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## Dr. Pitzer to be honored at Communal Studies Conference

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Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, chair of the History Department and director of the Center for Communal Studies at the University of Southern Indiana, will be presented the Distinguished Service Award Saturday, October 8, at the 21st annual Communal Studies Association Conference in Oneida, New York.

Dr. Pitzer will be the first recipient of the award, which henceforth will be known as the Donald E. Pitzer Distinguished Service Award. He also will be presented with a notebook of letters from friends and colleagues, commemorating the occasion.

Dr. Pitzer is the founder of the Communal Studies Association and served as executive director for 20 years. He is responsible for creation of the USI Center for Communal Studies, a repository for information on intentional communities around the world, and also is the founder of the International Communal Studies Association.

The USI Center is a co-sponsor of the Oneida conference, in which Dr. Pitzer will chair two sessions and be a co-presenter with Jayne Kroger Tang, a USI Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) student, of a paper entitled, "Emergence and Changing Architecture of Community in Cyberspace." A second MALS student, Nancy Johnson, director of USI Alumni Affairs, will present a paper on "Plymouth Commonwealth as a Communal Utopia: A Developmental Approach." Tang is a Gibson County native and graduate of Wood Memorial High School; Johnson is a Mt. Vernon, Indiana, native.