



University Notes

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Trustees approve degrees for spring

The Board of Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana, in its regular meeting on March 6, 2008, approved undergraduate and graduate degrees for over 1,200 students who will be completing degree requirements this year. The trustees also approved awarding four honorary degrees at the May 11, 2008 Commencement ceremony.

Three of the honorary degree recipients have had significant impact on the development of the University, and the fourth is a local businessman and University friend.

A role model for women, **Sherrianne M. Standley**, vice president emerita for Advancement, will deliver the Commencement address and receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

Standley is an Evansville resident who retired last year after an illustrious 31-year career influencing the University's growth and development. She is active on numerous civic boards and is president of the YWCA of Evansville. She is the chair of the Evansville New Markets Tax Credit Governing Board and a member of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Merit and Pension boards. She is a life member of Keep Evansville Beautiful which she served as director, vice chair, and chair. She serves on the USI Foundation Board of Directors and is active in the USI Varsity Club and USI Foundation President's Associates. She is a former trustee of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Other honorary degrees will be awarded to **Bruce and Carol Baker** of Warrick County and **Victor V. Schriefer, Jr.** of Evansville.

Bruce Baker has more than 18 years of service to the Board of Trustees, the longest tenure of any USI trustee. He served as chair of the board for two terms, from 1992 to 1997 and from 2006 to 2007. He also was vice chair of the board and chair of the Finance Committee for two years and vice chair of the board and chair of the Long Range Planning Committee for nine years. He built and operates Newburgh Health Care. He will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.

An ambassador for the University, Carol Baker has a flair for welcoming University visitors and friends to events. She is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and is active on the University home committee.

Both Bakers are active at Main Street United Methodist Church in Boonville. They are recipients of the Suzanne Nicholson Leadership Award from the USI Foundation. Carol will be awarded a Doctor of Laws degree.

A retired Sterling Brewery quality control manager, Schriefer will be awarded the Doctor of Science degree. A generous contributor to the USI Foundation, Schriefer is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Rolling Hills Country Club, Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite, Hadi Shrine, Eagles, and Kennel Club. He worked at Sterling Brewery for approximately 23 years.

When nominating the honorary degree candidates, President Hoops said, "With all they have done for the

University of Southern Indiana, it is fitting that they receive the highest honor the University can bestow. They have been outstanding representatives of USI and to the community, the region, and the state."

In other business, the trustees approved changing the name of the physical education program to the kinesiology program to better reflect the curriculum required for the degree. That change will take effect in August 2008.

Also in the meeting, the following faculty members were approved for tenure, effective August 25, 2008: **Susan Ahmad**, assistant professor of occupational therapy; **Dr. Gary Black**, assistant professor of nursing; and **Dr. Guoyuan Huang**, assistant professor of physical education.

The following faculty members were approved for promotion, effective August 25, 2008: Assistant Professor to Associate Professor,

Dr. Gary Black, College of Business, **Dr. Jeannie Collins**, Pott College of Science and Engineering; **Dr. Roberta Hoebeke**, College of Nursing and Health Professions; and **Dr. Guoyuan Huang**, Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services. Associate Professor to Professor, **Dr. Peter Cashel-Cordo**, College of Business; **Matthew Graham**, College of Liberal Arts; **Dr. J. Casey Harison**, College of Liberal Arts; **Dr. Ramadan Hemaida**, College of Business; and **Elliot Wasserman**, College of Liberal Arts.

The trustees approved retirement for **Ruth H. Miller**, with 12.25 years, for January 31, 2009 with the title director emerita of Library Services and senior librarian emerita.

Bonnell receives first Bigham Award for "Snapshots"

Dr. Karen H. Bonnell, professor of communication, is the recipient of the first annual Darrel Bigham Historic Southern Indiana Faculty Research Award.

Bonnell will receive a \$4,000 grant for her proposed project, a second installment of "Snapshots of Southern Indiana," a 30-minute television program she researched, wrote, and produced in partnership with WNIN-TV during her fall 2007 sabbatical.

The goal of the "Snapshots" programs is to promote tourism in southern Indiana and educate the public about the history of southern Indiana.

The first program aired on WNIN in February. It focused on New Harmony, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, O'Bannon Woods State Park, and Wyandotte Caves.

"With the Darrel Bigham grant we have the green light to do more of the sites we weren't able to include in the first program," Bonnell said. "There are so many sites to choose from. We are so fortunate here in southern Indiana to have Historic Southern Indiana documenting and promoting our historic places."

The second program will cover Indiana's original territorial capitol at Vincennes, the state's first capitol at Corydon, and the Native American settlement at Angel Mounds in Newburgh. It will be broadcast on WNIN-TV and offered for broadcast to

Dat has taught widely in southern Indiana, including courses at Bellarmine University, University of Louisville, and Indiana University Southeast.

Employees are able to take the course at no cost with a fee waiver. Fee waiver forms are available in the Human Resources office. Without a waiver, the registration fee is \$89.

For more information, contact **Jennifer Hertel**, senior program assistant in Extended Services, at 812/461-5463.

Dean named for College of Education and Human Services

A university administrator and professor at a public university in Ohio will be the new dean of the Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services at the University of Southern Indiana.

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, announced that **Julie H. Edmister** of Bowling Green State University, the 14th largest producer of teachers in the United States, will assume the duties of dean July 1, 2008.

She is filling the position held by **Dr. C. Thomas Pickering**, who came as dean in 1988. He retired in 2007 and **Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette** has been acting dean since then.

Bennett said Edmister will be an energetic college leader and a strong contributor to the continued development of USI and the surrounding region.

At BGSU Edmister leads a state-wide pilot licensure program for K12 school administrators holding "alternative principal licenses" in collaboration with the Hamilton County Educational Service Center. She applied for and received the grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

In other administrative work, Edmister is chair of the Dean's faculty Advisory Committee for the College of Education and Human Development at BGSU. She also is co-chair of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) steering committee, Standard 6 (unit Governance and Resources).

She co-chaired a state-wide task force on Ohio Principal Standards alignment in 2006-07, which was a collaborative initiative involving faculty members from 11 public institutions, 18 private institutions, and two community colleges.

Her research interests cover evaluation practices of educational leaders, evaluation of educational administration preparation programs, and policy and practices impacting the preparation and evaluation of administrators.

She is a professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership Studies. She has taught courses in leadership theories, leadership and adult development, and dissertation research among others.

For five years, Edmister served the U.S. Department of Commerce as a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award examiner and senior evaluator. The Baldrige Award promotes awareness of the importance of quality improvement, an understanding of the requirements for performance excellence, and sharing of information on successful performance strategies.

Prior to joining the academic community, Edmister worked in the government and business sectors in Washington, D.C. as senior manager at Arthur Anderson & Co. She built a consulting practice over 16 years and during that time provided training in theory, process, and tools of quality management for New Mexico's Strengthening Quality in Schools initiative.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English and sec-

ondary education at Portland State University and master's and doctoral degrees at Florida State University. Her professional educational experiences include positions as a high school English teacher, director of Instructional Media Initiatives for the public school system in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and professor at the University of Mississippi.

Names in the news

Welcome to the USI family

Dr. Shannon Wooden, assistant professor of English, and **Dr. Kenneth Gilliam**, assistant director of composition, are the parents of a son, **Archer James**, born Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Welcome

Michael Stauth has accepted a position as data manager in the Office of Student Financial Assistance. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems from USI. Stauth was formerly employed as an aero-medic in the United States Air Force.

Sarah Truax has accepted a position as area coordinator in the Office of Residence Life. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and psychology from the College of William and Mary. Truax was formerly employed as a youth program director for Holland America Cruise Line.

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Cooper Award nominations sought

The University Core Council is pleased to invite nominations for the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. This award honors a faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. The award focuses exclusively on teaching within the Core Curriculum. The award winner will receive a plaque, a generous stipend, and faculty development support through a fund established for this purpose by H. Lee Cooper, a long-time friend and supporter of the University. Nominations are due by Monday, March 24. For more information, contact **Mark Krahling**, director of the University Core Curriculum, at 812/464-1712.

RopeWalk Reading added March 17

The poet **Pamela Garvey** will read from her recently published chapbook *Fear* (Finishing Line Press) at a RopeWalk Reading scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, March 17, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Garvey has a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction and poetry from Virginia Commonwealth University and is an assistant professor of English at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, where she teaches literature, creative writing, and composition. All readings in the RopeWalk Reading Series are free and open to the public. Readings are followed by a reception and book-signing. The 2008 Spring RopeWalk Reading Series schedule is online. For more information, contact **Nicole Reid**, assistant professor of creative writing, at 812/464-1916.

Historic New Harmony tours free to USI employees, students

A new season of Historic New Harmony's guided walking tours begin Saturday, March 15. Tours run daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and begin with a short orientation film about New Harmony's historical development. The guided walking tour

