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### **Communal Studies lecture at New Harmony**

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**Dr. Richard Pierard, professor of history at Indiana State University since 1964, will be the next lecturer in the USI Center for Communal Studies series at Historic New Harmony. Dr. Pierard will discuss "Moravian Communalism in America and South Africa" at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 26. This program has been moved to Thrall's Opera House.**

**A scholar in the history of Christianity, Dr. Peirard has had visiting appointments in Illinois, British Columbia, California, Scotland, and Germany, where he also was a Fulbright Professor at Frankfurt, Berlin, and Halle universities, and observed first-hand the revolutionary changes that led to German reunification.**

**Dr. Peirard is active with First Baptist Church, Terre Haute, and was a former president of the Greater Terre Haute Church Federation. He is secretary-treasurer of the conference on Faith and History, a member of the Editorial Council for the *Journal of Church and State*, vice chair of the Baptist Heritage Study Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, board member of the American Baptist Historical Society, and a corresponding editor for *Christianity Today*. He has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and the South Pacific.**

**For information on the lecture series, call Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, Communal Studies Center director, 812/464-1747.)**

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