



University Notes

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Digital artist Wong is juror for 37th Annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition

Sala Wong, assistant professor of digital art at Indiana State University-Terre Haute, will serve as juror of 37th Annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition and present a lecture, "Digital Boundaries," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Wong holds an MFA in imaging and digital arts from the University of Maryland. She works with physical media, computer-controlled environments, wearable art, and net art. Her multimedia installations explore the boundaries between real and virtual, the traditional and digital enhanced environments, as well as the social issues of diversity in art and culture. Wong's work has been exhibited internationally, including Japan, Thailand, Russia, Finland, Estonia, the U.S., and Canada.

The Juried Student Art Exhibition will run April 1-10 in the University Conference Center. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, with the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. that day.

The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays (except Good Friday, April 6, when it will be closed) and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8.

For more information, contact the USI Department of Art, Music, and Theatre at 812/465-7047.

Trustees' Distinguished Merit Award winner announced

Andrea L. C. Henke is the Trustees' Distinguished Merit Award winner for 2007 at USI. A junior, Henke is a history major with a minor in anthropology. She has earned a 3.8 grade point average overall, and a 4.0 in her major field. She is on track to graduate with honors in May 2008.

The award was presented at the March 18 College of Liberal Arts Honors Convocation by **Bruce H. Baker**, chair of the USI Board of Trustees. It carries a \$1,000 stipend.

Applicants for the award are asked to write an essay on the value of a liberal arts education. Henke wrote, "In addition to the skills a liberal arts education provides, I believe it also imparts students with a sense of appreciation and understanding. Students of the liberal arts develop an admiration of the arts and literature that can provide pleasure and continued education for years after a degree has been acquired."

A faculty member, who supported the Henke nomination, wrote, "As a discussion facilitator in our class, Andrea demonstrated strong leadership skills and appreciation for the goals of our classroom and our university. This exemplary behavior is the norm for her."

Henke plans to pursue a career as a park ranger with the National Park Service after graduation. She has a seasonal job with the George Rogers Clark National Historic Park in Vincennes, Indiana.

Henke is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society, and a member of the Student Advisory Board to the dean. She is a

student worker in the College of Liberal Arts. In all capacities she has built highly effective working relationships with peers, faculty, and administration. She is described as thoughtful, organized, and motivated to succeed.

A graduate of Jasper High School, Henke is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Capps. Her husband Nick Henke also is a student at USI.

The Trustees Distinguished Merit Award recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student's major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education. Each school nominates one student for the award. The award is presented to one junior or senior at USI who best qualifies by virtue of the overall integrity of his or her student life. Selection is made by the Student Affairs Committee.

USI, corridor communities plan for I-69

The mayors of Washington, Oakland City, and Petersburg, Indiana have partnered with the USI Center for Applied Research and Economic Development to learn best practices and "what not to do" from other communities nationwide located on new construction interstate routes.

The USI College of Business will study the economic results of comparable communities and then identify the best practices, mistakes made, and other findings of those communities. **Dr. Tim Schibik**, professor of economics, and **Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar**, assistant professor of economics, will lead the study.

Schibik said "This project affords USI College of Business faculty members an opportunity to utilize their expertise to support local community efforts to capitalize on I-69."

The study results will be shared with local communities in fall 2007, and will underpin subsequent planning work by southwestern Indiana's I-69 corridor communities helping maximize the positive community impact of the new construction highway.

The project is funded by the Pike County Economic Growth Council and County Commissioners, Duke Energy Foundation, the City of Washington and the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation.

USI hosts Indiana Political Science Association Annual Meeting

USI's Department of Philosophy, Political Science, and Public Administration will host the Indiana Political Science Association Annual Meeting for the first time on Friday, March 30.

Dr. M.T. Hallock Morris, assistant professor of political science and IPSA president, said, "Hosting the IPSA meeting allows the political science professors and students to interact with our colleagues from around the state and Kentucky. We're exposed to new research in the field – everything from environmental policy to women in politics, from the leadership styles of world leaders to political problems in east Asian democracies. In addition, hosting the conference gives our MPA students a venue to present their research." Morris also serves as editor of the Indiana Journal of Political Science.

Events will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center. Following a luncheon, **Dr. Stephen E. Bennett** will give the keynote address, "Time to Look Again at Young People and Politics," at 12:30 p.m. He will discuss the lack of research about young people's political attitudes and behavior since the 1970s. All USI students are encouraged to attend the keynote address.

Bennett teaches political science at USI and is professor emeritus of political science at the University of Cincinnati, where he was on the faculty from 1969 to 2001. He is the associate editor of Critical Review, a journal that deals with economic, social, and political issues, and writes a column for an online magazine.

Bennett holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His fields of concentration are American public opinion, electoral behavior, and political communication. He has authored, co-authored, or co-edited several books and roughly 100 articles, book chapters, and essays. He has presented papers at over 100 international, national, and regional conferences. Several of his publications focus on young people and politics.

Other USI participants include **Dr. Uisoong Kwon**, instructor in political science, who will present a paper, "Economy and Turnout."

Master of Public Administration program graduate students **Peter Whiting**, serials librarian; **Sarah Siddens**, **Rebecca Patrick**, **Linda Bailey**, **Michelle White**, research assistant in Institutional Research, and **Lana Abel** will present papers, as will **J. Robert Shrode**, an undergraduate student.

Whiting's paper is "Media's Ethical Watchdog: Leased or Unleashed in Today's Society." Siddens will present "Are They Ethical? Legislative and Policy Efforts to Protect US Citizens in Times of War." Patrick's paper is "The Abramoff Scandal." Bailey's is "Group Decision Making: Ethical Challenges and Considerations for Small Groups." White will present "Natural Disaster Reduction and Preparedness: An Assessment in Evansville, Indiana." Abel's is "Controlling Climate Change Starts at Home: How Mayors are Leading the Way and Embracing the Kyoto Protocol."

Shrode's paper is "An Age Independent Analysis of Youth Voting."

USI alumna **Amber Sells '06** will present "The Agricultural Act of 2001: Is Congress as Simple as 'I'm Just a Bill?'" Sells is now a graduate student at Regent University.

USI faculty panel chairs are Morris, **Jeremiah John**, instructor in political science, **Dr. Charles Barber**, professor emeritus of political science, **Dr. Paul Raymond**, associate professor of political science, and **Dr. Brian Posler**, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor of political science.

Registered participants are affiliated with universities in Indiana and Kentucky, including University of Evansville, Ball State University, Kentucky State University, University of Louisville, Murray State University, IUPUI, Indiana University-East, and others.

For more information, go to the conference Web site at www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/polsci/ipsa.asp.

Hiam named Indiana Nurse Practitioner of the Year

Jennie Hiam, instructor in nursing, has been named Nurse Practitioner of the Year by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). Hiam and winners from every state will be recognized at the AANP 22nd National Conference June 20-24 in Indianapolis. In addition, the Indiana chapter will hold a reception in her honor.

Marcia Plant Jackson, Indiana representative to the AANP, said Hiam was selected by her peers for her commitment to the community, especially her service to uninsured and incarcerated individuals; for her work in the education of family nurse practitioners; and for her groundbreaking role as a nurse practitioner in Indiana.

Hiam has been a nurse practitioner since 1972, which dates to the early days of advanced practice nursing in Indiana. She already had earned a master's degree in nursing when she completed a family nurse practitioner program at Indiana University.

"It sounded very exciting to me because we could do so much more and meet people's needs so much better. It broadens your nursing," Hiam said.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions said, "Jennie Hiam is a caring, dedicated and excellent nurse practitioner who serves as a role model for nurse practitioners in Indiana. Her contributions to nurse practitioner education and her excellence of care for patients make her a worthy recipient of this award and a valued graduate nursing faculty here at the University of Southern Indiana."

Hiam said it has been shown that family nurse practitioners provide excellent and effective care. For her, the mark of a good family nurse practitioner is the practitioner's relationship to people.

"It's not the number of procedures you can do or their sophistication. It's your relationship to people — patients, families, and staff. If you don't have a relationship, you're not going to be effective. The nurse practitioner movement is designed to improve health care. With good relationships we are much better able to provide care."

Hiam joined the College of Nursing and Health Professions faculty in 1997. She serves the community by working part time at ECHO Community Health Center. As a faculty member, she participated in writing and now is involved in implementing a grant program from the Division of Nursing to provide health-care services to inmates in Vanderburgh County correctional facilities.

In nominating her for Indiana Nurse Practitioner of the Year, a former student wrote, "The one thing that she impressed upon me the most while I was her student was that every person has value and is worthy of my caring and respect, regardless of his or her current situation."

A peer who nominated Hiam, wrote, "Whether she is explaining a medical condition to an illiterate patient or demonstrating to a student how to do a complete physical assessment, her passion for quality nursing care shows."

Hiam earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Indiana University in addition to completing a family nurse practitioner program there. Her previous experience includes employment at Ball Hospital in Muncie, Indiana; Bloomington Hospital, in Bloomington, Indiana; and Winona Hospital and General Hospital (Wishard) in Indianapolis. She also has served as a family nurse practitioner at Huntingburg Clinic, in Huntingburg, Indiana, and at Tri-Cap Family Planning in Evansville.

Throughout her career Hiam has shared her expertise by teaching. She was an instructor in medical-surgical nursing at Parkview School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, served on the nursing faculty at the University of Evansville, and taught medical technology at Lockyear College in Evansville.

In addition to continuing clinical practice at ECHO, she has served as a family nurse practitioner for the mobile health unit of St Mary's Health Care Services in Evansville.

Hiam received Volunteer of the Year Awards from the YMCA of Evansville in 2001 and from the United Way of Evansville in 1996. The American Red Cross has recognized her with two awards — the Volunteer Award from the Homemaker Division in 1991 and the Century Award in 1988.

Pitzer presents Sachem award to Jane Blaffer Owen

Governor Mitch Daniels honored community leader and philanthropist **Jane Blaffer Owen** with the 2007 Sachem, the state's highest honor, on March 13. Owen received the Sachem before a State

House audience that included friends from the town of New Harmony and other leaders from southwestern Indiana.

The Sachem is given to one person per year in recognition of a lifetime of excellence and virtue that has brought credit and honor to Indiana. College basketball coaching legend John Wooden and the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and world statesman, are the inaugural recipients of the Sachem created by Governor Daniels.

"Jane Owen is a gift beyond description," said Daniels. "She has lived a truly unique life of virtue and goodness that has blessed Indiana in so many ways."

Owen, 91, is most well-known for her devotion to the restoration of the town of New Harmony as a cultural and spiritual focal point. Her late husband, Kenneth Dale Owen, a descendant of one of New Harmony's founders, first took Owen to the town on their honeymoon in 1941. Since then, she has utilized her financial resources and worldwide contacts to blend the historic elements of New Harmony's past into a timeless and diverse center for artistic expression and interfaith dialogue.

"Jane's character and contributions define the pinnacle of Hoosier ideals and leadership. She personifies the insatiable striving for a better world for all humanity," said **Dr. Donald E. Pitzer**, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies at USI.

In 1958, Owen created The Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation to preserve and promote the historical and educational attributes of New Harmony. In the nearly 50 years since its creation, the foundation has funded numerous works of art and architecture in New Harmony that have attracted scholars and artists from around the world, including the Cathedral Labyrinth and Sacred Garden. For her support of art education in New Harmony and southwest Indiana, Owen received the Governor's Arts Award in 1977. The award recognizes individuals whose significant contributions to the arts have produced a profoundly positive impact upon the arts and the state of Indiana.

Owen also is a strong advocate of building interfaith relations and commissioned the international Roofless Church by famed architect Philip Johnson, to encourage individuals from all religions to contribute to a more united and peaceful world. One of her early mentors was theologian Paul Tillich, a pioneer in building interfaith relations. In the aftermath of World War II, Owen's support of Japanese religious leaders helped build bridges of mutual understanding and respect between the United States and East Asia. More recently, she has focused her efforts on building positive relations between the United States and the Muslim world by hosting several international Muslim delegations at New Harmony.

To this day, she remains a tireless supporter of New Harmony and continues to fund community projects to further the artistic and spiritual environment in southwestern Indiana.

Indiana Court of Appeals at USI on March 29

The Indiana Court of Appeals will hear an oral argument in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center at USI at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007. Sergio Camps v. the State of Indiana is the case before the judges.

According to the synopsis, this is an interlocutory appeal of the trial court's denial of appellant Sergio Campos' Motion to Suppress. Appellant was charged with dealing in cocaine, a Class A felony. Appellant filed a Motion to Suppress raising issues related to the traffic stop, vehicle search, and recorded conversations by the police. A hearing was held and the Motion to Suppress was denied.

Michael P. Barnes, Melissa S. May, and Nancy H. Vaidik are the judges who will hear the oral argument.

The Indiana Court of Appeals is the state's second-highest court. It reviews appeals from trial court decisions; a decision of the Indiana Court of Appeals is final unless granted further review by the Indiana Supreme Court. Due to the Code of Judicial Conduct, the judges will not be able to answer any specific questions about the case, but can respond to general inquiries about the legal system.

The public is encouraged to attend. Normal courtroom rules of decorum will apply.

Names in the news

Welcome

Chris Brooks has accepted a position as third shift supervisor with the Physical Plant.

Eric Gentry has accepted a position as security officer in the Office of Security.

FYI

Alcohol screenings offered

The Counseling Center will offer alcohol screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the Orr Center, Room 1051. All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening, which consists of a 10-minute self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional. For more information contact **Brooke Orth**, staff counselor, at 812/464-1867.

Cursillo gatherings planned

Men who have made a Cursillo weekend retreat are invited to attend group reunions on campus every Thursday beginning April 5. Discussions will last less than an hour. For more information, contact **Jeff Sickman**, assistant controller, at 812/465-7163.

Communal Studies Lecture: "Communal Solutions for Today's World"

Dr. Timothy Miller, an expert on communal societies and alternative religions, will present the USI Center for Communal Studies Lecture at noon Wednesday, March 28 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center at the University of Southern Indiana.

The title is "Communal Solutions for Today's World: Peak Oil, Sustainable Lifestyles, Eco-villages and Co-housing."

Miller is a professor of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas and the author of "The 60s Communes: Hippies and Beyond," "The Quest for Utopia in Twentieth-Century America," "America's Alternative Religions," "The Hippies and American Values," and "American Communes, 1860-1960: A Bibliography."

For more information, contact the USI Center for Communal Studies: 812/465-1656.

Colts executive to speak at USI

Kurt Humphrey, vice president of finance with the Indianapolis Colts, will offer a free public lecture, "How the Colts do Business," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. Humphrey has been with the Colts since they moved to Indianapolis. A question and answer period will follow his presentation. While on campus, Humphrey also will address Economics of Sports and Principles of Marketing classes, and there will be a Colts Trivia Contest at 1:30 p.m. in the University Center. Colts fans are encouraged to wear Colts gear. The event was organized by the College of Business Living Learning Community. For more information, contact Christina Warren at 812/492-7687 or Tim Mahoney at 812/ 464-1947.