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## Berger Award given to USI faculty member in College of Nursing and Health Professions

The program director of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at USI is this year's recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award.

**Susan G. Ahmad** was recognized for her work with occupational therapists at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Hospital and high school and elementary school-age children during National Back Pack Awareness Day. The program educated some 300 elementary school students and 35 Signature School students about the proper method to pack and wear school back packs to prevent back injuries. USI students in the occupational therapy assistant program helped with the training.

Ahmad also is a volunteer presenter of life skills training activities at Vanderburgh County Correctional Facility. She makes presentations two times per month and attendance, though voluntary, averages 30 men and 15 women per session. Lavon Wood, a medical educator in the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, said Susan provides the participants with skills they can use now and when they are released.

Ahmad is a member of the Health South Advisory Board and participates in the Angel Blanket Project for Raintree Quilters Guild. The guild presents quilts to hospitals for bereaved parents of stillborn children.

Ahmad joined the faculty at USI in 2001. Before coming to USI, she was director of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Missouri College and an occupational therapist. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Washington University in St. Louis.

The award, presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs committee, was announced during the Honors Programs for the College of Nursing and Health Professions held in March. The award is presented yearly to acknowledge distinguished community service among faculty members. The recipient is given a plaque and a stipend.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife Leslie.

## Dr. Paul Doss earns Integra Distinguished Professor Award

An ability to merge research, teaching, and service to the benefit of his students, peers, and the public has earned Dr. Paul Doss, associate professor of geology, the Integra Distinguished Professor award for 2007 at USI.

Nominations from fellow faculty members said Doss is immersed in his work and finds ways to excite his students about learning in general and geology in particular. They said he assists the larger community with information needed to make informed decisions.

Doss directs student research and works with Alcoa Warrick Operations in regard to disposal of the byproducts of coal combustion.

He also has developed a course on the geology of national parks, a topic of which he is most familiar having served as supervisory geologist for Yellowstone National Park in 2000-2001. He led major educational projects to further the public's understanding of Yellowstone's

world-significant geological and hydrothermal features and for that he earned a Special Achievement Award in 2001 from the United States Department of Interior.

His service to USI is exemplary. This year he is chair of the Environmental Science Program Development Committee for the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He is a mentor to young faculty for the college and a career mentor for the Geological Society of America.

For eight years he served as department chair for the USI Department of Geology and Physics and in 2003 he was elected at-large representative to the USI Faculty Senate. He holds the office of vice chair for the Faculty Senate.

He has worked with the University Core Curriculum Council, USI-New Harmony Task Force, an accreditation subcommittee, and he has served on the board of directors for the USI Foundation.

His publication in peer-reviewed abstracts and manuscripts on geology-related topics is extensive. He has written a chapter in the book *The Earth Around Us: Maintaining a Livable Planet*, which earned Book of the Year in 2000 from Discover Magazine. He encourages undergraduates to be part of the research, and those who do get their name on the research documentation.

He teaches introductory and advanced-level courses in environmental geology, physical geology, wetland science and hydrogeology.

He is interested in making the Evansville area a thriving Midwest community. He routinely participates in events that are designed to encourage long-term green initiatives, including recycling, growth of organic foods, wildlife habitat management, as well as environmental management and understanding. And he encourages students to understand the importance of research to the community while emphasizing each student's responsibility for accuracy of observations, interpretations, conclusions, and how information is presented.

He also serves as an expert to journalists when such topics as earthquakes, results of human activities on ground water quality, and other geological topics make news.

He joined the USI faculty in 1997. His undergraduate degree was completed at IUPUI and his master of science and doctoral degrees are from Northern Illinois University.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank.

With the award Dr. Doss will receive a grant from Integra, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name, and deliver the address at the winter Commencement in December.

The award will be presented during the 2007 Commencement ceremony on May 5, 2007 in Evansville.

## Vectren RISC Showcase keynote address

**Greg Marshall's** "big idea" came upon him as he snorkeled among the coral reefs of Belize. He was struck by the sight of a remora fish attached to the side of a shark. The remora uses the shark for transportation and protection, and feeds on materials dropped by its host.

Imagining the unique perspective the remora must have from its

“piggy-back” position, Marshall conceived of creating a remote camera to mimic its behavior. If it were small and light enough, the imaging system could be attached in a similar fashion, and record the behavior of sea creatures in ways that a hand-held camera never could.

Thus began the development of the Crittercam.

In 1991, Marshall joined National Geographic Television and established the Special Projects Unit, where he pioneered Crittercam technology. The camera attaches benignly to an animal and documents life from its perspective, recording video, hydrophonic audio, depth, temperature, light level, and velocity.

In addition to collecting critical research data for science, Crittercam also provides images that capture audiences’ imagination.

The first breakthrough images were broadcast to the world on National Geographic Explorer in 1993. Since then, Marshall has expanded use of this research tool to more than 30 other marine species, including great white sharks, sperm whales, emperor penguins, walruses, seals, sea turtles, and killer whales.

With the success of his ongoing marine research program, Marshall and his team have now launched a Terrestrial Crittercam effort to help unveil the hidden lives of lions, tigers, and bears.

A marine biologist, inventor, filmmaker, producer, and cinematographer, Marshall will present the keynote address for the 2007 Vectren RISC Showcase at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in Carter Hall in the University Center. It is free and open to the public.

Marshall holds an undergraduate degree in international relations from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in marine environmental science from SUNY Stony Brook. He began his career as a freelance photojournalist and cameraman.

He then served as director of a marine research program for three years with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). While in that position he produced a film about fisheries and habitat in Belize that encouraged the U.S. government to appropriate millions of dollars for conservation of that country’s unique marine ecosystem. It was during the making of that film that Marshall was inspired by the remora.

Marshall is a two-time Emmy Award winner for Cinematography and Sound, and is producing a 13-part scientific adventure series, “Crittercam Chronicles,” for the National Geographic Channel. Crittercam technology also was featured in the blockbuster film “March of the Penguins.”

The Vectren RISC Showcase will be held Thursday and Friday, April 12-13, in the University Center. The Showcase provides an arena for undergraduates to present, demonstrate, or display their academic works to fellow students, faculty members, and the public. For more information, go to the Vectren RISC Showcase Web page or contact **Dr. Jim Durbin**, program chair and associate professor of geology, at 812/465-1208.

## Visiting art professor to discuss painted story quilts

**Vivien Green Fryd**, professor of art history and American studies at Vanderbilt University, will be at USI on Monday, April 9, to discuss her current research on Faith Ringgold, an artist best known for her painted story quilts, art that combines painting, quilted fabric, and storytelling. Her talk is free and open to the public, and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Ringgold began her artistic career as a painter and has exhibited in major museums all over the world. She is in the permanent collection of many museums, including the Studio Museum in Harlem, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and The Museum of Modern Art.

She has written and illustrated eleven children’s books. Her first book, *Tar Beach*, was a Caldecott Honor Book and winner of the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration, among numerous other hon-

ors. She has received more than 75 awards, fellowships, citations and honors, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Fellowship for painting, two National Endowment for the Arts Awards and seventeen honorary doctorates, one from her alma mater, The City College of New York. She is a professor of art at the University of California-San Diego.

Fryd teaches American art from the colonial period to the present, as well as courses in nineteenth-century European art, methods in art history, American Studies, and gender studies. She is the author of *Art and Empire: The Politics of Ethnicity in the United States Capitol, 1815-1865* (Ohio University Press, 2001; reprint Yale University Press, 1992) and *Art and the Crisis of Marriage: Georgia O’Keeffe and Edward Hopper* (University of Chicago Press, 2003).

She is currently writing a manuscript, *Rape: Imaging and Imagining Sexual Violence in American Art*; has written articles for *The American Art Journal*, *The Winterthur Portfolio*, and *American Art*, among others; and has contributed essays to a number of books, including *Critical Issues in Public Art: Content, Context, and Controversy* (HarperCollins, 1992), *Critical Issues in American Art* (Westview Press, 1998), and *Reading Country Music: Steel Guitars, Opry Stars, and Honky-Tonk Bars* (Duke University Press, 1998).

## USI Higher Education Day at the State House

USI students, alumni, and staff enjoyed a luncheon with Indiana legislators, a tour of the Governor’s office, and an exciting surprise during USI Higher Education Day at the State House in Indianapolis on March 20.

This year’s luncheon, held later in the legislative session than in the past, and in a new location, the Skyline Club on the 36th floor of the OneAmerica Building in downtown Indianapolis, attracted an unprecedented number of legislative officials and alumni to the event.

Senators in attendance were **Vaneta Becker ’94**, **Robert Deig**, **Lindel Hume**, **Luke Kenley**, **Jim Lewis**, **Brent Steele**, and **Richard Young**. Representatives were **Dennis Avery**, **Kreg Battles**, **Robert Behning**, **Robert Bischoff**, **James Buck**, **Suzanne Crouch**, **Ralph Foley**, **Phillip Hinkle**, **Phil Hoy** and his wife **Sandra**, **Sheila Klinker**, **Dan Leonard**, **Dennie Oxley**, **Phyllis Pond**, **Russ Stilwell ’77**, **John Ulmer**, **Jeffrey Thompson**, and **Trent Van Haften**.

Student Government Association President **Jeff Clark** attended along with his mother, **Sheri Clark**, sister, **Katie Clark**, and grandparents, **Frank** and **Karma Breedlove** of Washington Court House, Ohio. Other students traveling to Indianapolis were **Kelli Becher**, **Sam Bowles**, **Laura Buck**, **Erin Ennes**, **Cynthia Jones**, **Rajeev Singh**, and **Ashley Whalen**.

USI students serving as legislative interns, **Scott Carr**, **Shane Dearing**, and **Aaron Ridlen** were in attendance, as were intern coordinators **Jordan Forgey**, **Morgan Hodge**, **Kathy Hursh**, and **Jason Tomcsi**.

Alumni attending the event were **Alvin Basham ’00**, **Geoff Gentil ’92**, **Mark Hollis ’99**, **Karla Horrell ’77**, **Alan Jones ’95**, **Tina Kern Railbey ’86**, **Bob Roeder ’71**, **Mike Roeder ’89** (along with his son **John Roeder**, a page for **Becker**), and **Brian Zirkelbach ’99**.

**Susan Loftus ’93**, executive director of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, and **Zachary Jackson ’01**, budget analyst with the Office of Management and Budget, were among the officials in attendance.

Indiana State Treasurer **Richard Mourdock**, Chief of Staff **Anne Hazlett**, Senior Policy Director **Neil Pickett**, and Chief Justice **Randall Shepard**, along with his wife **Amy MacDonell**, a USI Trustee, attended, as did USI Student Trustee **Lauren Fultz ’07**.

In addition to **President H. Ray Hoops** and his wife **Linda Hoops**, USI staff included **David Bower**, director of Development, **Wendy Knipe Bredhold**, writer in News and Information Services, **Cindy Brinker**, vice president for Governmental Relations, **Pam Doerter**,

coordinator of internships and co-op education in Career Services, **Bonnie Gwaltney**, senior administrative assistant for Governmental Relations, **Nancy Johnson**, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, **Annie Krug**, vice president for Advancement, **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, **Sherrienne Standley**, senior vice president for Advancement, **Rob Parrent**, vice president for Student Affairs, and **Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs.

Clark and Hoops addressed guests during the luncheon. Clark discussed how his experience at USI has encouraged him to become involved in student activities and take on a leadership role. Hoops reminded legislators that USI's funding per full-time enrolled Hoosier student lags behind other state universities and asked them to address that disparity.

After the luncheon, Brinker led the USI contingent to the State House, where the group toured **Governor Mitch Daniels'** office and **Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman's** office.

The USI group watched the General Assembly at work, including the resolution passed by the House and Senate congratulating the Indianapolis Colts on their Super Bowl win. Through the glass windows of the Senate chamber, students and staff watched as coach **Tony Dungy**, team owner **Jim Irsay** (with the Lombardi trophy), team president **Bill Polian**, and players **Hunter Smith**, **Gary Brackett**, and **Billy Brooks** were honored. Later, Whalen procured Dungy's autograph.

## Breakfast with the President

The 18th Annual Breakfast with the President will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, in Carter Hall in the University Center. This annual tradition, created by the Student Alumni Association (SAA), was designed to bring together members of the USI community.

All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to gather for this informal breakfast with **USI President H. Ray Hoops**. Breakfast is free for all students who attend.

A panel of six USI students will ask Hoops a series of questions about the University and campus policies. This year's panel will include a representative from each of the following organizations: Student Government Association, Activities Programming Board, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Black Student Union, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Student Housing Association.

Students with a valid Eagle Access Card may pick up a free ticket at the Student Development office, located in the lower level of the University Center. Others may call 812/465-1215 to make reservations (\$5.50 per person) for the breakfast. Reservations are required for this event.

For more information, contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

## New Harmony Gallery presents Kralickova and Lile

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents an exhibition by the artists Petra Kralickova and Michal Lile from March 31 through May 13, 2007. A reception for the artists will be held on March 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Kralickova, originally from the Czech Republic, lives and works in Athens, Ohio. She creates large-scale ceramic figures and installations that hang on walls and sit on floors. Kralickova has an MFA in ceramics from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. She has exhibited widely across the country and Canada including shows in Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, and Winnipeg.

Lile currently lives and works in Indianapolis. He is a visual artist who creates sculptural or object paintings. He also teaches media arts and visual communications at Ben Davis High School. Lile holds an MFA in painting from University of Indianapolis. He has had numer-

ous exhibitions throughout the region including shows in Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky.

The exhibition is made possible through USI support.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

For more information call 812/682-3156 or go to [www.nhgallery.com](http://www.nhgallery.com).

## USI Beta Alpha Psi team places first in regional competition

A team of accounting students representing the USI College of Business placed first in the "Involvement in Professional Organizations" category of "Best Practices" competition held during the Beta Alpha Psi Midwest Regional Meeting in Indianapolis.

The USI team included accounting majors **Andrew Eddmenson**, **John Hayden**, and **May Flores**. They are members of the USI chapter of Beta Alpha Psi which was chartered in spring 2006. Faculty advisors were **Dr. Brian McGuire**, professor of accounting and chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Law, and **Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah**, professor of accounting.

As winners of the regional competition, the USI chapter of Beta Alpha Psi received a \$500 award to support future chapter activities. The team will compete August 2-4 at the national level at the 2007 Beta Alpha Psi Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The USI accounting students made a presentation on the topic of "Creating a Toastmasters' Chapter," using USI's Speaking Eagles chapter of Toastmasters as the basis of their presentation. Organized in 1998, the USI chapter of Toastmasters gives students an opportunity to practice and enhance public speaking skills.

In the finals the USI team bested teams representing Ball State University, Bradley University, Grand Valley State University, Kent State University, and Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. Teams qualified for the finals based on abstracts submitted prior to the regional conference.

At the conference each team of finalists made a presentation to a three-member panel of professional accountants. The teams were required to present a plan to increase awareness and participation in professional organizations and discuss the impact made by the organization and its members or alumni.

The USI chapter of Beta Alpha Psi co-hosted the March 2-3 regional meeting along with Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honor society available only to students enrolled in business schools accredited by AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The organization recognizes the outstanding achievement of students enrolled in accounting, finance, and computer information systems programs.

## Grateful scholars offer thanks to donors

The Development Office and the USI Foundation sponsor a luncheon each year to celebrate the success of Presidential Scholars and to acknowledge the generous contributions of scholarship donors. The luncheon, held in March, offers an opportunity for scholars and donors to meet and exchange greetings.

Comments from Presidential Scholars are a highlight of the luncheon each year. This year seniors **David Isaacs** and **Kevi Baumgartner** offered their views on the importance of the scholarships.

Isaacs, who has been accepted into the Indiana University School of Medicine, said, "Because of the Presidential Scholarship, I was able to fully invest myself in both academics and extra-curricular activities

and enjoy experiences that otherwise would have been out of reach. I have been able to devote myself to my education, activities, and my friends, all integral to education and growth. I would like to thank USI for granting me such a wonderful four years, and I would especially like to thank all the donors for their generosity.

"You have provided a tremendous college experience for all scholars. I am extremely grateful, not just for your help these four years, but for the impact your support will have on the rest of my life."

Isaacs is from Evansville and a graduate of Reitz Memorial High School.

Baumgartner, a nursing major, told donors she picked USI as her number one choice when she was applying for college. She said, "When I started searching for my dream college, I fell in love with USI right away. And when I received the news I had been chosen as a Presidential Scholar, it was a dream come true."

"One of my greatest memories came from doing a service learning project at the Carver Community Center for a speech class. I became actively involved in the Evansville community through volunteering and community service. Because of the generosity of those of you in this room, I was able to volunteer at the local YMCA Pancake Days."

"Because of this scholarship I explored my interest and in doing so actually found my passion. Exploring several majors opened new doors for me and in that search I found nursing. I have decided to help others by becoming a registered nurse."

"One speech cannot begin to show our gratitude. But I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for giving me the chance to go after my dreams. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my college experience at USI more than I could have ever dreamed. Thank you for making dreams come true."

Baumgartner, from Coal City, Indiana, is a graduate of Clay City Junior Senior High School.

The Presidential Scholarship program began in 1988 to attract outstanding Indiana students to USI. The Presidential Scholarships are funded through private gifts to the USI Foundation. Ten scholars are chosen each year. A Presidential Scholar must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester to remain eligible for the scholarship, and the scholar must also maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) for 62 credit hours attempted and at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA for the remaining credit hours.

To date, 193 Presidential Scholars have graduated from USI.

## Course evaluations go online

With a goal of improving teaching effectiveness, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at USI is preparing course evaluations for the 2007 spring semester. For the first time, faculty members are able to choose between paper and online evaluations.

Course evaluations allow students an opportunity to rate course effectiveness and teaching effectiveness. The online option will make the process simple and will not require classroom time.

**Michelle White**, research assistant, said the student comments are of most help to instructors. She said, "Faculty members are interested in what students have to say about the course. We encourage students to complete the evaluations."

The online evaluation has 14 questions with a section for open comment. White said that it is important for students to write comments and even a few words or a sentence can provide faculty important feedback.

If a faculty member opted for online evaluations, students can expect e-mails on or after April 16. Online evaluations will remain open until 8 a.m. on April 30. All students are encouraged to respond to the evaluation request.

Online evaluations are password protected with randomly generat-

ed passwords. To protect anonymity, evaluations and passwords cannot be tied to students.

If a faculty member opted for a paper form, evaluations will be handed out and completed in the classrooms.

## Names in the news

### Accomplishments

**Carolyn Roth**, instructor in art, is exhibiting her painting, "Motionless and Fluid" in the Twentieth International Exhibition on Animals in Art held at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 24-April 22, 2007.

### Conferences

**Lori Saxby**, reading specialist in Academic Skills, presented at the National Association for Developmental Education conference on March 23 in Nashville, Tennessee. The presentation was entitled, "Managing Disruptive Classroom Behavior: A Piece by 'Peace' Approach."

## FYI

### Early Notes next week

*University Notes* for the week of April 1 will be updated and the link emailed on Thursday, April 5. The University will be closed and there will be no classes on Good Friday, April 6.

### 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.

### Ethical Veganism talk April 2

**Gary Yourofsky** returns to USI to lecture on "Ethical Veganism" at 6 p.m. Monday, April 2, in Rice Library Room 17. Yourofsky's talk includes thought-provoking prose, inspiring stories, quotes from Alice Walker, Pythagoras and other great thinkers, plus graphic footage from fur farms, laboratories, factory farms, and more. He asks people to be kind to animals and ultimately, to go vegan. For more information, go to [www.adaptt.org/index.php](http://www.adaptt.org/index.php) or contact **Dr. Maurice Hamington**, assistant professor of philosophy, at 812/464-1722.

### Business students offer free tax help

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), USI student volunteers will provide free tax assistance. In VITA programs, the Internal Revenue Service partners with national and local organizations to provide tax services to individuals with low-to-moderate income at no cost to the taxpayer. The sessions will be held by appointment only in Room 2005 in the Orr Center on April 4 and 11. Appointments will be available at 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For more information and to make an appointment, call the College of Business at 812/464-1718.