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USI to host fifteenth annual Mid-American Conference for Teachers of Psychology

Dr. Diane F. Halpern, chair and professor of psychology at California State University in San Bernardino, is the featured speaker at the fifteenth annual Mid-American Conference for Teachers of Psychology to be held at University of Southern Indiana's University Center on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17. Dr. Halpern will speak about "Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills in Adult Learners" at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 16.

She is the author or editor of several books in the area of cognition and instruction. Dr. Halpern received a Fulbright Award which allowed her to become the first American psychologist to teach her own courses in Moscow State University. She is the past-president of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology and president-elect of the Western Psychological Association.

Dr. Halpern has won many awards for her teaching and research, including the 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Psychological Foundation, the 1997 Career Contributions to Education Award from the American Psychological Association, California State University's State-Wide Outstanding Professor Award, and the G. Stanley Hall Lecture Award from the American Psychological Association.

For more information about the conference, call Dr. Julie Evey, USI assistant professor of psychology, at 812/464-1719. For a telephone interview with Dr. Halpern before the conference, call California State University's Department of Psychology at 909/880-5578.