Indiana University Bloomington has selected six faculty members to serve as 2019-20 fellows for the Academic Leadership Program (ALP), which helps develop leadership skills of professors who may pursue careers in academic administration.

The program is sponsored by the Big 10 Academic Alliance (formerly the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, or CIC), made up of the 14 universities in the Big Ten conference and the University of Chicago. All participants selected from the member universities will participate in three seminars hosted by Big 10 Academic Alliance universities and will take part in campus-based meetings and programs with administrative leaders.

“At IU Bloomington we know that we must invest in faculty in order to remain viable and competitive,” said Eliza Pavalko, vice provost for faculty and academic affairs. “The Academic Leadership Program leverages the resources and expertise of Big 10 Academic Alliance member institutions to develop the leadership necessary to maintain a community of excellent scholars and teachers.”

IU Bloomington Academic Leadership Program fellows for 2019-20 are:

- **Amrita Chakrabarti Myers**, Ruth N. Halls Associate Professor of History and Gender Studies
- **Katherine Connelly**, associate dean for research and professor in the School of Informatics, Computing and Engineering
- **Beth Gazley**, associate vice provost in the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, and professor in the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- **Brad Heim**, executive associate dean and professor of the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- **Patricia Ingham**, Martha Biggerstaff Jones Professor of British Literature, chair of the Department of English, core faculty in the Medieval Studies Institute, as well as affiliate faculty in both Religion and Gender Studies
- **Pete Kollbaum**, associate dean for research in the School of Optometry
Amrita Chakrabarti Myers

Amrita Chakrabarti Myers is the Ruth N. Halls Associate Professor, Departments of History and Gender Studies. She is affiliate faculty with the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies and also the Department of American Studies. She is a historian of the black female experience in the United States, and her research focuses on issues of race, gender, freedom, and power and the ways in which these constructs intersect with one another in the lives of Black Women in the Old South. Myers has been fortunate to receive several awards for her research and scholarship, including a 2017 fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies and the 2012 Julia Cherry Spruill Book Prize from the Southern Association of Women Historians. On the Core Council of the Bloomington chapter of Black Lives Matter, Myers spends much of her time doing social justice work focused around issues of race. Her activism was recognized by Indiana University with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Building Bridges Award in 2017. She also recently finished a four-year term as the national treasurer for the Association of Black Women Historians. She received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University-New Brunswick and a B.A. and a Master’s in History from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

Katherine Connelly

Katherine Connelly is a professor and associate dean for research in the School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering. Her research interests are in the intersection of mobile and pervasive computing and healthcare. In particular, she is interested in issues that influence user acceptance of health technologies, such as privacy, integration into one's lifestyle, convenience, and utility. She works with a variety of patient groups, including very sick populations who need help in managing their disease, healthy populations interested in preventative care, and senior citizens looking to remain in their homes for as long as possible. She received a B.S. in computer science and mathematics from Indiana University (1995), and an M.S. (1999) and Ph.D. (2003) in computer science from the University of Illinois.

Beth Gazley

Beth Gazley is an associate vice provost in the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs. She is also a professor in the O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Health. She is co-principal investigator on Prepared for Environmental Change, an IU Grand Challenge research program. Her research generally addresses nonprofit policy, management, and governance. Her current focus is on civil society and philanthropic behaviors related to climate change adaptation, and on applications of coproduction to the voluntary sector. In 2018 she was presented with the IU W. George Pinnell Award for Service. A second-career academic, she received her Ph.D. (2004) and M.P.A. (2001) both from the University of Georgia.
Bradley T. Heim

Bradley T. Heim is the executive associate dean and professor at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. His expertise is in the behavioral impacts of tax policy, particularly how the income tax system affects the behavior of individuals, households, and businesses. He has studied how the income tax impacts income and earnings, labor supply, consumption, self-employment and occupational choice, health insurance purchases, charitable giving, and savings as well as the effects of tax audits among individuals and corporations. Other research has examined how recent changes in health insurance laws impact labor market outcomes, the causes of recent increases in income inequality, and the impacts of audits on tax compliance. He received a Ph.D. (2002) in economics from Northwestern University.

Patricia Ingham

Patricia Clare Ingham, Martha Biggerstaff Jones Professor of British Literature, is chair of the Department of English, core faculty in the Medieval Studies Institute, as well as affiliate faculty in both Religion and Gender Studies. Her scholarly work assesses the reach and limits of the imagination, both during the Middle Ages and in the ways we have come to think about the medieval period as a whole. Her persistent focus has been on the relation of the imagination to literary, philosophical, and historical trends. This explicitly interdisciplinary approach results, in part, from her unusual interdisciplinary training in history, theology, and English. But it also stems from a concern with scholarly method, and an according interest in the limitations of most accounts of historical periodization. She received her Ph.D. (1995) and an M.A. (1992) from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Pete Kollbaum

Pete Kollbaum is an associate professor and associate dean for research at the School of Optometry, and director of the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research. After receiving his Doctorate of Optometry degree, he worked in private multidisciplinary practice prior to returning to IU where he received a Master’s degree in clinical research and a Ph.D. in vision science (2007). He teaches in the areas of contact lenses and optics. He serves as President of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Optometry Foundation, and he has previously served the AAO in several other capacities over the last decade. His areas of research interest encompass contact lens optics, contact lens fitting and design, myopia, presbyopia, eye fatigue, keratoconus, surgical optics, and predictive modeling. He has been fortunate to receive funding through the NEI and industry partners to support his research initiatives.

About the Academic Leadership Program

Established in 1989, the Academic Leadership Program has developed leadership and managerial skills of nearly 1,000 fellows, many of whom have gone on to serve with distinction as college presidents, provosts and deans. The program is oriented to address the challenges of academic administration at major research universities and to help faculty members prepare to meet them.