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Berger Award presented to Marjorie M. Jones

The protection, preservation, interpretation, and study of archaeological and historic sites are a priority for Marjorie M. Jones, this year's recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award. The award, presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs committee, was announced during the School of Liberal Arts Honors Program on March 17.

As an instructor at the University of Southern Indiana and an advocate for protection of archaeological sites around the state, Jones has spent much of her adult life working to protect and preserve our heritage. She has helped establish USI as a repository for important archaeological artifacts.

Since 1992, appointed by the Governor, she has served as a representative from the 8th District for the Indiana Heritage Trust Program to recommend lands to be bought and preserved. She's been involved in over 200 projects in this program.

In archaeological research she has been a part of or the leader in 10 archaeological surveys, and she has helped excavate seven sites in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. She also has lobbied for laws to protect archaeological sites.

Other community projects that have gained from her volunteer efforts are Angel Mounds, Historic Southern Indiana, and the Council for the Conservation of Indiana Archaeology. Jones was instrumental in establishing Native American Days as an annual festival at Angel Mounds to help raise community awareness, and she wrote the exhibit catalogue for the site's museum.

Jones joined the USI faculty in 1989 and earned her master's degree from University of Arizona.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife Leslie.

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