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## **Award-winning novelist opening series**

The first installment of the fall 2002 RopeWalk Reading Series will feature award-winning author and former Evansville resident Lee Martin in a program at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 19, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Martin is the author of the recently-released *Quakertown*, heralded by the *Washington Post* as "a consistently impressive and often dazzling new novel."

He also wrote the acclaimed memoir, *From Our House*, and the short story collection, *The Least You Need to Know*. His next book, *Turning Bones*, will be part of the University of Nebraska's American Lives Series.

Martin is the winner of The Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction, The Nancy Dasher Award, The Lawrence Foundation Award, a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers Award, and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and The Ohio Arts Council.

His stories and essays also have appeared or are forthcoming in *Harper's*, *The Georgia Review*, *Story*, *Double Take*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *The Southern Review*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Fourth Genre*, *Rivertooth*, *Glimmer Train*, and *Prairie Schooner*.

A native of southern Illinois, he lived and worked for a time in Evansville. Martin now is an associate professor of English in the graduate creative writing program at Ohio State University.

Readings in the RopeWalk series are free and open to the public. Each program will begin at 7 p.m. on the USI campus and will be followed by a book signing. Other scheduled readings include:

■ October 28 – Liam Rector, Mitchell Auditorium: Rector's books of poems are *American Prodigal* and *The Sorrow of Architecture*. His poems, essays, and reviews have appeared in *The Paris Review*, *Ploughshares*, *The Los Angeles Times Book Review*, *Harvard Review*, and elsewhere. He writes a regular column for *American Poetry Review* and has received Guggenheim and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships in poetry. He lives in New York City and is the founder and director of the Graduate Writing Seminars at Bennington College.

■ November 14 – Marianne Boruch, Kleymeyer Hall: Boruch's most recent poetry collection, *A Stick that Breaks and Breaks*, was published in 1997. Her book of essays, *Poetry's Old Air*, appeared in the University of Michigan's Poets on Poetry Series in 1995, and her other poetry collections include *Moss Burning*, *Descendant*, and *View from the Gazebo*. Her work was selected for *The Best American Poetry*, 1997, and she is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and two Pushcart Prizes. Boruch teaches in the MFA program at Purdue.

■ December 5 – John Gibson, Kleymeyer Hall: A former lecturer in English at USI, Gibson has published five chapbooks in England, and his poems have appeared in the *Cumberland Poetry Review*, the *Tampa Review*, and the *Southern Indiana Review*. He taught high school English for 29 years in England, college English and humanities for 16 years in the United States, and

English as a foreign language for one year in Spain. He resides in Evansville, where he is writing his autobiography.

Presented by the School of Liberal Arts, the RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.

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## **Search committee appointed**

A 15-member search and screen committee has been appointed by President H. Ray Hoops to conduct a national search to replace Dr. Robert L. Reid, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, who has announced his retirement at the end of the fiscal year. Reid has served USI for 29 years.

Dr. Robert Ruble, vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer, will chair the committee.

Members of the search committee are Christy Baker, associate professor of social work, Faculty Senate representative; Dr. Karen Bonnell, associate professor of communications and director of Instructional Technology Services, Extended Services representative; Debbie Clark, library associate, Staff Council representative; Dr. Iain Crawford, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and professor of English; Dr. Paul Doss, chair of the Geology and Physics Department and associate professor of geology, Pott School of Science and Engineering representative; John Dunn, community representative; Darlene Fisher, director of Human Resources; Britney Gentry, student, Student Government Association representative; Dr. John Gottcent, professor of English and University Core coordinator, School of Liberal Arts representative; Dr. Peggy Harrel, instructor in English and director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research; Ruth Miller, director of Library Services; Dr. Joy Peluchette, chair of the Management and Marketing Department and professor of management, School of Business representative; Dr. Michael Slavkin, assistant professor of education, Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services representative; and Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/administration, School of Nursing and Health Professions representative.

The committee held an initial meeting September 4. The members have been directed to conduct a national search and submit the names of three qualified candidates to President Hoops. The committee expects to finish its work in early February.

The new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs is expected to begin July 1.

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## **Gottcent delivering colloquium lecture**

Dr. John Gottcent, professor of English and University Core coordinator, will be featured in the first Liberal Arts Colloquium of the semester from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. September 27 in rooms

203-204 of the University Center. "It's Greek to Me: Why We Teach Mythology and the Bible at a State University" is the title of his presentation.

Gottcent's informal talk will highlight work done during his sabbatical in fall 2002, when he prepared a new introductory text on Greek mythology and continued his study of biblical Hebrew and Greek. He plans to discuss the ways teaching these subjects helps students see their world in a different light - one of the major aims of education.

Before joining the University in 1970, Gottcent earned a PhD at University of Wisconsin, an MA from State University of New York at Binghamton, and a BA from Harpur College.

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

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## Poetry event featuring USI's McGarrah

Award-winning poet James McGarrah, instructor in English, will be featured in Willard Library's ninth annual Poetry in the Park. He will present "Running the Voodoo Down: How Memory Creates a Present Tense" from 1 to 2 p.m. September 29 in Willard Park.

McGarrah's poems have appeared in many literary journals throughout the country. Most recently his work has been published in *Cedar Hill Review*, *Comstock Review*, *Connecticut Review*, *Elixir Magazine*, *North American Review*, and Brescia University's annual anthology, *Open 24 Hours*.

He is a graduate of the MFA in writing program at Vermont College and teaches creative writing and composition at USI, where he serves as managing editor of the *Southern Indiana Review*. He also is on the staff of USI's annual RopeWalk Writers Retreat, a weeklong opportunity for participants to attend workshops and confer privately with prominent writers in New Harmony.

Poetry in the Park will take place rain or shine. If it rains, the program will be moved indoors. The library is located at 21 First Ave. in Evansville.

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## Schewe giving students more free books

Louis Schewe plans to return to campus later this month to give USI students more free books from his personal library. The resident of Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community gave students roughly 1,000 books at similar events last year.

The next giveaway will take place from 10 a.m. to noon September 25 at the south end of the University Center's first level. Schewe, who retired from the telephone company in Wheaton, Ill., in 1960, is eager to meet and talk with students as he shares the books he has collected over the years.

Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, and students of Sigma Tau Delta, USI's English honor society, are coordinating the event. Faculty members are encouraged to announce the book giveaway to their classes.

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## Reasons to discuss distance education

Dr. Saxon G. Reasons, programming manager for Instructional Technology Services, will present "Distance Education: Making Lifelong Learning Possible" October 12 in a program hosted by the Evansville Chapter of the American Association of University Women.

The public is invited to the event to be held from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 1027 of the Health Professions Center.

"Distance education is changing the face of higher education in the United States," Reasons said. "In the past, women often had to make a choice between pursuing a degree and working or raising a family. Now, women can take a few college courses or complete an entire degree program at a distance."

In her presentation, Reasons will discuss how colleges and universities are using various technologies, such as videotape, DVD, CD-ROM, videoconferencing, and the Internet to connect instructors and students. With the opportunities offered by distance education programs, women of any age can more realistically pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree while balancing work and family responsibilities.

Reasons holds an EdD in curriculum and instruction from University of South Carolina, an MS in ecology from Vanderbilt University, and a BS in biology from Furman University. As programming manager for Instructional Technology Services, she assists in distance learning course development and leads technology-related training for faculty, staff, and the community.

The Evansville Chapter of the American Association of University Women invites women who have baccalaureate degrees or higher to join the organization that focuses on issues such as gender equity in education. The group also welcomes student members who are actively pursuing either an associate or baccalaureate degree.

One of the organization's premiere activities is the annual "Expanding Your Horizons in Science, Math, and Technology" conference for sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade girls. The next conference is planned April 12 at USI.

Other programs of interest include a fund-raising auction at the Evansville Kennel Club December 7, a tea to honor graduating college seniors at USI February 16, International Women's Day at Deaconess Hospital March 22, and a tour of the Granary hosted by Betty Rice, wife of President Emeritus Dr. David L. Rice, in New Harmony May 3.

Any person interested in becoming a member may contact Monna Maley, chapter president and administrative clerk in Residence Life, at extension 0336.

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## Jordan highlight of community program

Civil rights leader Vernon E. Jordan Jr. will discuss his memoir September 24 at the Victory Theatre. He will be speaking as part of "One Book/One Community: Reading and Growing Together in Southwestern Indiana," a grassroots reading program supported by many community partners including USI. The free program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Jordan's book, *Vernon Can Read!*, is at the heart of the program designed to develop a community around the shared experience of people reading and talking about the same book.

Drawing on a tradition started in Seattle, Chicago, and other cities, everyone in the Tri-state has been invited to read, form groups, and discuss Jordan's memoir that was co-written by Annette Gordon-Reed, a law professor at New York Law School.

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library locations have offered the book on loan, participating bookstores, including USI's, have offered a 20 percent discount on the book, and *The Evansville Courier & Press* began publishing its first chapter serially in August. Those pages also appear on *The Evansville Courier & Press* Web site, [www.myinky.com](http://www.myinky.com).

The title, *Vernon Can Read!*, draws from Jordan's experience as a college student in 1955, when he had a summer job driving a

retired white banker around Atlanta. During the man's afternoon naps, Jordan passed the time reading books, which astounded his boss. He writes about the sweeping struggles, changes, and dangers of black life during the civil rights revolution. The memoir ends in 1981.

A graduate of Howard University Law School, Jordan was a member of the legal team that desegregated the University of Georgia, and he served for two years as Georgia field director of the NAACP. He led the Voter Education Project, helping register black voters in the South, and was executive director of the United Negro College Fund.

In the 1970s, Jordan ran the National Urban League, in 1980 he was nearly killed by a sniper in Fort Wayne, Ind., and more recently he testified about his efforts to help former White House intern Monica Lewinsky find a job.

Additional information about Vernon Jordan, "One Book/One Community: Reading and Growing Together in Southwestern Indiana," and area discussion groups is available online at [www.evpl.org/onebook](http://www.evpl.org/onebook). Additional information also is available by e-mailing Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English, at [jgalbus@usi.edu](mailto:jgalbus@usi.edu).

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## **Names in the news**

### **Achievements**

Lenny Dowhie, professor of art, will have a one-person exhibition, "Lenny Dowhie: Current Works in Clay," on display October 31-December 7 at the Kipp Gallery at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he will lecture and lead a workshop October 31 and November 1. He also is a juror for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual student scholarship.

Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, is exhibiting her acrylic painting, "Havana Memory," in the ninth annual Juried Art Exhibit at Krempf Gallery in the Jasper Arts Center, Jasper, Ind. The juror, Claudia Hammer of Louisville, selected 43 pieces from 240 entries. The show will be on exhibit through September 30.

### **Welcome**

Julie M. Bordelon has accepted the position of administrative assistant in International Programs and Services. The Evansville resident previously worked as office and account manager at Minot State University, evening teller supervisor at Wells Fargo Bank North Dakota, and filing, storage, and special projects coordinator at Wells Fargo Bank Montana, where she also worked as a secretary. She was honored by Wells Fargo for service excellence and employee achievement, and anticipates earning a BS in business management from Rocky Mountain College this year.

Gina Byrd '98 has accepted the position of instructor in biology. A resident of Chandler, Ind., she holds a B.S. in biology from USI, where she is pursuing a master's in secondary education.

Dr. Margaret Ann Curran has accepted the position of instructor in political science. The Evansville resident previously worked as a visiting assistant professor at Oakland University and as director of the Office of Research, Education, and Policy in the College of Education at Northern Illinois University, where she earned a PhD in 1998. She also holds an MA and BA from University of Northern Iowa.

Larry Ray Green has accepted the position of maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident previously worked as a maintenance mechanic.

Richard Kuykendall has accepted the position of assistant professor of theatre. The Evansville resident previously worked as head of production for the Bill T. Tones/Arnie Zane Dance Co. in New York; senior artist-in-residence at Washington University, St. Louis; graduate student teaching assistant at University of Washington, Seattle; and technical director at University of Tulsa. He earned an MFA from University of Washington, Seattle, in 1991; holds a BFA from University of Tulsa; and is a member of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology.

Choon-Shan Lai has accepted the position of assistant professor of economics. The Evansville resident is a doctoral candidate at Purdue University. She holds a master's in economics from Purdue and a BA in economics from University of Washington, Seattle, where she graduated magna cum laude. In 2000, she won the Graduate Teaching Assistant Award and a Krannert Research Grant.

Dr. Ruben D. Schwieger has accepted the position of associate professor of mathematics. The Evansville resident previously worked at Midway College as head of the Division of Math and Science, at Indiana Wesleyan University as head of the Department of Math, and at University of Ghana, West Africa, as a Fulbright Scholar. He held a Fulbright Fellowship from 1993-94, earned a PhD from Purdue University in 1974, and holds an MA from University of Arizona and a BA from Anderson University. He is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Kevin R. Smith '97 has accepted the position of instructor in chemistry. The Evansville resident previously worked as a teaching assistant, research assistant, and instructor in the Department of Chemistry at Southern Illinois University, and as a research student and assistant at USI, where he earned a BA in chemistry. He is working on his dissertation and is ABD at Southern Illinois University, where he was named Outstanding Teaching Assistant and won a Graduate Research Excellence Fellowship.

Paula R. Stickles has accepted the position of instructor in mathematics. The Evansville resident previously worked as chair of the Mathematics Department at Evansville Day School, mathematics instructor at Marshall University, and mathematics instructor at Springfield College. She earned an MS from Northern Illinois University in 1996, holds a BS from Millikin University, and was included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2002*. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Mathematical Association of America.

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## **FYI**

### **USI preschool**

The USI Children's Center has several preschool openings for children ages 3 to 5. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and follows the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. school calendar.

Community and USI families are accepted. Call Pam Buschkill, Children's Center coordinator, or Joyce Coleman, fam-

ily support specialist and early childhood teacher, at extension 1869 for additional information.

### **Founder's Day**

The University will honor eight employees for 25 years of service at its Founder's Day Program Tuesday, September 17. The free event, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Carter Hall, is open to the public.

This year's honorees are Mike Aakhus, professor of art; Debbie Clark, library associate in Library Services; Dr. Walter Everett, professor of English; Dr. Jane Johansen, associate professor of business education; Courtney Klingelhoefer, administrative associate in the Pott School of Science and Engineering; Carol Mann, senior accounting supervisor in the Business Office; Jack Naghdi, assistant professor of civil engineering; and Eric Sprouls, chair of the Department of Engineering and associate professor of engineering.

### **Kunstfest**

Kunstfest, a German festival with food, entertainment, and crafts booths, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 21 and 22 in New Harmony. For more information, e-mail [klinderm@usi.edu](mailto:klinderm@usi.edu).

### **Newsletter deadline**

Friday, September 13, 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.

### **Historic tours**

Historic New Harmony tours are free to University students, faculty, and staff. Interested members of the University community should present a valid Eagle Access Card at the Atheneum/Visitors Center.

Students, faculty, and staff are eligible for discounts on many special tours and events. For more information, call 812/682-4488.

### **Revolutionary days**

The University community is invited to join Liz Williams, library computer systems technician, at George Rogers Clark National Historic Park Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, as volunteers - including the Williams family - dress in American Revolutionary period clothing and speak with visitors about living in Vincennes and Fort Sackville 1750-80.

Volunteers also will demonstrate cooking over a fire, leather working, woodworking, militia training, sewing, and children's games. The park is located in Vincennes, Ind.

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### **Volunteers needed**

Angle Mounds State Historic Site needs volunteers for its 20th annual Native American Days celebration September 27 and 28.

The event provides the community with an opportunity to experience the life of American Indians years ago as well as contemporary Native American culture. Performances and demon-

strations by skilled artists and craftspeople will be presented. Hands-on activities and a children's area also will be available.

Without the help of volunteers, community events like this would not be possible. Volunteering is a wonderful way to show support for both Angel Mounds and the community. Volunteers may assist with event sign-in, the children's area, at the gate, and as multi-task volunteers.

For more information regarding specific volunteer assignments, contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at extension 1215.

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### **Marketplace**

#### **For sale**

10333 Newburgh Road - newly remodeled two-bedroom, one-bath brick home with two-car garage. New roof, tile in kitchen and bath. Situated on large lot with privacy-fenced backyard. Located in Newburgh, five minutes from eastside shopping. Call 812/477-7276 for appointment.

1979 Honda 750 - black, great running condition, includes one helmet: \$1,500 OBO. Call 424-1614 after 5 p.m.

Playspace bunk beds - includes set of three rolling drawers and slide: \$250 OBO. Call Tom or Nancy Rivers at 423-7101.

Chest freezer - older but in good working condition. Free if you haul. Contact Mary Beth, Ext. 1867, or [mweber@usi.edu](mailto:mweber@usi.edu).

Two Papasan chairs with ottomans - green cushions for both: \$125; solid brass antique oriental table lamp with silk shade - \$80; Pfaltzgraff dishes - filigree pattern in white, eight place settings (plates, salad plates, mugs, cereal/salad bowls, two serving bowls), never used: \$80; girl's bike - \$15; regulation table-tennis table - folds, has wheels: \$50; folding table - great for computer (has keyboard release area): \$20; two oak stools - \$20 (will separate). Contact 985-7696 or [smstandl@usi.edu](mailto:smstandl@usi.edu).

Sofa and loveseat - floral pattern with white background: \$275 for both. Call 985-5454 after 5 p.m.

Fifty-five gallon aquarium - includes filter, heater, lights, and other accessories, excellent condition: \$150. Contact [kaltstad@usi.edu](mailto:kaltstad@usi.edu), 465-1192, or 424-0478.

Kimball upright piano with bench - nice beginner piano, good sound: \$100. Contact 838-3228, 455-2530, or [s.londt@att.net](mailto:s.londt@att.net).

Twenty-nine gallon aquarium - includes stand and all accessories: \$125. Call 424-1614 after 5 p.m.

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