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The University of Southern Indiana Center for Communal Studies will hold the 14th annual Historic Communal Societies Conference Thursday through Sunday, October 15-18, at the restored 19th century Swedish settlement of Bishop Hill, Illinois.

New Harmony, the Shakers, Hutterites, Mormons, Oneidans, Icarians, Hare Krishnas, and kibbutzim will be the focus of sessions in which 45 speakers from the U. S. and Israel will address this year's theme of "Immigrant and Native Communitarians: Ethnicity, Ideology, and Material Culture."

Among featured events will be a guided tour of Bishop Hill by a community descendant, Swedish music, and an authentic five-round Swedish smorgasbord.

Many of the papers presented are to be printed in *Communal Societies*, the official publication of the meeting's co-sponsor, the National Historic Communal Societies Association. Conference programs and issues of *Communal Societies* are available in the office of Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, USI professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies.