

University Notes

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New gallery director is a familiar face

Erika Myers-Bromwell was welcomed as the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art's new director this month.

Myers-Bromwell worked as the assistant director of the gallery for almost six years. She received her undergraduate degree at St. Mary's College of Maryland and her graduate degree from USI. While in college, she worked at the Frederick Boyden Gallery.

In her role as director, she will schedule exhibits, curate shows, and plans to implement collaborative programming with non-profit entities in New Harmony and USI's Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries.

She replaces **April Vasher-Dean**, who accepted the position of director at the Roland Gibson Gallery at the State University of New York, Potsdam.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is sponsored by USI.

New Student Convocation: A formal welcome to USI

Jean Blanton '01 will welcome new students to the University as the keynote speaker for the 2008 New Student Convocation on Friday, August 29. Held during Welcome Week (August 28-September 3) the Convocation is the official induction of new students into the USI community.

The event is held the Friday morning before fall classes begin and features a variety of inspiring speeches from faculty, staff, and students. Each year, the keynote address is given by a distinguished alumnus or alumna.

Blanton is an associate with Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP. She graduated *cum laude* from USI and earned her law degree with Dean's honors from the University of Cincinnati in 2004.

She was the recipient of numerous scholarships throughout her undergraduate and law school matriculation, including the Rotary, Edith V. Boots, Conover, Tri Kappa, College of Law, and Gorman scholarships, and received the Ernest Karam Book Award for Advocacy from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Blanton is involved with USI and the local legal community. She serves as the president of the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Council and is a board member of the USI Foundation. She has served on the Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors and as the chair of the Young Lawyers Section. She volunteers her legal services for the Volunteer Lawyer Program.

The New Student Convocation begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Physical Activities Center. All new students are expected to attend, and will receive a gold-plated bookmark featuring the USI seal.

Faculty Resource Fair debuts at fall meeting

The fall 2008 faculty and administrative staff meeting on Monday, August 25, will include a new event - a Faculty Resource Fair during which faculty and staff can gather information about

the many services offered on campus. Thirty offices have been invited to participate.

Dr. Karyn Sproles, director of Faculty Development, developed the Faculty Resource Fair in cooperation with Academic Affairs and Institutional Research. The event was inspired by the success of the Research Resource Fair held during the reception for Scholarly, Creative, and Professional Achievement in April.

When she talked to faculty and offices about participating in the fair she was overwhelmed by the response. "It isn't just new faculty who needs this, it's everybody," she said.

"I'm hoping it will be a great day in terms of communicating information to faculty in a way they can remember instead of feeling overwhelmed."

The Faculty Resource Fair will be held before and after the Faculty and Administrative Staff meeting.

Here is the schedule:

- 8 to 8:45 a.m. - Coffee and rolls and Faculty Resource Fair, University Center second floor.
- 8:50 to 9 a.m. - President H. Ray Hoops, welcome.
- 9 to 9:45 a.m. - Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, introductions and announcements.
- 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. - University updates.
- 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. - Dr. Mark Krahling, director, University Core Curriculum, and Lesa Cagle, chair, Faculty Senate.
- 10:45 to 10:50 a.m. - Closing remarks.
- 10:50 to 11:30 a.m. - Faculty Resource Fair, University Center Conference Rooms 201-204.
- 11:30 to 1 p.m. - Luncheon, The Loft and The Eagles Nest.

New faculty and administrators should sit in the special section reserved for them in the front middle section of Carter Hall to be introduced during the meeting. If professional responsibilities require you to miss the meeting, your absence must be approved by the dean of your college.

For more information about the meeting, contact **Sheree Seib**, administrative associate in Academic Affairs, at 812/461-5419. If you have a question about the Faculty Resource Fair, contact Sproles at 812/461-5476.

New editor, features in The Shield this semester

Jon Webb will take over as editor in chief of *The Shield*, USI's student newspaper, in fall 2008. A senior English major with a minor in journalism, Webb served as entertainment editor and wrote a satirical column for the newspaper last year.

Webb is a graduate of Orleans High School, where he served as opinion editor for the student newspaper. He is the son of Diana Lamb of Orleans and Brad Webb of Bedford.

In July he attended the Management Seminar for College Newspaper Editors at the University of Georgia in Athens. Student editors from across the country attended the week-long conference and visited the offices of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

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Welcome

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Free food, games at Welcome Fun Fest

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Join USI's Race for the Cure team

A USI team will participate in Evansville's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 21. You can pick up a registration form at the Recreation and Fitness Center information desk or sign up online at www.komenevansville.org. Pre-registration is \$20. The deadline to sign up is Monday, September 8. Registration forms and fees must be dropped off at the RFC by 2:30 p.m. that day. Online sign-up will continue until midnight. USI Team members will receive an official Komen Race for the Cure T-shirt and a USI Team T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness at 812/464-1807.

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