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## McNaughton 2003's Distinguished Professor

A thoughtful and caring teacher who has inspired generations of students to excel in art is how a colleague describes this year's Integra Bank Distinguished Professor

John McNaughton, professor of art, has been a member of the faculty since 1970. The award, announced March 17 at the Honors Program for the USI School of Liberal Arts, will be presented May 11 during USI's Commencement.

McNaughton served as chair of the Art Department in various intervals from 1972 to 1994. He has written original art curriculum, lobbied for better art facilities, hired faculty, and actively participated in the expansion of USI's art program.

He also has a national reputation for creative work. McNaughton was one of 100 international craft artists chosen to participate in the Emma Lake International Conference in Canada last year.

His work was featured on the December/January 1998 *American Craft* magazine cover, and he is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships in the visual arts category, which is considered one of the most competitive categories among the NEA grants.

In 1993 he was one of 10 American craft artists selected by the NEA to travel and lecture in Mexico, and his original art has been exhibited extensively throughout the United States.

McNaughton's art, which is highly collectible, resides in more than 300 museum, corporate, and private collections, and is part of the Smithsonian's permanent collection.

He has shared his expertise with the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science; the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana; and high schools and elementary schools in the Tri-state area. He also has created eight public sculptures for the Evansville community.

Supported by student-faculty research grants, McNaughton has led teams of students in completing art that is on permanent display across the campus.

A wood sculpture called "Visions" hangs in the lobby of the Orr Center. Others include a series of pieces created for the opening of the Liberal Arts Center, and the 10-foot-high steel sculpture that welcomes residents to Governors Hall.

"College experience should be a laboratory of creative thought," McNaughton observed.

He completed his undergraduate work at Ball State University and earned master's degrees in sculpture from Bowling Green State University and Ball State University.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank. As Distinguished Professor, McNaughton will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name, and deliver the Distinguished Professor Lecture during the next academic year. The award recipient is chosen by faculty colleagues.



## Marjorie Jones receives Berger Award

The protection, preservation, interpretation, and study of archaeological and historic sites are a priority for Marjorie M. Jones, this year's recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award.

The award, presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee, was announced during the School of Liberal Arts Honors Program March 17.

As an instructor of anthropology and sociology at USI and an advocate for protection of archaeological sites around the state, Jones has spent much of her adult life working to protect and preserve our heritage. She also helped establish USI as a repository for important archaeological artifacts.

Since 1992, when she was appointed by the governor, Jones has served as an 8th District representative for the Indiana Heritage Trust Program, recommending lands to be bought and preserved. She's been involved in more than 200 projects in the program.

In archaeological research, she has been a part of or the leader in 10 archaeological surveys, and she has helped excavate seven sites in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. She also has lobbied for laws to protect archaeological sites.

Other community projects that have benefited from her volunteer efforts are Angel Mounds, Historic Southern Indiana, and the Council for the Conservation of Indiana Archaeology.

Jones was instrumental in establishing Native American Days as an annual festival helping to raise community awareness at Angel Mounds. She also wrote the exhibit catalogue for the site's museum.

Jones joined the USI faculty in 1989. She earned a master's degree from University of Arizona. The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergeries' son, Charles, and his wife Leslie.



## Fine art book the focus of colloquium

A Liberal Arts Colloquium featuring Michael Aakhus, professor of art, and Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English, will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 28, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

"The Knight and the Lion: A Faculty Research and Creative Works Award Grant" will be the topic of their presentation.

The couple received a \$4,750 award from USI to study, translate, and create images for a hand-printed fine art book of Chretien de Troyes' 12th-century epic poem, *The Knight with the Lion*.

With the support of the grant, they traveled and studied in France in the summer of 2001 and completed the book in 2002. Only two copies exist. One was auctioned for \$2,000 at the 12th-annual Toast to the Arts.

Michael produced the book's original intaglio images, and Patricia translated Chretien's 7,000-line poem from medieval

French. The poet is credited with creating the Arthurian romance genre.

"Chretien's *The Knight with the Lion* is as brilliant and complex as the jeweled windows of a gothic cathedral, with magic rings, storm producing fountains, elixirs, giants, demons, true love, and alchemy," Patricia said.

"But the alchemical allegory has a twist. The aim of the perfection of the soul, the turning of lead into gold, is not the rejection of the world for heaven, but the taking up of problems in the real world: military aggression and bravado, trial by ordeal, and the oppression of women and workers. It is a very rich and rewarding text."

In the colloquium, the Aakhuses will show the book, Michael will discuss the images, and Patricia will deliver the lecture, "The Golden Lion and the Emerald Fountain: Alchemy and a French Arthurian Romance."

Patricia joined the University in 1995 and holds an M.F.A. from Norwich University. Michael joined the faculty in 1977 and holds an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University.

The colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the School of Liberal Arts. The public is invited.

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## Hilary Braysmith delivering Cooper lecture

Dr. Hilary Braysmith, associate professor of art history, will deliver the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award Lecture at 3:30 p.m. April 2 in Carter Hall.

"Preserving Western Civilization, Finding the Meaning of Life, and Other Confessions of a Core Curriculum Teacher" will be the topic of her presentation.

The lecture will explore messages teachers may intentionally and unintentionally convey to students, struggles to appreciate the beauty of artworks that may embody values hostile to some members of society, and wrestling with the legacy of Western Civilization.

"I think scholars have to reveal the mistakes of the past. We have to face them. The difficulty is how do we teach the past to non-scholars? I think we need to give students the tools to examine the past critically and fearlessly but also relieve them of the burdens of the past. We need to help them find solutions so they can, we all can, move forward," Braysmith said.

She is the second recipient of the Cooper Award, which focuses exclusively on teaching and honors a faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. It is presented by USI's University Core Council and Evansville philanthropist H. Lee Cooper.

"It's an honor because this is a teaching institution," Braysmith said. "University of Southern Indiana's main criterion for hiring and keeping faculty is that they are really good teachers."

As winner of the 2002 Cooper Award, Braysmith also received a commemorative plaque and a \$1,500 stipend. She joined the USI faculty in 1989 and holds Ph.D. in the history of art from Ohio State University.

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## 'Phenomenal women' program March 26

The awards ceremony for the 2003 Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Program will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Carter Hall.

Presented in conjunction with Women's History Month, the program honors phenomenal women who have played a role in

history, made an impact on the lives of people in the community, or served as role models for the young women of today.

Nearly 25 women received nominations in three categories: USI student, community-at-large, and posthumous memorial. Award subcategories include leadership, community service, health and science, education, business, the arts, and home and family.

## 2003 Nominees for the Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Program

### USI Students

- » Senior Dawn Dycus (Health and Science)
- » Senior Stephanie Betz (Leadership)
- » Senior Britney Gentry (Leadership)
- » Senior Brandi Harmon (Leadership)
- » Graduate student Holly Dunn (Community Service)
- » Junior Amanda Guthrie (Community Service)
- » Junior Nazli Karaagac (Community Service)
- » Junior Natasha Rea (Community Service)
- » Junior Nicole Rea (Community Service)

### Community-at-Large

- » Sara Davies (Leadership)
- » Marcia Lynch (Leadership and Community Service)
- » Susanne Stanley, USI travel coordinator (Leadership)
- » Karen Tannenbaum (Leadership)
- » Monserrate Woehler (Leadership and Community Service)
- » Bettie Engelbrecht (Community Service)
- » Shirley James (Community Service)
- » Dr. Nancy Kovanic, lead consultant, Organizational and Professional Development Team, USI Extended Services (Community Service and Education)
- » Trudy Mitchell (Community Service)
- » Marcella Stein (Community Service)
- » Linda Henderson (Education)
- » Dr. Eva Jermakowicz, associate professor of accounting (Education)
- » Vera Chester (Business)
- » Kristen Tucker (Business)

### Posthumous Memorial

- » Sherry Crawford (Education)

The free public program is presented by the USI Multicultural Center and the Evansville Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Old National Bank is underwriting the awards. A Vendor Fair at 6 p.m. will precede the recognition program.

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## Names in the news

### Achievements

Dr. Ronda Priest, assistant professor of sociology, presented her research, "It's Un-American NOT to Buy: An Analysis of Post-9/11 Televisions Commercials," at the Eastern Sociological Society conference in Philadelphia February 27-March 2.

Dr. Thomas E. Rodgers, instructor in history, presented a paper entitled "Billy Yank and G.I. Joe: Sociopolitical Dimensions of Soldier Motivation" at a session of the Missouri Valley History Conference. The conference, sponsored by the Society for Military History, was held March 6-8 in Omaha, Neb.

### **Welcome**

Matthew Andrzejewski '02 has accepted the position of area coordinator in Residence Life. The Evansville resident holds a B.S. from USI.

Amy D. Perry has accepted the position of administrative associate in the Office of the Registrar. The Evansville resident previously worked as a senior service specialist at American General Financial Services.

### **Grants**

- ▶▶ The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial: Teaching Across the Curriculum - \$1,000 from the Indiana Humanities Council, Humanities Initiative Grant. Coordinator: Leslie Townsend, program coordinator, Historic Southern Indiana
- ▶▶ Reform of Middle School Science - \$139,038 from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, FY 2002 Competitive Grants, Indiana's Improving Teacher Quality Partnership Program. Coordinators: Dr. Scott Gordon, associate dean, Pott School of Science and Engineering; and Dr. Charles Price, chair of the Department of Teacher Education
- ▶▶ Becoming Servant-Leaders - \$16,665 from Indiana Campus Compact, STAR Education Initiative. Coordinator: Dr. Gary Stiler, assistant professor of education

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### **FYI**

#### **Berger Lecture**

Dr. Charles Nelms, vice president for Student Development and Diversity at Indiana University Bloomington, will deliver "Art, Diversity, or Censorship: Who Decides?" as the 2003 Sydney Berger Lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in Carter Hall.

The Sydney Berger Lecture is a free annual event sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts to honor the memory of Sydney Berger, one of Evansville's most prominent attorneys and an instructor in constitutional law at USI. Attorney Charles Berger and his wife Leslie underwrite the lecture.

#### **Southern hospitality**

The University will host a Southern Hospitality Day March 29, when prospective students and their families will visit campus. For information or registration, call 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.

#### **Internship/Co-op**

USI's 12th-annual Internship/Co-op Job Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Carter Hall.

The event is co-sponsored by Career Services and Placement, and Historic Southern Indiana. For more information, call Career Services and Placement, 812/464-1865.

#### **Newsletter deadline**

Friday, March 21, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

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### **Marketplace**

#### **For sale**

1989 Buick Riviera Coupe - two-door, red, V-6 3.8 liter engine, 200K+ miles, leather interior, graphic equalizer, built-in mobile telephone, power everything, new landau top, premium package, needs some work. Below Blue Book price: \$1,000 OBO. Call Leslie, 464-1867, for more details.

1996 Chevrolet Monte Carlo LS - nice car, fully loaded, red: \$4,900. Call 812/455-7993.

Maytag washer and dryer - Atlantis model, used six months, \$1,100 new, will sell for \$550. Call Ext. 1749.

Yard/patio fountain - three foot, faux gray stone, motor, purchased from Colonial for \$900, will sell for \$450. Call Ext. 1749.

Patio set - dark green iron table, four chairs (two rockers), two cushions, umbrella, and stand. Purchased from Colonial for \$1,100, will sell for \$550. Call Ext. 1749.

Above-ground pool - 24' x 4', good condition, includes filter, cleaning hoses, ladder, cover, and skimmer. Buyer responsible for tearing down and moving. Liner is three years old, cover one year old, pool only four years old: \$500. Call Ext. 1840 or 424-8547 after 5 p.m.

Sofa - neutral colors, great condition, purchased at Value City in July: \$200 OBO. Call Gretchen, Ext. 1755.

Golf club - Acer XDS 2+ Ti driver. 330cc forged titanium head, eight-degree loft, and Aldila 100-percent graphite shaft, similar to Callaway Hawkeye VFT. Purchased new last year for \$100. Barely used, excellent condition: \$80 OBO. Call David, Ext. 7189.

Compac Presario computer with Intel Pentium processor - 10-gigabyte hard drive, Windows 98 with Microsoft applications, Internet-ready, excellent condition: \$500. Call 424-1614.

Twenty-nine gallon aquarium - with stand and all accessories, cleaned by professional: \$150. Call 424-1614.

Cub Cadet lawn tractor, model 1015 - geared transmission, 10-horsepower Kohler engine, electric start, mechanical power take-off. Mower deck is only 32-inches wide, so it stores easily and will go through standard gates in privacy and security fences: \$500. Contact Larry D. Goss, [rlgoss@evansville.net](mailto:rlgoss@evansville.net) or 963-0918.

#### **Moving sale**

One-year-old Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator - white, water and ice dispenser in door: \$600 OBO. Even-Bake Whirlpool gas stove - white, 1 year old: \$350 OBO. Whirlpool washer and Maytag dryer - white, excellent condition: \$200 OBO. Call 812/425-1447.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

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