

University Notes

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Survivor of Rwandan genocide to speak

Dr. Tharcisse Seminega will present his account as a Tutsi survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, in Carter Hall in the University Center. His presentation is a highlight of International Education Week (November 13-17).

Seminega was born and raised in Rwanda. He was serving as senior lecturer at the National University of Rwanda in Butare, southern Rwanda, when the events that led to the genocide took place. More than 50 Tutsi and moderate Hutu professors were killed in Butare. Seminega and his family of six were hidden by 20 people of the Hutu-ethnic group, who risked their lives to save them. The Seminegas miraculously survived numerous life-threatening situations, but lost more than 100 relatives in the genocide. Following these traumatic events, they decided to immigrate to Toronto, Canada.

His survival account briefly describes Rwanda's historical origins prior to and in the wake of German, Belgian, and French colonialism in the region. He points out how hatred built up between the Hutu and Tutsi and shows the impact of colonialism in the long-term relations between the two ethnic groups and the escalation of hatred that took place, starting from the Tutsi rebel attack in 1990. He also will discuss his personal experiences and his view of the present situation in his country.

He holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of Padova (Italy), a master's degree in nutrition and food science (applied biochemistry) from the University of Nancy (France), and a Ph.D. in biotechnology and food industry from the National Polytechnic Institute of Lorraine, School of Agriculture and Food Industry, Vandoeuvre-Les-Nancy (France). He speaks English, French, Italian, and three African languages.

Seminega also will offer a presentation for local high school students at noon and another program for Living Learning Community students that evening.

Here's the complete schedule for International Education Week 2006:

All week

International Trivia Contest, open to all members of the University community. Winners receive prizes. Students and employees may pick up trivia forms in the Office of International Programs and Services or at one of the University Center information desks. Completed forms must be dropped off no later than noon Friday, November 17. Winners will be announced by Tuesday, November 21. Information: **Kristine E. Murray**, 812/465-7183.

Tuesday

Lunch and Learn: "San Pablito, Puebla and the Papermaking Tradition of Mexico," noon-1 p.m., University Suite, University Center. Presented by Michael Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Information: **Kristine E. Murray**, 812/465-7183.

Study Abroad Information Session: Summer Study Abroad, 3:30-4:30 p.m. University Center Room 214. Information: **Kristine E. Murray**, 812/465-7183.

Wednesday

International Gift Sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. University Center information desk. Sponsored by Newman Catholic Student Ministry; featuring items from Catholic Relief Services and Serve International. Information: **Christine Hoehn**, 812/464-1871.

Rwandan genocide survivor **Dr. Tharcisse Seminega**, 7 p.m., Carter Hall, University Center. Information: Kristine E. Murray, 812/465-7183.

Thursday

"Resume Writing and Interview Skills with an International View," noon-1 p.m. University Center Room 206. Presented by Kristine Murray, program director in International Programs, and Pamela Doerter, coordinator of internships and co-op education in Career Services. Information: **Kristine E. Murray**, 812/465-7183.

Friday

International Education Program at West Terrace Elementary School, presented by elementary education majors and English as a Second Language International (ESLI) students, at the elementary school. Information: **Dr. Jeff Thomas**, assistant professor of education, 812/461-5224.

Hollywood's portrayal of Latinos

Dr. Chad Tew, assistant professor of online journalism, will present "Clash in Paradise: Exploring the Symptoms of Immigrant Protests in Hollywood's Portrayal of Latinos" at 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 17, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. The lecture is part of the Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium Series.

In the wake of nationwide immigrant protests in spring 2006 sparked by U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner's Immigration Enforcement Bill, Tew looks to the movies and finds evidence of building tension in U.S. Anglo-Latino relations since the 1980s.

"I'm going to look at 25 years of Hollywood, and see how films have given us a signal that not all is well between non-Latinos and Latinos in this country," he said. "This didn't happen all of the sudden."

The 1980s was the decade Mexicans became the largest foreign born population in the U.S., and when filmmakers such as Luiz Valdez, Sergio Arau, Gregory Nava, and Cheech Marin started addressing Latino-Anglo issues in film.

In Arau's film, "A Day without a Mexican," all the Latinos in California disappear. "California really relies on Mexicans. The economy can't exist in southern California without them," Tew said. "In the film, the Latinos want to be appreciated, but the problem is the whites don't appreciate the Mexicans until the very end, when the whole country is in chaos."

The protests triggered by the Sensenbrenner bill were dubbed

"A Day without a Latino."

"There was something brewing out there long before these protests, but it took the bill to actually anger people. Non-Latinos were taken by surprise by the protests. But if you look back to the 1980s at these early films, you can already start seeing that there is anger building. They were trying to say, 'Appreciate us; we're important.' But that message never got across to such an extent that people were surprised when the Latinos started protesting."

Some of the lecture is based on Tew's collaborative research with Dr. John Marambio, professor of foreign languages and literatures at the University of San Diego.

For more information contact **Dr. Teresa Huerta**, associate professor of Spanish, at 812/465-7053.

Petraneck to present Cooper lecture

Dr. Charles Petraneck, professor emeritus of sociology, will present the 2006-07 H. Lee Cooper Teaching Award Lecture at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, in Forum I. The title of his lecture is "The Classroom: Why Go? Why Bother?" He will examine various teaching and learning styles, and reveal the results of his student poll about the classroom.

Petraneck was presented with the award at the fall 2006 Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting. It includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional faculty development support.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Focusing exclusively on teaching, the Cooper Award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core Curriculum courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. The award is named in honor of **H. Lee Cooper**, a long-time supporter of USI.

Nominate a student for 2007 AMIGOs

The Office of Student Development Programs is now accepting applications for the 2007 AMIGOs, a group of highly motivated, involved student leaders who assist with the Orientation and Welcome Week programs.

Student Development Programs seeks the help of USI faculty and staff in identifying great students who would be good role models for new students and who would represent the best and brightest of USI's student body. Each student recommended will receive a letter letting them know of the nomination and inviting them to apply to be an AMIGO.

Also as part of the application process, students are required to turn in a recommendation form from a faculty or staff member. If you nominate a student for the AMIGO position, be prepared for that student to ask you to complete a recommendation form if they choose to apply to be an AMIGO.

When nominating students, please keep in mind the following qualifications that are required of each AMIGO:

- Maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average throughout employment as an AMIGO
- Must not be graduating in May 2007.
- Be reliable, responsible, friendly, and flexible
- Possess good communication skills
- Enjoy working with people and display a willingness to approach and help others
- Demonstrate a desire to learn about the University of Southern Indiana, its history, its policies, its people, and its programs

If you know of students who would be ideal AMIGOs, please send their names and if possible, any other identifying information such as student ID number, major, hometown, etc., to **David Duvall**, assistant director of Student Development Programs.

AMIGO applications are available in the Office of Student Development Programs, University Center, Room 015, or online at www.usi.edu/sdv. Applications are due November 10.

Science and engineering fair

The Pott Foundation has agreed to be the title sponsor for the science and engineering fair planned at USI in March.

The Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair will be held March 6-7 for students in grades six through 12 from schools within a 75-mile radius of Evansville.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "We are grateful to the Pott Foundation for agreeing to be the title sponsor of the science and engineering fair. This event will be the largest celebration of science in the Tri-state, and it will offer an exciting opportunity for students to display their research projects and receive recognition for their work."

The science and engineering fair will serve as the qualifier for the state and international science and engineering fair (this year in Albuquerque, New Mexico). Awards will include six \$1,500 renewable USI scholarships in the senior division, cash awards, and plaques for winners. In addition, cash awards will go to classrooms with the most participants at the junior and senior divisions, and cash awards will go to the classrooms of the winners. Other awards will be announced later. Persons who want to offer an award or assist in sponsorship can call Gordon at 812/465-7137.

The University of Evansville discontinued its long-time administrative sponsorship of the fair in July but will continue to support both the regional and state events through scholarships and assistance in judging.

For additional information about the 2007 fair, visit www.usi.edu/science/fair.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

USI Theatre presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a play by William Shakespeare, Wednesday, November 8, through Sunday, November 19. According to **Elliot Wasserman**, assistant professor of theatre at USI and the production's director, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies. It features mistaken identities, star-crossed lovers, fairies, and the famous play within the play by the "Rude Mechanicals."

Wasserman commented, "A Midsummer Night's Dream is beautiful, delightful, and mysterious down to its core. It has been a joy to all involved, and we can't wait to show our audiences what fun we've had."

Shan Jensen, assistant professor of theatre and costumer designer for the production, added, "The costumes in the play reflect the two very distinct worlds it represents, and what happens when one invades the other. We've chosen to envision members of the court as western imperialists going on safari. They approach their adventures in the forest as sport, but in fact, they become pawns in a much larger game being played by Oberon and Titania. The costumes for the fairies use very lush fabrics to create that sense of magic and power."

In addition to Jensen, the design team for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* includes USI theatre faculty members **Dr. Doug Hubbell** as scenic designer and **Craig Young** as lighting designer.

The cast of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* includes **Ken Carter**, assistant professor of psychology, as Theseus and **Lauren Tait** as Hippolyta; Brandon Eck as Lysander, **Josh Buente** as Demetrius, **Rachel Schenk** as Hermia, **Rachel Zeigler** as Helena; **Steven Diekman** as Oberon, **Nicole Whitney** as Titania and **Jeni Ahlfeld** as Puck; **Natalie Singer** as Quince, **Greg Schafer** as Bottom, **Dustin Williams** as Snug, **Brent Bredhold** as Flute, **Paige Scott** as Snout, and **Steven Biggs** as Starveling. Other cast members include **Leo Kempf '05**, **Josh Smith**, **Camille Ruckriegel**, **Marielle Scheid**, **Ashley Wolfe**, and **April Underhill**.

A Midsummer Night's Dream runs November 8-11 and November 14-19 at USI Theatre at 3001 Igleheart Avenue. Performance times are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. There is one Tuesday evening performance on November 14 at 7 p.m. and one Sunday matinee on November 19 at 2 p.m. Single ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors 60 and over and \$4 for USI students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the USI Theatre box office at 812-422-3970. Tickets may also be purchased at the door; the box office will open one hour before each performance.

Fall retirement reception

Five long-time members of the USI faculty will be honored during a fall retirement reception at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 16, in Couch-Renner Auditorium, Education Center, Room 1101.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "The faculty and administrators who are retiring this year have made significant contributions to the development of the University, its curriculum, and its standing in the region. They will be missed, but we wish them well and invite them to continue to be active in the life of the University."

Retirees to be honored are:

Dr. Charles Barber, professor of political science, who joined the University in 1971. He holds a Ph.D. from The American University.

Ruth Hahn, access services librarian, assistant librarian, who joined the University in 1973. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University.

Dr. Robert Mays, associate dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services and professor of education, who joined the University in 1973. He holds an Ed.D. from Indiana University.

Dr. C. Thomas Pickering, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services and professor of education, who joined the University in 1988. He holds a Ph.D. from Ohio University.

Dr. C. William Stegemoller, associate professor of mathematics, who joined the University in 1978. He holds a Doctor of Arts degree from Idaho State University.

Look for stories about each of the retirees in the Winter 2007 issue of *USI Magazine*.

The University honors retiring faculty and staff each semester. Members of the University community and guests of the honorees are invited to attend. For more information, call Special Events at 812/464-1930.

Success Series workshops

Academic Skills and University Division advising are sponsoring the following Success Series workshops in November. These 30-minute interactive workshops are free and open to fac-

ulty, staff, and students. Note that the workshops are held at various times and in various rooms.

- **Find Your Way Through Your GPA**, 3-3:30 p.m. November 8, Education Center Room 1102. Learn how to calculate your collegiate GPA. Presented by Renee Rowland, University Division advisor and Cyd Fithian, assistant math specialist in Academic Skills.

- **Don't Delay!: Anti-Procrastination Techniques**, 4-4:30 p.m. November 15, Education Center Room 1102. If you procrastinate, this session will give you techniques for prioritizing and completing your academic workload. Presented by Deanna Odney, writing specialist, Academic Skills.

- **College Game of Life**, 4:30-5 p.m. November 28, Education Center Room 1102. Learn how to have financial balance in your life. Presented by Brian Hinterscher, University Division advisor.

- **Countdown to Finals**, 3-3:30 p.m. November 29 and 4-4:30 p.m. November 30, Education Center Room 1103. Learn how to prepare a study plan for finals. Presented by Lori Saxby, reading specialist, Academic Skills.

For more information, contact Saxby at 812/464-1743.

Names in the news

Welcome to the USI family

Emily Holt, assistant professor of dental hygiene and dental assisting, and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Beth Holt**, born Tuesday, October 10.

In sympathy

Gordon E. Kelley, professor emeritus of health professions and former associate dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, died October 23 at his residence in Evansville. Kelley moved to Evansville in 1971 to become the director of Allied Health at the University. He also produced and hosted an old-time radio rebroadcast show on WSWI AM820 from 1984 to 1992. He retired from USI in 1996. Services were held October 27 at First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kelley Health Professions Scholarship at USI, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712 or Deaconess/Ohio Valley Hospice, 600 Mary St., Evansville, IN 47710.

In appreciation

"Thank you to everyone in the USI family for the beautiful mums, visits, cards, prayers, and kind words after the death of my father. You all are very special people." – **Kathy Galvin**, senior administrative assistant, Business Office.

Accomplishments

Jean M. Devine, former Foundation accountant in the Office of Business Affairs, has been named assistant director of Development, operations. In the new position, Devine serves as the assistant to the director, taking the lead in managing all internal Development processes; acts as the liaison with internal departments; and manages office operational processes and staff. She has been employed with the University as a staff accountant in the Office of Business Affairs; office manager for Campaign USI; and administrative assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Advancement. Devine earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in 1986 from USI. During her undergraduate career, she was a student employee in the Office of the President.

Faculty and students from the Department of Geology and Physics presented papers at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America October 22-25 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **Dr. Paul Doss**, associate professor of geology, and **Laura Bordelon** presented "Long-term Integration of a Hydrogeology Research Program, Undergraduate Geoscience Education, and Outreach with a Ground-water Monitoring Laboratory." **Dr. Norman King**, professor of geology, and alumnus **Penny Greer** presented "The Menard Formation in Western Kentucky: A Detailed Record of High Frequency Eustatic Fluctuations during the Early Carboniferous in the Southeastern Illinois Basin." **Dr. Jim Durbin**, associate professor of geology, and **Scott Waninger** presented "Early Wisconsinan Eolian Activity along the Ohio River in Southwestern Indiana."

Krissy Engelbrecht, women's soccer coach, was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Women's Soccer All-Centennial Team. Engelbrecht also was the number one choice in the fan balloting. Completing her fourth season at the helm of the USI women's program, Engelbrecht was an outstanding player for the University of Evansville prior to becoming a coach. She was a three-time Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year and All-Great Lakes Region team member, leading the Aces to four straight MVC titles and two NCAA Division I Tournament appearances. She was joined on the All-Centennial team by four Evansville teammates and former Aces' Head Coach Mick Lyons.

Gale Hoehn, instructor in nursing and an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN), is the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Nursing Award. In presenting the award, **Dr. Nadine Coudret**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "Gale joined the USI nursing program in 1999 and has served as lead faculty in the oncology and end of life nursing content. She has been a mentor and advisor to students, particularly for students who have been identified as at risk students who needed additional assistance in their preparation for the NCLEX exam...of special appreciation and relevance to this award is Gale's participation and leadership in the establishment of the USI Nursing Alumni Association." Hoehn holds Associate Degree Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees from USI and a Master of Science in Nursing degree from University of Evansville. She is a member of the Indiana State Nurses Association, Indiana Organization Nurse Executives, Omicron Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Oncology Nursing Society, Greater Evansville Oncology Nursing Society Chapter (secretary), Tri-State Case Managers Network, and End-of Life Nursing Education Consortium. At USI, she is a member and co-chair of the Learning Caring Committee, Admission and Progression Committee, Infection Control Committee, and the annual Pain Seminar planning committee.

Robert Oswalt, biology student, is the 2006 recipient of the **Victor H. and Elizabeth A. Barnett Research Award**. This award supports undergraduate research and is given to a student in good standing who submits a successful research proposal in collaboration with a sponsoring faculty member. Under the direction of **Dr. Eric McCloud**, Oswalt will be sequencing rDNA of an unknown fungus found exclusively in the Holly Berry Midge, *Asphondylia ilicicola*.

Dr. Kent Scheller, associate professor of physics, and **Dr. Shadow Robinson**, assistant professor of physics, presented papers at the 2006 Division of Nuclear Physics Annual Meeting October 25-28 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Donuts will be sold for fifty cents each or \$5 for a dozen. The sale will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 7; 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, November 8; and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 9. Proceeds benefit the USI Lions Club's community service projects on campus and in the community. For more information or to pre-order, contact **Kristine Murray** at 812/465-7183.

University community invited to Veterans Day services

USI faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend Veterans Day services at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11, at Locust Hill Cemetery. The services will be held at the gravesite of James Bethel Gresham, the first U.S. soldier killed in World War I. Gresham was born in McLean County, Kentucky, but later moved to Evansville and attended Centennial School, which housed the University from 1965-1969. Services are sponsored by Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 7; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1114; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2953; American Legion, Post 187; Military Order of the Purple Heart 728; Marine Corps League 1090; and the Retired Veterans Memorial Club of Vanderburgh County.

Veterans For Peace will assemble to read the names of all of the U.S. military casualties of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq beginning at 11 a.m. at the Four Freedoms Monument in downtown Evansville. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, contact **Gary May**, associate professor of social work, at 812/465-1694.

Geologist John Hill to speak at public meeting

John R. Hill, associate director and geologist with the Indiana Geological Survey, will be the featured speaker at a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. Friday, November 8, at Thrall's Opera House, New Harmony, Indiana. Sponsored by the Quad County Development Commission (QCDC), the meeting is part of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning in Posey County. Public input is needed to develop a comprehensive, county-wide plan. The Department of Homeland Security requires that every community within a county sign off on a final plan in order to qualify for funds in the event of a disaster. Hill has completed extensive research on earthquakes, their history in Indiana, and response of bedrock and soils to earthquake-induced ground-shaking. He will share his expertise as it relates to Posey County. For reservations call 812/465-7007, or email nburns@usi.edu.

Art for Life auction benefits local AIDS charities

The third annual Art for Life art auction will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, November 17, in Old National Bank's Henning Atrium in downtown Evansville. The event features silent and live auctions of a variety of items, including artwork. The auction benefits AIDS Resource Group, Matthew 25, and the Tri-State AIDS Christmas Project. For tickets, send \$35 per person to Art for Life c/o TSA, PO Box 2901, Evansville, IN 47728. To donate an auction item, contact event chair Wally Paynter at 812/480-0204 or wallypaynter@aol.com; Randy Lewis at 812/204-8562; Wanda McCarter at 812/421-0059; or Sally Welch at 877/428-1231.

FYI

USI Lions Club donut and cocoa sale

The USI Lions Club is holding a Krispy Kreme donut and hot cocoa sale November 7-9 in front of the University Center.