

Schenk Selected as Employee of the Month

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Brandon Schenck, admissions representative in the Office of Evening and Graduate Admissions, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for March.



Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to coming to Lindenwood, Evelyn Spencer (wife of President William Spencer) had been an editor of Reader's Digest magazine?

Schenck began serving as a graduate assistant in the graduate admissions department in 2010 while he pursued a Master of Science in human resource management. He was hired into his current position upon his completion of the program in 2011.

"I serve as the point of contact for anybody that's applying to Lindenwood for graduate school that is not going the LCIE route," Schenck said. "I'm available on the phone, in-person, and at recruiting events, and I basically help students get enrolled and connected with their advisors as they begin their time here at the University."

Angie Hester, Director of Evening and Graduate Admissions, nominated Schenck for his role as a dynamic and instrumental part of the admissions team. She cited in her nomination letter several comments made by Deb Ayres, EdD, Associate Professor and Educational Leadership Department Chair.

"Brandon is reliable, responsible, flexible, and accommodating," said Ayres. "He is quick to respond to the needs of professors and prospective students and he is helpful in all situations, regardless of circumstances and the disposition of the person with whom he is interacting. He is a wonderful ambassador for Lindenwood and the perfect candidate or the Employee of the Month."

Schenck said he was aware of the award's existence, but wasn't sure how the selection process occurred. He noted that he was surprised and grateful for the honor.

"I didn't see it coming, but it was a very good surprise. Even if I hadn't been selected as the winner, it's a good feeling to know you've been nominated and are appreciated, especially by your supervisors."

Guffey to Speak in Cottleville

Ryan Guffey, PhD, Assistant Vice President for Student Development and Special Projects and Chair of the International Relations Department, will participate in a Cottleville Speaker Series event at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at St. Charles Community College. Sponsored by Sherlock's restaurant and the Cottleville St. Patrick's Foundation, the event will raise funds to benefit the Homes for Heroes Foundation and the community college's non-credit college preparatory math program.



Guffey will join four other speakers, including Jamie Rivers, retired NHL player; Kathryn Tristan, research scientist at Washington University School of Medicine; Christopher Shreves, founder and president of the financial planning company SecurUS; and Craig Downer, wildlife ecologist. Discussions will cover a range of topics and will be moderated by Julie Tristan, television reporter at KSDK Newschannel 5 in St. Louis.

The event will also include a question-and-answer session, book signings, food tasting, photo opportunities, vendor displays, and artistic entertainment. Tickets are available for \$14 per person online at <http://stchastickets.universitickets.com> or by phone at 636-922-8233.

Professor Emeritus Talbot Gets Book Published

In December, former Lindenwood professor Mary Talbot had a book published by the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, titled, *The Natural History of the Ants of Michigan's E.S. George Reserve: A 26 Year Study*.



Talbot taught at Lindenwood between 1936 and 1968, when she retired as Professor Emeritus in biology. Nearly every summer for over 30 years, Talbot visited the E.S. George Reserve to continue her research. While there, she discovered a new species of ant, which in turn was named after her. Between 1928 and 1985, Talbot had 32 articles published in professional journals. She died in 1990, but her work in the study of ants is still highly regarded among biologists.

LU Archivist Paul Huffman said that when Talbot died, she was so well regarded that Harvard and the University of Missouri—St. Louis were given her specimen collections. The Lindenwood Archives retained her research notes, and in the early 1990s, a volunteer in the archives made copies of many of them and sent them to a professor at the University of North Dakota, who was seeking a publisher for a manuscript of Talbot's.

Ultimately, the manuscript was published by the University of Michigan, which requested a copy of Talbot's research notes in 2007. For more information about the book, visit <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/ummz/Publications/pubHighlightDetails.asp?ID=9>.

Panagos Article in International Journal

Rebecca Panagos, PhD, Professor in the School of Education, has published an article, "A Theory to Practice Model: Clinical University School Lab Partnerships to Prepare Early Intervention Specialists," in *The International Journal of Early Childhood Learning*. She presented the work in August at the University of London along with co-authors Kelly Hantak, Adjunct Faculty Member in the School of Education, and Maria Lindsay, Master of Arts degree candidate in Early Interventions in Autism and Sensory Impairments.



The article abstract states that the increasing prevalence of children born prematurely with low birth weights and co-occurrence of one or more developmental disabilities has propelled the need for the development of highly specialized personnel preparation programs in the field of early interventions. The paper reports on one university's response to meet that need for teacher training and development through a collaborative partnership with an inclusive early childhood agency.

Following a review of current practices in higher education institutions for early intervention personnel preparation, the paper highlights a brief history of early education initiatives, the response of national and state funded programs to provide family-centered practices, and the incorporation of clinical experiences demonstrating evidence-based practices in natural settings. It also offers a case study of perspectives on teacher training and development.

To purchase the full article, visit
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