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## **Elliott and Rhoden scheduled for book signings**

Ms. Josephine Elliott, archivist emerita, and Dr. Nancy Rhoden, assistant professor of history, will hold book signings at the University of Southern Indiana Bookstore in December. Ms. Elliott will autograph books from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, December 6, and Dr. Rhoden will sign books from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8.

Founder of the USI archives, Elliott is a long-time resident of New Harmony. With Donald Carmony, she wrote *New Harmony, Indiana: Robert Owen's Seedbed for Utopia*, published in 1999, which explores Owen's life before he bought New Harmony in 1825. Elliott and Dr. Jane Thompson Johansen, associate professor of business education, wrote *Charles-Alexandre Leseur: Premier Naturalist and Artist*. The book is a biography of Lesueur (1778-1846), an archeologist, geologist, zoologist, ichthyologist, ornithologist, lithographer, and artist in New Harmony in the early 1800s. Both publications will be available for purchase at the bookstore.

She also edited *To Holland and to New Harmony: Robert Dale Owen's Travel Journal, 1825-1826; Robert Dale Owen's Travel Journal, 1827; and Partnership for Posterity the Correspondence of William Maclure and Marie Duclos Fretageot, 1820-1833*. Elliott and Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies, wrote *New Harmony's First Utopia, 1814-1824*.

A native of Canada, Dr. Rhoden earned a Ph.D. in history at Princeton University in 1994 and joined the USI faculty the same year. She specializes in Colonial and Early American history. Dr. Rhoden has co-edited anthologies containing biographical essays. *The Human Tradition in Colonial America* and *The Human Tradition in the American Revolution* which were both published this year. The colonial volume features 16 common folk of diverse cultures, including an African slave, an indentured servant, a conqueror, a famous evangelist, and an Indian princess. The revolutionary volume consists of 17 essays describing diverse perspectives on the American Revolution. The subjects of these volumes also depict the ethnic, national, and regional diversity of early America.

*Revolutionary Anglicanism: The Colonial Church of England Clergy during the American Revolution*, written by Dr. Rhoden, also was published this year. This book considers the broad connections between the American Revolution and religious change. It examines the revolutionary situation of more than 300 Church of England ministers in the British Colonies in America. These publications are available for purchase at the bookstore.