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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees**Articles by President Evans, Professor Smith to Appear in *St. Louis Currents***

Lindenwood University will be well represented in the forthcoming edition of *St. Louis Currents* with articles on the St. Louis region by President James D. Evans and Professor



Kris Smith. The publication, which is produced by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, will be available in electronic format on DVD at a variety of area book sales outlets in the near future.

St. Louis Currents, which has been published every six years since 1986, will include articles on regional history, planning, politics, community, parks and recreation, infrastructure, education and the arts.

Evans' article, titled "Higher Education and the Wellbeing of the Region," posits that higher education institutions are critical to the health of a community in a variety of ways, including the direct economic development benefit that higher education institutions have in their communities and the larger payoff that occurs when educated individuals apply their talents in their communities.

Evans said that area businesses and schools can team together to provide information to kids from kindergarten through high school age about the benefits of a college education, as well as the potential careers they can pursue in the region. He also advocates for greater levels of support for high education at the governmental level, stating that the long-term gains of an educated populace far outweigh the short-term investment in students and institutions.

Smith's article provides a historical context for the more contemporary issues considered in *St. Louis Currents*, she said. She says that since St. Louis' founding, residents with means have sought to move away from the city out toward the fringes.

"I argue that it is this relentless centrifuge that shaped the area's built environment, governance, patterns of race and class, transportation routes and community development," Smith said. "At the same time, the city and its surrounding counties share a rich heritage so a more critical examination about how those relationships changed over time could offer insights into how they might change again in the future."

Did You Know?

Did you know that the founder of St. Charles actually lived on a portion of what became Lindenwood's campus during the last year of his life? Louis Blanchette leased 40 arpens (roughly equivalent to acres) of land in 1792. Some of that property was what is presently the Kingshighway Gate and Memorial Arts building.

Make Sure to Properly Register for Emergency Text Messages

All Lindenwood faculty and staff members who wish to receive emergency text messages from the university are being asked to go to a special website to sign up for the service.

Go to <https://www.getrave.com/login/Lindenwood> and click on the blue "Register Now" button and follow the instructions. Even if you think you already have signed up for the service or received emergency text

messages from the university in the past, it is important to sign up again. Due to a change in providers last year and problems with recent uploads of data, we need the information again.

If you are told you already have an existing account, click on the "forgot password" button to receive a new password. Sign in to your account to either enter your mobile phone number or verify its accuracy. When you update your information, you may be asked to enter a validation code that will be texted to your mobile phone.

Emergency text messages have come in handy to inform students, faculty, and staff when inclement weather has caused the cancellation or delay of classes. Remember, you will receive a text from this service when the service is tested once a semester, and only when the administration considers the situation an emergency.

Sudanese Author John Dau Will Open Speaker Series

Author and Sudanese activist John Dau will speak in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to start Lindenwood University's 2009-10 speaker series. Admission for all speaker series events is free and open to the public.

Born in the African nation of Sudan, Dau was forced to flee in 1987 when his village was attacked by Sudanese forces during the country's civil war, travelling first to Ethiopia before war there forced him again into refugee status. Facing disease, starvation and on-going violence, he eventually found safe haven in Kenya.



In Kenya, exposed to formal education for the first time, Dau blossomed and was sent to the United States with 140 other young Sudanese refugees. While working 60-hour weeks as a security guard, Dau brought his mother and sister to the U.S. from Sudan and earned an associate's degree; he is currently working toward a degree in policy studies from Syracuse University. He has also started three foundations to benefit the people of Sudan.

The award-winning 2006 film, *God Grew Tired of Us: The Lost Boys of Sudan*, focused on Dau's move to the U.S. and his early experiences in the country. His memoir of the same title was published by National Geographic Press in January 2007. He has become a successful speaker on the national level and speaks on the importance of human rights and ending the violence in Sudan.

For a complete schedule of speaker series events, visit www.lindenwood.edu/speakerseries. The series is co-presented by Lindenwood University and the St. Charles Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Area Superintendents Visiting Lindenwood Sept. 24

The Lindenwood University School of Education will host a superintendents breakfast from 7 - 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Campus Center. "Focus on Leadership" is the theme of meeting, which will serve as an opportunity for university leaders to exchange ideas about ways to continue successfully developing effective leaders in the field of education.

According to Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Lindenwood offers the largest school administrator preparation program in Missouri.

"To continue training professional leaders in nearby districts, we are inviting thoughts about the kinds of knowledge and skills school leaders need to be successful in contemporary school environments," said Cynthia Bice, Ed.D., dean of the School of Education. "We look forward to rich exchanges that will help us work together toward our common goal of excellence in school leadership development."

Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 14, to Graham Weir, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Education, at 636-949-4315 or by e-mail at gweir@lindenwood.edu.

Lindenwood to Host Two Media Literacy Week Events

Lindenwood University will observe Media Literacy Week by hosting two forums during the week of Oct. 4-10 in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room at the Spellmann Campus Center. "Creating Media Literacy Standards for the Upcoming Fifth Missouri Standards (MSIP) Cycle" will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, and "Creating Media Smart Students: Media Literacy for 21st Century Learning," will take place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Sharon Hoge, director of curriculum and literary services for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Curt Fuchs, curriculum specialist for the department, will lead a discussion on MSIP standards used to evaluate media centers in the state. Hoge and Fuchs also will present on information literacy instructional standards.

Frank Baker, noted national media educator and 2008 recipient of Cable in the Classroom's Leader in Learning Award, will host the media literacy workshop. He will offer interactive exercises designed to help teachers engage students in 21st century learning.

Teachers may earn one-graduate level credit by attending both presentations at Lindenwood. Enrollment forms will be available at both events. Teachers must bring a check for \$60 made payable to the university to take advantage of the opportunity.

The events are co-sponsored by Gateway Media Literacy Partners. For more information, please contact Jill Falk, assistant professor in the School of Communications, at (636) 949-4605.