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## University Notes Q & A: Folke-Christine Möller-Sahling

University Notes Q & A is a new feature designed to foster a sense of community on campus. The first subject is **Folke-Christine (Dine) Möller-Sahling**, assistant professor of German and humanities. She is a member of the Foreign Language Department, soon to be Classical and Modern Languages, and has been with the University since fall 2001. Möller-Sahling was born in Hamburg, Germany. She holds a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from Hamilton College in New York, a master's degree in German studies from the University of Vermont, and a Ph.D. in Germanic languages and literature from Ohio State University.

What was your first job?

*Tending for horses*

What is your most marked characteristic?

*Cheerfulness*

What is your greatest strength?

*Passionate conviction*

What is your principle defect?

*Passionate conviction*

What natural gift would you most like to possess?

*Impeccable memory*

What is your dream of happiness?

*Having a happy family*

What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?

*Loss of a loved one*

Where would you like to live?

*At the sea*

Where would you like to visit?

*Chile, Sweden, Tuscany, Ireland on horseback, New Zealand*

Who are your favorite prose writers?

*Theodor Storm, Astrid Lindgren, Thomas Mann*

Who are your favorite poets?

*Rainer Maria Rilke, Else Lasker-Schüler, Pablo Neruda, Erich Fried, Rose Ausländer*

Who are your favorite composers or musicians?

*Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Schubert, Fanny Mendelssohn*

Who are your favorite artists?

*Paula Modersohn-Becker*

Who are your favorite characters in history?

*Sophie Scholl*

Who are your favorite characters of fiction?

*Hauke Haien ("Der Schimmelreiter" by Theodor Storm)*

Who are your heroes in real life?

*My grandmother, Katharina Janssen (1904-1999), Wolfgang Mieder (German Professor at the University of Vermont)*

What was the last book that you read and loved?

*"What I Loved" by Siri Hustvedt*

What was the last song that you heard and loved?

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's "Hör mein Bitten"*

What is your hobby and what about it gives you joy?

*Reading, painting, fishing, horseback-riding, and practicing yoga – They all give me a sense of inner tranquility.*

If you could change one thing about your appearance, what would it be and why?

*If I could be a little shorter, it would be easier to find clothes I like*

If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you'd buy? The second?

*A home at the sea and an Icelandic horse...*

Who would you invite to lunch if you could invite a famous person, living or dead, and why?

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Simone de Beauvoir (together, at the same table)*

What are you doing in a parallel universe?

*Living on a small archipelago in Sweden with the man I love, our ten children, lots of books, music and a wild garden*

Have you written your epitaph? If so, what does it say?

No, let others judge me.

If you'd like to be featured in University Notes Q & A, or would like to recommend a faculty or staff member, contact the editor at [wkbredhold@usi.edu](mailto:wkbredhold@usi.edu).

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## Alumni-in-Residence program

Vanderburgh County Sheriff **Brad Ellsworth** will discuss his journey from undergraduate in the Sociology Department to top law enforcement officer in the county in an Alumni-in-Residence program, "From College Classroom to Top Cop," at noon Tuesday, March 22, in Carter Hall A-B in the University Center.

He also will discuss crime patterns in the county and the major issues of his tenure as sheriff, including the new Vanderburgh County Jail and the deputy fitness program.

Ellsworth is a 1976 graduate of Harrison High School; a 1981 graduate of USI with a bachelor's degree in sociology; and a 1993 graduate of Indiana State University with a master's degree in criminal justice. He also attended the FBI National Academy, the National Sheriff's Institute, and Law Enforcement Executive Development School.

He has risen through the ranks to his present leadership position, beginning as a patrolman in 1982. While a sergeant supervising the Narcotics Section, he instituted the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Evansville-Vanderburgh County public and parochial schools. In 1999, he was elected sheriff of Vanderburgh County in his first attempt at public office and has worked tirelessly to enhance the quality of life for area citizens.

Many civic organizations have honored Ellsworth for his work and volunteer activities. He was selected president of his Indiana Law Enforcement Academy class, received the FBI Community Director's Award, and twice received the Sheriff's Silver Merit Award. In 1996, he was named the Sons of the American Revolution Police Officer of the Year. He also won the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity Friend of Education Award, the 1999-2000 USI Student Government Spirit of the Eagle Award for Alumni, the 1999 Smoke Free Indiana Outstanding Volunteer Award, the 2000 Westside Improvement Association Environment Award, and the 2002 USI Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award.

In 2003, he was awarded with the governor of Indiana's highest honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash, and was president of the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

He is on the board of directors of Operation City Beautiful, Old Courthouse Society, American Heart Association, Youth First, and Youth as Resources, and volunteers with Albion Fellows Bacon Center and Arc Crisis Center.

"From College Classroom to Top Cop" is open to the students, faculty, staff, and the public. For more information, contact **Charles Petranek**, professor of sociology, at 812/464-1724.

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## Passion for international studies

Nicole Vernon, a freshman from Galveston, Indiana, north of

Kokomo, has been fascinated by other cultures since her freshman year at Logansport High School, where she was always friends with foreign exchange students. During her senior year, Nicole's family hosted a student from Japan.

After she took her SATs, Nicole received a USI brochure with information about the international studies degree. The program, instituted in 2003, drew Nicole to southwestern Indiana and the University. She is a member of the International Club and lives on the Global Community floor in Ruston Hall.

Ideally, two Americans and two international students share a two-bedroom suite, but because an international student was unable to come to the University this year, Nicole's roommates are from Turkey, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne. Other residents of the Global Community are from France, Denmark, Holland, South Africa, Korea, Italy, Guadeloupe, Haiti, and Africa.

Weekly programs are offered to provide residents with a diverse view of different countries, cultures, and customs. Past events have included Latin American Dance Night; German, Brazilian, Uzbekistan and Korean Culture Nights, and a Chinese New Year Celebration.

As a result, Nicole is soaking up international culture right here in Evansville. In the Global Community, she said, "Everyone always seems to be in someone's room, and depending on who gets food from home, we have new smells on my floor – one of the girls from France gets cheese that's really, really, smelly."

The sounds of the Global Community have an international flavor, too. "You can hear Turkish, Dutch, or French music," she said. "And a lot of the international students also listen to American-style music, so there's a diverse mix."

She said friendships with the international students on her floor have helped her during a grueling semester in which she's pursuing 19 credit hours in German, Spanish, world civilizations, English, film, interpersonal communications, and soccer. "Sometimes when I have a lot of things to do or I'm stressed out, I can go to one of them and they'll give me a more positive outlook.

"They're here to have a good experience, so they don't let things get them down," she said. "Many international students have already been in college for a year or two, and they're here to finish a degree, so they want to enjoy it."

She plans to supplement her International Studies degree with a second major in German and a minor in Spanish. In addition to her hectic academic schedule, Nicole is a member of a new charitable student organization, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, which will focus its efforts on children's causes and raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Camp Riley, and Easter Seals.

She also has applied to be the resident assistant on the Global Community floor next academic year. "Only freshmen can live in the residence halls unless they are exchange students," she said. "I'm hoping I get the position so I can stay here."

She said even if she is not chosen for the RA position, she will continue to attend the Global Community's social events as a member of the International Club. "It's the whole sense of other cultures," she said. "When I go to other residence halls, they seem so bland."

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## USI celebrates 20-year partnership

The University is hosting a community celebration of 20 years of partnership between USI and New Harmony, Indiana, from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Rapp-Owen Granary on Granary Street in New Harmony.

President Emeritus **David L. Rice** will discuss the University's collaboration with the historic town, and there also will be light refreshments and live music. Poster presentations will highlight faculty research and artistic projects inspired by and created in New Harmony. In addition to the perennial programs of Historic New Harmony, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, New Harmony Theatre, and Ropewalk Writer's Retreat, less familiar projects will be featured.

**Eva Jermakowicz**, professor of accounting in the School of Business will display research conducted on the economic impact of the Wabash River Bridge; faculty from the department of geology, **Paul Doss**, **Jim Durbin**, and **Norman King**, will showcase their teaching and research in New Harmony; **Cindy Goodwin**, instructor in nursing, will illustrate the "Healing Touch" seminars that take place in New Harmony; the School of Liberal Arts will feature **Dr. Donald Pitzer**, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies; and the poet/artist team of **Matthew Graham**, associate professor in English and **Kathryn Waters**, professor in art, will present their poetry and drawings from New Harmony.

The public is invited. For more information, contact **Christine Crews**, senior administrative assistant for Historic New Harmony, at 812/682-4488 or e-mail at [c crews@usi.edu](mailto:c crews@usi.edu).

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## Audio Conference

ADA-Indiana will offer "Perspectives on Reasonable Accommodation," the first in a three-part audio conference series on reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in Room 1212 in the Science Center.

The series will provide information about reasonable accommodation, focusing on practices currently being used by employers, and will feature national experts who will speak about best practices and strategies for addressing reasonable accommodation requests. Issues related to documentation, assessment, and reassessment in the interaction between employer and employee also will be discussed.

The ADA Audio Conference schedule is as follows:

- "Perspectives on Reasonable Accommodation," 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.
- "Reasonable Accommodation: Best Practices for an Interactive Process," 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.
- "What are the Courts Saying about Reasonable Accommodation?" 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17.

A certificate of completion from the Great Lakes ADA and Accessible IT Center will be available for those individuals who attend all three audio conferences. The sessions will be of special interest to human resource personnel, business and government employers, people with disabilities, and other community members. All of them will take place in Room 1212 in the Science Center. For more information, contact Gary May at 812/465-1694.

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## Names in the News

### Accomplishments

**Carolyn Roth**, instructor in art, is currently exhibiting her

acrylic painting, "The Gentle Woman," in the Inspired Women in Art exhibition on display February 26 - March 16 at the Hope Gallery of Contemporary Art in the Riverhouse Hotel, 20 Walnut Street in downtown Evansville. Two USI art majors also have work included in the show: **Sara Rappee**, "Wheels Don't Turn," mixed media; and **Deborah Ball**, third place in 3D for "La Femme Nouvelle," a ceramic sculpture.

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## FYI

### Phenomenal Women Vendor Fair cancelled

The Phenomenal Women Vendor Fair schedule for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 17, has been cancelled, according to **Pamela Hopson**, director of the Multicultural Center. The Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Ceremony will be held as planned at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in Carter Hall. For more information, contact the Multicultural Center at 812/465-1788 or go to [www.usi.edu/distance/phenomenalwomen/](http://www.usi.edu/distance/phenomenalwomen/).

### English faculty pay tribute to Irish writers

The third installment of the spring 2005 RopeWalk Reading Series will pay tribute to Irish writers. Irish Night will feature English faculty, including **Patricia Aakhus**, **Leisa Belleau**, **Jim McGarrah**, **Matthew Graham**, **Ronald Mitchell**, **Tonya Northenor**, and **Nicole Reid**, reading work by Irish writers and music provided by Celtic band Rowan Tree, which includes **Dan Craig**, assistant professor of music, and **Randall E. Pease**, instructor in English. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, in Carter Hall. For more information, contact McGarrah at 812/461-5208 or e-mail at [jmcgarra@usi.edu](mailto:jmcgarra@usi.edu).

### USI Secretaries and Associates Club

USI Secretaries and Associates Club will have its business meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in Room 206 in the University Center. Participants should bring their lunch and ideas for a new name that would better reflect the club's place in the University community. Membership, activities, and speakers also will be discussed.

Formerly called Secretaries of ISUE, the club was formed in 1969 for the purposes of professional improvement and establishing a scholarship fund for students in need. The club has now established an Endowed Scholarship Fund that will continue to provide for students should the club disband. For more information, contact **Gina Walker**, library associate for Library Services and president of the USI Secretaries and Associates Club, at 812/464-1896 or e-mail at [gwalker@usi.edu](mailto:gwalker@usi.edu).

### Volunteer USI opportunity: Evansville MS Walk

The Indiana State Chapter's Evansville Multiple Sclerosis Walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Evansville Civic Center Courtyard. The event will raise money and awareness for over 6,500 people in Indiana and northwestern Kentucky who have MS, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Volunteers are needed to walk, help with traffic control and direction from 8 a.m. to noon, or with setup/food from 6 a.m. to noon. The shifts can be shortened to accommodate volunteers' schedules. For more information, contact **Trisha M. Kennedy**, assistant director, Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215 or visit [www.nationalmssociety.org/INI/home/](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/INI/home/).

### **Encourage students to register early**

Early registration for summer and fall 2005 will be held Monday, April 4, through Friday, April 15. The purpose of the early registration period is to let continuing and readmission students select courses prior to the beginning of the term. Once early registration is completed, students will have reserved space in the classes for which they have registered. Undergraduate students who are not enrolled in the spring 2005 semester, but have been enrolled previously, should visit the Office of the Registrar for undergraduate readmission or call 812/465-1157 or 800/467-1965. Graduate students should contact the Office of Graduate Studies for graduate readmission at 812/465-7015 to begin the early registration process.

### **Expanding girls' horizons**

"Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Technology: A Career Conference for Young Women, Grades 6, 7, and 8" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, in the Science Center and Education Center. The keynote speaker will be Kathy Korbela, president of St. Mary's Medical Center, and eight workshops will be offered. Presenters include Melissa Bippus, Whirlpool Corporation; Danette Briscoe, certified dental assistant; Jennie Ebeling, University of Evansville assistant professor of archeology; Sara Hilsmeier, officer, Evansville Police Department; **Jane Johansen**, associate professor of business education; **Joan Kempf**, assistant professor of graphic design; Stacey May, NEWS 25 Meteorologist; Paige McFarling, Old National Bank; and **Mary Tucker**, lecturer in science and engineering. The conference is organized by the Evansville branch of the American Association of University Women and is supported by the Pott School of Science and Engineering. For more information, contact **Eva Jermakowicz**, professor of accounting, at 812/465-1677 or go to [www.usi.edu/distance/eyh/](http://www.usi.edu/distance/eyh/).

### **Second CPR: Heartsaver class added**

The CPR: Heartsaver course in adult, child, and infant CPR scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, has filled, but an additional section has been added from 1 to 5 p.m. that day in Carter Hall in the University Center. All members of the University community, and family members over the age of 12, are welcome to enroll. Certification costs only \$2.50, payable the day of the class. The instructor will be Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jerry Bulger, a master firefighter, EMT, and CPR instructor with the American Heart Association. Visit [www.usi.edu/extserv/training/schedule.htm](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/training/schedule.htm) for more information.



## **Marketplace**

### **'79 International Scout**

1979 International Scout V-8 Automatic. Needs work. \$500. Call 812/421-1750 or e-mail [acer19@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acer19@sbcglobal.net).

### **Barbecue rib sale**

The tastiest ribs west of Pigeon Creek will be served Saturday, March 19, at Kuester Field on Broadway Avenue. All proceeds benefit the West Side Athletic League girls' softball program. Call 812/422-2468 or e-mail [pjoeth@usi.edu](mailto:pjoeth@usi.edu).

### **Camp Invention**

A summer program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Camp Invention is a weeklong, non profit, summer enrichment day camp that fosters creativity, teamwork, inventive thinking

skills, and science literacy. Open to children entering second through sixth grade. The camp will be held at Daniel Wertz Elementary School June 20-24 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp fee is \$199. Call 800/968-4332 or visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org).

### **Duplex for rent**

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### **WalkAmerica 2005**

Teams for WalkAmerica 2005 are currently forming. Walk with co-workers or with your family. Walk for someone you love. Games for kids, prizes to be won, and entertainment including music and a "mini animal encounter" provided in part by Mesker Park Zoo. Lunch provided in part by Chick-fil-a. Registration at 9 a.m., April 30 at Sunrise Park. Call 812/473-3300 or visit [www.walkamerica.org](http://www.walkamerica.org).

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