USI showcasing student RISC projects

DNA identification, the comedy of Seinfeld, and fine art studies are a few of the topics to be explored at USI’s 2003 Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity Showcase Saturday, April 26.

Following registration and Jaron Lanier’s keynote address, student presentations in the RISC Showcase will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Center. The schedule follows:

- **The Global Future of Accounting** - Jennifer Case: 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. - Room 1002
- **Accounting Issues Related to Setting Up a Non-Profit Charitable Foundation** - Amanda Diehl, Heather Gallagher: 10:40 to 10:50 a.m. - Room 1002
- **Technology and the Future of Education** - Jennifer Case: 10:50 to 11:15 a.m. - Room 1002
- **Research and Design for Theatre Posters** - Amanda Koenig, Rachel Weyer, Stephanie Weyer: 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. - Room 1002
- **Seinfeld Five Years Later: What We’ve Learned About the Nature of Comedy** - Nathaniel Rivers: 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. - Room 1003
- **HIV: Examining Physician Perceptions of Clients’ Risks and Assessment Barriers** - Wanda McCarter, Hannah Smith-Quiry: 10:50 to 11 a.m. - Room 1003
- **Exploring Our Family Stories** - Andrea Chapman, Anteia Greer, Brock Hayes, Jamie Young: 11 to 11:50 a.m. - Room 1003
- **An Ethnographic Study of The Heart Group** - Abby Garrett: 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. - Room 1004
- **What the Students Have to Say** - Carrie Andersen: 10:40 to 10:50 a.m. - Room 1004
- **Poetry Reading** - Breck Brizendine, William Brown, Lisa Cochran, Michael Elfrich, Gena Elpers, Nick Gilliam, Jinx Hamburt, Julie Hart, Brandi M oore, Travis Neff, Laura Oliver, Kathryn Plahn, A mber Powell, A ngela Schu, Jessica Steckler, Robin Wright: 10:50 a.m. to noon - Room 1004
- **Mesoamerican Informative Print** - Jacob Walker: 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. - Room 1004
- **Monoprint-Blockprint Series Drawn from Experiences in the Yucatan** - Heather Dodd: 10:50 to 11 a.m. - Room 1005
- **Fine Art Photo Documentary of Maya Sites in the Yucatan Peninsula** - LaVerne Jones: 11:20 to 11:30 a.m. - Room 1015
- **To wrong the world: The Human Struggle With Order** - Nathaniel Rivers: 11:30 a.m. to noon - Room 1015
- **Mini Baja Car Chassis Design** - Bryan Rucker: 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. - Room 1016
- **Spectrophotometer Data Acquisition and Display** - David Diaz: 10:50 to 11 a.m. - Room 1016
- **USI’s Live TV Show: Access USI** - Lucas Hardwick, Kara Pesavento: 11 to 11:10 a.m. - Room 1016
- **Production of a Digital Movie on Elements and Principles of Art** - Stephaine Eaton, Heather Duffy, Toni Wallace, Brian Duko, Jennifer Stanczak, Brian Quirk: 11:10 a.m. to noon - Room 1016
- **Delaying the Desiccation of Cut Floral Arrangements** - John Kuntz: 10:30 to 10:40 a.m. - Room 1017
- **Leaf Extracts: The Next Antiviral** - Phillip Adams: 10:40 to 11 a.m. - Room 1017
- **Adapting a DNA Identification System** - Aubtnn Williams: 11 to 11:20 a.m. - Room 1017
- **Fort Campbell Mini-Mall Structural Design** - Joe Vance, Chris Phares: 11:20 to 11:50 a.m. - Room 1017

The Showcase also will feature a variety of student poster presentations in the lobby of the Liberal Arts Center.

The day’s events will begin with the 9 a.m. keynote address in Mitchell Auditorium. Lanier, an internationally recognized computer scientist, composer, visual artist, and virtual reality pioneer, will present “What Every Scientist and Engineer Should Know about the Future of Personhood.”

His lecture will examine the future of personhood as it will be influenced by design decisions made, often without much consideration, by technologists and scientists.

All RISC Showcase presentations are free and open to the public. Those attending are invited to purchase lunch in University Center and join showcase presenters for a meal at 12:15 p.m. in Carter Hall.

The RISC Program is designed to encourage independent faculty-guided undergraduate research and creative projects at USI. For more information, call 812/465-7137.

Retirement reception April 29

USI will honor eight retiring employees with 164 years of combined service at a reception Tuesday, April 29. The University community is invited to attend the event, which will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in Carter Hall.
“These retirements will be felt across the University - so many people of long-standing employment who have played key roles in the development of the University, its curriculum, and its support and outreach services,” said USI President H. Ray Hoops.

“Together this year’s retiree group has given an impressive 164 years of service to USI. We congratulate them and wish them well in retirement. We also encourage their continued involvement in the University.”

The eight retiring employees include:

- Dr. Philip Fisher, dean of the School of Business and professor of management, who joined the University in 1991 as dean of the School of Business and professor of management. He holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University.
- Judy Fleck, administrative associate in Printing Services, who joined the University in 1988 as manager of the Historic New Harmony Museum Shop.
- Augustine Jay Fredrich, associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering and professor of engineering, who joined the University in 1979 as professor of civil engineering technology. He holds an M.S.C.E. from California State University-Sacramento.
- Sandra Hermann, director of University Division and instructor in English, who joined the University in 1983 as a part-time instructor in English. She holds an M.A. from Washington University.
- Dr. Kwangok Kim, professor of accounting, who joined the University in 1979 as assistant professor of business. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.
- Dr. William Kirsch, associate professor of political science, who joined the University in 1970 as assistant professor of political science. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.
- Sharon Morrow, instructor in English, who joined the University in 1988 as an instructor in English. She holds an M.A. from Purdue University.
- Dr. Robert Reid, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, who joined the University in 1997. For more information, call 812/461-5207.

Program exploring positive psychology

The Psychology Department will present “Is the Glass Half Full or Half Empty? Pragmatism and Positive Psychology,” a program featuring Dr. James Pawelski of Vanderbilt University, Wednesday, April 30.

The program will begin at 4 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. It is free and open to the public.

An assistant professor of human and organizational development, and religious studies, Pawelski has published and presented in the areas of positive psychology, character development, ethical decision-making, and compassionate choice.

“There are at least two ways to try to make the world a better place,” Pawelski said. “The first is to decrease the bad things in it; the second is to increase the good. Positive psychology points out that mainstream psychology uses the former strategy and claims that there is much promise in the exploration and implementation of the second strategy.”

His presentation at USI will consider the questions: What is positive psychology? Is it correct in this claim? What benefits might follow if it is, and what dangers might appear?

Pawelski received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Penn State University in 1997. For more information, call 812/461-5207.

University mourning employee’s death

Regenia A. “Jean” Schneider, senior accounting assistant in the Bursar’s Office, died April 20 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital.

The 58-year-old Evansville resident had worked at the University since 1988.

“Jean was a longtime resident of the Westside and a strong supporter of the University,” said Cindy Miller, associate bursar.

“She was instrumental in developing the current collection procedures used by the Business Office. She always had a positive attitude when dealing with the students. She will be truly missed by the Business Office.”

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Richard W. Schneider; three daughters and their husbands, Roberta and Craig Drone, Regene and Darren Newman, and Rebecca and Dale Staggemeier; grandchildren; nieces; and in-laws.

Her daughter, “Bobbi” Drone, previously worked on campus as a financial aid generalist in Student Financial Assistance.

She was a member of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ.

Services were held April 23 at Pierre Funeral Home. Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the USI Scholarship Fund.

Volunteer Week beginning April 27

“Celebrate the American Spirit - VOLUNTEER!” is the theme for the 30th annual National Volunteer Week Sunday, April 27, through Saturday, May 3. The purpose of the week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at local, state, and national levels.

Volunteers provide an immeasurable service to USI. During the week, take time to thank the people who volunteer their services to the University. A card, gift, or simple “thank you” with a smile provides recognition.

The Points of Light Foundation sponsors National Volunteer Recognition Week, setting the date for the week, producing a promotional kit, and spreading the word about the week to help involve citizens across the country in meaningful service and honoring volunteers.

National Volunteer Recognition Week began in 1974, when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteerism.

For more information about National Volunteer Recognition Week or recognition ideas, contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, 812/465-1215.

Names in the news

Achievements

Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, is participating in the 14th annual Art and Social Justice Exhibition at the Colfax Cultural Center in South Bend, Ind. Her linocut print, "Dreamer," will hang in the regional juried exhibition until May 30.
John M. Morris, general manager of WSWI and instructor of radio/TV, served as coordinator of the second annual Indiana Association of School Broadcasters College Competition. Morris also is executive director of the IASB. The competition judging took place on campus in April, and seven USI students placed in the contest that includes colleges and universities from around the state. Winners from USI include: Brett Jones and Chad Galloway, first place; Collan Booth, second place; Kara Pesavento, third place; and Liz Christian, second place.

In appreciation

“I would like to thank members of the University community for your expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother March 28. Your condolences and support have been a great comfort to me and my family.”

- Dr. Peggy Harrel, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research

FYI

NHT volunteers

Volunteer ushers are needed for The New Harmony Theatre this summer at performances June 13-August 17. Opportunities to usher are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, and on Sunday afternoons.

The summer plays include The Foreigner, The Eccentricities of a Nightingale, and A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine. For more information or to volunteer, call Joyce Babillis, administrative associate in the School of Business, on-campus at 812/465-1681 or in the evening at 812/838-4925.

Spring concert

USI’s Women’s and Chamber choirs will perform an annual spring concert at 3 p.m. May 4 at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road, Evansville.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the music. For more information, call 812/464-1736.

Free books

Solarbrn resident Louis Schewe will join Eric vonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, in a fourth book giveaway for USI students Wednesday, April 30. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the south entrance of the University Center.

Zoo Day

The USI Alumni Association is sponsoring USI Day at the Zoo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Garden. The event, including animal exhibits, children’s crafts, and refreshments, is open to USI alumni, students, employees, and their families.

Zoo hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the group admission charge is $4.50 for adults and $3.50 for children age 3 and older. There is no fee for the USI events. Zoo Day reservations can be made through the USI Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, April 25, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff. Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

Marketplace

For sale


1997 Pontiac Montana Van - 97,800 miles, leather seats, captain-style chairs, power windows/locks, power sliding passenger side door, top rack holder, charcoal/light gray exterior. Excellent condition, same owner, good maintenance record; used primarily for long trips. Kelly Blue Book retail value: $8,250, OBO. Call Rick, 812/853-2637.

Above-ground pool - 24’ x 4’, good condition, includes filter, cleaning hoses, ladder, cover, and skimmer. Buyer responsible for tearing down and moving. Liner is 3 years old, cover 1 year old, pool only 4 years old: $450. Call Ext. 1840 or 424-8547 after 5 p.m.

Couch - brown and tan, super comfortable, great condition, perfect for a college student or someone just starting out on their own: $50. Moving...must sell! Interested? Call Kelly, 464-1768.

Queen size mattress - excellent condition, clean, only 6 years old; purchase price $600, asking $200. Call Eddie, 461-5207.

Coca-Cola memorabilia - Coca-cola chest, good condition, original paint and parts: $1,200 OBO. Coca-cola clock, four feet by four feet, lighted, good condition: $450. Contact caroe-vans@usi.edu or 838-6070.

In-line skates - women's size 9-10 in-line skates, very low mileage, garage-kept. Comes with helmet and knee and elbow pads in like-new condition, a set of slightly scuffed wrist guards, and a nylon carry bag: $25. Contact Icleek@usi.edu.

Fresh asparagus - $1.75/lb. Contact Mark Krahling, 464-1712.

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