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Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to the founding of Lindenwood, George Sibley was nearly struck by lightning? One evening, on his trip back from surveying the Santa Fe trail, lightning struck the corner of Sibley's tent, splitting a pole, barely missing some gun powder, ripping through an iron trunk, and melting a compass. Sibley, who had been sleeping in the tent, "came to his senses with his ears whining and his feet feeling like jelly."

Dr. Renee Porter Assumes Role as Belleville Provost

Lindenwood University-Belleville President Brett Barger announced that he has removed the interim tag from Dr. Renee Porter's title and named her campus provost.

Porter has been serving as interim provost since early summer. Prior to coming to Belleville, she had been the associate dean of the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood's St. Charles campus.



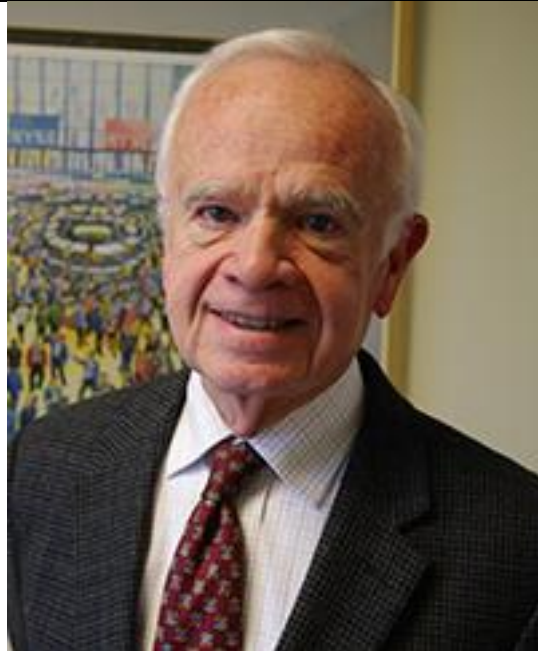
“Dr. Porter has been an integral and valuable part of the Lindenwood University system,” Barger said. “She has a keen analytical ability and is driven by a strong sense of doing what is right and best for our students, faculty, and the university as a whole.”

In just a short time, Barger said Porter had made a significant impact enhancing collaboration and stressing a campus-wide approach to better learning environments. He said she has also had an impact improving processes that affect student success.

“I am looking forward to ensuring Belleville’s academic programs are relevant to tomorrow’s needs,” Porter said. “We want to focus on innovation while respecting our history and traditions.”

Porter has a Ph.D. from Saint Louis University, an MBA from SIU-Edwardsville, and a B.S. from the University of Mississippi. She is an Air Force veteran and has extensive professional experience as president and co-owner of Advanced Billing Systems and director of online programs at Webster University. She also worked at McDonnell Douglas Missile Systems.

Lindenwood Professor Publishes New Book



Edward Morris, Lindenwood professor of finance and former dean of the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, recently spoke about and signed copies of his new book, *Wall Streeters: The Creators and Corruptors of American Finance*, at events at Left Bank Books and Lindenwood University.

Morris' book, which evolved for a J-term course he taught in 2009, details Wall Street's transformation from a clubby enclave of financiers to a symbol of vast economic power. It begins with J. Pierpont Morgan, who ruled the American banking system at the turn of the 20th century, and ends with Sandy Weill, whose collapsing Citigroup required the largest taxpayer bailout in history. In between, *Wall Streeters* relates the triumphs and missteps of 12 other financial visionaries.

"Many of Wall Street's contemporary trends, including the 2008 financial collapse, the expansion of corporate and private wealth, and the influence of money in politics, can be traced back to the work of 14 critical figures who wrote, and occasionally broke, the rules of American finance," said Morris.

The signing events have been successful. Morris said that each event resulted in "a full house and the sale of hundreds of books."

Prior to joining the business faculty at Lindenwood in 2002, Morris was an investment banker and executive vice president of Stifel, Nicolaus and Company. He also served

on the boards of several publicly traded companies. Between 2007 and 2012, Morris was dean of what is now the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.

“Many at Lindenwood have been helpful in the production of *Wall Streeters*, and I give tribute to the university and many of my colleagues in the book's acknowledgments,” Morris said, “I'm hopeful that my work will serve to raise Lindenwood's profile.”

Wall Streeters: The Creators and Corruptors of American Finance was published Oct. 13 by Columbia Business School, Columbia University Press in New York. It is available at Left Bank Books and other book retailers.

Edler Named Lindenwood St. Charles Employee of the Month

Chris Edler, office manager at the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, has been named Employee of the Month for September 2015 at the St. Charles campus.

Edler came to Lindenwood in August 1980, originally working for the Publications Department. After leaving Lindenwood in 1991 to be a stay-at-home-mom, Edler returned in August 1999 to work for the dean of business administration.

Currently, Edler assists Dean Roger Ellis and Associate Dean Molly Hudgins and supervises 20 work and learn students and graduate assistants.

“I enjoy serving as a resource for all graduate and undergraduate students and adjuncts who need assistance,” said Edler.

In her spare time, Edler enjoys boating on the river and spending time with her husband Bruce, her children, her seven grandchildren, and her friends.

“I am honored to receive this special recognition,” Edler said, “I honestly love coming to work every day. I have learned so much from our faculty and students from so many different countries and cultures. Lindenwood has always been here for me through good times and a few very tough times in my life. If I could do it all again I wouldn't have changed a thing.”

New Employee in the Development Office



April Kernan is the new administrative assistant for the director of advancement services, Kate O'Neal. Kernan started working at Lindenwood on Oct. 19. She comes to Lindenwood from James Madison University in Harrisburg, Va., where she was an administrative assistant to the director of university advising. Kernan has a BA in legal studies from William Woods University.

"I'm excited about Dr. Shonrock as the new president and the growth of Lindenwood," she said.

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