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**News from the University of Southern Indiana**

## **USI economics professor named Integra Bank Distinguished Professor**

Timothy J. Schibik, professor of economics, was chosen by his colleagues to receive the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award for 2005 at the University of Southern Indiana. He will receive the award on May 8, 2005 during the USI Commencement. The award recognizes significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Schibik has been at USI for 16 years. His primary responsibility is teaching undergraduate business statistics and econometrics courses. He also is a member of the graduate faculty.

In addition to teaching duties, he is the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), a position he assumed in 1999.

"He is committed to all facets of academic life, most notably excelling as a model collaborator, mentor, and colleague," said a faculty member in a letter of nomination.

He was coordinator for USI's Lilly Retention Initiatives program for five years beginning in fall 1997.

A prolific writer, Dr. Schibik has had articles published in refereed journals like the *Journal of American Academy of Business* and the *Business Education Forum*. He has written for *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*, *National Issues in Higher Education*, and *Academic Leader*, a newsletter for academic deans and department chairs. He has a strong record of scholarly activity within the fields of economic education, labor economics, and applied econometrics.

He has served as president of the Midwest Business Economics Association; member of the advisory board for the Midwest Business Administration Association; a systems appraiser for The Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; consultant and evaluator for The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, class of 2007, and is a member of the advisory board for Indiana Campus Compact.

In 2003 the Indiana Association for Institutional Research presented the Best Paper Award to Dr. Schibik; in 2000 he had received the Best Presentation Award from the same organization.

In University service, he is currently chair of the University Promotions Committee, plus he serves on the Faculty Senate Task Force for Selection of New Student Evaluation System and the Task Force on Enrollment and Retention Management. In recent years he has served as chair of the Faculty Senate, chair of USI Advising Task Force, chair of USI Service Learning Advisory Committee, and a member of the Writing Center Advisory Committee, the USI Customer Service Portal Committee, and the USI Part-Time Faculty Task Force.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank.

With the award Dr. Schibik will receive a grant from Integra, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name, and deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the next academic year.