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Reception Launches *St. Louis Currents*

Several members of Lindenwood University's faculty, staff, and administration, along with community leaders, gathered Sunday afternoon for a reception in the J. Scheidegger Center to launch *St. Louis Currents: The Bi-State Region after a Century of Planning*. President James D. Evans and Professor Kris Runberg Smith, along with Lindenwood Board Member Pat Sullivan, were contributing authors.

Editors Mark Abbott and Andrew J. Theising both spoke about *St. Louis Currents*, which is published about every five years. *St. Louis Currents* takes a critical look at many of the success and failures of St. Louis in the past and issues that are currently being faced by the Gateway City. Theising is an associate professor of political science at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Abbott, who is the spouse of Lindenwood Dean of Science Marilyn Abbott, is a professor of history at Harris-Stowe State University.

President Evans researched and wrote "Higher Education and the Well-Being of the St. Louis Region," while Professor Smith wrote "St. Louis Movement." Authors and editors signed copies after the reception concluded.

Rebori Assumes Compliance Duties at LU

The Lindenwood University Athletics Department has hired Christine Rebori as its new Director of Compliance. Rebori, who began her duties at the school last week, will assist Lindenwood as it applies for NCAA membership later this year and will help the school make that transition to the NCAA Division II level if it is accepted this summer.

"I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to work at a university with such tradition and incredible athletic success," said Rebori. "I've been so impressed with the Lindenwood administration and athletic department. This is such an exciting time for this university and community. I hope I can bring valuable experience so that the transition to NCAA Division II is as smooth as possible."

Rebori was the Associate Director of Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator at Texas A&M International University from 2007 to 2009. She helped that school obtain active NCAA membership during her time there.

Among her other responsibilities were developing and managing a compliance program for all NCAA Division II and Heartland Conference rules and regulations. She also managed a comprehensive training program, coordinated the student-athlete eligibility process, and assisted with facility and game management.

Other positions held by Rebori include intramural co-coordinator/supervisor at Palm Beach Atlantic University, Junior Host for the Orange Bowl Committee, sports marketing intern at Florida Atlantic University, and Game Management Intern at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Rebori is a former basketball player and captain at Palm Beach Atlantic. She graduated with a bachelor of science in Sports Management from Palm Beach Atlantic in 2007 and earned her MBA from Texas A&M International in 2009.

Biggerstaff to be Inducted in NATA Hall of Fame

Randy Biggerstaff, program manager of the Health and Fitness Science Department, Athletic Education Program Director, and Head Athletic Trainer, has been selected to enter the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Hall of Fame. He will join three others from around the country in receiving the honor during the organization's annual meeting and clinical symposium on June 24, 2010, in Philadelphia.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is the profession's highest honor. It is reserved for the association's most distinguished leaders who have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to NATA and the athletic training profession.

"The actual phone call from the president of the National Athletic Trainers Association was a wonderful surprise on my birthday," Biggerstaff said. "I was so overwhelmed that I wasn't able to continue my conversation. I had to call the president back later and thank her for such a wonderful honor."

Biggerstaff was recognized as a pioneer in the field of clinical athletic training when he was named a Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer by the NATA in 2001. More recently, he was awarded the NAIA Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award and inducted into the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2007. He is also a member of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Sports Medicine Hall of Fame and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Did You
Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood has been teaching television courses since 1954? Developed by communications pioneer Martha Boyer, Lindenwood built its first black-and-white television studio in 1969. In 1986, Lindenwood acquired equipment for color broadcasts, which led to the rapid growth of the Communications program. In 2003, LUHE began broadcasting on Charter Communications channel 26 from Young Hall; and in 2008, when it moved to the Scheidegger Center, the station changed its name to LUTV.

Kania-Gosche Presents at CCCC Convention

Beth Kania-Gosche, professor in the School of Education, served last week as a presenter during the 2010 Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky. On Friday, March 19, she discussed "What Students Think of Direct Writing Assessments: A Remix of the Writing Process" during a session of the conference titled "What Students and Teachers Think: Assessing the Assessors."

"I answered a call for proposals last May and found out in September I had been accepted," said Kania-Gosche. "I had attended the conference before so it was really exciting for me to be a presenter this year."

Each year the CCCC convention draws college faculty members from around the world. The group gathers to hear award-winning keynote speakers, attend presentations by colleagues on the latest innovations in education, and network to gain knowledge of best practices in the field.

Kania-Gosche has been employed at Lindenwood since July 2009.