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Bhatnagar Selected as March's Top Employee

Lindenwood University has named Rita Bhatnagar as the Employee of the Month for March.



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Did You Know?

She has worked as a CAMS support database administrator in the Information Technology (IT) Department for four years.

Bhatnagar's daily duties include collecting database information, preparing reports, and solving technical problems with the CAMS system. Her knowledge and dedication have helped aid in the efficiency of the enrollment process for the Office of Admissions.

"Rita is a perfect example of hard work that produces team results," said her nominator Dr. Joe Parisi, dean of Undergraduate Admissions. "We would not be able to meet enrollment management goals without her assistance."

In addition to her nominator, Bhatnagar's co-workers also complimented her work ethic and demeanor.

"Rita is a dedicated employee who gives 100 percent," said Shawn Haghighi, Chief Information Officer. "She puts her heart and soul into the task at hand and is personable and gets along with everyone."

Bhatnagar said she loves working at Lindenwood because she gets to do something she enjoys while working with great people. She also expressed gratitude for the recognition she received.

"I was very surprised to win the award and I thank everyone for the nomination," she said.

Did you know that the Pulitzer (The Good Earth) and Nobel award winning author, Pearl S. Buck, visited Lindenwood? In January 1946, Buck visited Lindenwood with a Chinese repertory company headed by renowned Chinese actress Wang Ying. It was because of Buck's friendship with Wang Ying that she was denied a visa to China in the 1970s. Wang Ying was despised by Mao's wife and former actress Jiang Qing.

Smith's *The Confluence* to Receive Missouri Humanities Award

Dr. Jeffrey Smith, chair of the Lindenwood University History Department, has been selected for a 2012 Missouri Humanities Awards for his work as editor of the university's regional studies journal, *The Confluence*.



Smith will receive Missouri Humanities Distinguished Literacy Award on April 18, 2012, in Jefferson City, Mo. The award aims to celebrate individuals and their outstanding achievements who have greatly contributed to sharing Missouri history and preserving local heritage by publishing outstanding pieces in books or magazine.

The Confluence, published by Lindenwood University Press, debuted in the fall of 2009 and publishes twice a year in the spring and fall. Smith said the journal's subscription base has been growing since the beginning. The journal, which is devoted to the local region of Missouri, converges ideas and topics from many disciplines. Smith said in a recent interview, "*The Confluence* connects humanities to the community."

The articles feature topics on local history, social science, architecture, politics, and culture, all skilfully written and peer-reviewed by a number of contributors from all over the region. Well-written pieces featured in the magazine are always well illustrated and thought provoking, Smith said. For more information, visit www.lindenwood.edu/confluence, which provides many links of interest and additional resources.

The Missouri Humanities Award coincides with the release of the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of *The Confluence*, which will be available in the second part of April.

For more information about *The Confluence*, to purchase a copy, or to subscribe, please visit the magazine's website www.lindenwood.edu/confluence.
