



For Faculty and Staff

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Crisler's Term as Indiana Poet Laureate Extended

Despite being Indiana's poet laureate and a prolific writer, Curtis Crisler has been so busy this past year that he has lacked time to put pen to paper. An author of 13 books—with plans for at least five more—the Purdue University Fort Wayne professor in the Department of English was doing such a good job traveling and conducting readings across the state that the Indiana Arts Commission has extended his tenure for this prestigious honor.

Crisler has been named **Indiana Poet Laureate** for a second term, a full year before his first stint is scheduled to end. That suits Crisler just fine. He realized a while back he's not fulfilled all of his goals and needs another two-year term, which will end at the start of 2028. There are still people to meet, places to see, schoolchildren to speak to, libraries to visit, and unique opportunities to share poetry.

"I find myself in a place where I seem to be focusing on the survival of the art form by adhering to the call of poet laureate," Crisler said. "That includes providing ways for future poets to prosper, as well as establishing collaboration in Indiana venues that benefit our humanity and art."

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Building Services Shifts Sole Cleaning Focus to Core Common Areas

Budget considerations have led to a reduction in the number of outside cleaning vendors on campus. Until further notice, members of building services will be limited to cleaning core common areas such as corridors and restrooms, as well as public spaces such as shared conference rooms. Building services will not be cleaning private or department offices.

The university regrets any inconvenience this may cause, but it is needed to provide essential cleaning coverage for the entire campus.

Questions or concerns may be directed to Greg Justice, associate vice chancellor of Facilities Management, at justiceg@pfw.edu or 260-481-6787.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Andrew Hopkins, coordinator of student life | Student Life
- Brenda Perez, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- McKenzie Clem, DAC manager | Disability Access Center
- Adrianna Small, administrative clerk | Registrar

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



PFW's Student Activities Board celebrated National Popcorn Day with free popcorn on Jan. 20 at Walb Student Union.

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