

Liz MacDonald Selected As October Employee of the Month

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Elizabeth MacDonald, Dean of University Library Services, has been named Employee of the Month for October 2011. Ironically, MacDonald, who started at Lindenwood in 2003, said she never wanted to be a librarian, even as she was earning master's in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.



"My area of emphasis was archives and archival studies," MacDonald said.

Her first library work was at the Saint Louis University Health Science Library, where she worked while getting a master's in history from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. After earning an additional master's in library science, she started working as a freelance reference librarian for mid-sized corporations that did not have library resources. After five years, she started a five-year stint as director of libraries at Sanford Brown Business College, where she worked up to her hiring at Lindenwood.

Since then, she has worked hard to update and organize library holdings; make the library more "customer-friendly" with the addition of the coffee shop, meeting rooms, and lounge areas; help faculty assemble resources for specific classes; update the website and make more services and resources available online; and improve the physical space, including the addition of a new circulation desk this summer.

Her nominator also cited a number of other factors and achievements, including her active work with the Deans' Council, organization of class visits to the library, her help started the Writing Center housed in the library basement, the offering of late start classes by library staff each term, and her work in establishing the new Lindenwood-Belleville library.

Being named Employee of the Month is nice, she said, but she deflects credit and attention to the whole library staff.

"I have a great staff," she said. "Reference and circulation will get slammed with stuff—student workers, too."

In her spare time, MacDonald is an avid runner.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the son of former Lindenwood President French Strother (1866-1870) went on to become the personal secretary to President Herbert Hoover? French Strother Jr. was offered the job by Mr. Hoover while he served as a reporter in Fresno, Calif.

President Evans to be Recognized By SHRM

The Lewis and Clark Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management will acknowledge President James D. Evans at its chapter meeting on Wednesday. The chapter wishes to extend a token of gratitude to Dr. Evans for providing a hospitable welcome to Lindenwood's campus.

Dr. Evans supported the chapter in its efforts by approving the use of Lindenwood facilities for meetings and covering the cost of their food and refreshments.

"President Evans has provided a wonderful setting to hold our monthly meetings, along with the support of his staff members for almost three years," said Chapter President Rick Brown. "It has been huge to the development of our chapter as well as instrumental to our success."

This affiliate of the SHRM provides human resource professionals a platform for networking, education information and career advancement. The Lewis and Clark chapter currently boasts 125 members.



Yearian and Frazier Attend Conference on Dyslexia

Two faculty members from Lindenwood-Belleville on November 1 attended an education conference on dyslexia featuring two presenters from Yale University. The conference was held in Joliet, Ill.

Dr. Stephanie Yearian, elementary education advisor, and Andrea Frazier, LCIE faculty advisor and assistant professor, represented Lindenwood. Tammy Gramlich, reading specialist at Union Elementary School in Belleville, also attended the event, which featured guest speakers Drs. Bennett and Sally Shaywitz from Yale University.

The conference, "Dyslexia: Translating Scientific Process into Legislative Action- It's Time," included information on the symptoms of dyslexia, suggested treatments, and legislative action necessary to address this topic of concern. A renowned expert on the topic, Shaywitz is the author of *Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level*.

Yearian, Frazier, and Gramlich came as guests of Dr. Michael Heggerty of Literacy Resources, Inc.

Turner Honored as LSGA Professor of the Year

Dr. Julie Turner, Chair of the Non-Profit Administration Department, has received the LSGA Professor of the Year Award. This student-selected award is to recognize outstanding contributions across the Lindenwood University campus.

Turner has had 20 years of experience in education and non-profit leadership, as well as an extensive list of achievements. She was recognized as a Top 40 under 40 recipient by the *St. Louis Business Journal*, and she received the Dove Award for Women in Leadership, among others.



In addition, Turner spearheaded the Community Service Transcript Designation Program commissioned by President Evans to promote campus volunteerism. The program has helped to encourage Lindenwood as a service university, and participating students are recognized with service chords and a notation in the commencement program.

Turner said she was “very flattered to receive the award. It is rewarding that the students think we are working hard.”
