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Below please find the 25th edition of Communique, a weekly newsletter for Lindenwood University employees. If you have an item for Communique, please email squeen@lindenwood.edu

Special Offices Hours on Investiture Day

All Lindenwood University employees are invited to attend the investiture of President James D. Evans as Lindenwood's 21st president on November 9. Main campus offices are allowed to close at 10:30 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. ceremony if the employees are planning to attend. If you choose not to attend, your office must be open and you must be at your work station. Offices should reopen after the ceremony.

In addition, all campus offices are allowed to close at 4:30 p.m. that day if employees are attending the faculty/staff reception at the Lindenwood Club. If you choose not to attend the reception, you must be at your work station until 5 p.m.

Employees who are not on the main campus should see their supervisor about attending the investiture and staffing their office.

Adjunct Daniel Brown Wins Governor's Humanities Book Award

Lindenwood University adjunct professor Daniel Brown has won the 2007 Governor's Humanities Book Award from the Missouri Humanities Council for his book, "Westering River, Westering Trail."

The Missouri governor and the Missouri Humanities Council annually celebrate the accomplishments people who have made exceptional contributions to our understanding of Missouri, its people and its stories. The book award recognizes an individual whose book has increased our understanding and appreciation of Missouri's history and culture.

Brown's book documents the historical events that shaped the St. Charles County area. It was published in 2006 in conjunction with the St. Charles County Historical Society's 50th anniversary; it has its roots in the society's exhibit for the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Brown received the award at a ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the governor's mansion. A retired superintendent of the Francis Howell School District, Brown has served as an adjunct professor in Lindenwood's Education Division for several years.

David Brown Wins Emerson Award for Excellence in Teaching

Lindenwood University philosophy professor David Brown has been named recipient of the 2007 Emerson Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was notified of the award in a presentation by Lindenwood President James D. Evans at the school's faculty meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10. He will be formally presented the award at a ceremony at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Clayton in November.

Brown, who has a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Toronto, is chair of the philosophy department at Lindenwood, where he has taught since fall of 2000. He has been department chair since 2001. Brown has also taught at Drury University in Springfield, Mo.; Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences, also in Springfield; Columbia College in Marshfield, Mo.; the Paul VI Pontifical Institute in St. Louis; St. Phillip's Seminary in Toronto, and the University of Toronto.

Brown also runs the Philosophy in Film series every semester at Lindenwood and hosted "A World of Faith," a cable television show produced last spring for LU TV-26, in which he talked to religious leaders from different faiths.

"I was very surprised when Dr. Evans called my name," Brown said about being notified of the award. "I felt very honored and humbled and grateful."

The Lindenwood recipient of this award is judged to be the full-time professor who demonstrates the best combination of pedagogical innovation, student-centeredness, and effectiveness as a classroom teacher. Nominations are made to the Faculty Planning and Development Committee, which recommends two to four finalists to the Deans' Council, which, in turn, reports its choice to the president. Last year's recipient was Rebecca Panagos in the Education Division.

Morris Named Professor of Year by Student Government

Edward Morris, dean of the Division of Management at Lindenwood University, has been named Professor of the Year by the Lindenwood Student Government Association. The award was presented to Morris by Megan Shipley, president of the student government, at the Lindenwood faculty meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Shipley said Morris was among five professors nominated this year. The nominating students each make a presentation about the professors they have nominated, after which the entire student government association votes to determine the winner.

"He's an excellent professor," Shipley said of Morris. "He obviously cares a lot about his students."

The award comes in the same year that Morris has seen publication of his book, "The Lindenwood Model: An Antidote to What Ails Undergraduate Education," which recently became available at some local bookstores, including Lindenwood's Spirit & Supplies Shoppe, and on Amazon.com.

"I know that many of my colleagues are equally or more deserving of the Professor of the Year award, but the recognition from LU's students means a great deal to me," Morris said.

Morris came to Lindenwood as a professor in 2001 and was elevated to dean of the Management Division in June of 2006. The winner of last year's award was Jack Beckerle, the head of Lindenwood's American Humanics program.

Smith Wins Lindenwood Scholar-Teacher Award

History Professor Jeff Smith has won the Lindenwood Scholar-Teacher award. He was presented a plaque by President James D. Evans, commemorating the award, at the faculty meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The scholar-teacher award is presented annually to the Lindenwood professor who most effectively merges professional scholarship with effective pedagogy. This ideal may be achieved by through nurturance of major scholarship in one's students as part of their coursework, application of one's scholarly work to improvement in one's classroom teaching, or development of scholarly works for use by students in their classes.

Nominations for the award are made directly from the academic divisions, and finalists are selected by the Faculty Planning and Development Committee. The Dean's Council selects the winning nominee and reports its choice to the president.

Smith has taught at Lindenwood since 1996; he has a bachelor's from Mount Union College, an M.F.A. from Syracuse University and a doctorate from the University of Akron.

In his off time, Smith portrays various historical figures, including Andrew Carnegie, P.T. Barnum and William Clark, for different groups. Rick Boyle, vice president for human resources, said Smith's talent as a raconteur serves him well in the classroom.

Scupin Gets Scholar of the Year Award

Ray Scupin has received Lindenwood University's Scholar of the Year Award for 2007. The award, which recognizes the highest level of professional scholarship on the Lindenwood faculty over the past year, was presented by President James D. Evans at the school's faculty meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Scupin has a bachelor's in history, anthropology and Asian studies from UCLA and a master's and doctorate in anthropology from University of California Santa Barbara. He has taught anthropology and sociology at Lindenwood since 1981, prior to which he taught at UC Santa Barbara and Northern Kentucky University.

He has also done major anthropological research on a number of trips to Thailand, where he studied the Muslim minority, and has done ethnographic research on Native American Indians in California. Since 1992, a number of his textbooks have been published by Prentice Hall Press.

"I am truly honored to have received the President's Scholar of the Year award," Scupin said. "To be nominated, supported and respected by my peers in the Lindenwood community is something I will always cherish."

Nominations for the award are made from within the various academic departments in the university; the recipient is chosen by the Deans' Council from two to four finalists selected by the university Faculty Planning and Development Committee.

Voter Registration Drive October 18-23

In an effort to bolster student participation in the upcoming elections, Student Development will host a university-wide voter registration drive Thursday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 23. Certified registrars will be on hand in the Spellmann Dining Hall foyer from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, or to schedule an alternate registration time, contact Dana Wehrli at 636 949-4806 or via e-mail: dwehrli@lindenwood.edu