Indiana University Bloomington has selected five department chairs to serve as 2020-21 program participants for the Departmental Executive Officer Program (DEO), a leadership program offered through the Big 10 Academic Alliance. Each year approximately 65 department heads and chairs from Big Ten Academic Alliance universities come together for a unique leadership development seminar. Topics at this three-day event range from conflict resolution and time management to faculty development, performance reviews, and group problem solving.

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.

IU Bloomington Departmental Executive Officer (DEO) Program Recipients for 2020-21 are:

- Linda Pisano, professor and chair in the Department Theater, Drama, and Contemporary Dance
- Constance Furey, professor and chairperson in the Department of Religious Studies
- Lauren MacLean, Arthur F. Bentley Chair and Professor in the Department of Political Science
- Jacqueline MacDonald Gibson, professor and chairperson in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health
- Eric Walsh-Buhi, professor and chairperson in the Department of Applied Health Science
Linda Pisano
Linda Pisano is an award-winning costume designer for theatre, opera and ballet with over one-hundred professional design credits. A member of United Scenic Artists Local 829, her work is featured on stages and in exhibitions throughout the United States and internationally in Russia, China, UK, Canada, Taiwan and Prague. She is also on faculty at Indiana University where she heads the MFA program in Costume Design and directs the department’s study abroad course in London. Linda currently serves as Chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance and has also served two terms on the Board of Directors for The United States Institute for Theatre Technology. She received her M.F.A. in Costume Design & Technology from The Ohio State University, an M.A. in Theatre with an emphasis in Theory and Criticism, and a B.F.A. in Acting and Directing from Utah State University.

Constance Furey
Constance M. Furey (Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2000) is Professor and Chair in the Department of Religious Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. A scholar of the European Renaissance and Reformation, with a focus on humanism, theology, and changing forms of relationality, she is the author of two monographs, most recently Poetic Relations: Faith and Intimacy in the English Reformation. She has authored numerous articles in traditional journals and online forums, on topics ranging from friendship and marriage to insult and error. Her current project is a co-authored book about devotion in religion and literature. Together with colleagues at IUB, she developed the Initiative for the Humanistic Study of Innovation, and is co-PI of a $1M, five-year Luce Foundation project, “Being Human” and co-founder of IUB’s new Center for Religion and the Human. Furey is also the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the James P. Holland Award for extraordinary service to students.

Lauren MacLean
Lauren M. MacLean (Ph.D. University of California-Berkeley, 2002) is the Arthur F. Bentley Chair and Professor in the Department of Political Science. She is an affiliate faculty member of Indiana University’s Ostrom Workshop, the African Studies Program, the Committee on Native American and Indigenous Studies, and the Center on Philanthropy. Her research interests are comparative political economy and public policy, with a focus on the politics of state formation, public service provision, and citizenship in Africa and the U.S. She is also known nationally and internationally for her work on the topic of field research methodology. She is the recipient of the 2016 David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award and the 2017 Carnegie Fellows award. Her research has been supported by grants, including from the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education.
Jacqueline MacDonald Gibson

Jacqueline MacDonald Gibson received a dual Ph.D. in Engineering and Public Policy and Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. She is professor and chairperson in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health. Her research addresses topics at the interfaces among public health, environmental science, and public policy. Her work focuses on the mathematical quantification of public health effects of environmental contamination and land-use decisions, in order to inform environmental and land-use policymaking. She also studies options for promoting the consideration of public health effects in environmental management, land use, and transportation decisions. She specializes in constructing probabilistic models that represent the linkages among environmental quality, land use, and public health.

Eric Walsh-Buhi

Eric Walsh-Buhi is professor and department chair in Applied Health Science, and Affiliated Faculty at the IU Kinsey Institute. He is also Adjunct Professor at the San Diego State University (SDSU) School of Public Health and Core Investigator at the SDSU Institute for Behavioral and Community Health. His research focuses on 1) understanding and promoting sexual health among young people (including HIV/STD/teen pregnancy prevention), and 2) examining the influence of and employing innovative technologies for health promotion and behavior change (called Digital Health). His research is/has been funded by federal, foundation, and organizational sources, including the CDC, the American STD Association, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, the U.S. Office of Adolescent Health, and the U.S. Family and Youth Services Bureau. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Health Behavior and has received the Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research from the Guttmacher Institute. He is currently serving as Associate Editor for the American Journal of Public Health. Before coming to IU, he spent five years on the faculty at SDSU and eight years at the University of South Florida College of Public Health, where he was awarded more than $6 million in grants. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.