

# University Notes

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## Berger Lecture: "The Fetus and Fundamental Rights"

**Dr. Joan C. Callahan**, professor of philosophy and Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Kentucky, will present the 2007-08 College of Liberal Arts Berger Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 25, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

Callahan's lecture, "The Fetus and Fundamental Rights," addresses the question: "What is the moral status of the fetus in debates about the morality of elective abortion?"

Her research interests include ethical theory, practical ethics, social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, feminist theory, and critical race theory.

She is currently working with Dr. Nancy Tuana, director of the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State University, on digitally filming interviews with the first cohort of feminist philosophers in North America. The interviews will be archived at the UK and Penn State libraries.

Callahan has served as the editor of the *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*; on the American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status of Women; is a founding member of the Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST); and serves on the FEAST Steering Committee.

She has served as director of UK's Gender and Women's Studies Program and participates in the interdisciplinary Social Theory Program at the University of Kentucky; on the American Philosophical Association Board of Officers; as the Council to the Chair of the APA Board; on the APA Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession; and as chair of the APA's Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession.

She has a Ph.D. and master's degree in philosophy from the University of Maryland, College Park; master's degree in Humanities from Simmons College; and bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where she graduated *summa cum laude*.

The Berger Lecture Series remembers and honors Sydney Berger, who was one of Evansville's most respected attorneys. The College of Liberal Arts celebrates the values he cherished by having a speaker each year speak on the theme of civil rights or civil liberties. The lecture is generously underwritten by Charles L. and Leslie A. Berger.

For more information, contact **Dr. Julie Evey-Johnson**, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts, at 812/464-1830.

## A good walk: USI grad completes Appalachian Trail

**Nick Doerter '06**, a USI graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising and public relations, finished a five-month eleven-day trek up the east coast in September. Doerter hiked the 2,175-mile Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a 250,000-acre greenway extending from Maine to Georgia.

The son of **Pam Doerter**, coordinator of internships and co-

op education in Career Services, had planned the trip since he was in middle school. He graduated in December and set out on the AT the following April.

Doerter hiked alone or with groups he met along the way through every type of weather from single-digit temperatures and snow to lightning, rain, heat, and humidity.

He started off with his winter gear and had his parents mail him his warm-weather things as spring turned into summer. When he got to New England, he had them mail his winter gear back.

Adding to his load was three to seven days worth of food, depending on how far he was from a town. The longest period without civilization was the last 113 miles of the trip, known to hikers as the "100 mile wilderness."

"I stocked up because you had to have plenty of food for that many days. That was a heavy food bag," he said.

A hunter since childhood, he said he killed two rattlesnakes, frogs, and a grouse for protein. "We wanted meat," he said. "We were stuck eating rice all the time. That was a nice piece of meat there that could feed four or five people."

The only weapon he had with him was a pocketknife. "I was never concerned about safety," he said. "I saw several bears, but never felt threatened by them either. I think they were more nervous of me than I was of them. From Georgia to New Jersey, I saw a bunch. The closest one I got to was about 20 yards away. That day, we saw a porcupine, some deer, another rattlesnake, and then a bear right on the trail. That was a good wildlife day in New Jersey."

The only time he said he felt "a little nervous" was after he summited Mount Katahdin in Maine. He decided to descend on Knife's Edge, a two-foot-wide trail with a hundred-foot drop. The mountain was boxed in and visibility was low. "We were in the clouds, it was raining, and the wind was blowing about 25 miles an hour," he said. "It's a mile long and took me two hours to do it."

He said the experience changed him. "It made me realize the simplicity of life," he said. "You don't need a whole lot to get by. Hell, I got by with whatever I had on my back. It opened my eyes up to how much is out there. It wasn't an easy task. It was tough. But it made me mentally strong. I can accomplish anything if I put my mind to it."

And he learned something about other people, too.

"There are a lot of cool people out there in the world still. I met a lot of people who would bend over backward to do whatever they can for you.

## Looking at storytelling in video games

**David Jones**, instructor in Liberal Arts, is willing to bet that his students know the story of the character Master Chief in the video game Halo better than they know *The Epic of Gilgamesh*.

"Easily," he said. "They understand games better than they can Shakespeare, which is becoming foreign to them."

His colleagues in the Department of English would be horrified by this, one assumes. "And in my deepest heart, I might agree," he said. "But that's also selling video games short. They're increasingly not just toys for kids."

Jones will present the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium, "Grand Theft Narrative: Hijacking the Theoretical Gang War," at 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 26 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

"Basically, the idea is whether or not video games can tell a story, and whether or not they will tell a story the same way a book will tell a story," he said.

Jones, 29, grew up in the 1980s and '90s. "My generation was the first to grow up with video games. As an English major in college, it dawned on me that the games I played were doing some of the things I was reading about in my classes. Gaming is a different media form that tries to tell stories in its own way using conventions that books use, but doing something different from them."

The key difference between the two is gaming's interactivity. "Books don't change unless you translate or reread them. The language itself only changes within the reader's head. Games, on the other hand, flatly demand that the person playing the game go in and change what the game is doing and, especially in recent years, they've gotten sophisticated enough that they are allowing the game player to change the story of the game itself. From a technical standpoint, they are doing it in a way that demands something books can't."

The "gang war" of the title is between narratologists, who study narrative structure in story, and ludologists, who study games as cultural artifacts in and of themselves.

From a ludological standpoint, game studies and English should be wholly separate entities, Jones said, but he thinks English theory can be useful to games. In narratological theory, a narrative includes story time (when and where a story takes place) and discourse time (when it is told).

"Narrative theory can't apply to games because the concept of story time is sometimes very different in a game than it is in a book," Jones said. "Games demand a new idea of how stories are told."

His colloquium will seek to resolve the two.

The College of Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact **Dr. Teresa Huerta**, coordinator, at 812/465-7053.

## Growing...Building:

### "McWest" Community Center construction underway

Construction work has begun on the McDonald West Community Center on O'Daniel Lane. Lichtenberger Construction Company, the general contractor, began work on the project the first week of September. One of the first phases of work to be completed was to demolish about half of the original building so new areas can be constructed.

This project will convert the existing "McWest" Recreation Building into a new and exciting community center for Housing residents and the campus. The Community Center will have a lounge area with a fireplace; laundry facilities; a meeting room and offices; and a new and enlarged convenience store with a restaurant that serves pizza. The convenience store will be relocated from the present location in O'Daniel South Apartment complex and will be operated by Sodexo Food Service.

Other amenities include a porch with seating facing the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts and a covered bus stop

along O'Daniel Lane. The project construction cost is \$1,500,000.

Kirkwood Design of Bloomington, Indiana is the architect for the project. **Steve Helfrich**, director of Facilities, Operations and Planning, said work is expected to be complete by summer 2008.

## Names in the news

**Aleksandra Norton** has accepted a position as biology lab supervisor in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Emmanuel College. Norton was formerly employed as a QC analyst at Wyeth BioPharma.

**Adam Osman** has accepted a position as area coordinator in Residence Life. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in human resource management and operations management from Central Michigan University. Osman was formerly employed as an academic advisor at Baker College.

## FYI

### USI Chamber Choir presents Fall Concert

The USI Chamber Choir under the direction of Daniel R. Craig will present its annual Fall Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 14, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. This concert will feature Johann Christian Bach's "Magnificat," a set of three Gregorian Chants, madrigals by Thomas Weelkes, and folk song settings by Bob Chilcott, Rene Clausen and Mark Henderson. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact **Daniel Craig** at 464-1736 or [dcraig@usi.edu](mailto:dcraig@usi.edu).

### Celebrate Father George Rapp's 250th birthday

Celebrate Father George Rapp's 250th birthday on Saturday, October 27, during Historic New Harmony's "A Walk Into the Past." Figures from the past - through historic reenactors and storytellers - will come to life and tell their stories throughout the town from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. Christina Lenz will talk about her family at the Lenz House, and young Harmonists will appear at Community House No. 2, where sundials will be made. Father Rapp will appear at the site of the original Harmonist brick church in Church Park, where he will talk about alchemy and give a brief sermon. The New Harmony Community Choir will sing to Father Rapp at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 800/231-2168 or at the Atheneum/Visitors Center. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children 7 to 17, and \$25 for a family ticket. For more information, contact **Jan Kahle**, education coordinator, at 812/682.4488. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

### Alcohol Awareness Week

The Counseling Center will be offering screenings during Alcohol Awareness Week. The screenings will be available from on Tuesday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orr Center, Room 1051. The event provides educational information about alcohol and health as well as free confidential screenings for alcohol-use disorders. For more information please contact **Brooke Orth**, at 464-1867.

### CPR certification for persons 15 and older

Persons who need certification or re-certification for adult

cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of automatic external defibrillators (AED) can take an online written exam available through University of Southern Indiana Extended Services. The exam will be available through October 20, 2007 to persons who register for the self-study course called Adult CPR/AED Challenge Course. Course materials, available for purchase at the Evansville American Red Cross (29 S. Stockwell Road), or from online book sellers, are First Aid/CPR/AED for the Workplace and the Adult CPR/AED Skills Card. This course is open to those 15 years of age and older. The registration fee is \$10 for college or high school students and \$15 for adults. The practical exam will be given at USI on Saturday, October 27, at 9 a.m. in the Physical Activities Center. **Dr. Glenna Bower**, assistant professor of physical education, is the course facilitator.

Individuals can register for the certification course online at [www.usi.edu/extserv](http://www.usi.edu/extserv), call 812/464-1989, or come to the Extended Services Office on campus. Participants will be given a Blackboard ID when they complete registration. Blackboard is used ONLY for taking the written exam, which must be done by the October 20 deadline.

### Film examines differing racial views

The film "Two Towns of Jasper" will be shown at USI as part of the Human Rights Film Series sponsored by CYPRESS, the Evansville Public Library, University of Evansville, and USI. Using two separate filmmaking teams (an all-white crew filming white residents and an all-black camera crew filming black residents), "Two Towns of Jasper" captures very different racial views by townsfolk in Jasper, Texas, the location for a racially motivated murder of an African American in 1998. It will be shown at Central Library in Browning Room B at 6 p.m. Monday, October 15, and in Kley Meyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center at USI at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 16. For more information about the series, contact **Heidi Gregori-Gahan**, director of International Programs and Services, at 812/465-1248.

### Live at the Apollo showcases student talent

"USI Live at the Apollo," a talent show featuring student performances of skits, songs, dance, instrumental music, monologues, and more, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13, in Carter Hall in the University Center. This year's show includes 18 acts and 34 students. For more information, contact the Multicultural Center, which sponsors the event, at 812/465-7188.

### National Depression Screening Day

The Counseling Center will conduct screenings for National Depression Screening Day. The screenings will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, in the Orr Center, Room 1051. The screening will also screen for bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder.

All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening which consists of a ten-minute written self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional. For more information contact **Brooke Orth**, staff counselor, at 812/464-1867.

### Business Idea Competition

Announce to students: USI students have an opportunity this fall to exercise their entrepreneurial thinking in the second annual Business Idea Competition, sponsored by the College of Business. Students may submit their innovative ideas by

October 18. Students do not have to be in the College of Business to enter. By early November, judges will determine the finalists, each of whom will make a brief presentation before a panel of judges. Winners will receive prizes. The competition will be a focus of the College of Business celebration of Indiana Entrepreneurship Week (November 5-9), sponsored by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. For more information about the Business Idea Competition, visit [www.usi.edu/business/ideas.asp](http://www.usi.edu/business/ideas.asp).

### Nominations for Faculty Awards Due

The USI Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee is extending the deadline for nominations for two faculty awards to Monday, October 15. The awards are the USI Distinguished Professor Award, presented during the spring Commencement ceremony, and the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award, presented during Honors Week in the spring semester.

The Distinguished Professor Award is given to a faculty member who has distinguished himself or herself through professional experience, teaching responsibilities, University service, community service, professional activities, and scholarship. Details about the award and the nomination process are available at [www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp](http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp). Scroll to the second headline: Awards Available for Faculty.

Distinguished community service is the rationale for nominating fellow faculty members for the Berger Award. A broad spectrum of community service ranging from balanced activity in several areas to exceptional service in a single one will be considered. The Berger Award nomination form is available at [www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp](http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp). Scroll to the second headline: Awards Available for Faculty.

### USI Speakers Bureau and Experts Guide

If you have not submitted your information for the 2007-2008 USI Speakers Bureau and Experts Guide, and would like to participate, please fill out the online participation form, link below, by Tuesday, October 16.

The Speakers Bureau is a resource that local organizations use when they are looking for programs for their members. It is posted on the Internet at [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers.asp). Go to [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20BureauMedia%20Resource%202005-06/sbquestion.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20BureauMedia%20Resource%202005-06/sbquestion.asp) to fill out an online form to participate in the Speakers Bureau.

The Experts Guide is a reference used by local and regional media as they report and analyze news. The guide lists faculty and administrators who are willing to serve as experts to the media along with topics on which they will comment. It is posted at [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/mguide.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/mguide.asp). Go to [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Experts%202005-06/exgquestion.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Experts%202005-06/exgquestion.asp) to fill out an online form to participate in the Experts Guide.