection of arts, computational technologies and interest-driven learning. In addition to serving as the director of the Creativity Labs at Indiana University, Peppler is the lead of the MacArthur Foundation’s Make-to-Learn Initiative, an advisor to the Connected Learning Research Network, and a member of the 2016 and 2017 National Educational Technology Plan Committees, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

Peppler is the recipient of several recent awards, a 2016 Mira Tech Educator of the Year, an NSF Early CAREER recipient, as well several other grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, Google, the Spencer Foundation, the Moore Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation, among others. Through this support, she has authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, including more than 11 book publications, as both author and editor. The most recent volumes include the Makeology series of investigations into learning through making, as well as the Sage Encyclopedia of Out-of-School Learning. Her current scholarly interests include theorizing how changing the tools and materials in today’s learning environments can help broaden participation in STEM, particularly among women and minority populations, as well as improve overall learning outcomes.
The James V. Bradley Professor in Cognitive Psychology at Purdue University, Jeff Karpicke received his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and B.A. in psychological and brain sciences at Indiana University.

Karpicke’s research and teaching revolve around human learning and memory, particularly the importance of retrieval processes for learning. His research has shown that when students retrieve knowledge, it is more than just an assessment of what they have learned; the process of retrieving knowledge itself enhances learning.

Among his many honors and awards are: the 2017 Early Investigator Award from the Society of Experimental Psychologists, the 2017 Claude Bernard Distinguished Lectureship Award from the American Physiological Society, the 2015 Janet Taylor Spence Award for Transformative Early Career Contributions from the Association for Psychological Science, the 2013 Outstanding Young Investigator Award from the Psychonomics Society, the 2012 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), and the 2011 APS “Rising Star” designation. As an undergraduate in PBS, he received the 2002 J. R. Kantor Award for Research in Psychology.
Dave Naus began operating Denver-based Equity West Investment Partners, LLC in 2003 as a real estate opportunity investment entity. The firm was formed to capitalize on attractive, well-located, inefficiently priced real estate in the southwestern United States. Since its inception, the firm, together with its capital partners, has invested over $400 million and acquired office properties in Denver exceeding three million square feet, making it one of the largest owners in the Rocky Mountain region.

Naus is a member of the University of Colorado Real Estate Council, the Urban Land Institute, NAIOP and formerly the Real Estate Investment Advisory Council, the Denver Chamber of Commerce President’s Club, Transportation Steering Committee and Leadership Denver. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Rescue Mission and the Denver Sports Commission and currently serves on the Board at Garb, Inc., a Denver based top-line national producer of cutting edge youth sportswear.

He received a master’s degree in business administration from Harvard Business School and a bachelor’s degree in psychology and economics from Indiana University.
Karen K. De Valois grew up in southern Georgia. After graduating from high school, she attended Mercer University, from which she received an AB (magna cum laude), with majors in psychology and German. Her graduate training was at Indiana University, Bloomington, from which she received a Ph.D. in physiological psychology in 1973. Her research has been on the visual system, with particular emphasis on color vision, spatial vision, and the intersection of the two, though she has worked on other problems in vision, as well.

Karen De Valois was married to Russell L. De Valois, formerly a professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Indiana University. When he left IU to take up a professorship at the University of California, Berkeley, she worked for a few years as a researcher in her husband’s laboratory. In 1981, she was named Associate Professor of Psychology, Physiological Optics (later renamed Vision Science), and Optometry at Berkeley, and given a separate laboratory.

De Valois was active in campus and public service, as well as research and teaching. This included five years as the first woman chair of the UC Berkeley psychology department. Her honors include a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Fellowship in the Society of Experimental Psychologists, Fellowship in the Association for Psychological Science, and the Berkeley Citation, awarded to individuals for excellence in their fields and their contributions to UC Berkeley.
Ed Wasserman received his B.A. in psychology from UCLA and his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Sussex, England; a National Academy of Sciences Exchangee at the Institute of Higher Nervous Activity and Neurophysiology, Moscow, Russia; a Visiting Scientist at the Center for Research in Cognitive Neuroscience, Marseille, France; and a Visiting Professor of Psychology at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. His first and only academic position has been at The University of Iowa, where he is Stuit Professor of Experimental Psychology.

He has served as President of the Comparative Cognition Society as well as President of Divisions 3 (Experimental Psychology) and 6 (Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology) of the American Psychological Association and will soon serve as President of Division 25 (Behavior Analysis) of the APA. Among his awards and honors, he was the 2011 recipient of the D. O. Hebb Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from Division 6 of the APA, the 2015 Career Research Award from the Comparative Cognition Society, and the 2016 Med Associates Distinguished Contributions to Basic Behavioral Research Award, 2016 from Division 25 of the APA. He is also a member of the Society of Experimental Psychologists. Wasserman has edited four volumes, most recently the Oxford handbook of comparative cognition and How animals see the world. He has published extensively in the areas of comparative cognition and perception.