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NASA speakers featured in USI lecture series

An aerospace engineer who helps power NASA's Space Program and an archivist recording its history will be the featured speakers in University of Southern Indiana's "Encountering Nature" lecture series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 1, in the University Center's Carter Hall.

Both the engineer, Dave McKissock, and the archivist, Bonnie Smith, work on the staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's John H. Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. The center defines and develops propulsion, electrical power, and communications technologies for NASA's aeronautics and space missions.

McKissock began his NASA career in 1983, supporting development of the electrical power system for the International Space Station. He spent a year working at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he helped negotiate with the Russians when they became partners in the program.

He now is conducting analyses for future spacecraft power systems and is supporting the on-orbit operations of the Space Station power system. McKissock holds a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He resides in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Smith joined the research center in 1999. In her role as archivist, she preserves NASA Glenn history in its various documented forms for use by NASA staff as well as others interested in researching aviation and space history.

She also evaluates NASA's recorded history for proper preservation techniques and works to preserve and promote the unique personality and history of the Glenn Research Center.

Smith holds a Master of Library Science from Indiana University. Before joining the Glenn Research Center, she was employed as director and archivist of the New Harmony Workingmen's Institute. She resides in Rocky River, Ohio.

The lecture series, sponsored by the University Core Curriculum Council, is free and open to the public.