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Community of Scholars to feature Richard Wolbers

Richard Wolbers, associate professor of art conservation at the University of Delaware, will be the featured speaker at University of Southern Indiana's "Community of Scholars" lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, in Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center. His speech will focus on the task of art conservation and show ways in which art and science blend together to conserve artifacts in museums.

Wolbers received a B.A. in biochemistry and an M.F.A. in studio art and art criticism at the University of California. He received an M.S. in art conservation at University of Delaware. Wolbers began his career as an intern for the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1983. The next year, he became the assistant paintings conservator for the Winterthur Museum in Delaware and was promoted to associate paintings conservator in 1986. Wolbers has been associate professor of art at the University of Delaware since 1988.

Wolbers writes extensively on the study and conservation of earthen architecture, architectural finishes, and the proper cleaning materials needed for painted surfaces. Wolbers' most recent work, *Aqueous Methods of Cleaning on Painted Surfaces*, was published in August of this year. His long-standing interests are American and British paintings and decorative arts.