USI MPA speaker to discuss economic development opportunities, solicit feedback

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The University of Southern Indiana's Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program Speaker Series will host Kelley Coures, a 1992 USI graduate with a degree in political science, at 6 p.m. November 17 in Rice Library Room 0018. The event is free and open to the public.

Coures is the executive director of the City of Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development. Prior to his appointment to the role in May of 2014, he served as the manager of federal programs for the department for two years and as an underwriter for American General Finance.

Coures is the recipient of the 2011 Sadelle Berger Civil Rights Award from the City of Evansville and is a member of several community boards including: Downtown Kiwanis, the Old Courthouse Foundation, the Diversity Lecture Series and the AIDS Resource Group.

The topic of the presentation will be the Promise Zone designation – a Federal distinction for an area of high poverty, disinvestment and a lack of availability of services. Coures will present on the program and the possibilities the program raises, and will also solicit feedback from attendees on ways to increase economic activity in the designated area.

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