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## AAHE forum director to speak at USI

The director of the Forum on Faculty Roles and Rewards at the American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) will be the guest speaker at University of Southern Indiana's Fall Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting Monday, August 20.

Dr. R. Eugene Rice's topic will be "The Changing Faculty Role." His presentation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the University Center's Carter Hall.

In addition to serving as director of the forum in Washington, D.C., Rice is an AAHE scholar-in-residence and provides leadership for the New Pathways project "Academic Careers for a New Century: From Inquiry to Practice." He also serves on the Provost's advisory panel on teaching at Ohio State University and as a member of the National Advisory Council of the Campus Compact.

A recipient of the Academic Leadership Award from the Council of Independent Colleges, which recognized his "exemplary contribution to American higher education," Rice also received the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education's Mina Shaughnessy Scholars Award to write about his work on an organizational approach to faculty-related issues.

He has served on the board of directors of the Society for Values in Higher Education, on the national advisory committee of the Preparing Future Faculty project sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts, and as a member of the Accounting Education Change Commission.

In 1998, a *Change* magazine survey of America's higher education leaders recognized Rice as one of a small group of "idea leaders" whose work has made a difference nationally.

Before joining AAHE, Rice was vice president and dean of faculty at Antioch College, where he held a tenured appointment as professor of sociology and religion. Prior to that, he was senior fellow at the Carnegie Foundation, where he engaged in the national study of the scholarly priorities of the American professoriate and collaborated with the late Dr. Ernest Boyer on the Carnegie Report, *Scholarship Reconsidered*.

During most of his career, Rice was professor of sociology and religion at University of the Pacific, where he helped initiate the first of the experimental "cluster colleges" and served as chairman of the Department of Sociology. His teaching and research focus on the sociology and ethics of the professions and the workplace. Rice holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

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