Carol Ann Brush Hofstadter Memorial Scholarship for IU's Bologna-bound Students

The family and friends of IU Bloomington alumna Carol Ann Brush Hofstadter have established a scholarship in her memory to assist an outstanding IU student of Italian participating in the overseas study program in Bologna. Carol’s deep love for Italian culture and the Italian language—shared by her husband Douglas Hofstadter, Professor of Cognitive Science and Computer Science—was evident throughout her lifetime, and she felt a particular bond with IU’s Italian department and the Bologna study abroad program.

As an undergraduate at IU Bloomington, Carol pursued a double major in Italian and art history, with her participation in IU’s 1977 summer Bologna exchange program being a high point of her studies. Upon graduation, she was awarded IUB’s departmental prize for the best student of Italian. In 1983, Carol completed her master’s degree in Library Science at IU Bloomington and married Douglas Hofstadter in 1985. The study of Italian language and culture remained a central part of Carol’s life until her untimely death in December, 1993, while Hofstadter was on sabbatical leave at the IRST in Trento, Italy.

The Carol Ann Brush Hofstadter Memorial Scholarship is an annual award of approximately $800 to assist an IU undergraduate selected to spend a full academic year at the University of Bologna on IU’s Bologna Cooperative Studies Program. The first recipient of the scholarship is Alexander Galt, an IUB Art History major, who was presented with the 1995-96 scholarship at the Department of French & Italian’s annual award ceremony on April 18.

IN MEMORIAM

Theodore Bowie: 1905-1995

IU Professor Emeritus of Art History Theodore R. Bowie died on March 5. Bowie, who received his doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley, pursued an academic career in French and the Romance languages from 1927 to 1950. He served as chair of the Romance languages departments of Skidmore College (1939-1943) and Hamilton College (1945-1950). After postdoctoral work at Harvard, Bowie’s interests turned increasingly to art history and the study of Asian art, and in 1950, he joined IU’s fine arts faculty.

Bowie played an important role in the early development of IU’s art history program and the IU Art Museum, building the museum and library collections, and serving as fine arts chair from 1970-1973. Indiana University awarded Bowie an honorary degree by 1984 in recognition of his contributions.

Bowie published extensively within the field of art history, and traveled widely in Asia to prepare major exhibits of Indian art and sculpture, Islamic art, Chinese painting, and Japanese prints and surimono. Bowie was decorated by the government of Thailand for curating the first major exhibit of Thai art in the Western hemisphere, which toured major U.S., European, and Asian museums after its 1960 Bloomington opening.

Susan Baker: 1959-1995

Susan A. Baker, writer-editor at IU Office of Publications, died March 7. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Williams College in 1981, Baker joined the Peace Corps and spent four years in Fiji. After a two-year term teaching high school mathematics, she worked an additional two years on curriculum development—designing textbooks and compiling the first published dictionary of Fiji’s Hindi dialect. While working in Fiji, she met her husband, IUB SPEA Professor Randall Baker, who was serving as the European Community’s representative to the government of Fiji. The couple married in 1990.

Throughout her career, Baker had a particular interest in the concerns of international students. In 1988, she earned a master’s degree in applied linguistics from IU and certification as a teacher of English as a second language. Baker’s publication, Strategies for Succeeding at a U.S. University: A Handbook for Incoming Foreign Students, was released in 1988, and she joined IU’s Office of Publications later that year. Her 1994 publication, The International Student Survival Guide: How to be a Successful Student at an American University—commissioned by MCI Telecommunications Corp.—has been widely distributed to international students throughout the country.