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Jack Kapluck used to be an attorney, but he got better. Jack earned his MA in English right here at IUSB, and continues to take non-degree graduate classes while he waits to hear back from Ph.D. programs. Jack's research interests include Shakespeare and Anglo-Saxon poetry, and for the last two years he has had the privilege of teaching W130 as an adjunct. He is the proud parent of chihuahuas Daisy and Larry.



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Brandon Rickey began his Master of Public Affairs degree with a concentration in Nonprofit Management at IUSB in the spring of 2016. He transferred into the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management at IUPUI in the Summer of 2016 and was officially accepted into the MPA program with a Concentration in Nonprofit Management at IUPUI in the Spring of 2017. He expects to graduate this May of 2018.



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Syeda Anila Rizvi is an M.A. English candidate at IUSB. Born, brought up, and educated in Lahore, she was the only child in a family of scientists who showed an interest in fiction, art, and literature. Studying in the U.S. has been an enriching experience for her and has helped her develop new insights into expressing her ideas and thoughts.



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Jason is a graduate student that plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in history. His research focus is on the Progressive Era and the 1920s, with a particular emphasis on flappers and consumption. Other historical interests include transnational and comparative analysis, especially how similar ideas transform over time in different locales. In his free time, he enjoys music and is fond of visiting blues and jazz clubs in Chicago.





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Adam is pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling. He is interested in exploring the forces of individuality and unity in marriage, the impact of technology on communication in relationships, and the saint-like patience of his wife whom he pesters constantly with related topics. His one-year-old daughter, Olivia, is a wonder and has been known to out-eat him on occasion.



Stephanie Smith
Contributor

Stephanie is a recent graduate of IUSB's family nurse practitioner program. She has worked as a registered nurse for the past six years and has now furthered her education with an M.S.N. She has a passion for preventative and holistic care which she implements daily to better her patients' lives. In addition to her work, she is a dedicated mother and wife who enjoys spending her free time with her family.



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Micah Spiece earned his B.A. in 2014 from West Virginia Wesleyan College. A glutton for the humanities, he studied literature and rhetoric with minors in gender studies, comparative religion, and theatre arts. He is now pursuing his M.A. in literature at IUSB. In his limited free time, Micah enjoys gardening, kayaking, and binge-watching too many shows.



Alyssa Trelstad
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Alyssa Trelstad received her B.S. in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota. Her interest in physical activity and the human body stems from her own passion for athletics. When an injury ended her rowing career, she found a love for coaching and working with youth. At IUSB, Alyssa is finishing the school and mental health counseling programs and hopes to combine her interests someday to pursue a Ph.D.



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Nick Wort is currently enrolled in the English M.A. program. He received his B.A. in English from IUSB in 2015, with a creative writing minor. He also works in the CLAS Dean's office at IUSB. He is very active in the local art community and was the recipient of the 2017 Lester Wolfson Poetry Prize. When not studying, working, or writing, he enjoys playing music, raising cats, and riding bikes.

