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World-renowned investigator of psychic claims James Randi to appear at USI

James Randi, investigator of psychic and paranormal claims, will discuss the reliability of psychics, astrologers, and alternative healing practices at a public lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, in Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center, University of Southern Indiana. His appearance is sponsored by the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology. Randi will autograph books immediately following the lecture.

James Randi has an international reputation as a magician and escape artist, but today he is best known as the world's most tireless investigator and demystifier of paranormal and pseudoscientific claims.

For thirty years, Randi has been investigating psychic and paranormal claims throughout the world. His investigations have been featured on *NOVA* and other television network specials. Randi has pursued "psychic" spoonbenders and exposed the tricks of faith healers.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including a Fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 1986.

Randi is the author of numerous books, including *The Truth About Uri Geller*, *The Faith Healers*, *Flim-Flam!*, and *An Encyclopedia of Claims, Frauds, and Hoaxes of the Occult and Supernatural*.

Two years ago, he founded the James Randi Educational Foundation (JREF) to challenge young people to think critically. JREF maintains a library of critical thinking and paranormal works in print and video; awards grants for basic paranormal research; and awards teachers and students who demonstrate an exceptional adherence to critical thinking.

In an effort to expand Randi's investigations, and with the hope of discovering verifiable paranormal power or occurrences, JREF created the "Million Dollar Paranormal Challenge" which offers one million dollars in negotiable bonds to actually prove a paranormal claim.

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