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## More than 1,500 degrees to be awarded

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees at the March 4 board meeting approved 1,500 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees to be awarded in 2004. The degrees will be conferred during the Commencement ceremony at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9.

Board members also approved awarding honorary degrees, one posthumously, to Indiana citizens. The degrees will be awarded to John M. Dunn, president of Dunn Hospitality Group; posthumously to Ruth Gray Yates, a respected and inspirational educator and benefactor who died earlier this year, and Melissa S. May, a judge and member of the Indiana Court of Appeals, who will be this year's Commencement speaker.

Dunn will be recognized for his civic and University leadership. Dunn heads a hotel management group with hotels and extended stay facilities in Indiana and Kentucky. He is a former chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and was active as a major gifts chair in the Boards Division of Campaign USI, the first capital campaign conducted at the University.

Dunn's other volunteer work through the years includes serving as chair of the Tri-State Youth for Christ Board of Directors, member of the board of directors for the Evansville Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Mission Health Systems, Old National Bank, Welborn Foundation, Welborn Baptist Foundation, WNIN-TV/FM 88 and Vectren, Inc., and member of the advisory council for the Indiana University Medical School. An honor graduate of Oakland City University, he received an honorary degree from that institution in 1977.

Yates, whose teaching career spanned 35 years, was born in Evansville and was a member of the second graduating class of Bosse High School in 1926. A graduate of the University of Evansville, she married fellow educator Davis Yates in 1938 and together they gave 80 years of service to the youth of Vanderburgh County. The couple moved to Perry County in 1964 and to Tell City in 1979. Mrs. Yates was active in the community until her death. Beginning in 1999 and continuing until her death, Mrs. Yates was a close friend of USI. She was a member of Reflections, the Planned Giving Society of the USI Foundation; she was an annual underwriter of the New Harmony Theatre; and she had established the Ruth Gray Yates Endowed Presidential Scholarship and a four-year named Presidential Scholarship. She will be recognized for her lifelong commitment to education, dedicated community involvement, and her interest in USI students.

Melissa S. May is a former Evansville attorney and a judge with the Indiana Court of Appeals. She is one of three judges for the Fourth District. Her honorary degree will recognize her distinguished career in the law and in the judiciary. May is currently on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Attorney Specialization and chair of the Specialization Committee for the Continuing Legal Education Commission. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana Bar Association, Evansville Bar Association, Indianapolis Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Indiana

Judges Association, and American Judicature Society. She earned her law degree from Indiana University-Indianapolis and is a member of the adjunct faculty for the IU School of Law.

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## Awards recognizing 'phenomenal women'

Eight women will be recognized for their contributions to diversity at USI and in the community at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 in Carter Hall as part of the Phenomenal Women Recognition Ceremony.

The community honorees are Lois E. Duncan, president of the Ministers Wives Council; Marilee C. Fowler, executive director of Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Janice Rae Greene, graphic design supervisor with the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Campus honorees are Peggy Harrel, director of Graduates Studies and Sponsored Research; Jane E. Meyer, associate professor of education; Lucy Schenk, administrative assistant in Career Counseling; undergraduate Nazli Karaagac, president of the International Club, and Debbie Kinney, a graduate student and coordinator of The Witness Project.

The Phenomenal Women Recognition Ceremony, part of the Women's History Month celebration at USI, is sponsored by the USI Multicultural Center, American Association of University Women, and Old National. The program is free and open to the public, and reservations are requested and can be made by sending an email to cwilkerson@usi.edu or calling 812/465-7188.

A Vendor Fair focusing on companies and services targeted for women in the community will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Center near The Loft on Tuesday, March 16. Plan to attend and register for door prizes. The Phenomenal Women Recognition Ceremony sponsors also are sponsoring the Vendor Fair.

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## Faculty earn appointments, promotions

The USI Board of Trustees approved personnel actions related to continuous appointment and promotion at its meeting March 4.

Continuous Appointment: The following faculty members were approved for continuous appointment, effective August 22, 2005:

- » Dr. Marvin Albin, professor of computer information systems, School of Business
- » Dr. Barbara Davis, associate professor of nursing, School of Nursing and Health Professions
- » Dr. James Durbin, assistant professor of geology, Pott School of Science and Engineering
- » Dr. Julie Evey, assistant professor of psychology, School of Liberal Arts

- ▶▶ Dr. Eileen Morrison, associate professor of health services/administration, School of Nursing and Health Professions
- ▶▶ Dr. Todd Schroer, assistant professor of sociology, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. David Schultz, assistant professor of engineering, Pott School of Science and Engineering

Promotion: The following faculty members are recommended for promotion, effective August 23, 2004:

#### **Assistant professor to associate professor**

- ▶▶ Dr. James Durbin, assistant professor of geology, Pott School of Science and Engineering
- ▶▶ Dr. Julie Evey, assistant professor of psychology, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Theresa Huerta, assistant professor of Spanish, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Joan Kempf, assistant professor of graphic design, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Leslie Nunn, assistant professor of business law, School of Business
- ▶▶ Dr. Ronda Priest, assistant professor of sociology, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Todd Schroer, assistant professor of sociology, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Joseph Uduehi, assistant professor of art education, School of Liberal Arts

#### **Associate Professor to Professor**

- ▶▶ Dr. Karen Bonnell, associate professor of communications, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Barbara Davis, associate professor of nursing, School of Nursing and Health Professions
- ▶▶ Dr. Eva Jermakowicz, associate professor of accounting, School of Business
- ▶▶ Dr. Eileen Morrison, associate professor of health services/administration, School of Nursing and Health Professions
- ▶▶ Dr. Leslie Roberts, associate professor of French, School of Liberal Arts
- ▶▶ Dr. Ann White, associate professor of nursing, School of Nursing and Health Professions
- ▶▶ Dr. Jennifer Williams, associate professor of computer information systems, School of Business

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### **Writer focuses on disability issues**

An author and journalist who has covered the disability rights movement for more than two decades will speak on campus Tuesday, March 16, in conjunction with Disability Awareness Month.

Mary Johnson's free public presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. She also will deliver a Lunch and Learn program for the campus community at noon March 16 in Room 206 of the University Center.

Johnson is the author of *Make Them Go Away: Clint Eastwood, Christopher Reeve, and the Case Against Disability Rights* (The Advocado Press, 2003).

*Make Them Go Away* examines the case against disability rights and the fact that proponents of civil rights for people with disabilities - rights guaranteed by federal law - remain essentially silent.

The title references movie celebrities Eastwood, who fought an access suit, and Reeve, who insists what's needed is a cure. In the book, Johnson argues that a nation ignoring disability rights places itself at peril since anyone can suddenly join the disabled minority.

Johnson founded the Advocado Press, a small non-profit press publishing information on disability rights issues, in 1980 and began publishing *The Disability Rag*, a magazine now published as *The Ragged Edge*.

She is editor of *The Ragged Edge*, and her freelance work has appeared in *USA Today*, *The Nation*, *The New York Times*, and *The Columbia Journalism Review*.

The USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence are sponsoring Johnson's presentations on campus.

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### **Program honoring Irish writers**

The RopeWalk Reading Series will celebrate St. Patrick's Day Wednesday, March 17, when members of the USI creative writing faculty will read the poetry and prose of Irish writers including Seamus Heany, Frank O'Connor, Seamus Cashman, James Joyce, Patrick Kavavagh, and W.B. Yeats.

Participating faculty will include: Jim McGarrah, assistant professor of English; Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English; Leisa Belleau, instructor in English; Matthew Graham, associate professor of English; Ronald Mitchell, instructor in English; and Tonya Northenor, instructor in English.

The program also will feature Irish music performed by musicians under the direction of Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music.

The free event will begin at 7 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center, and the public is invited to attend.

Presented by USI's School of Liberal Arts, the RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.

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### **Project randomly creates music**

The New Harmony Artists' Guild will present The Utility Project, a unique evening of music and discourse featuring Doyle Dean, at 7:30 p.m. March 22 at the USI Theatre on Igleheart Avenue.

Conceived by Dean, a USI instructor in art, the Utility Project is a random determination experiment in pop/rock music.

The project consists of 30 90-second songs essentially written by a pair of dice. Everything from song structure to tempo, instrumentation and lyrical content was determined by the use of random methods.

Now, 999 individually numbered compact discs of the recordings are perpetually redistributing themselves worldwide. One remaining disc will be randomly passed on during the program March 22.

In his presentation, Dean will randomly select 15 of the 30 songs to present and discuss. He also will explain the process that

led to the unique music. The program is free and open to the public. In addition to teaching video art at USI, Dean is a musician, filmmaker, and photographer.

Support for the project was provided in part by The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, The Indiana Arts Commission, The New Harmony Artists' Guild, and USI.



## Women's experiences on stage

The USI Theatre will host three performances of *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf* March 19-21 in conjunction with the University's celebration of Women's History Month.

Passionate and fearless, Ntozake Shange's Obie Award-winning play reveals what it is to be of color and female in the modern age. Praised by *The New Yorker* for "encompassing...every feeling and experience a woman has ever had," *For Colored Girls...* features vivid and powerful language that still resonates today.

Presented by the Creative and Performing Arts Center, a non-profit group based in Evansville, the production debuted locally last year at Bosse High School. The performances March 19-21 will feature the original cast.

Christopher Boyer, USI Theatre managing director, and Lad Dulin, artistic director of the Creative and Performing Arts Center, began discussions about remounting the production in the fall.

The USI Multicultural Center is joining USI Theatre in sponsoring the production, which will be staged at the theatre on Gleheart Avenue.

"Presenting this play fits right in to the work of the Multicultural Center," said Carrie Wilkerson, Multicultural Center program advisor.

"Part of our mission is creating opportunities for cultural interaction between students, the campus, and the community at large that promote cultural awareness and sensitivity. It's also a great show to be presenting during Women's History Month and right on the heels of Black History Month."

*For Colored Girls...* will be presented at 7 p.m. March 19-20 and at 2 p.m. March 21. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors 60 and older, and \$3 for USI students who present a valid Eagle Access Card.

For tickets or information, call the USI Theatre Box Office, 812/422-3970. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.



## Names in the news

### Achievements

The husband and wife team of **Matthew Graham**, associate professor of English, and **Katie Waters**, professor of art, will present "Private Lives: Landscapes of the Heart and Mind," Tuesday, March 9, at Harlaxton College in England as part of the program "In the Harlaxton Great Hall," a series for members and friends of Harlaxton College. The program will feature Graham's poetry and Waters' paintings, which merge in a nostalgic evocation of the American Heartland.

### Welcome

**Jennifer Newingham** has accepted the position of lead teacher in the 2-year-old classroom at the USI Children's Center, where she previously was a student worker. The Evansville resi-

dent is pursuing an associate degree in early childhood education, which she anticipates receiving this summer, and a B.S. in early childhood education, which she expects to earn in fall 2005.

## FYI

### Spring recess

University classes will not be in session March 8-13, when USI students will be on spring break. University offices will remain open during regular business hours Monday-Friday. For more information, call 812/464-1762.

### Pipeline upgrade

Campus Pipeline will become MyUSI during spring break. Due to the transition, Campus Pipeline will be unavailable during the first few days of the break. Later in the week of March 8-12, service will return when MyUSI is unveiled.

Additional information about MyUSI is available on the Computer Center Web site.

### Media day

The University will host the 14th annual High School Media Day Tuesday, March 9, when 350 students from more than 20 Tri-state high schools will visit for a day of journalism workshops, awards, and competitions sponsored by the USI Scripps Howard Center for Media Studies and The Evansville Courier & Press.

Peter Copeland, editor and general manager of the Scripps Howard News Service will be the keynote speaker at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The public is invited to attend his free presentation.

### German classes

Extended Services will offer a Beginning Conversational German class on eight Tuesdays, March 9-April 27. German vocabulary, expressions, geography, and culture will be the focus of the class that will be held from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the University Center.

The registration fee is \$128, including a textbook. For registration or additional information, call 800/467-8600 or 812/464-1989.

### Joycelyn Elders

Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders will address issues in healthcare for minority populations at 7:45 p.m. March 25 in Carter Hall. Presented by the University Core Curriculum's Speakers Series in conjunction with USI's celebration of Women's History Month, Elders' program is free and open to the public.

### Nurturing nurturers

"Nurturing the Nurturers: Lessons in Leadership," USI's inaugural nursing leadership conference, will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. April 1 in Carter Hall.

Sponsored by the School of Nursing and Health Professions and the Indiana Organization of Nurse Executives, the program is designed to energize, nurture, and inspire nurse managers and leaders through an educational and experiential day.

Registration is \$75, \$60 for IONE members, and \$20 for students. The registration fee includes lunch, breaks, materials, and contact hours. For information or registration, e-mail [extserv@usi.edu](mailto:extserv@usi.edu) or call 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

## Communal studies

The Center for Communal Studies Lecture Series will feature author Peter Hoehnle, historical consultant and docent at the Amana Heritage Society in Iowa, Thursday, March 18.

Hoehnle's illustrated lecture with slides, "Work, Prayer, and Communal Life at Amana, 1828-1933," will be presented at 2 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The free program is open to the public.

Hoehnle will give a second illustrated lecture with slides at 6:30 p.m. on March 18 at Thrall's Opera House in New Harmony. His lecture will be "Communal Connections: Interactions among the Amanas, Shakers, Harmonists, and Other Communal Groups." This free lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by Harmonie Associates in cooperation with Historic New Harmony.

## Hunger relief

USI social work students will go hungry March 18, and everyone is invited to join them in a fast to draw attention to the problem of world hunger and hunger in the Tri-state.

Participants may fast for the day, give up a meal, or forego snacks and sodas. As part of the event, participants will donate the money they would have spent on food to combat local and world hunger. For more information, call 812/465-1843.

## Employee program

Deaconess CONCERN will deliver the free Lunch and Learn program, "Balancing Work and Family, at noon March 24 in Rooms 201-202 of the University Center. Human Resources is sponsoring the program in conjunction with Women's History Month. The University community is invited to bring a lunch and attend. For more information, call 812/464-1815.

## Accommodations

The Office of Special Events has a list of Evansville hotels offering discounted rates for USI guests during Commencement weekend, May 7-9. For information and rates, call the office, 812/464-1930.

Graduating students should be aware St. Mary's Classic Soccer Tournament, with approximately 150 soccer teams, is scheduled the same weekend. Visitors requiring hotel rooms are advised to make reservations early as local hotels may fill quickly.

## Newsletter deadline

Monday, March 15, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*, which will publish March 19. There will be no *University Notes* published during spring break. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor, or by calling 812/461-5259.

## Job openings

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at [www.usi.edu/hr/](http://www.usi.edu/hr/). Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

## Marketplace

### For sale

Washer and dryer - matched pair of Kenmores, almond color. Excellent condition, about 9 years old: \$225 for the set. Call 484-0305.

Child's outdoor play unit - good for children under age 4. Has small slide and is made of durable plastic. Can see similar outdoor item at Toy-R-U's: \$40. Call 424-8547 after 5 p.m.

Entertainment center - 59" long, 48" high; holds up to a 27" television. Lots of storage: \$100. Call Ext. 1207.

Shenandoah add-on wood furnace - \$200. Call 838-4503.

MIKASA Volleyball ball cart - relatively new ball cart, royal blue or black available. Purchaser will pay shipping and handling as well as a negotiable purchase price. Call 812/464-1789.

2002 Buick Lasabre - 27k miles, loaded, burgundy leather interior, Selling to settle estate. Call Lindy, 479-0684.

1985 Ford F-150 XLT - \$1,200. 1996 Dodge Ram - \$4,500. Contact: 424-3017 or [dadcock@usi.edu](mailto:daddock@usi.edu).

Custom upholstered apartment-size sofa - contemporary style, cream-on-beige stripe fabric, 76 inches long, \$400. Rarely used in smoke-free, pet-free environment. Photos available. Call 402-8448.

### For rent

Spacious home near USI - north of the Lloyd at 7101 Middle Mount Vernon Road. Furnished; two bedrooms; one-and-one-half baths; finished walkout basement with fireplace; two-car garage: \$900 per month. Available April 1. Call 423-1405.

### Free

Female cat - free to good home, spayed and declawed. Call 858-9865 after 6 p.m.

### Community

Old trophies - Dana Willett in Instructional Technology Services wants to take away your old trophies. Each year in early March, Cub Scout Pack 371 holds its annual pinewood derby. In order to reward as many boys as possible and to keep event costs down, the pack collects old trophies and "remodels" them. As long as the base of the trophy is intact, it can be recycled. Trophies may be donated at ITS, FA41.

BBQ rib sale - fund raiser for West Side Athletic League Girls' Softball. Slabs of tender, tasty BBQ ribs, dipped in a secret sauce and prepared by a true westside "Rib Master," only \$17 each. One slab will easily feed a family of four. To place an order, contact Phyllis, Ext. 1257, 422-2468, or [pjoeth@usi.edu](mailto:pjoeth@usi.edu). Ribs may be picked up from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Kuester Field, 4801 Broadway Ave.

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