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## Book explores body's role in morality

Every philosophy student is familiar with Rene Descartes' assertion: "I think therefore I am." Now readers have an opportunity to consider a contrasting idea: "Our bodies are central to our morality."

Dr. Maurice Hamington, assistant professor of philosophy, makes his case for the body's pivotal role in morality and care ethics in *Embodied Care: Jane Addams, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and Feminist Ethics*, released this month by University of Illinois Press.

"The body is overlooked in ethics, and that's why I wanted to talk about the body," Hamington said. "The kinds of bodies we have are important to morality. I argue that our bodies are actually 'built to care,' that we do things with our bodies that communicate caring to other people.

"For example, when we're consoling a child that is in distress, that is crying, our body goes into action. We change the tone of our voices. We hug. We touch in a certain way that's different than if I were changing the oil in my car, for example. Our facial expressions and posture, all of that communicates care. Our body has this way of getting involved in both the understanding and communication of care."

Care ethics originated with feminist theorists of the 1980s, Hamington explained. While traditional ethics focus on rules, rights, and consequences, care ethics emphasize relationships as an integral part of morality.

"This book is something new and challenging. I see morality as not just the rules of what's right and wrong," he said. "That's part of it. We all have to make decisions. That's a big thing, but how do you reduce how you treat people on a daily level to right and wrong? What *Embodied Care* tries to get at is how we have relationships in the world."

Hamington joined the USI faculty this semester. He earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at University of Oregon in 2001 and also holds a Ph.D. in religion and social ethics, an M.A. in philosophy, an M.A. in religious studies, an M.B.A., and a B.A.

Always fascinated by ethics and morality, Hamington's studies of religion and philosophy enhanced his interest in feminist philosophy.

"It became very clear that when we're talking about the world, more than half the people are women, and there are all sorts of issues keeping women from flourishing and a life of fulfillment. I wanted to study that and work to correct that," he said.

"It allows me to do intellectual work and be something of an activist at the same time. To be a feminist, in a way, is to love women."

Hamington now is writing a book about Jane Addams' contributions to philosophy and is collaborating on the anthology, *Socializing Care*, a collection of articles written by some of the top names in care ethics.

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## USI: 'Get your vote on!'

"Get your vote on!" with USI during Blitz Week September 21-23, when the University's goal is to register 500 students to vote in the 2004 General Election.

During the three-day blitz, USI students, employees, and alumni will register students as well as other eligible voters at tables in the Liberal Arts Center lobby, the Link in the Health Professions Center, and the University Center. The tables will be open for registration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. each day of the blitz.

Jesse Southerland '03 designed the "Get your vote on!" logo for the USI effort, and Amy Stockholm '04 is helping organize the campaign.

"Getting out the vote is a great passion of mine. In recent years a low percentage of people have exercised the right to vote," Stockholm said. "Many college students have opted not to participate. This year the election results will affect each of us."

To be eligible to vote in the election, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older by November 2, and registered to vote.

The USI campaign is modeled after the National Campus Voter Registration Project, which calls for colleges and universities to encourage widespread participation in the electoral process.

The campus voter registration project states the mission of America's more than 3,000 colleges and universities is the education of our nation's next generation of leaders and the shaping of civic involvement in all graduates.

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## Jones examining engagement, accreditation

Dr. Edward Jones, dean of Extended Services and associate vice president for Academic Affairs, will be a presenter at the Outreach Scholarship 2004 Conference October 3-5 at Penn State University.

This year's conference theme is "Impact through Engagement: Engaging Communities and Changing Lives."

Jones, chair of USI's Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Subcommittee on Engagement and Service, will lead the session "Becoming Bed Fellows: Accreditation and Engagement" with representatives from University of Georgia and University of New Hampshire.

"We will be talking about how accreditation organizations are beginning to consider engagement as part of their evaluation of higher education institutions for reaccreditation," he said.

"What we're going to look at is a comparison between The North Central Association, which USI belongs to, and the accrediting organizations the other two institutions belong to. We'll compare how the organizations are approaching engagement and how the institutions are responding, and we'll use each of the institutions as a case study."

Engagement and Service is one of the criteria for self-study considered by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools during the reaccreditation process, which USI recently began.

"We're just beginning to develop the evidence we need to document how we respond to the criterion The North Central Association has put together," Jones said.

"USI obviously has a variety of outreach and engagement initiatives. We are a far more engaged institution than many other institutions, particularly within our region. We can serve as a model for other institutions in terms of engagement activities and how we respond to regional and state needs."

Drafts of USI's reaccreditation documents are to be completed by the end of this academic year, and the documentation will be presented to The North Central Association in fall 2005. The reaccreditation team is expected on campus in 2006.

USI's other self-study subcommittees and their chairs include: Mission and Integrity, Sherriane Standley, vice president for Advancement; Preparing for the Future, Dr. Peggy Harrel, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research; Student Learning and Effective Teaching, Dr. Linda Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; and Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge, Dr. Rob Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs.

Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, is serving as chair of the University's Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Steering Committee.

Dr. Hilary Braysmith, associate professor of art history; Dr. Mary Hallock Morris, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Iris Phillips, assistant professor of social work; and Dr. Ann White, assistant dean for nursing, also will be attending the Outreach Scholarship 2004 Conference.

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## Faculty, students contribute to ACS success

With a healthy boost from USI talent, the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society won a top award at the society's 228th National Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia.

During the event August 22-26, Indiana-Kentucky was honored for Outstanding Performance by a Local Section (small-size category). The most prestigious award for local sections recognizes outstanding overall performance and excellence in individual programs or activities.

"We're really proud," said Dr. Marie Hankins, chair of the Department of Chemistry. "That's two years in a row we've gotten it. It's sort of like winning the pennant race."

Hankins has served as the section's councilor for many years, attending national meetings and participating in the organization's decision making.

Dr. Jeff Seyler, associate professor of chemistry, served as chair of the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section during the 2003-04 academic year, which was the award period.

Dr. Shelly Blunt, assistant professor of chemistry, served as the USI ACS Student Affiliate chapter advisor during that time.

Other USI faculty actively involved in the organization include Dr. Jeannie Collins, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Mark Krahling, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Evan Millam, assistant professor of chemistry; Stephen Glueckert, instructor in chemistry; and Kevin Smith, instructor in chemistry.

The local section also is very involved with the USI Student Affiliate chapter and received an additional honor at the nation-

al meeting in recognition of that involvement: the ACS Student Affiliate Chapter Interaction Award, recognizing local sections that have developed outstanding chemical education activities with student affiliate groups.

Last year, the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section and USI Student Affiliate chapter worked together on a variety of projects, including National Chemistry Week, classroom visits, the Mole Day Celebration, Earth Day, an environmental forum paper airplane contest, and Girl Scout and Boy Scout merit badge programs.

The American Chemical Society is the world's largest scientific organization. The Indiana-Kentucky Border Section is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

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## Band performing Columbus Day concert

The rich Latin sounds of Mariachi Zelaya will fill Carter Hall October 11, when the University hosts its third annual traditional Celebration of Columbus Day.

The hour-long program of music from Mexico and Central America will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the University Center. Based in Indianapolis, Mariachi Zelaya is comprised of performers representing Mexico, Nicaragua, Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

"Spanish is such an important language in the country and becoming more and more important in Evansville and in the Tri-State area," said Dr. Guillermo Latorre, professor of Spanish.

"There is a growing Hispanic community, and we find this is a good opportunity to bring students, teachers, and the community together."

Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend the Celebration of Columbus Day. For more information, call Dr. Teresa Huerta, associate professor of Spanish, 812/465-7053.

The Department of Foreign Languages, School of Liberal Arts, and USI Foundation are sponsoring the program.

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## Names in the news

### Achievements

**Dr. Darrel Bigham**, director of Historic Southern Indiana, will deliver the paper, "From Whig to Republican: The Impact of the Kansas-Nebraska Act on Abraham Lincoln and Illinois Politics, 1854-1856," at the 19th annual Lincoln Colloquium Saturday, September 18, at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind. Additional colloquium sponsors include the Chicago Historical Society, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Knox College, and the Indiana Historical Society. Bigham also will attend the quarterly meeting of the U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Monday, September 20, in Fort Wayne. He is chair of the commission's Education and States Liaison committees.

**Dr. Jerome Cain**, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering; **Linda Cleek**, associate dean of Extended Services; **Dr. Nadine Coudret**, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions; **Dr. Edward Jones**, dean of Extended Services; **Dr. Eugene Klippel**, dean of the School of Business; and **Dana Willett**, media production manager in Instructional Technology Services, will attend Indiana Technology Summit VII September 29 at the Indiana Convention Center. The summit is the state's largest annual gathering of technology interests. USI is an affiliate sponsor of the event.

The latest novel by **Carolyn Smith**, retired Academic Skills coordinator, is now available. Visit <http://carolynrussellbks.com> for more information and to read reviews or an excerpt of *Hole in Her Heart*, a love story with a twist. Smith, who writes as Carolyn Russell, held a book signing at USI in December, when her first novel, *Beyond the Lies*, was released. She would like to thank the University for its continued support of her work.

## Welcome

**Sherry Allen** has accepted the position of instructor in teacher education. The Evansville resident previously worked as education coordinator with the Indiana Web Academy, a joint program of the Indiana Department of Education and the Intelnet Commission; adjunct instructor at Indiana Wesleyan University; media specialist for the Pike County School Corp.; and an elementary teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County. She earned administrative certification in 1998 at Indiana State University, where she also earned an M.S. and a B.S.

**LaVerne Jones** has accepted the position of photographer in News and Information Services, where she previously worked as a student photographer. The Evansville resident also has worked as an assistant photographer at WhiteLight Photo and as a freelance photographer at The New Harmony Theatre and Lincoln Amphitheatre. She holds a Fine Art Certificate and an A.A.S. in visual communications, both from Ivy Tech State College. A student at USI, she is majoring in fine arts and anticipates receiving a B.S. in spring 2005. Her artwork won awards in the 2002-04 USI Student Art exhibitions, first place at the 2000 Ivy Tech State College Exhibition, and grand prize at the 2001 and 2002 Thunder Over Louisville. She has served as a 21st-Century Scholar Parent Leader, Community Development Block Grant Liaison, and on the Welfare to Work Committee.

**Dustin Mellott**, Evansville, has accepted the position of security officer in Safety and Security. He previously was a student worker in Security and is studying sociology at USI.

**Dr. Julio E. Noriega** has accepted the position of visiting assistant professor of Spanish. A resident of Racine, Wis., he previously worked as an assistant professor at University of Wisconsin-Parkside, University of Notre Dame, and University of Indiana-South Bend. He earned a Ph.D. in 1993 from University of Pittsburgh, where he also earned an M.A. He holds a B.A. from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, is a recipient of the Letras de Oro Literary Prize, and is a member of the Center for Latin American Studies.

**Dr. Marie Opatrny**, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of social work. The former Chicago resident previously worked as an adjunct professor at University of Illinois at Chicago, an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago, a self-employed psychotherapist, and a psychiatric social worker at Vencor Hospital in Chicago. She earned a Ph.D. in social work in 2003 at Loyola University Chicago, where she also earned an M.S.W. She holds an M.A. in social science from Northeastern Illinois University and a B.S. in social science from Illinois State University. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

**Nicole Louise Reid**, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of English. Raised in Washington, D.C., she

previously worked as a lecturer at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, and as an adjunct instructor at American University and George Mason University, where she earned an M.F.A. in creative writing in 2001. She also holds a B.A. from Mary Washington College. Her debut novel, *In the Breeze of Passing Things*, published in 2003, and she is the recipient of the 2001 Willamette Award in Fiction and the 2001 Peter and Jean de Maine Award for an Emerging Writer in Fiction. She is a member of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs.

## Promotions and transfers

**Renee Rowland**, from temporary advisor to advisor in University Division.

**Sheree Seib**, from administrative assistant in Academic Skills to administrative assistant in Academic Affairs.



## FYI

### Peace day

The University will observe the International Day of Peace Tuesday, September 21, with a variety of events in conjunction with THREADS Diversity Celebration Month.

Activities promoting peace will include a moment of silence at noon, a mural unveiling on the Global Community floor at 4 p.m., and a candlelight vigil for peace on Rice Plaza at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 812/465-7183 or 812/465-7095.

### Student success

"A Six-Step Program for Passing Math Classes," a workshop in the Student Success Series presented by Academic Skills, will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 21, and "Noteworthy Note Taking" will be offered at 9 a.m. Wednesday, September 22.

"Memory Markers" will be presented at 9 a.m. Thursday, September 23. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the free interactive workshops in Room 1103 of the Education Center. For more information, call 812/464-1743.

### History train

Volunteers are needed for the inaugural run of the Indiana History Train October 15-17 at Whirlpool in Evansville. The train, including three 65-foot renovated Amtrak freight cars, will showcase a new traveling exhibition, *The Faces of Lincoln*, a documentary video about Lincoln's life in Indiana. Dr. Darrel Bigham, professor of history, is one of the Lincoln scholars featured in the video.

Friday, September 17, is the deadline to register as a volunteer. Volunteers will receive a History Train t-shirt. For more information call the Indiana Historical Society, 800/447-1830. The Indiana Historical Society is presenting the Indiana History Train in collaboration with the Indiana Rail Road Company, Old National Bank, and the Lilly Endowment Inc.

### 'Illuminations'

"Illuminations," a child sexual abuse forum featuring the artwork of Justin and Matt Wilke, victims of child sexual abuse, will be presented from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 27 in Carter Hall in the University Center.

The forum is presented by St. Vincent's Center's National Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program and is sponsored locally by the USI Sexual Assault Task Force, Evansville Vanderburgh

County Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force, and Prevent Child Abuse. For more information, call 812/464-1867.

### **SpringFest fair**

A SpringFest Interest Fair for students, faculty, and staff will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Learn how to become involved in USI's multi-day spring carnival. For information, call 812/465-1136.

### **Hospitality day**

USI will host a Southern Hospitality Day September 25, when prospective students and their families will visit campus beginning at 8 a.m. For information or registration, call 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.

### **Children's Center**

The USI Children's Center has full-time and part-time openings for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. The center offers an environment encouraging children to develop their capabilities and interests at their own pace and according to their individual needs. For more information, call 812/464-1869.

### **Dean's reception**

A Welcome Reception for Dr. David Glassman, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. September 28 in the University Center in Carter Hall. For more information, call 812/464-1925.

### **Newsletter deadline**

Friday, September 17, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions to "Marketplace" may be made via e-mail to Brandi Schwartz, editorial associate in News and Information Services, or by calling 812/465-1192. Other submissions to *University Notes* may be made by contacting Libby L. Keeling, editor, 812/461-5259.



### **TIAA-CREF counseling**

Why not take advantage of our commitment to helping you make the financial decisions that are right for you? A TIAA-CREF consultant will be on campus to provide free one-on-one counseling October 4-5.

Schedule an appointment today to have your financial questions answered by an expert consultant. Topics might include: long-term investment strategies, how to find the right investment allocation, new savings opportunities, or lifetime income vs. cash withdrawal options.

Appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. October 4-5. Each 45-minute session (by appointment only) will be held in Human Resources, on the lower level of the Orr Center. Visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc) to schedule an appointment. For additional information, call the TIAA-CREF Indianapolis Office, 877/267-4507.

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## **Marketplace**

### **For sale**

Talladega Nascar race tickets - for October 3, six tickets, great seats, \$70 per ticket. Contact C. Diedrich, Ext. 1990 or 812/963-6972.

House for sale - Westside, four-bedroom, two-bath, brick home with extra lot in desirable Western Terrace Subdivision. Remodeled full-finished walkout basement, over 1,800 sq. ft. total living space. Formal living room, huge family room with fireplace, fenced backyard with storage shed. New roof, furnace and A/C, and replacement windows. 3909 W. Maryland St. (off Upper Mt. Vernon Rd.) Relocating - must sell. \$115,000. Call 812/402-1909.

1992 Lincoln Town Car - light blue, Jasper engine, \$2,500. Call 598-0555.

Above ground pool - 24' by 4', pool structure only 3 years old. Includes ladder and all necessary equipment for backwashing and cleaning. Buyer dismantles. \$200. Call 424-8547 after 5 p.m. or Ext. 1840.

Power King garden tractor - model 1614 with 48-inch mowing deck. 14-horsepower Kohler engine, hydraulic lift, dual transmissions, three-point hitch. Excellent condition, \$2,000. Cub Cadet lawn tractor model 1000 with 38-inch mowing deck. 14-horsepower Kohler engine, new seat, new battery, ready to mow, \$500. Contact Larry Goss, 963-0918 or 589-1482.

Small oak entertainment center - shelves in front and on the side, two storage areas and 20" GE color television set. Entertainment center like new, TV set is in excellent condition. \$100 for both OBO. Contact Pat, Ext. 1831 or 425-2487 after 5 p.m.

Bakers rack - wooden and green iron, 74"h, 36"w, 18"d, \$100. Call 838-6841.

Yellow bridesmaid's dress - size 4, excellent condition, worn one time, \$40. Champagne two-piece mother's dress, size 6, jacket is beaded, \$50. Call 963-6138.

### **For rent**

Apartment - huge two-bedroom, one-bath apartment upstairs in downtown Victorian house. Hardwood floors, stained glass windows. \$600 including utilities. Call 437-4525.

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