Reading series beginning February 20

The RopeWalk Reading Series will bring an award-winning author, editor, and poet to campus this spring.

Readings in the series are free and open to the public. Each program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing.

Spring 2003 RopeWalk Reading Series

Tony Ardizzone

February 20 - Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center: Tony Ardizzone is the author of six books of fiction and three edited anthologies. His writing has received the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, the Milkweed National Fiction Prize, the Pushcart Prize, the Virginia Prize for Fiction, the Lawrence Foundation Award, the Bruno Arcudi Literature Prize, fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, and other honors. He is a professor of English at Indiana University, where he teaches creative writing, ethnic American literature, and 20th-century American fiction.

Naomi Horii

March 3 - Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center: Naomi Horii is the publisher and editor-in-chief of the Boulder, Colo.-based Many Mountains Moving, a nationally-distributed literary magazine, and she previously edited fiction for the prestigious Missouri Review. Also a freelance writer and editor, she is the recipient of the Anschutz Award, the Colorado Council on the Arts Fellowship in Fiction, and the Rocky Mountain Women's Institute Fellowship in Fiction. Horii holds a master's in English from University of Missouri.

Robert McDowell

April 14 - Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center: Robert McDowell is the author of three books of poetry: On Foot, In Flames, The Diviners, and Quiet Monev. He is coauthor of Sounds and Form in Modern Poetry and The Reaper Essays, and his unpublished novel, The Singing Cowboy Days, is represented by The Anderson Literary Agency in New York. He is also the founding editor and publisher of Story Line Press and served as co-founder and coeditor of The Reaper magazine for 10 years. McDowell holds a BA from University of California Santa Cruz and an MFA from Columbia University. For more than 14 years, he has lived and worked on farms in Oregon's Willamette and Rogue valleys.

Presented by USI's School of Liberal Arts, the RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the Southern Indiana Review, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.

For more information, call Jim McGarrah, instructor in English, 812/464-1735.

Banquet serving lessons in awareness

The Master of Social Work Student Association will host a Hunger Banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. February 20 in Carter Hall.

The Hunger Banquet, a learning tool promoted by Oxfam America, is designed to raise awareness of global poverty issues. Oxfam is an international development organization dedicated to creating lasting solutions to hunger, poverty, and social injustice.

Upon arrival, banquet participants will be randomly assigned to an income tier and invited to share a meal fitting the group to which they belong. Meals will range from a cup of rice to a sumptuous three-course dinner.

During the banquet, a program about global hunger and its impact on individual families will be presented. Participants also will have an opportunity to reflect on their experiences during the event.

Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend by offering extra credit for participation.

In addition to raising awareness, the banquet will benefit the Tri-State Food Bank. Participating students will be asked for a $1 donation, which is worth $12 to the food bank in terms of the food it can provide to needy families.

Employed participants will be asked to make a $3 donation. Donations are optional and will be collected at the door.

Reservations are requested. For reservations or additional information, call 812/464-1843.

Career Search a networking opportunity

USI will host Career Search 2002-03, a graduate school and job fair for students, alumni, and recruiters, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. February 12 in Carter Hall.

Presented in cooperation with University of Evansville, the joint venture brings employers and their future employees together. Career Search is the only general, full-time fair the two universities will sponsor during the 2002-03 academic year.

For an updated list of participating recruiters and their Web sites, visit www.usi.edu/careersv/cs2003.asp. For additional information, call 812/454-1865.

Actors needed for American Dreams

USI Theatre will hold auditions for Studs Terkel's American Dreams Monday and Tuesday, February 3-4, in the Mallette Studio Theatre in the Liberal Arts Center.

A n entertaining and poignant look at the American ideal of the individual, this thought-provoking play is based on Terkel's interviews with people from all walks of life, from flower children to NRA radicals.

Interested persons should prepare a 60-second monologue from a contemporary drama or Terkel interview. Terkel interview
monologues are preferred but not one from American Dreams. The show will be presented in April. To schedule an audition, sign up on the Theatre Department’s information board outside the Mallette Studio Theatre.

Accounting students offering tax help

USI accounting students will be offering free income tax services to low-income taxpayers beginning February 8.

A assistant will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 2005 of the Orr Center Saturdays, February 8, 15, and 22; March 1, 22, and 29; and April 5 and 12.

Members of the University community also may make appointments for income tax assistance. Interested persons should call 812/464-1718 to schedule an appointment.

University providing assistance to smokers

USI’s Recreation and Fitness Center will present four smoking cessation classes for faculty, staff, and students in February.

The University will provide a free week’s supply of nicotine replacement patches, and participants attending all four class sessions will receive a $40 gift certificate to Eastland Mall.

Class sessions will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, in the University Center. The first two classes will meet in Room 203. The last two sessions will be held in Room 215.

Deanna Miller, coordinator of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, will lead the classes that are co-sponsored by Smokefree Indiana. Class size will be limited to about 15 participants.

Smokefree Indiana is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Indiana State Department of Health, and Ball State University. For more information about Smokefree Indiana, visit www.smokefreedindiana.org.

To register for the classes, call Miller at 812/461-5270 or the Recreation and Fitness Center at 812/461-5268.

Names in the news

Achievements

Essays by two USI professors were included in the book, Situazioni d’Assedio, Cities Under Siege, Etats de Siege, edited by Lucia Carle and Atoineette Fauve-Chamoux and recently published by Pagnini e Martinelli Editori in Florence (ISBN 88-8251-116-2). Dr. Charles T. Barber, professor of political science, wrote “Mediterranean Cities: From Dependent Siege to Interdependent Community” (pp. 307-312) with abstracts in Italian and English (pp. 509-510). Dr. Dal Martín Herring, professor and chair of the Communications Department, wrote “The 1781 Siege of British Troops in Yorktown, Virginia: A Qualitative Analysis of the Communication Practices that Led to a French and American Victory” (pp. 231-236) with abstracts in Italian and English (pp. 504-505). The book grew out of a conference held in Montalcino, Italy, in 1999.

Welcome

David Beyerstedt ’00 has accepted the position of distribution services clerk in Distribution Services. The Evansville resident previously worked as a carrier/automation clerk for the United States Postal Service. He holds a degree in business administration from USI.

Sarah Floyd has accepted the position of library assistant in Rice Library. The Newburgh resident previously worked as a tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service and as a corps member in the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. She attended University of Texas at Dallas and was named in Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities 2000.

Gregory J. Orth has accepted the position of custodial worker in the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident previously worked in maintenance at Ziemer Funeral Home. He holds an associate degree in computer science from Ivy Tech State College.

Brian A. Zolner has accepted the position of assistant athletic trainer in Athletics. The Evansville resident previously worked as an assistant athletic trainer and as a graduate assistant at Lindenwood University, where he earned a master’s in athletic training administration. He also holds a BS in sports medicine and exercise science from Valdosta State University. Zolner is a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the Mid-American Athletic Trainers’ Association.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Emilie Cutchin, cashier supervisor in the Bursar’s Office, whose father Ralph J. Seitz, 79, Carmi, Ill., died January 24. Services were held January 28 at Campbell Funeral Home in Carmi.

In appreciation

“Thanks to the USI family for all of the kindness, thoughtfulness and support on the recent death of my sister, Pamela Kaye Cowan. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to me and is most appreciated.” - Anna Gonzalez, computer maintenance technician, Computer Center

FYI

Hospitality day

USI will host a Southern Hospitality Day, featuring campus tours and information for prospective students, Saturday, February 1. For information or registration, call 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.

Auction, dinner

The USI Society for Arts & Humanities will present its 12th annual Toast to the Arts at 7 p.m. Friday, February 7, at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science.

Gala proceeds benefit USI scholarships, student development, and grants to The New Harmony Theatre and RopeWalk Writers Retreat. Tickets are $125 per person. The reservation deadline is Saturday, February 1. For information or reservations, call 812/465-7149.

Argentine Strings

Argentine Strings, a concert in the “Under the Beams” series, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, February 7, at the Rapp Granary in New Harmony.

The New Harmony Artists’ Guild and The Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation are hosting the series. Tickets are $30. For tickets or information, call 812/682-5019.

Chess tournament

The USI Chess Club will host the Southern Indiana Open Chess Tournament beginning at 8 a.m. February 8 in the
University Conference Center. The all-day event is sanctioned and rated by the United States Chess Federation and is open to all USCF members. For more information, call 812/464-1705.

**Homecoming**

USI will celebrate its All-American Homecoming Saturday, February 1, and alumni, Varsity Club members, and University friends are invited to enjoy the festivities. For more information, call USI Alumni and Volunteer Services, 812/464-1924.

**Theatre auditions**

Auditions for the 2003 summer seasons at Lincoln Amphitheatre and The New Harmony Theatre will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 1, in the Helen Mallette Studio in the Liberal Arts Center.

Additional auditions for Lincoln Amphitheatre will be held April 3 at Jasper Middle School from 3 to 4 p.m. and at Heritage Hills High School from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to schedule an audition time, call 812/465-1668.

**Children's Center**

The Children's Center has one immediate opening in the Two-Year-Olds' program. The child must attend full time and have turned two years old prior to January 16. For more information, call 812/464-1869.

**Graduation deadline**

The formal application deadline for graduation at the end of fall 2003 is Friday, January 31. For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar by calling 812/464-1762.

**Job openings**

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

**Newsletter deadline**

Friday, January 31, 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. Submissions for the “Marketplace” column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

**Commission meeting**

The Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission will hold its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, February 7, in Carter Hall. Robert Sawyer, regional director of the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in Chicago, will be the guest speaker.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend. The fee is $10. Reservations are required by Monday, February 3. For information or reservations, call 812/465-7067.

**Sam’s pass**

Sam’s Club one-day guest passes are available on a first-come, first served basis in the Office of Human Resources. Due to limited availability, employees are eligible for one pass each. Passes are valid through March 31.

**Marketplace**

**For sale**

- Brick ranch-style home - 1,300 square feet plus full finished basement, three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths, attached two-car garage, yard barn, great location, located on cul-de-sac next to Haubstadt Community School. Call Kent, 768-5557.
- 1998 Dodge Ram 4x4 - extended cab, automatic, 148,000 highway miles. MUST SELL: $8,900 OBO. Call 421-0196, leave message.
- 1991 Chevy S-10 pickup - runs good, drives good, looks good. Call Larry, 853-6673 or Ext. 1692.
- NordicRider - offers dual motion - adjust for pulling exercise (aerobic workout) or for pushing exercise (strength training): $95. Call Laura, Ext. 1269 or 985-9163.
- Computer, monitor, printer - great for child or beginner: $75. Call Debby Hagan, Ext. 1099.

**Wanted**

- Desperately seeking USI basketball tickets – I need four tickets for the February 8 Kentucky Wesleyan game. Let’s haggle. Call Debbie, Ext. 1099.

**Fund raiser**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids’ Sake - February 23, 1:30 p.m., Diamond Lanes. Pull a team (one captain and four team members) together and participate in The College Bowl competition. There is no cost to bowl (one game and shoes complimentary) or for pushing exercise (strength training): Paid $1,050, will sacrifice for $895. Call 853-1843.

**Tag sale**

- Thomas Kinkade painting - from the Archive Collection (10th anniversary) Creekside Trail; 132 of 160; framed 24”x18”. Paid $1,050, will sacrifice for $895. Call 853-1843.

**For sale**

- USI basketball tickets - four tickets in Section C, Row 9, Seats 3-6 for Saturday, February 1 vs. Quincy, Women at 5:15 and Men at 7:30; Thursday, February 6 vs. Illinois Springfield, Men at 7:30; and Saturday, February 8 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, Women at 5:15 and Men at 7:30: $10 each. Call Debbie, Ext. 7000 or 303-5673 after 6 p.m.

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