

COMMUNIQUE

An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees

Mark Twain Expert to Speak Here Wednesday

Dr. Cindy Lovell, noted scholar on Mark Twain, will continue the Lindenwood University Speaker Series when she appears at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Sibley Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

Lovell's presentation will be on the controversies surrounding "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, arguably Missouri's best-known author. Lovell is an associate professor of education at Quincy University and serves on the board of directors for the Mark Twain Home Foundation; she is also education coordinator at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum in Hannibal, Mo.

She recently signed a contract with Greenwood Press to author a two-volume encyclopedia titled "All Things Twain: An Encyclopedia of Twain's World." The work will cover, "Twain's material culture ... customs, religion, political controversies, and similar topics." Mark Twain lived from 1835 to 1910, a period which encompassed such significant events as slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, westward expansion, and the Gilded Age (a term coined by Twain).

The 2008-09 Lindenwood University Speaker Series debuted in September and includes 11 speaker events featuring a diverse collection of figures, including noted authors, scientists, scholars and journalists. The series extends through mid-April; for the complete series schedule, visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakerseries.asp.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood was one of the first places in Missouri to own a telephone? According to the 1883 college catalog, Lindenwood had its own telephone connection to St. Louis. This was just seven years after Alexander Graham Bell patented his invention in the United States.

Lindenwood Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

Lindenwood University has been honored by the Corporation for National and Community Service with placement on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

"Lindenwood has a longstanding relationship with many of the 150 non-profits in the area," said Jack Beckerle, professor of non-profit administration. "Through our humanics programs, student associations, and internship programs, our students fill a need in our community. In turn, they gain hands-on experience in the day-to-day operations and rewards of a successful non-profit."

Lindenwood students also are exposed to volunteer agencies and social service organizations through the school's Work and Learn program. While the majority of participating students complete work on-campus, those who meet certain criteria and request to work with a non-profit agency are typically allowed to do so.

In 2008, nearly 65 students completed program hours at community agencies. "Each student needs to complete 150 hours of service per semester," said Mike Tolman, director of Work and Learn. "Each hour's assigned value is \$8, so by that account, Lindenwood students provided nearly \$160,000 worth of service in the community throughout the year."

Overall, the corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 83 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 635 schools were

recognized. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Feb. 9-15)

--The fourth-ranked men's volleyball team, which is on a seven-game winning streak, has three matches this week, including a home contest on Tuesday versus Missouri Valley and a Friday night contest against defending national champion Park University.

--The swimming and diving programs are at their equivalent of a conference meet this week when they compete in the Liberal Arts Championships on Thursday through Saturday.

--Two spring sports, baseball and women's lacrosse, hope for continued good weather this week as they are scheduled to start their 2009 seasons.

NAIA Regional/National Championships--Lindenwood will host two NAIA postseason events over the next few weeks. On Feb. 21, the wrestling team will host the NAIA Eastern Regional at the Hyland Performance Arena. On March 4-7, Lindenwood will host the 2009 NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championships at the St. Peters Rec-Plex.