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**For immediate release
September 13, 2000**

USI School of Liberal Arts announces RopeWalk Reading Series

The University of Southern Indiana School of Liberal Arts will hold public readings through December featuring four writers. All readings are free and open to the public and will take place at USI. Authors will autograph their books at USI Bookstore immediately following their readings. Publications by these authors are available to purchase at USI Bookstore and Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Jim Cummins

7 p.m., Thursday, September 21, Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center

Jim Cummins is associate professor of English and curator of the Elliston Poetry Collection at University of Cincinnati. He earned a B.A. from University of Cincinnati and an M.F.A. from University of Iowa. Cummins is the author of two books, *The Whole Truth*, and most recently, *Portrait in a Spoon*. His poetry has appeared in *New Republic*, *Best American Poetry*, and *Shenandoah*.

Melanie Culbertson

7 p.m., Thursday, October 26, Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center

Melanie Culbertson, a former fiction editor at *Indiana Review*, has published short stories in *Puerto Del Sol*, *Beloit Fiction Journal*, and *American Literary Review*, among others. Her short story "Rain" received an Intro Award from the Associated Writing Programs. The previous year, Culbertson's story "A Tale of Fortune" was a finalist for *Glimmer Train's* Short Story Award for Writers. She earned an M.F.A. from Indiana University and an M.A. from University of Louisville. Culbertson is professor of English at University of Evansville.

Allison Joseph

7 p.m., Tuesday, November 7, Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center

Allison Joseph was born in London, England, to parents of Caribbean heritage. She grew up in Toronto, Canada, and the Bronx, New York. She earned a B.A. from Kenyon College and an M.A. from Indiana University. She is professor of English at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale where she serves as poetry editor for *Crab Orchard Review* and directs the Young Writers Workshop. Joseph is the author of three books of poetry, *What Keeps Us Here*, *Soul Train*, and *In Every Seam*. *What Keeps Us Here* won the Ampersand Press Women Poets Series prize and the John C. Zacharis First Book prize from *Ploughshares* and Emerson College. Joseph has received fellowships from the Illinois Arts Council, Bread Loaf Writers Conference, and Sewanee Writers Conference. She also won a literary award from the Illinois Arts Council.

Alyce Miller

7 p.m. Monday, December 4, Carter Hall, University Center

Alyce Miller is associate professor of English and creative writing at Indiana University where she received two teaching excellence awards. She earned an M.F.A. from Vermont College and two M.A.s from San Francisco State University. Miller has written one novel, *Stopping for Green Lights*, and a collection of short stories, *The Nature of Longing*, which won the Flannery O'Connor Award. Her short fiction has appeared in numerous literary journals including *The Kenyon Review*, *Harvard Review*, and *Story*. Miller is the recipient of a Yaddo Fellowship and a Chautauqua Residence.

For more information, call Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, 812/464-1953.

The RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.

RopeWalk Writers Retreat is an annual program of the University of Southern Indiana.

**For immediate release
September 25, 2000**

**USI School of Liberal Arts continues RopeWalk Reading Series
Culbertson reading moved to Carter Hall**

Melanie Culbertson, professor of English at University of Evansville, was scheduled to read at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, in Kley Meyer Hall. Due to space requirements, the reading will be held at the same time in Carter Hall, University Center. The amended fall schedule follows.

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