Poet to speak on campus, in community

A acclaimed poet E. Ethelbert Miller will be featured in the School of Liberal Arts' Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series. He is also a professor of English, who graduated with Miller from Howard University in 1972. "He's been a poet all his life."

His presentations on- and off-campus will address the poet's response to the world and life events, such as the tragedy of September 11.

"He has always been a very soft spoken, gentle, insightful person. Even when we were in college, all of us who were his classmates appreciated his spirit and his vision," said Dr. Betty L. Hart, professor of English, who graduated with Miller from Howard University in 1972. "He's been a poet all his life."

Chair of the Humanities Council of Washington, D.C., Miller has been director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University since 1974 and is a core faculty member of the Bennington Writing Seminars at Bennington College.

One of 60 African American authors honored by the White House at the First National Book Festival in 2001, his memoir, Fathering Words: The Making of an African American Writer, was published the previous year.

Buddha Weeping in Winter, his most recent collection of poetry, was published in 2001. A ndromeda, The Land of Smiles and the Land of No Smiles, Migrant Worker, Season of Hunger/Cry of Rain, Where are the Love Poems for Dictators?, and First Light also are part of his body of work that includes essays, fiction, and children's books.

Miller is founder and director of the Ascension Poetry Reading Series, one of the oldest literary series in Washington. He also serves on the boards of the Institute for Policy Studies, Cultural Development Corporation, and Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts.

The recipient of numerous awards, Miller received an honorary doctorate from Emory and Henry College in 1996.

His Evansville appearances are funded in part by the Indiana Humanities Council. The University community is invited to attend his free on-campus presentations. The schedule follows:

Thursday, April 4

- 8 to 10 a.m. - "Breakfast with a Poet" at Lincoln Elementary School.
- 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. - "Writing the Poems of Our Lives," presentation to writing classes, University Center, Room 201.
- Noon to 1:15 p.m. - Lunch with Sigma Tau Delta, faculty, and the Black Student Union, University Center.
- 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. - "A Day in the Life of a Poet," presentation to English classes, University Center, Room 201.
- 3 to 4:45 p.m. - "Writing the Poems of Our Lives," in the classroom of Matthew Graham, associate professor of English.

Friday, April 5

- 9 to 11 a.m. - Free public event at Redbank Library.
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - "Lunch with a Poet" at Glenwood Middle School.
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. - Reception and coffee with the Black Student Union, University Center.

Videoconference bringing muralist to USI

The USI Honors Program will present "Community Art: The Transforming Power of Chicano/a Murals" Saturday, April 6, in the Health Professions Center.

An informal workshop in two parts, the event will begin at 9:30 a.m., when Dr. Hilary Braysmith, associate professor of art history, and honors students Katherine DeFries, Jennifer Kern, and Matthew Rowe examine the history and social and political impact of the Chicano/a muralist movement from early Mexican muralism to contemporary works in Los Angeles and Chiapas, Mexico.

The presentation will include a discussion of muralism as communal expression and as a form of political activism that, among other things, documents the plight of migrant workers and the influence of the barrios on Chicano/a culture.

"N'uke," a well-known muralist in the Los Angeles area, will join participants in an interactive videoconference from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. "N'uke," who also paints murals-as-documentaries for revolutionaries in Chiapas, acts as a consultant to the film industry and has been involved in the production of the PBS series, American Family.

For more information or to register for "Community Art: The Transforming Power of Chicano/a Murals," e-mail Dr. Phyllis Toy, director of the University Honors Council and associate professor of English, or call her at extension 7144.

ROT C cadets marching for merit

Cadets in USI's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps will join cadets from Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman as well as members of the Indiana Army National Guard in an 18-mile road march Saturday, April 6, in Posey County.

Participants completing the march in 4.5 hours or less will earn the coveted Norwegian Road March Badge and a certificate. Major Mark Weaver, USI professor of military science, and Dr. Nils Johansen, a retired Norwegian Artillery Officer and USI University Division advisor, are coordinating the event, which will begin at 8 a.m. along Indiana 62 and conclude at the airfield near Grafton.

Cadets at USI began training last semester by trekking four-, six-, eight- and 12-mile distances in their Battle Dress Uniforms that include boots and 40-pound backpacks.
“It’s hard. It’s definitely something you have to train for,” Weaver said. “For us it’s an esprit de corps kind of thing. It’s something that’s hard, and it’s unique.”

About 10 USI cadets are expected to march in the group that will total roughly 25. Weaver and USI’s Capt. Todd Baker and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cates also plan to participate.

Run/Walk hits the road April 6
The Eagle 5K Run/Walk will take off at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6, on the USI campus. The event includes a 5K run, 5K race walk, and two-mile health walk.

Overall category winners will receive prizes, and 156 trophies will be awarded. A free Race Walker’s Clinic will be held from 8 to 8:15 a.m. at the Physical Activities Center, where packet pickup and late registration will be from 7:45 to 8:45. Racing will get underway at 9 a.m. and be followed by the awards presentation at 10:30.

Registration is $15 for entries received on or before Monday, April 1. The late entry fee is $18. All proceeds benefit the USI Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment. For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at extension 1924.

Elite volunteers shoot, score
USI volunteers gave the Elite Eight a full-court press, and hopes are high that with their help Evansville will score in its bid to bring the NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship back to town.

“We couldn’t do it without them,” said Ray Simmons, USI’s sports and information director who lived and breathed tournament action March 20 through 23 at Roberts Stadium. “Without the volunteers, there’s no way we could have done it all.”

More than 30 members of the University community stepped up for an assist as employees joined students and alumni in tasks ranging from making copies to serving as surrogate fans for the traveling teams.

“Our USI Alumni Council was a team host for one of the Elite Eight teams that came in, and we happened to get Metro State, which won the championship,” said Nancy Johnson, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

As host, the group welcomed Metro State at the airport, served up a meal, cheered the team on, and celebrated its 80-72 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan.

“We helped bring on a championship, and it was a lot of fun,” Johnson said. “It was really exciting. The team kind of took us in. We got the hugs, and we were all a part of it.”

During the games, Darren Shelton, Distribution Services clerk, got his exercise running stats, but when play concluded he facilitated media interviews with the players and coaches.

“I just like basketball,” he said. “It was great — meeting everybody and watching the good games.”

Dr. David Black, assistant professor of broadcasting, joined six students who rallied to serve as production assistants for CBS.

“It was a fascinating experience watching these professionals do their jobs,” Black said. “It was great exposure for the students to see high-level professionalism in television production. They got to see how the network people really do it, and the networks don’t come to Evansville very often.”

Belief that the Elite Eight belongs in Evansville prompted Sherrianne Standley, vice president for Advancement, to volunteer. Her efforts focused on work with the organizing committee spearheaded by Paul Miller, Development officer, who arranged appearances for each team at area schools, hospitals, rehab centers, and clubs.

“It’s in our good interest and the community’s good interest,” Standley said. “We’ve heard nothing but praise about the hospitality of the community, the stadium itself, and the nice hotel facilities. I think we made a good impression.”

Student art show opens April 7
The 32nd annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition will open with a reception for the artists from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 7, in the University Conference Center, where the awards ceremony will be held at 3 p.m.

The exhibit showcases selected student artworks chosen by an independent expert. This year’s juror is art critic Gerald Nordland, who also will award more than $9,000 in scholarships and merit and purchase awards funded by community citizens, businesses, and corporations.

A former museum administrator at the Milwaukee Art Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Frederick S. Wight Gallery at University of California in Los Angeles, Nordland’s scholarly work has appeared in many national and international publications.

He is the author of Gaston Lachaise: The Man and His Work and co-wrote Richard Diebenkorn: Paintings and Drawings, 1943–1980 with the artist. He has been a commentator on the life and art of Diebenkorn for nearly 40 years and will present a lecture on the California painter at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in Carter Hall.

A revised edition of Richard Diebenkorn was released last year and follows the artist’s career from the 1980s until his death with a focus on his late works on paper.

After his lecture April 4, Nordland will be available to sign copies of the new edition.

The USI Juried Student Art Exhibition will remain on display at the University Conference Center through April 14 and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Chamber Choir performing April 7
The University of Southern Indiana Chamber Choir will present its Spring Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road.

Performing under the direction of Daniel Craig, USI assistant professor of music, the choir will present an eclectic selection of pieces reflecting the theme, “Rivers of Freedom.”


The concert is free and open to the public.

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Pat Aakhus, instructor in English, joined writers James Tate, Dara Wier, and Mike Maggie as featured authors at the Meacham Writer's Conference at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Aakhus read a new essay, "The Elixir," and gave fiction manuscript consultations at the conference in March.

Extended Program Specialist Joan DeVillez, Academic Skills, presented "Give Students the Power to Achieve" at the National Association for Developmental Education's 26th Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla., in March.

Dr. Leigh Ann Howard, assistant professor of communications, has written an article, "From Ivory Tower to Town Hall: Using Dialogic Inquiry as a Critical Pedagogy," published in a special issue of American Behavioral Scientist (March 2002, Vol. 45) with the theme, "The Contested Academy: Overcoming Political Attacks and Postmodern Critiques."

The article describes how dialogic communication and critical pedagogy might work together to build education practices that contribute to a tradition of public discourse. After summarizing contemporary problems separating the community from the classroom, the article positions Martin Buber's dialogue as a way to realize critical pedagogy. It concludes by advocating educators use a dialogic approach to critical pedagogy so that students understand their role in creating and sustaining a community that is mutually beneficial.

Judith Luther, Academic Skills coordinator, presented "Swimming in the Deep End: Using Bloom's Taxonomy in the Writing Classroom" at the National Association for Developmental Education's 26th Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla., in March.

Dr. Jane Meyer, associate professor of education, was honored with the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children's Hoosier Educator Award at the Early Childhood Conference March 15 in Indianapolis. The award is given to an educator who has demonstrated exemplary development of learning experiences, materials, or curricula for instructing pre-service or in-service teachers of young children. Meyer also recently completed a two-year term as state president of the IAEC.

Eric Ramsey, program advisor in the Office of Student Development Programs, was elected membership director of the American College Personnel Association's Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals at the ACPA Annual Conference in Long Beach, Calif. The committee represents more than 40 percent of the delegation of the ACPA, and Ramsey's position is responsible for the committee's membership and internal structure.

Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, professor of English, accompanied four members of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society to the Annual International Sigma Tau Delta Conference. The students all presented at the conference held in Boise, Idaho, in March. Senior Kristie Daugherty presented "My Frozen Sea" in the Personal Essay Category, read a number of original poems in the Original Poetry Category, and was recognized as a finalist in the Original Poetry Category at the Honors Banquet. Senior Andriaa Gilham read original poetry at the open mike session. Senior Karen Schellenberger presented the story, "A Worm's Way," in the Original Short Fiction Category. Junior Nathaniel Rivers, the professor's son, presented the paper, "We Do Not Hold These Truths To Be Self-Evident: Definitions of Freedom in Early American Literature," in a session entitled America Develops a Literature.

Jay Newton has accepted the position of assistant director of Athletics. The Mount Vernon, Ind., resident previously worked in the Southern Conference in Asheville, N.C., where he was the championships and compliance assistant. He holds a B.S. from University of South Carolina, an M.P.A. from Murray State University, and a J.D. from Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis.

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Language bowl

A rea high school students will compete in French, German, Latin, and Spanish at USI's Foreign Language Academic Bowl Wednesday, April 3.

Sponsored by the Foreign Language Department, the competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Carter Hall. A song competition, judged on creativity, cultural content, and pronunciation, will follow the academic bowl.

Presidential breakfast

The Student Alumni Association will host Breakfast with the President with Dr. Ray Hoops from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, in room 201 of the University Center. During the event, Hoops will respond to campus inquiries from a panel of student organization representatives.

Faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to attend and may reserve tickets, $5.50 each, by calling Alumni and Volunteer Services at extension 1924. March 29 is the ticket reservation deadline.

The event is free to students, who may obtain tickets after showing a valid Eagle Access Card at the University Center Information Desk.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, March 29, 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 A. Itstad, online editor.

Marketplace

For sale


1995 full-size Chevy special-use conversion van - seats five, huge cargo/storage space in back for camping gear, dogs, bikes, etc. Roof rack, towing package, power, very good condition, 87,000 highway miles, well maintained and cared for, $8,500. Call 464-1950.

Eight-place setting of Brick Oven stoneware - country-blue duck pattern. Includes eight each: dinner plates, dessert
plates, cups and saucers, cereal/salad bowls, matching place-mats, duck napkin rings; seven 16 oz. glasses; $50. Contact lschenk@usi.edu, 465-1136.

- Old beat-up bicycle - $5. Contact lcleek@usi.edu.
- Solid oak drop leaf table and four cushioned chairs - $275; oval coffee table - $75; two end tables - $80 for both; velvet rocking chair - $40. All in excellent condition. Make an offer. Call 476-3660.

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Friday, March 29, is the deadline for submitting information for next week’s “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made via e-mail to kaltstad@usi.edu.

### April Calendar

#### Monday, April 1
- Baseball at Kentucky Wesleyan College - 3 p.m., Owensboro.

#### Tuesday, April 2
- Free Film Series - Dogma, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I.
- Women’s golf at Bellarmine Invitational – Glenn-Mary Golf Course, Louisville, Ky.
- Men’s tennis at Bellarmine University - 3 p.m., Louisville, Ky.

#### Wednesday, April 3
- Breakfast with the President - 8 to 9 a.m., University Center, Room 201.
- Foreign Language Academic Bowl – area high schools compete in French, German, Latin, and Spanish, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Carter Hall.
- Baseball hosts University of Missouri-St. Louis - noon, doubleheader, USI Baseball Field.
- Softball hosts Southern Illinois University - 3 p.m., USI courts.

#### Thursday, April 4
- Lecture on California painter Richard Diebenkorn - presented by Gerald Nordland, art scholar and juror for the 32nd annual Student Art Exhibition, 7 p.m., Carter Hall. Book signing to follow.

#### Friday, April 5
- “Friday Night in the Forum” - free film series showing Bamboozled, 7:30 p.m., Forum I.
- Corporate Leadership Conference – April 5 and 6, O’Daniel Leadership Academy program for outstanding USI students. Corporate host: A merican G eneral Finance.
- Men’s tennis hosts Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville - 3 p.m., USI courts.

#### Saturday, April 6
- Honors Conference - “Community Art: The Transforming Power of Chicano/a Murals,” 9 to 11:45 a.m., Health Professions Center.
- USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk - 5K run, 5K race walk, two-mile health walk, beginning at 9 a.m., Physical Activities Center.
- Baseball hosts Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville - noon, doubleheader, USI Baseball Field.
- Softball hosts University of Missouri-St. Louis - 1 p.m., doubleheader, USI Softball Field.
- Men’s golf at Northern Kentucky Invitational - April 6 and 7, Eagle Creek Country Club, Crittenden, Ky.
- Women’s golf at Northern Kentucky Invitational – April 6 and 7, A. J. Jolly Golf Course, Florence, Ky.
- Men’s tennis hosts University of Missouri-St. Louis - 9 a.m., and Quincy University - 3 p.m., USI courts.
- Track and field at Washington Invitational – St. Louis.

#### Sunday, April 7
- 32nd annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition - April 7 through 14, University Center. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Reception for the artists: 2 to 4 p.m. April 7. Awards ceremony: 3 p.m. April 7.
- USI Honors Symposium – 3 to 7 p.m., University Center: College Bowl, student-faculty colloquium, awards ceremony. Information: 1222.
- USI Chamber Choir Spring Concert – 3 p.m., Olde North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. Free.
- Baseball at Southern Illinois University - 1 p.m., Edwardsville.
- Softball hosts Quincy University - 1 p.m., doubleheader, USI Softball Field.

#### Monday, April 8
- Women’s golf at Indianapolis Golf Classic – The Links Golf Club, New Palestine, Ind.
- Men’s tennis at Georgetown College - 2 p.m., Georgetown, Ky.

#### Tuesday, April 9
- Free Film Series - Bamboozled, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I.

#### Wednesday, April 10
- Baseball at Bellarmine University - noon, doubleheader, Louis ville, Ky.

#### Thursday, April 11
- RopeWalk Reading Series – featuring author Michael Kelsay, 7 p.m., Kleyman Hall, Liberal Arts Center. Book signing to follow. Information: jmconner@usi.edu.
- Baseball at Oakland City University - 2 p.m., Oakland City, Ind.
- Softball hosts Oakland City University - 3 p.m., doubleheader, USI Softball Field.
- Men’s tennis hosts Indiana University-Southeast - 4:30 p.m., USI courts.

#### Friday, April 12
- “Friday Night in the Forum” - free film series showing Sunshine, 7:30 p.m., Forum I.
- Women’s Alumni Soccer Game - Strassweg Field. Information: bwilken@usi.edu.
M en's tennis hosts St. Joseph's College - 3 p.m., USI courts.

Saturday, April 13
- Men's Alumni Soccer Game - 2 p.m. registration, Strassweg Field. Information: dhogan@usi.edu.
- Men's tennis hosts St. Joseph's College at Indiana University Southeast - 2 p.m., New Track and field at GLVC Championships - Greencastle, Ind.
- Track and field at the Little State Championships - Greencastle, Ind.

Sunday, April 14
- Softball hosts St. Joseph's College - noon, doubleheader, USI Softball Field.
- Women's golf at Quincy Lady Hawk Classic - A pril 14 and 15, Westview Country Club, Quincy, Ill.

Monday, April 15
- Heritage Week in New Harmony, Ind., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A pril 15 through 20: Festival of 19th-century arts, crafts, and trades. A pril 20 is Family Day.
- Men's golf at Greg Palmer Eagle Classic - A pril 15 and 16, Eagle Trace Golf Club, M orehead, Ky.

Tuesday, April 16
- Free Film Series - M oulin Rouge, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I.
- "The Chronic Care Paradox" - presented by Dr. Robert Kane, chair of Long-term Care and A ging at University of M innesota, 7 to 8 p.m., M itchell A uditorium.
- USI/New Harmony Foundation Quarterly Board Meeting - 11:30 a.m., A thenium Visitors C enter.
- New Harmony Memorial Commission Quarterly Meeting - 9:30 a.m., Thrall's Opera House.
- Baseball at Indiana University Southeast - 2 p.m., New Albany.

Wednesday, April 17
- In The Boom Boom Room - 7 p.m., USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Ave. A dditional performances: 7 p.m. A pril 18, 24, 25; 8 p.m. A pril 19, 20, 26, 27; 2 p.m. A pril 28. Tickets: $9 adult; $7 senior citizen; $3 USI student. Tickets or information: 812/422-3970.
- Sixth Annual Research and Health Care Issues Conference - "Enhancing Clinical Practice Through Research," 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Carter Hall. Fee: $65. Registration deadline: A pril 10. Information: extserv@usi.edu.
- Baseball hosts K entucky Weslyan College - noon, doubleheader, USI Baseball Field.
- Softball hosts M cKendree College - 3 p.m., doubleheader, USI Softball Field.

Thursday, April 18
- Paint Out New Harmony - A pril 18 through 20, New Harmony G allery of Contemporary A rt, 506 M ain St., New Harmony, Ind. G allery hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.
- USI Spring Festival - A pril 19 and 20, University Center Mall: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. A pril 19; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A pril 20. A musement rides, carnival games, food booths, clowns, a book sale, medieval reenactments, and entertainment.

Friday, April 19
- USI Spring Festival - A pril 19 and 20, University Center Mall: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. A pril 19; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A pril 20. A musement rides, carnival games, food booths, clowns, a book sale, medieval reenactments, and entertainment.
- Men's tennis at GLVC Tournament - A pril 19 and 20, Indianapolis.