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## Douchant Organizes Spring Political Philosophy Conference

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Rachel Douchant, PhD, Associate Professor of Philosophy, has organized a political philosophy conference, *Free Markets and Localism*, April 12-14. The



event is sponsored by the University's Liberty and Ethics Center and is funded by a grant from the Charles Koch Foundation.

The conference was planned in conjunction with an upper-level philosophy and economics course led by Douchant. It's the sixth year the University has hosted the event and the third year the Koch Foundation has funded it.

"The goal is to facilitate the discussion of free markets and their impact on ethics, as well as to provide opportunities for our students to learn more about regional and national efforts pertaining to such topics," Douchant said. "It's going to be a great opportunity to explore the dynamic relationship between free markets and local social environments in our increasingly global and regulatory world."

Carey Roberts, PhD, of Arkansas Tech University, will deliver the keynote address, "Spontaneous Order and the Origins of American Freedom," at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 12, in Harmon Hall's Elizabeth Dunseth Memorial Auditorium. Howard Wall, PhD, Director of the Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment at Lindenwood, will be among five other local scholars to also present at locations within the University, near historic Main Street in St. Charles, Mo., and at the Historic Daniel Boone Home and Heritage Center in Defiance, Mo.

All presentations are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information or to access the full schedule of events, contact Douchant at [rdouchant@lindenwood.edu](mailto:rdouchant@lindenwood.edu) or visit [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).

## Did You Know?

**Did you know that, during WWI, President Roemer took a train-car load of coal and gave it to the public during a shortage caused by rationing? During February 1918, in a good will gesture to the community, Roemer released 104 tons of coal, destined for Lindenwood, to 200 area families in need.**

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## Burns Receives Prestigious Coaching Award

Robert W. Burns, PhD, Director of the Debate Program and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Communications, has received the 2013 Dick Stine Coaching Award.



The prestigious award was established to honor the founder of the National Junior Division Debate Tournament, Dick Stine, and is presented to an individual who shows a strong commitment to junior and novice debate by advancing participation in the past year.

Burns was not anticipating the honor.

“I am humbled because others who have received the award in past years are coaches whose excellence I aspire to imitate,” he said. “It’s fantastic that more established programs are noticing the work that Lindenwood has done. This honor is a reflection of how hard our students have worked, the experience and wisdom of my assistant coach, Ravi Rao, and the support of the entire Lindenwood community.”

In addition to leading the Lions debate program, Burns has also worked with the St. Louis Urban Debate League in an effort to draw new individuals to the activity.

The Lindenwood debate program was established in February 2012, and the team began competing this past fall. Burns has headed the team since its inception.

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## Thouvenot Heads Up Educator Resource Fair

Frank Thouvenot, PhD, Assistant Professor and Sponsor of the Kappa Delta Pi Educator Honor Society in the Lindenwood School of Education, has organized an Educator Resource Fair from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Campus Center. The free event will showcase a variety of local organizations and the supplemental resources they offer to local educators.



“Teachers, pre-service teachers, scout leaders, and parents are invited to come and discover the fabulous resources available for educators and youth group organizers,” Thouvenot said. “Attendees can learn about the wide range of educational materials that are available from museums, cultural institutions, and other organizations through the Resource Center Network.”

More than two dozen groups are expected to be represented at the event. Confirmed participants include the World Aquarium, Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, the Saint Louis Zoo, and more.

No registration is required. For more information or a full list of participating organizations, contact Thouvenot at [fthouvenot@lindenwood.edu](mailto:fthouvenot@lindenwood.edu) or visit [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).

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