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## **CHICAGO EDUCATOR, AUTHOR TO BE CONFERENCE SPEAKER**

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Dr. Philip W. Jackson, University of Chicago educator and author, will be the keynote speaker for the opening dinner meeting on Thursday, March 17, at the 17th annual Society of Educators and Scholars Conference at the University of Southern Indiana.

The dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the University Center Dining Room. The program will include presentation to Dr. Jackson of membership in Kappa Delta Pi's prestigious Laureate Chapter by Dr. Michael P. Wolfe, KDP executive director.

The Laureate Chapter was organized in 1925 "to promote excellence in and recognize outstanding contributions to education." Among members have been Ralph J. Bunche, George Washington Carver, Albert Einstein, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Walter Lippman, Margaret Mead, and Anna Eleanor Roosevelt; current members include James W. Fulbright, Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., and Herman B Wells. Chapter membership is limited to 60 living persons, with vacancies filled biennially; eight vacancies are being filled this month.

The SESC was developed by leaders in education, administration, community affairs, business, and the social sciences who believe that in a rapidly changing world, all knowledge is integrated and opportunities must be provided to exchange ideas and information from all fields. Friday's agenda will include paper presentations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Conference Center. The conference will close with a reception at 5 p.m. Friday at the Executive Inn in Evansville.

Educators from across the country will present papers. Local participants will include Margaret L. Benson, USI assistant professor of education; Robert Boostrom, USI assistant professor of education; James Brinkmeyer, Evansville Reitz High School; David Butler, Mt. Vernon High School; Josephine Glaser, Evansville Central High School; Jane E. Meyer, USI assistant professor of education; Randy Mills, Oakland City College; Izumi Mochizuki, USI lecturer in Japanese; Sharadamani Natraj, Henderson, Kentucky; George J. Petersen, University of Evansville; Daniel C. Scavone, USI professor of history; and Ruth S. Tompkins, USI associate professor of education.

Dr. Jackson is Shillinglaw Distinguished Service Professor of Education and Psychology at Chicago. He is author of *Life in Classrooms* and co-author -- with Dr. Boostrom of USI and Dr. David Hansen of the University of Illinois-Chicago -- of *The Moral Life of Schools*. The latter book attempts to delineate the ways teachers and the schools exert moral influences, good and bad, on children at each grade level, some overt, some so subtle as to be overlooked by all participants. The book was part of a Jossey-Bass publishing series for educators.

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