

Social Security reform forums

USI will host a public Town Hall meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, in Mitchell Auditorium. The first hour of this meeting will focus on the future of Social Security in the U.S.; local community concerns will be the topic of the second hour of the meeting. Evansville mayoral candidates and state representatives will be invited to participate. Attorney Mark Miller will moderate and report the information from this forum to representatives in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the USI Honors Program, the O'Daniel Leadership Academy, the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, and the local Social Security Administration, this meeting is designed to discuss the ideas generated by USI faculty and students during the past two months and offer local citizens a local issues forum.

A member of the local Social Security Administration Office approached USI about developing a three-part forum to inform the campus community about the current status of our nation's Social Security program and the possibilities for its reform. At the same time, the Honors Program at Texas A&M University invited college and university honors programs throughout the U.S. to participate in a grant they received from the Pew Charitable Trust to involve the public in a national discussion on Social Security reform, the results of which will be presented to our nation's legislators. The USI Honors Program accepted the Social Security Challenge, part of a larger project, "Americans Discuss Social Security," which is involving students in the most broad-based and far-reaching program the United States government runs. It provides our new generation of voters a voice in a subject that will have a significant and direct impact on all Americans.

Together, the Honors Program, the O'Daniel Leadership Academy, and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence held an informational session as the first part of the initiative in January. The Social Security Administration shared with select USI faculty and students some basic information about Social Security as well as the need and options for its reform.

Part two of this initiative took place in the classroom as faculty and students in various disciplines including health care, education, business, liberal arts, and social work examined and discussed the issue, reflected on its impact, and suggested possible approaches to reform. Over 300 students participated.

They will come together for part three at 10:30 a.m. on March 30, in an all-campus forum in Carter Hall to explore areas of agreement and disagreement on this issue. Social Security Challenge has arranged for Evansville attorney Mark Miller to moderate both the student/faculty forum in the morning, and the public forum in the evening. He is certified in national issues forum format for deliberative discussion.

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Ozete named National City Bank Distinguished Professor



Dr. Oscar Ozete, professor of Spanish, is the recipient of the 1999 National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award. The honor, made possible by a generous gift from National City Bank, was announced at USI's Honors Week ceremony for the School of Liberal Arts. The award will be presented during USI Commencement on Saturday, May 8, at Roberts Stadium.

Dr. Ozete, chosen by his colleagues to receive the award, is a Spanish language educator. He is known for his successful textbooks for students of Spanish in higher education and at the secondary and middle school levels. Dr. Ozete also has written the grammar portion of Holt Reinhart's high school text used at thousands of high schools nationwide.

Dr. Ozete joined the USI faculty in 1980, and from 1982 to 1996 he was chair of the Department of Foreign Language. Dr. Ozete has directed study programs in Mexico for USI, Indiana University, and Rotary International. In 1996 Dr. Ozete was named Outstanding Spanish Professor of the Year for Indiana. The same year he received the Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture at the national conference of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. The Brooks Award is a distinction awarded to only one foreign language professor or teacher nationally in any field of modern foreign language.

A colleague who nominated Dr. Ozete said, "Above all, Dr. Ozete is a consummate teacher. I have observed him and marveled at his originality, his versatility, and his enthusiasm. After 35 years of full-time university service, there is an effervescence in his teaching and professional life that is truly rare."

He organized Spanish Fiesta Day in the 1980s, and it has developed into USI's Foreign Language Academic Bowl, a competition which draws high school students from all over southwestern Indiana to the university in March.

Dr. Ozete holds the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees from Indiana University. His undergraduate work was completed at University of Miami.

As Distinguished Professor, Dr. Ozete will receive a grant from National City Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, and deliver the Distinguished Professor Lecture during the next academic year.

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Local citizens are invited to participate in the evening program and offer suggestions on the Social Security topic as well as local issues.

For more information, contact **Dr. Phyllis Toy**, USI Honors Program coordinator, at 465-7144.

Names in the news

Dr. Mark Krahling, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded a position in the Summer Faculty Research Program at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. This program, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, provides analytical chemists access to instrumentation at UT - Knoxville and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for chemical analysis research. Dr. Krahling will collaborate with Dr. Kelsey Cook, professor of chemistry at UT - Knoxville, on fundamentals of ionizing biopolymers for analysis by mass spectrometry.

Dr. Donna Stieg Wasson, assistant professor of education, and Mrs. Lana Burton, principal of Culver Elementary School, presented "Essential Bonding: Student teachers and third graders teach one another how to teach and learn from a culturally diverse perspective," at the Society for Educators and Scholars conference on March 15, in San Antonio, Texas. For the past two years Dr. Stieg Wasson's social studies methods class has met in a third-grade classroom at Culver Elementary School. The student teachers, who prior to the program had limited experience in relating to elementary students from lower socioeconomic households and different cultural backgrounds, created a social studies curriculum centered on the third graders' prior experiences, own interests, and social issues about which they voiced concern.

In sympathy:

The University community extends sympathy to **Drs. Jane and Nils Johansen** in the death of Nils's mother, Beth Johansen, on February 25, in Oslo, Norway.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Mr. James T. "Jack" Riggs**, retired maintenance supervisor who died on March 22.

In gratitude:

I want to thank everyone for the get-well wishes, prayers, and concern during my recent back surgery and recovery. - **Ms. Mary Hupfer**

Thanks to everyone for the cards, letters, flowers, and all the expressions of sympathy in the death of my father, Peter J. Petranek. The concern shown by the USI community was most appreciated. - **Dr. Charles Petranek and family**

Welcome:

Ms. Janice Flener has accepted the position of government documents library assistant. She received a B.A. in English from USI and was a student worker in Rice Library. Ms. Flener resides in Mt. Vernon. (no photo available)

The University community welcomes **Ms. Karissa Rock** as senior secretary in Career Services. She was a human resources administrator at rsc The Quality Management Company. Ms. Rock received an A.S. in computer science/engineering from Lincoln Trail College. She resides in Norris City, Illinois, with daughter Peyton.



New Harmony Gallery announces exhibition

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will hold a public reception for artists **Anita Powell**, lecturer in art; **Yih-Wen Kuo**; and **Joseph Kress** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, in honor of their art show which opens Sunday, March 28.

Powell makes sculptural vessels based on the human form which are intricately patterned with images such as clothing, architecture, and vegetation. She received a B.F.A. from the University of Nebraska and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University.

Using the tradition of ceramic vessel-making as a point of departure, Kuo makes minimalist sculptures that reflect architectural concepts of form, space, and scale. Kuo, associate professor of art at Northern Illinois University, received a B.Ed. from National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan, and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University. He received an Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Award and a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship Award, among others.

Kress is a ceramicist from Minneapolis. In his work, Kress creates functional vessels that reflect ideas as diverse as geometry, the human figure, time-keeping forms such as the hourglass and the metronome, and the cycle of seasons. He received a B.A.E. from Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University. Kress received an Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Fellowship and the Jerome Foundation Fellowship Purchase Awards.

This exhibition will continue through Wednesday, May 5, and is possible through the support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission.

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**The University will be closed
on Friday, April 2.**

Spring Hospitality Days:

The last two spring Southern Hospitality Days will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 27, and on Saturday, April 17, at USI, allowing high school students and their families to visit USI. Admission counselors and current USI students will be available to answer questions about admission requirements, fees and other costs, how to complete the college application process, and financial aid and scholarships. Tours of housing and campus buildings are planned, and faculty will discuss the major areas of study available. The event is free and lunch is served but reservations are encouraged. Call the USI Admission Office, 464-1765 or 800/467-1965, to make reservations or get more information.

The Golden Age of the Golden Troupe:

Historic New Harmony will sponsor an opening reception for the exhibit "The Golden Age of the Golden Troupe: An American Theatrical Family" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, at Thrall's Opera House located at 612 Church Street in New Harmony. Participants will tour the exhibit following the reception. The event is free and open to the public.

Historian will discuss millennialism:

The USI Center for Communal Studies continues its Speaker Series with Dr. Robert Clouse, professor of history at Indiana State University. Dr. Clouse will present "Millennialism, Community, and the Radical Right" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, in the University Conference Center located in the University Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Great books:

The Great Books Discussion Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, in the upstairs corner of Barnes and Noble Booksellers located on Green River Road. The group will discuss *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. For more information, call Dr. Michael Given, instructor in English, at ext. 1222.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield conferences:

Ms. Janas Knox, account representative with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, will be available from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 6, 1999, to respond to questions or problems relating to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan. Ms. Knox will be in room FWA 170. Call 464-1781 to arrange an appointment.

5K Run slated for April 10:

Sponsored by the USI Alumni Association, the USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, with all race activities including start and finish, held on the USI campus. The 5K run will be held on campus roads. Registration deadline is April 1 and the \$10 fee includes a race T-shirt and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the USI Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment. For more information or to register, call the USI Alumni and Volunteer Services Office at 464-1924.

Campus events:

The Office of Student Development Programs will produce an agenda booklet to be distributed during freshman orientation. Please submit campus events to be included in the agenda via e-mail to Ms. Karen Richardson, senior secretary. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 1. For more information, call Ms. Richardson at ext. 7167.

Student Affairs awards and recognition ceremony:

The deadline to turn in applications for the Student Affairs Awards is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1. All materials must be received by the Office of Student Development Programs prior to the deadline. No exceptions will be made. Applications may be obtained at the UC Information Desk, the Office of Student Development Programs, and the Orr Center information desk. Each application packet contains a description of the award, criteria by which the application will be evaluated, and materials necessary. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For more information or questions, call the Office of Student Development Programs at 465-7167.

USI Spring Film Series:

Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 - *West Side Story* (1961, 152 min.); directed by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wise; starring Natalie Wood and Rita Moreno;

RopeWalk Writers Conference slated June 6 - 12 in Historic New Harmony

The 1999 RopeWalk Writers Conference will give participants an opportunity to attend workshops and confer privately with one of the five prominent writers from Sunday, June 6, to Saturday, June 12. Historic New Harmony, site of two 19th century utopian experiments, provides an ideal setting for this event with its retreat-like atmosphere and its history of creative and intellectual achievement. RopeWalk participants are encouraged to write, not simply listen to others talk about writing. In addition, several writers will give lectures, open to all participants, on aspects of the writing craft.

Faculty for the 1999 RopeWalk Writers Retreat are Lucie Brock-Broido, Lynn Emanuel, and Rodney Jones in poetry; Sigrid Nunez in fiction; and Scott Sanders in creative nonfiction. Special guest readers are fiction writer Michael Martone and poet Liam Rector.

Ropewalk has been assisted over the past eleven years by grants from Mrs. Ruth Lilly of Indianapolis, Evansville native Susan R. Enlow, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), the Blaffer Trust, the Witter-Bynner Foundation, the University of Southern Indiana Society for Arts and Humanities, and the support and assistance of Historic New Harmony.

Workshops and lectures are held at various facilities, including the New Harmony Inn; the Wheatcroft Guest House, which also serves as conference headquarters; and the Barn Abbey. Participants may stay at the New Harmony Inn and Conference Center, the Barn Abbey, Harmonie State Park, New Harmony Bed & Breakfast, or nearby motels. Reservations at the Inn should be made by May 9; call 800/782-8605 or 682-4491. To reserve space at the Barn Abbey, call USI Extended Services at 464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

Tuition for Ropewalk Writers Retreat is \$425, including workshops, individual conference, readings, receptions, and several meals. There is a 10 percent discount for Indiana residents. Those who wish to enroll in a second workshop may do so for an additional \$200 (no Indiana discount). A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 is due by May 3.

The retreat offers a limited number of full and partial scholarships based solely on merit. Send a letter of application with relevant biographical information and a writing sample - maximum of three poems or 20 pages of fiction - to RopeWalk Scholarship, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

Public conference events - locations will be announced
Sunday, June 6 - 7:30 p.m., Liam Rector poetry reading; 8:30 p.m., reception.

Monday, June 8 - 7 p.m., readings by Lucie Brock-Broido and Sigrid Nunez; 8:30 p.m., reception.

Tuesday, June 9 - 7 p.m., readings by Lynn Emanuel and Rodney Jones.

Wednesday, June 10 - 7 p.m., - reading by Michael Martone; 8 p.m., reception.

Friday - 6 p.m., reading by Scott Sanders; 7:30 p.m. closing dinner (there will be a charge for dinner and reservations are required).

Important dates

April 15 - scholarship deadline

May 3 - scholarship notification mailed

May 10 - manuscript submission deadline

June 1 - balance of registration fees due

June 4 - deadline for requests for partial refund of fees

For information or reservations, call USI Extended Services at 464-1989 or 800/467-8600, fax 465-7061, e-mail <lcleek@usi.edu>, or visit the online site <www.usi.edu/libarts/english/ropewalk.htm>.

two teenagers, one white, the other Puerto Rican, fall in love despite the tensions between their families; 7:30 p.m. in Forum I.

Tuesday, March 30 - *Playtime* (1967, 116 min.); directed by Jacques Tati; starring Jacques Tati; Hulot, a bemused Frenchman, tries to keep an appointment in a cold, unfeeling city of glass and steel skyscrapers; 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Forum I. USI films are free and open to the public. Mr. Eric Braysmith, lecturer in English, will lead a discussion immediately following the film.

Softball:

Saturday, March 27 - USI at Bellarmine College, noon.

Sunday, March 28 - USI at Kentucky Wesleyan College, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 1 - USI at McKendree, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 2 - USI at University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.

Baseball:

Saturday, March 27 - Bellarmine College at USI, noon.

Sunday, March 28 - Bellarmine at USI, noon.

Tuesday, March 30 - McKendree at USI, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31 - USI at SIU-Edwardsville, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 2 - USI at University of Missouri-St. Louis, noon.

Men's tennis:

Saturday, March 27 - USI at IU/PU Ft. Wayne, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 1 - Quincy at USI, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 2 - SIU-Edwardsville at USI, 2:30 p.m.

Women's golf:

Monday, March 29 - USI at Bellarmine Invitational, Louisville.

Men's golf:

Sunday - Monday, March 22 - 23 - USI at NCAA District 4 Tournament, Falls of the Rough, Kentucky.

Café 221 menu

Monday, March 29 - beef stroganoff, grilled chicken, baked potato bar.

Tuesday, March 30 - rigatoni with Italian sausage, southern fried chicken, broccoli rice casserole.

Wednesday, March 31 - taco bar, seafood dejour, cheese ravioli.

Thursday, April 1 - ground beef and potato pie, herb baked chicken, vegetable cheese lasagna.

M A R K E T P L A C E

For sale

1985 Nissan Sentra - silver, 2-door, 115k miles, runs ok, \$1,000 OBO. Call Brian at ext. 1913, Sunday - Thursday after 5 p.m.
Queen-size waterbed mattress with heater - mattress is in excellent condition; baffled and fiber filled. \$45 / negotiable. Call 465-1215 (day) or 473-8967 (eve).

Western saddle - new stirrup leathers, \$100. Call 423-7101.

White GE Profile refrigerator - two years-old; 19 cu.ft.; ice, crushed ice, water dispenser, no frost; remodeling, must sell; \$700. Call Jane at ext. 1999 or 423-6453.

White GE Profile gas slide-in range - two years-old; self-cleaning; never used broiler; remodeling, must sell; \$600. Call Jane at ext. 1999 or 423-6453.

Tool box for small truck bed; battery-powered wall clock; end-table with glass top and door front; exercise bicycle; stereo with turntable, 8-track cassette player and 24 tapes, two speakers; phone table; antique-look wash stand with bowl and pitcher; electric sewing machine with cabinet. Call Bill Simmons at 423-5328 for prices.

Toshiba laptop computer - Satellite Pro 420CDS, 24 mb ram, 1 G hard drive, 100 mhz pentium processor, 6x integrated CD-rom, floppy disk drive, 33.6 fax modem, lithium ion battery pack, carrying case, \$1,300. Call Jen at ext. 1616

Stereo components - bought in 1996, used nine months, in original boxes. Black Deno CD carousel, \$200; black Onkyo cassette deck, \$250, black Harman/Kurda receiver, \$280; two oak-finish Bic speakers, \$200. All prices negotiable. Call Jen at ext. 1616.

V A C A N C I E S

The following is a list of vacant positions available as of March 22, 1999. Additional information regarding current vacancies is located on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources office in the Wright Administration Building, the bulletin board located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and on the USI Job Line (812/465-7117) or visit our web site at www.usi.edu/hr. The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA 166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.

TEMPORARY SUMMER

Camp Counselors - H9016 - Nursing Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$7.50/hr.

Program Coordinator - H9017 - Summer Rehab Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$9.35/hr.

Area Leaders - H9018 - Summer Rehab Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$8.60/hr.

Crew Supervisors - H9019 - Summer Rehab Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$7.80/hr.

Crew Members - H9020 - Summer Rehab Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$6.25/hr.

Temporary Maintenance Mechanics - H9021 - Summer Rehab Program - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/2/99 - G999A/\$7.80/hr.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

Program Director, First Year Initiatives - A9004 - Student Development - open: 3/22/99 - deadline: 4/27/99.

Assistant Director of the Charles E. Day Learning Resource Center - A9003 - School of Nursing and Health Professions - open: 3/1/99 - deadline: 3/30/99.

Instructor in English - F9006 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 3/1/99 - deadline: 4/16/99.