

Historic Southern Indiana: Building cultural tourism in Southern Indiana

Created in 1986, USI's **Historic Southern Indiana** (HSI) is a heritage-based outreach program housed within USI's Division of Outreach and Engagement. Serving 26 counties in Southern Indiana, HSI seeks to identify, preserve, enhance, and promote the historic, natural, and recreational resources of the region for the benefit of visitors and citizens. Initiatives of HSI include community outreach, heritage tourism, historic preservation, history education, and scenic byways.

Each year, HSI distributes a Community Legacy Award, the Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award, and the Darrell Bigham Faculty Engagement Fellowship.

Dating back to 2000, the Community Legacy Award recognizes a community in Southern Indiana for its achievements in preservation, enhancement, and promotion of its distinctive heritage. The award pays tribute to excellence in standards of community development. Recipients of the award include Aurora, Bedford, Ferdinand, Jeffersonville, Madison, New Albany, New Harmony, Orleans, Rising Sun, and West Baden Springs.

The Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award is given to an individual who is an exemplary model of community

“Since assuming my duties with the Perry County Convention and Visitors Bureau nearly four years ago, HSI has given me many opportunities to discover the features that make the Southern Indiana region unique. In addition, partnering with HSI has given our community a more direct link to working with the National Forest and National Park offices. Due to our strong relationship with HSI, Perry County is now able to partner with our neighbors in a much larger arena for the benefit of residents and visitors.”

—**Beverly Minto**
Director
Perry County Convention
and Visitors Bureau

education. Judy and the late Frank O'Bannon embody the mission and goals of HSI in their commitment to, and love of, Southern Indiana's heritage. Their belief in the identification, preservation, and promotion of those things that make communities special is most evident in their support of programs benefiting youth. To honor the O'Bannon's, HSI created the Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award to recognize those who embody those same values.

HSI's latest award, the Darrell Bigham Faculty Engagement Fellowship, provides a \$4,000 salary stipend to support scholarly work to a USI faculty member in the areas of consulting, research, service learning, or creation of workshops or institutes. More information about the award, including this year's winner, can be found on page four of this newsletter.

Last spring, HSI hosted “The Gathering Storm: The Rise of Tecumseh,” the first of four educational symposia on the War of 1812 and its impact on the Indiana Territory, the Midwest, and the nation. The second symposium, “1811: The Year of Decision,” will be held on Saturday, June 25, at Vincennes University's Indiana Center for Applied Technology. This year's symposium will feature scholarly lectures and panel discussions surrounding the events of 1811 leading up to the War of 1812, most notably the Battle of Tippecanoe. Tours of local historical sites, including Grouseland, the Indiana Territory Capitol State Historic Site, and George Rogers Clark National Historical Park also will take place.

Additional HSI events for 2011 include the coordination of a regional group to commemorate the Steamboat Bicentennial, a workshop for third- and fourth-grade teachers in coordination with Indiana's Historic Pathways, and sponsorship of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Cultural Tourism's Survival Boot Camp. A bus trip covering a section of Southern Indiana also is being planned in the fall to celebrate HSI's 25-year anniversary.



The Historic Southern Indiana staff includes Megan Glenn, left, senior program assistant, and Leslie Townsend, director.

For more information, or to find out how you can get involved with HSI, visit www.usi.edu/hsi or contact **Leslie Townsend**, director of Historic Southern Indiana, at 812/465-7013 or ltownsen@usi.edu.

“HSI provides a long-term focus for awareness and education about the rich culture and history of our region. Many local and regional communities promote this area for the purpose of attracting visitors and generating economic impact. In contrast, the programs conducted by HSI identify why this region is significant and it teaches visitors and residents alike about our settlers and our ancestors.”

—**Darrell Voelker**
Director
Harrison County Economic
Development

Letter from the Dean



Cleek

The move has finally been accomplished and we are settling in to our new home in the University Center East. We welcome visitors to our offices on the upper level. We are also excited because the space we use for many of our courses and meetings is right here on the same hallway with us.

The other really good news is that our new associate provost for Outreach and Engagement has been identified. Mark Bernhard will be joining us in August. He has great experience in two outstanding outreach programs, Penn State and Virginia Tech. We are all looking forward to working with him. You can find more about Dr. Bernhard on the following page.

I'm pleased to report that Outreach and Engagement has received another national award from the University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA). UPCEA is the premiere organization for those who do outreach and we are very proud of the recognition. The award is from the Outreach and Engagement Community of Practice and is for USI's partnership with NSWC Crane on intellectual property mining and technology transfer.

The Southern Indiana Japanese School held its commencement exercises on Saturday, March 19. There were seven graduates, five from elementary school and one each from middle and high school. I had the honor of delivering the commencement address, and the pleasure of hearing it translated into Japanese by one of the teachers. My thanks to the students and teachers, the school board, and the principal, Keietsu Nishimura, for the invitation.

Since the terrible events in Japan a few weeks ago, I have had John Donne's poem, *No Man is an Island* running through my head. As Donne said,

No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind

Many of us in Outreach and Engagement chose to make a contribution to the fund established for disaster relief in Japan, but that's only one way to be involved in the family of humankind. As spring blooms, let's all find a way to contribute to our extended family. There are almost limitless ways to make a difference, locally or globally, through volunteering or contributing financially, or through planting a tree to help clean the environment (Earth Day was April 18).

Here's one improvement: the Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies has a modest amount of funding available each year in addition to the scholarships we award. This year, we used some of that money to add voice recognition software to several computers in open labs around campus. Voice recognition software benefits those with visual or physical impairments. One station was created especially for those using taller wheelchairs that don't fit at a typical computer desk that otherwise meets the standard ADA-required dimensional guidelines. If you have an idea about how a little money can make a difference for people with disabilities in the USI community, please get in touch.

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Associate provost for Outreach and Engagement named at USI



Bernhard

Dr. Mark C. Bernhard, director of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, has been named associate provost for **Outreach and Engagement** at the University of Southern Indiana. The appointment is effective August 22, 2011.

Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, provost, announced Bernhard's selection following a nationwide search.

"I am extremely excited about bringing Dr. Bernhard to USI," Dr. Rochon said. "He brings a wealth of experience with outreach and engagement as well as incredible experience working with higher education faculty and administration. His experience in different regions across the United States made him a distinctive candidate of choice. I believe his collaborative approach in developing new initiatives is one that USI will embrace quite well. Dr. Bernhard will make a couple of visits to campus prior to his August 22 start date to begin working with the Outreach and Engagement staff."

Bernhard has 13 years of experience in continuing and professional education, workforce education, and economic development at two universities.

He has held his present post at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University since November 2006. In that job he leads a 30-member staff that plans and implements up to 400 conferences, workshops, and training programs with more than 25,000 participants each year. During his tenure, net program revenues have increased each year, reaching \$1.1 million in 2010.

Bernhard is principal investigator for a \$17.2 million grant from the U.S. Army Research Office funding a program that conducts national outreach to increase student interest in careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. Virginia Tech is the lead institution for a consortium in the outreach agreement.

Prior to joining Virginia Tech, Bernhard was a conference planner (1998-99) and senior conference planner (1999-2006) at Pennsylvania State University. His responsibilities included outreach to enhance the visibility of Penn State faculty, research, and knowledge transfer. He managed a number of large initiatives, including a \$330,000 grant from the U.S. Department

of Commerce for a symposium on economic development and a \$2 million workforce program that provided training to more than 1,700 state employees. In 2005, he created a conference called "Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium" which *Parade* magazine called the "College Weekend of the Year." The event received an Exemplary Program Award from the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA).

Earlier in his career, Bernhard served as front office manager for Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center in State College, Pennsylvania front office manager for Marriott Bethesda Suites and Marriott Washingtonian Center in Bethesda/Gaithersburg, Maryland, and director of communications for the American Horse Council in Washington, D.C.

Bernhard earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Bucknell University, a master's degree in sport management at Ohio State University, and a doctorate in workforce education and development at Penn State. He is a member of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association, formerly UCEA.

As associate provost, Bernhard will serve as the liaison to develop and maintain partnerships between USI and community, state, and regional groups and organizations.

2011-2012 Epi-Hab Scholarship winners announced

The **Division of Outreach and Engagement** has awarded seven students with the Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies Scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year. The scholarship provides \$1,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks, and housing.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must have been enrolled in a minimum of three semester hours at USI at the time of application and award, have completed at USI, or have had accepted for transfer to USI, a minimum of 12 semester hours, and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate).

Applicants were required to complete the Epi-Hab application, compose an essay describing their proposed field of study and future career plans, and provide two letters of recommendation.

The winners of the scholarship are **Megan Criss**, College of Education and Human Services, Reelsville; **Heather DeRudder**, College of Nursing and Health Professions, Mount Vernon; **April Garrett**, College of Nursing and Health Professions, Evansville; **Ernest Griffin**, College of Liberal Arts, Evansville; **Zachary Watson**, College of Liberal Arts, Evansville; **Jessica Thrasher**,

College of Education, Owensboro, Kentucky; and **DeWayne Watson**, College of Nursing and Health Professions, Indianapolis.

Applications for the 2012-2013 Epi-Hab Scholarship will be available in the fall.

For more information, visit the Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies web site at www.usi.edu/extserv/outreach/epihab.asp.

Management Diagnostic Center: Identifying employee developmental needs since 1986

A roundtable discussion with area human resource professionals, convened by what evolved into USI's **Center for Human Resource Development**, discovered a need for a procedure to help businesses and organizations identify developmental needs of employees. As a result, USI created Management Diagnostic Center (MDC), an assessment program designed to determine the developmental needs of managers, supervisors, and those aspiring to take leadership roles within their business or organization.

Launched in 1986, USI's award-winning MDC identifies the skill sets needed to be a successful manager or supervisor and ways to test for these skills. MDC can also identify strengths and developmental needs of leaders and assist in the development of an individualized training plan.

"Many large companies use assessment centers to evaluate management candidates and to screen possible new hires in order to

identify those who would be a good fit for the needs of a position and an organization," said **Rebecca Deeg**, program coordinator in the Center for Human Resource Development. "To meet the needs of area organizations, we developed the MDC, provide training for assessors, and employ an MDC administrator which gives organizations the benefit of assessment technology without the expense of maintaining an on-site center."

Through simulations and exercises, MDC participants encounter challenges and tasks common to a broad spectrum of supervisory and management positions. Observations and evaluations by expert assessors who use behaviorally anchored standards are combined to generate a diagnostic summary and developmental recommendations on each individual. Evaluations are provided to both the employee and employer and are based on the participant's ability to function in eight areas of effective management. Results are designed for individual growth and development.

When developmental needs are identified, participants receive recommendations in the form of coursework, seminars, books, and community activities. Specially formulated USI supervisory/management development courses and seminars also are offered to meet the identified training needs.

MDC evaluations include ability ratings that are based on input from three assessors who must agree on a final rating for each dimension on each participant. MDC assessors are thoroughly trained in objective evaluation techniques and the evaluations are based on performances in four separate exercises.

Several MDC sessions are offered at USI throughout the year. Contact the Division of Outreach and Engagement at 812/464-1989 for more information.

Bonnell receives second Bigham Award for third installment of "Snapshots of Southern Indiana"



Bonnell

Dr. Karen Bonnell, professor of communications, has received the 2011 Darrel Bigham Historic Southern Indiana Faculty Engagement Fellowship Award for a third installment of "Snapshots of Southern Indiana," a 30-minute television program used to promote

tourism in Southern Indiana. Bonnell received the award in 2008 for the second installment of "Snapshots of Southern Indiana," which focused on Indiana's original territorial capitol at Vincennes, the state's first capitol at Corydon, and the Native American settlement at Angel Mounds in Newburgh.

The 2011 award includes a \$4,000 grant that will be used to fund Bonnell's

latest "Snapshots" program called "Southern Indiana African American Heritage Project." Goals of the project are to collect and present information about African American cultural heritage in Southern Indiana to a regional audience through WNIN-TV, the regional public broadcaster based in Evansville, Indiana, and the Evansville African American Museum.

Bonnell's project will involve research, planning, and production of still photographs, video footage, and video interviews at multiple historic sites in Indiana including Corydon, Evansville, and Princeton. The material will be organized for public display at the Evansville African American Museum and edited into a television documentary for WNIN-TV. The episode will be available to other public television stations for potential statewide broadcast.

"Contemporary media managers recognize that diversity in programming means realistic and accurate representation of minorities in

media as well as serving the needs of diverse audiences," said Bonnell. "The Southern Indiana African American Heritage Project will utilize public television and public display to reach diverse audiences with information about historic sites and the preservation activities related to African American heritage in Southern Indiana."

Location shooting for the project will begin this summer and editing will begin in the fall. Photographs and video clips will be packaged for display at the Evansville African American Museum in the early fall.

The Bigham Award provides financial support for scholarly work in the areas of consulting, research, service learning, or creation of workshops/institutes by USI faculty. **Dr. Darrel Bigham**, director emeritus of Historic Southern Indiana and professor emeritus of history, was a USI pioneer in regional engagement.

USI receives Urban Conservation Organization Award

Prepared by Jennifer Dryer, communications intern in the Center for Applied Research

The University of Southern Indiana received the Urban Conservation Organization Award from the Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at its annual dinner meeting in February. **Stephen Helfrich**, director of facility operations and planning, accepted the award on the University's behalf.

USI's **Division of Outreach and Engagement** played a key role in the development of the partnership between the University and SWCD. Its **Center for Applied Research** organized rain garden and trail projects for USI's campus, in which **Dr. Chuck Price**, professor of science education, assisted with the planting of native plants along walkways. **Don Fleming**, grounds and athletic field supervisor, collaborated with **Dr. Anne Statham**, director of service learning, to engage students in the projects and maintain the value of the trails.

The University has completed several "green" projects, the majority of which address storm water run-off. The three parking lots most recently constructed on campus were designed to collect and filter run-off. A rain garden installed east of the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center and a lake south of the residence halls contain inlets that allow run-off to shed pollutants by filtering it through rocks and soil. The pollutants would eventually have flowed into the Ohio River, so not only is the USI community benefiting, but the Tri-state is as well.

"We recognize those who are committed, not as a fad, but as an ongoing project," said **Davie Sue Wallace Litov**, chairman of the SWCD board. "A lot of people have what I like to call 'green fever,' but USI has had it for a long time, and that is very impressive. Not only is USI committed to conservation, but the University continues to uphold this commitment."

USI maintains an ongoing recycling program, collecting paper, cardboard, aluminum, and plastic containers. Also recycled are items such as steel, copper waste, carpet, and asphalt from various projects throughout the campus.

Helfrich said, "The facilities planning and operations staff of the Physical Plant are always conscious of improving and protecting our environment by reusing and recycling materials, reducing energy usage in our facilities, managing storm water run-off, and constructing facilities that are 'green.'"

In spring 2010, President **Linda L. M. Bennett** appointed an environmental stewardship committee made up of faculty, staff, and students to examine how the University can further reduce its environmental footprint.

USI offers summer programs for children Pre-K4 through high school

USI's **Center for Education Services and Partnerships** will offer or assist in facilitating several programs this summer for children of all ages. Programs will include Summer Enrichment Camp, Girls Only (GO) STEM! Program, and Super Summer.

Open to children ages seven through 10, Summer Enrichment Camp will begin on Friday, May 27, and run through Friday, July 29. Summer Enrichment Camp offers an environment that encourages children to develop their capabilities and interests at their own pace and individual needs. The program recognizes the uniqueness of children and provides positive encouragement for their continued growth.

While at camp, children will participate in enrichment activities designed to promote educational, physical, and emotional growth. Full-time and part-time enrollments are available and the voucher program will be accepted for income eligible families.

For more information, including camp fees and location, visit www.usi.edu/extserv/personal/summercamp.asp.

Taking place June 5-10 at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, Indiana,

the GO STEM! Program is a summer camp experience that focuses on helping girls entering their sophomore or junior year of high school overcome barriers and stereotypes faced while preparing for and pursuing STEM-related (Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers. Sponsored by the Pott College of Science and Engineering, the program is facilitated by female faculty and involves female college students majoring in STEM disciplines as mentors, allowing them to work with high school students and college faculty.

GO STEM! is supported with a grant from the Alcoa Foundation, there is no fee to participate.

Visit the GO STEM! Program web site at www.usi.edu/stem/GOSTEM_10.asp for more information and application.

Super Summer sessions for children ages Pre-K4 through 14 will be offered the weeks of June 13-17 at USI and July 11-15 at Dexter Elementary School located at 917 Dexter Avenue in Evansville. The program will include an assortment of morning and afternoon classes from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Girls entering their sophomore or junior year of high school participate in last year's GO STEM! Program. The program will be offered this summer, June 5-10, at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, Indiana.

Registration is \$80-\$90 for each course with a reduced fee when registering the same child in more than one class, or when registering two or more children at the same time. Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation students, who are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, may enroll in sessions for \$10 per course. Free and reduced lunch enrollments are limited.

More details on Super Summer activities can be found online at www.usi.edu/extserv/personal/SuperSummer.asp.

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Cleek receives Special Recognition Award

Linda Cleek, interim dean of the Division of Outreach and Engagement, has received the 2011 Special Recognition Award from USI's Alumni Association. For the past 37 years, Cleek has brought lifelong learning and nationally recognized conferences and events to the region, including the RopeWalk Writer's Retreat and the School Social Work Institute. The award also recognizes Cleek for shaping USI's involvement at Innovation Pointe, support of programs and services in New Harmony, and membership on several committees. Cleek holds an undergraduate and graduate degree from USI.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents "And Red Is The Earth"

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents "And Red Is The Earth," an exhibition of artwork by Anila Agha through May 7. Agha creates multilayered mixed media drawings by combining text and media images with traditional South Asian techniques of embroidery, dyeing, wax, and beading. Her work has exhibited nationally and internationally. For more information, call 812/682-3156 or visit www.usi.edu/nhgallery.

SwiSTEM offers summer workshops for teachers

This summer, Southwest Indiana STEM (SwiSTEM) Resource Center will offer a variety of workshops to elementary, middle, and high school teachers. The workshops will focus on the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and will be held at USI and the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Crane Division. Registration is \$10 per workshop. For more information, or to register, visit www.usi.edu/stem/Workshops2011.asp or call the Division of Outreach and Engagement at 812/464-1989 or 800/867-8600.

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Register now for fall 2011 USI Nearby courses

The University of Southern Indiana will offer seven credit courses at two off-campus locations during the fall 2011 semester. Designed with commuter students in mind, **USI Nearby** courses are geared toward students who live and/or work on the east side of Evansville or in Warrick County.

Instructed by USI faculty, USI Nearby courses meet one night a week or on selected Saturdays. Most offerings meet University Core Curriculum requirements, which help students make significant progress toward a degree.

Six courses, including BIOL 251: Environmental Conservation, CMST 101: Intro to Public Speaking, HIST 102: US Since 1865, HUM 212: Western Traditions in the Humanities II, PHIL 201: Intro to Ethics, and PSY 201, Intro to Psychology will be offered at the National Guard Armory at 3300 E. Division Street in Evansville. Courses will meet one night a week from 6 to 8:45 p.m.

Students pursuing a Master of Arts in Communication degree can register for COMM 616: Performance in Social Contexts. The course will meet at Innovation Pointe located at 318 Main Street in downtown Evansville on selected Saturdays from 8 a.m. to Noon.

"USI Nearby is a great solution for evening students," said **Lee Ann Shafer**, academic program manager in the Division of Outreach and Engagement. "The National Guard Armory is near the Lloyd Expressway and many students drive right by it on the way to the USI campus. The savings in drive time and fuel costs are significant for students who take classes at the armory. Innovation Pointe's downtown location is perfect for many of USI's graduate students."

Current and returning students may enroll in fall classes through MyUSI. Students who are new to USI may register during open registration beginning on Friday, August 19, with fall classes starting on Monday, August 22. Late registration will begin on the first day of class and will run through Friday, August 26.

For more information, visit www.usi.edu/nearby.



USI's Division of Outreach and Engagement has moved to the second floor of the newly expanded University Center East. Visit www.usi.edu/uceast for more photos and information about University Center East.



Participants of Historic New Harmony's interfaith retreat gather for a sunset prayer at the Rapp-Owen Granary in New Harmony, Indiana. Held in March, the six-day retreat explored interfaith dialogue and included meditation and morning teaching sessions followed by silence and shared reflections.

Outreach and Engagement piloting Community Facilitation Workshop

Prepared by Jennifer Dryer, communications intern in the Center for Applied Research

USI's Center for Applied Research (CAR) and the Division of Outreach and Engagement piloted a Community Facilitation Methods Workshop at Innovation Pointe in December. The workshop provided advanced facilitation tools for those who have completed Level I and Level II Simplex training, a creative problem-solving approach for group facilitation to develop innovative and consensus-based solutions.

Participants learned and experienced strategic planning tools including SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis, strategic mapping, vision and mission statement creation, and goal setting, all which helped build the facilitators' strategic planning toolbox. Participants also learned how to design and develop community listening sessions to help achieve community consensus.

With 50 years of collective facilitation experience, trainers **Dr. Sue Ellspermann**, director of USI's Center for Applied Research; **Gene Recker**, manager of education and entrepreneurship for USI at Innovation Pointe; and **Dr. Kathy Kleindorfer**, consultant in private practice, developed the training for the community.

"The amount of experience and credibility Sue, Gene, and Kathy brought to the table was a great asset," said **Davena Day**, project manager for DLD Resources LLC and workshop attendee. "The workshop offered a safe environment to practice the new facilitation techniques. Coaches gave examples from their own personal facilitating experiences, which provided a great stepping stone to further my facilitation career."

Upon completion of the workshop, community facilitators had the opportunity to pursue certification as a Certified Community Facilitator. This required that they successfully facilitate several projects under the coaching of Ellspermann, Recker, and/or Kleindorfer.

The Community Facilitation Methods Workshop was partially funded by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), who work with local, state, and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to aid rural communities in shaping visions for community economic development.

If your organization is interested in using a community facilitator to lead a team project, community initiative, or strategic plan, contact CAR at 812/461-5442.

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Local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops lend a hand in Service Learning project

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, USI's Service Learning Program hosted a trails work party in January at the University of Southern Indiana. Twenty-seven participants, including members from Boy Scout Troop 301 and Cub Scout Troop 280, built a picnic table and removed stones, limbs, and other debris near a small bike trail on campus. The event was funded with grants from North Carolina Campus Compact and the State Farm Foundation.

CAP enrollments up 22 percent

Enrollment for the College Achievement Program (CAP), a cooperative program between USI and 20 participating high schools throughout the state, increased by 22 percent for the 2010-2011 year with 2,631 enrolled students. CAP gives motivated high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to take college-level courses through their high school for college credit. Courses follow the same curriculum and academic standards as USI courses and are taught by high school faculty who participate in ongoing, discipline-specific professional development with USI faculty members. More information about CAP can be found online at www.usi.edu/extserv/academic/cap.asp or by calling 812/228-5022.

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Noncredit Course Sampler

Arts and Leisure

June 13-July 11

Intro to Buddhism, discover how the Dalai Lama and other Buddhists around the world utilize the Buddhist distinctive philosophy and practice to achieve peacefulness and happiness in daily life. Meets four Mondays.

June 14-July 12

Meditation 101, learn the theories behind and practice of various meditation techniques for health, personal insight, spiritual growth, mindfulness and mental clarity, and personal insight. A yoga or meditation mat is recommended. Meets five Tuesdays.

College Readiness

Saturday, July 23

Math Skills for the SAT, skill development in problem solving, working mathematical equations, and the rules pertaining to calculators. Students should bring a calculator.

Saturday, July 30

Verbal Skills for SAT, emphasis will be on vocabulary development, written English, and critical reading.

Computers and Information Management

June 16-July 14

Project Management with Microsoft Project, learn how to better organize work and people to help ensure projects are delivered on time and within budget. Meets five Thursdays.

June 29 and July 6

Preparing a PowerPoint Presentation 2007, tips on using advanced PowerPoint functions to create an effective presentation. Learn how to add animation and slide transitions, choose appropriate fonts and layouts, and create web pages and transparencies using PowerPoint slides.

Languages

June 7-July 12

Beginning Conversational German, a study of basic German vocabulary and expressions with an emphasis on conversational skills, phrases, geography, and culture. Meets six Tuesdays.

Professional Development

May 3-4

Interactive Lean Manufacturing Workshop, workshop participants will experience a fast-paced iterative model of a real world "Synchro Corporation" environment. Objectives will include the lean thinking method and principles, seven big wastes, inventory reduction for increased productivity, and more.

May 13

Advanced Maintenance Reliability Techniques, this course will demonstrate how to analyze and use reliability data in maintenance. Emphasis will be placed on the Weibull distribution, but the lognormal, normal, and exponential distributions also will be discussed.

Fitness

May 22

Geocaching, high-tech treasure-hunting game played throughout the world using GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors. Learn how to get started and what equipment you will need.

May 21-22 or June 4-5

Sailing School, spend an exciting weekend in intensive instruction, both on shore and in sailboats, at Kentucky Lake. For beginners or experienced sailors.

Visit usi.edu/extserv for more information and additional courses.

Registration information: 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600