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Resources available during tough times

In the past few months, many of us have been overwhelmed by less than optimistic information about the economy and some of us may be experiencing and/or coping with financial difficulties. Resources available that may be helpful during these tough economic times:

Consumer Credit Counseling of the Quad Cities is available to help take control of debt. An initial counseling session is free. If you are interested in counseling, you should complete an information form and schedule an appointment with a counselor; forms are available in Human Resources, 105 Sherman Hall. Consumer Credit will examine your situation and help determine the best way to repay your debts, and if possible, keep your credit records from deteriorating further. For more information on Consumer Credit, call (800) 838-8830 or visit toomuchdebt.com.

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Elders to speak during Minority Health Month

Western Illinois University is celebrating Minority Health Month during April with numerous events including keynote speaker Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General. Elders will present "The Politics of Healthcare," at **7 p.m. Thursday, April 23** in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Sworn in as U.S. Surgeon General in 1993, Elders was the first African American and the second woman to hold that post. She initiated programs to combat youth smoking and teen pregnancy and to increase childhood immunizations. She continues to lobby for health needs of the young and the poor; and she advocates public health over profits in health care reform.

Western's Minority Health Month committee is sponsoring several of the events in the month-long health awareness blitz; however, the information is relevant and helpful to people of all ethnic backgrounds, said Joelle Khairallah, a graduate assistant in the Office of Student

Activities. All events are open free to the public.

Activities, which support the 2008-2009 Universitywide theme, "Health and Wellness: Challenges and Responsibilities," include the following:

5-6 p.m.

Tuesday,

April 21, "Unnatural Causes Part 4: Bad Sugar" documentary, University Union Sandburg Theatre. Learn why a diversion of water disrupting agricultural economy and customary ways of Southern Arizona Indians led to their dependency on the U.S. government and impacted their health, causing them to have the highest diabetes rates in the world.



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'Spring' into health and wellness

To help Western faculty, staff and students get in on the 2008-09 theme "Health and Wellness: Challenges and Responsibilities," various organizations and departments at WIU, including the human resources department and Campus Recreation, are sponsoring activities in April and May.

A list of activities is available at online at wiu.edu/wellness/events.php.

Mussatto Golf Course Now Open

For more information and directions, contact the golf course office at (309) 298-3676.

Walking Group, 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays through May 14, Spencer Recreation Center (meet at patio, near Q-Lot). Call (309) 298-1228 for more information.

"What to Ask the Doc" Presented by WIU Alumni Margaret Fitzpatrick, RN, & Linda Burke, RN, **7 p.m., Monday, April 20**, University Union Grand Ballroom. Contact the human resources department at (309) 298-1971 for more information.

Total Cholesterol Screening, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22, Brophy Hall 229

Western's kinesiology department will provide total cholesterol screening testing. Finger-stick blood work measures cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels; a 12-hour fast is required before the testing. Employee cost is \$25 and checks should be made payable to "Kinesiology Public Services."

Explore Spring on the Lazy Creek and Oak Hollow Trails, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, April 26, Horn Field Lodge

This short hike of one-and-a-half miles takes hikers through moderate terrain in a natural setting. A self-guided, interpretive brochure will be provided to hikers. Check in at the Horn Field Lodge on Horn Field Campus (985 China Road, Macomb). For more information, contact Horn Field Campus at (309) 833-5798

4:30-5:30 p.m., Four Men for Men's Health, Tuesday, April 28, University Union Sandburg Theatre. This panel

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New degree, agreement approved

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) on April 7 approved Western's request to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology degree.

The 120-semester hour degree, which was approved by the WIU Board of Trustees in 2007, was created to provide students with the understanding and skills related to human behavior, diversity and social problems. It will be delivered at the Macomb campus beginning Fall 2009.

According to Provost and Academic Vice President **Jack Thomas**, the new program will build upon the University's anthropology minor, which has been offered for nearly 30 years.

Fall enrollments are projected to grow from 10 in the first year to approximately 30 in five years.

Students at Carl Sandburg College (CSC) and in the west-central Illinois region now have a new option to complete their degree requirements, thanks to a

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partnership agreement between CSC and Western Illinois University.

The Western Illinois Advantage agreement, which was signed at Carl Sandburg College April 1, allows fulltime students to take courses at Carl Sandburg College and Western Illinois University (Macomb or Quad Cities) simultaneously. Eligible degree programs include engineering, nursing and liberal arts and sciences on the WIU-QC campus and all undergraduate programs on the WIU-Macomb campus.

"This new partnership with Carl Sandburg provides yet another option for individuals pursuing a college degree. The program provides students with the flexibility to meet their academic needs – and schedules – as they can take the necessary courses at Carl Sandburg and either Western campus," said WIU President **Al Goldfarb**. "Students participating in the Western Illinois Advantage experience the academic excellence, educational and co-curricular opportunities and personal attention that both institutions provide."

Students will earn an associate degree from Carl Sandburg College and a bachelor's degree from Western. In addition, students are eligible for CSC's Tuition Rate Guarantee, which provides a lock on tuition for up to three years if attending full-time, and Western's Cost Guarantee.

According to WIU Vice President of Quad Cities, Planning and Technology **Joe Rives**, the Western Illinois Advantage maximizes institutional resources and potentially decreases the time it takes to complete a degree.

"We are pleased to enter into this partnership with Carl Sandburg College. The new program gives students in this region even more chances to succeed by providing a high quality, affordable public higher education close to home," Rives added. "We appreciate that the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is allowing Carl Sandburg College, Black Hawk College and both campuses of Western Illinois University to pilot these agreements, which can serve as a model statewide and nationally."

WIU-QC recently entered into a similar agreement with Black Hawk College in Moline, IL.

For more information, contact WIU-Macomb at 877-PICK WIU (742-5948), WIU-QC at (309) 762-9481 or CSC at (309) 341-5230.

'We Care'



To celebrate Earth Day, WIU will host its annual spring We Care event Tuesday-Wednesday, April 21-22. Since the beginning of Western Illinois University's We Care event in 1994, more than 14,000 perennials and hundreds of trees have been planted to beautify the WIU campus. Those interested in helping any or all days should register by Sunday, April 19 by contacting Tara Beal at 298-1834 ext. 255, or e-mail TS-Beal@wiu.edu. Include choice of date, time available, and contact info.

Jones joins Alumni Programs staff

Michael Jones has joined the alumni programs staff as the new assistant director, effective April 20, according to Alumni Programs Director **Amy Spelman**. Jones replaces **Amanda Shoemaker**, who was named associate director March 1.

Jones, known as the "Voice of Western Illinois University Athletics," worked for Prestige Communications (formerly Central Illinois Broadcasting) for 10 years, where he served as sports director and promotions director. He is a 1999 graduate of Monmouth College.

Jones will coordinate various alumni-related events, including reunions and other special programs throughout the year, and assist in marketing efforts for the 105,000-member Alumni Association.

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discussion will feature four WIU faculty and staff members, including **Dr. Rick Iverson**, Beu Health Center; **Matt Blankenship**, psychology; **John Simmons**, philosophy and religious studies department; **Loran Erdmann**, professor, kinesiology department; and **Dale Adkins**, recreation, park and tourism administration.

Contact Campus Recreation at (309) 298-1228 for more information.

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Wednesday, April 22, 5-6 p.m.
"Unnatural Causes Part 5: Place Matters" documentary, University Union Sandburg Theatre.

Why is your street address such a good predictor of your health? Living in a disadvantaged neighborhood can have toxic effects on health.

Tuesday, April 28, 5-6 p.m. "Unnatural Causes Part 6: Collateral Damage" documentary, Leslie F. Malpass Library, Room 180.

The outer islands of the Marshall Islands were used by the U.S. for extensive nuclear testing after World War II. Marshallese came to America seeking a better life; and many ended up in Springdale, AR, where their health problems have surfaced.

5-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 29,
"Unnatural Causes Part 7: Not Just a Paycheck" documentary, Leslie F. Malpass Library, Room 180. In 2006, the Electrolux Corp. closed the largest refrigerator factory in the U.S. and moved it to Juarez, Mexico, for cheaper labor. The move turned the lives of some 3,000 Michigan workers upside down.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities, (309) 298-3232.

Civil Service news

Steve Whan, assistant facilities manager at WIU-QC, has been named the April Civil Service Employee of the Month.



According to his nominator, Whan is always available to provide

assistance to WIU-QC faculty, staff and students. "Steve goes above and beyond, and his energy is truly astounding."

"Throughout any given month, you may see him plowing snow, cutting trees, carrying boxes, making deliveries and overseeing a variety of projects. He does everything with a smile and much enthusiasm," his nominator added. "Steve responds to requests quickly, and he continuously impacts this campus in such a positive way."

Whan began working in his current position in 1998.

Holistic health weekend at Horn

Explore the benefits of yoga, meditation and taking a holistic approach to wellness through the Holistic Wellness Weekend at Western Illinois University's Horn Field Campus **8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26.**

Horn Field Campus is offering the weekend to target those interested in pursuing holistic wellness through physical, spiritual and emotional strength, and will include reflection time and fire-side conversations. Sunday will be kicked off with sunrise yoga.

Cost is \$20 for both days (\$15 for Saturday, \$5 for Sunday) and includes yoga, meditation, labyrinth and lunch Saturday and Sunday. There is also the option of staying in one of the three cabins; an evening meal will not be not furnished Saturday, but a full kitchen will be available for use.

Limited space is available; register by calling Horn Field Campus at (309) 833-5798.

Horn Field Campus is located at 985 China Road in Macomb. Learn more about Horn Field Campus at wiu.edu/RPTA/HFC/index.html.

Budget presentations

Western Illinois University's annual report presentations will be held from **8 a.m.-11 a.m. Thursday, April 30** and from **8 a.m.-11 a.m. Friday, May 1** in the University Union Capitol Rooms in Macomb and in Room 115 at WIU-Quad Cities. The presentations provide the campus communities with a progress report in support of the Higher Values in Higher Education strategic plan and outline goals for the upcoming year.

April 30

8-9 a.m. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Jack Thomas**

9-10 a.m. Vice President for Student Services **Garry Johnson**

10-11 a.m. Vice President for Advancement and Public Services **Dan Hendricks**

May 1

8-9 a.m. Vice President for Administrative Services (VPAS) **Jackie Thompson**

9-10 a.m. Vice President for Quad Cities, Planning and Technology **Joe Rives**

10-11 a.m. of Institutional Research and Planning **Rhonda Kline**, representing President **Al Goldfarb**.

The Macomb and Quad Cities campuses are connected by an interactive videoconferencing system, allowing audiences at both locations to participate.

Employees may be granted release time to attend the presentations. The availability of release time will be evaluated by supervisors based on maintaining essential staffing levels in campus operations, according to Thompson.

Tech ed exhibit

The 52nd Annual Technology Education Exhibit is scheduled for **8 a.m.-noon Friday, April 24** in Western Hall. The exhibit is open free to the public.

Sponsored by the WIU engineering technology department, the exhibit will feature more than 1,000 projects constructed by junior high and senior high students in vocational-technical education classes from throughout Illinois.

The public is invited to walk through a free showing in Western Hall. The exhibit will feature projects in the following divisions: furniture-making, metal working, technical illustration, graphic arts, mechanical drafting, computer-aided design, woodworking, architectural drawing, metal machining and an open division.

For more information, contact **Ralph Dirksen** at (309) 298-2388 or 298-1091.

Grants

Karen Mauldin-Curtis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA)—of \$11,250 and \$3,000 in supplemental funding from various local sources for "Peace Corps Fellows Community Contributions."

Gisele Hamm, IIRA—\$350 supplemental funding from various sources for "MAPPING Community Support."

Robin Hanna, IIRA—\$1,500 in supplemental funding from various sources for "RETAC Services."

JoAnn Hairston-Jones, Beu Health Center—\$10,000 from Southern Illinois University for "Live Free Tobacco Free."

Richard Mathers, Sociology and Anthropology—\$59,801 in supplemental funding from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for "Test Construction, Delivery, Scoring and Evaluation - FY09."

Kim Wisslead and **Richard Chamberlain**, Center for Application of Information Technology (CAIT)—\$215,736 in supplemental funding from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for "DCFS Web Based Training System - Year 4." Wisslead also received \$9,320 from the Illinois State Board of Education for "Illinois Reading First."

Dean Zoerink, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration—\$1,000 in supplemental funding from Murray State University for "Health Matters for Students."

Public poetry reading

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the complete sonnets of William Shakespeare, Western's English and journalism department and University Libraries are sponsoring a reading of his sonnets from **noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 22** at the east entrance of the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

Individuals interested in reading a particular sonnet (if it has not already been requested) should contact

Chris Morrow, assistant professor in the English and journalism department, at (309) 298-1633 or CL-Morrow@wiu.edu. A list of Shakespeare's sonnets is available online at wiu.edu/english/sonnets/; sonnets that have already been requested are presented with struck-through text.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for noon-2 p.m., Friday, April 24 at the east entrance of the Leslie F. Malpass Library.

Employee service recognition

Employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to WIU will be honored at the Employee Service Recognition Reception to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 in the University Union Lamone Room. They include the following:

40 Years

William Anderson, Political Science
Ralph Dirksen, Engineering Technology

35 Years

Frederick Adair, Landscape Maintenance; **Kelly Grindstaff**, **Sheila Kirby**, **Marilyn Shelley**, Malpass Library; **Linda Waller**, Financial Aid

30 Years

Richard Anderson, Biological Sciences; **David Bainbridge**, Landscape Maintenance; **Georgia Cassidy**, Financial Aid; **Connie Corbin**, Administrative Information Management Systems (AIMS);

Robert E. Johnson, Geology; **Rosalyn Kalantari**, Beu Health Center; **Randall Lambert**, Building Services; **Charollette Megginson**, Music; **Steven Monger**, Chemistry/Physics; **Connie Pollock**, Malpass Library;

Linda Robinson, Center for Best Practice in Early Childhood Education (CBPECE); **Carol Skiles**, Sociology & Anthropology; **Valerie Smead**, Psychology; **Paula Stull**, Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration (RPTA); **Terry Wallick**, Athletics

25 Years

Nancy Aleshire, Admissions; **Stephen Axley**, Management; **Diny Burnell**, Document & Publication Services (DPS);

Carolyn Chapman, **Felix Chu**, Malpass Library; **George Cherveney**, Mathematics; **Nancy Crossman**, Communication; **William Cupples**, Engineering Technology;

Kerry Ebbert, Building Services; **Sharon Evans**, Broadcasting; **Judith Hardin**, **Viktor Kemper**, **Edward Parkinson**, English;

Teresa Hare, Financial Aid; **Emily Hauge**, Building Maintenance; **Cindy Humes**, Business Services; **J. Todd Louden**, Public Safety; **Maureen Marx**, Communication Sciences & Disorders (CSD);

Vicki Nicholson, Provost & Academic Vice President; **Teresa North**, University Technology Services; **Sharon Nott**, Theatre & Dance; **Paul Paccione**, Music; **Mary Ruth Phillips**, AIMS; **Michael Romano**, Biological Sciences; **Verle Root**, Mark

Shepard, **Phyllis Walters**, Building Services;

John Schoonover, UHDS; **Roland Smith**, Laboratory Animal Care; **Robert Toland**, Building Maintenance; **Ronald Ward**, Business Services

20 Years

Lora Adcock, **Peggy Roth**, Malpass Library; **Chandra Amaravadi**, **Jeri Harper**, Information Management & Decision Sciences;

Cheryl Bailey, Communication; **Katharine Barrett**, **Robert Joseph Cook**, University Technology Services; **Tama Baldwin**, **Richard Clemons**, **Patricia Young**, English; **Robin Bauerly**, Institute for Environmental Studies; **Carol Birch**, **Jack Harn**, Beu Health Center;

Laurie Black, **Suzanne Litchfield**, Registrar; **Janet Bond**, CBPECE; **Janice Brewer**, Art; **Sharon Butcher**, Center for Preparation of Education Professionals (CPEP);

Peggy Calvert, **Dale Thompson**, Public Safety; **Margaret Carle**, College of Business and Technology (CBT); **Richard Carter**, **Emma Thompson**, Non-Traditional Programs; **Rita Creger**, Centennial Honors College;

James DiTulio, University Counseling Center; **Joseph Dobson**, Management;

Cindy Dooley, **Donald Powers**, Curriculum & Instruction (C&I); **Judith Eckerly**, Alumni; **Samuel Edsall**, **Michael Murray**, Broadcasting; **Lynn Bainter**, **Charles Fritz**, **Terry Melvin**, **Jerry Parry**, **Larry Thurman**, Building Services;

Jeffrey Herrick, Building Maintenance; **Susan Huston**, **Sara Wood**, AIMS; **Steven Kaesdorf**, **Pamela Klopff**, Center for International Studies; **Judy Kling**, Admissions; **Gary Lafary**, Landscape Maintenance

David Law, Building Mechanical Maintenance; **Netkal Made Gowda**, **Lisa Wen**, Chemistry;

Pearl Mary Magelitz, Biological Sciences; **Cheryl McCulley**, Human Resources;

William McFarland, **Jeanette Thomas**, WIU Quad Cities; **Michael Ogle**, Transportation Services; **Phyllis Rippey**, Political Science

Beth Seaton, Sponsored Projects; **Glen Solomonson**, **James Stegall**, **John Vana**, Music; **Helen Stroops**, UHDS; **Michael Taylor**, Television Services;

Sara Thomas, Bookstore;

Linda Tribbey, Centennial Honors College; **Michael Ulmer**, Financial Aid; **Marc Vawter**, DPS; **Thomas Williams**,

Geography

Mei Yang, Mathematics

15 Years

Marjorie Allison, English; **Jerry Baker**, **Susan Gray**, University Technology Services;

Marisa Beard, Dean, COEHS; **Carol Beekman**, **Linda Farr**, Human Resources; **Steven Bennett**, Geology;

John Biernbaum, UHDS; **Mark Boley**, Physics; **Rafe Breedlove**, Heating Plant; **Amy Buwick**, Counseling Center;

Janis Carlson, Vice President for Administrative Services; **Robert Coats**, Building Mechanical Maintenance; **Gina Colley**, DPS; **Nancy Colvin**, **Ann Lascelles**, Beu Health Center; **Betty Dean**, DFMH;

Virginia Denny, Student Insurance Administration; **Loran Erdmann**, **Laura Finch**, **Timothy Piper**, Kinesiology;

Andrea Francis, Malpass Library
Joyia Greuel, Registrar; **H. Jon Jones**, C&I; **Peter Jorgensen**, Communication; **Ruth Kelly**, Psychology; **Gilbert Gade**, **John Lawyer**, **Patricia Fowler-Rouse**, **Cynthia Roon**, **George Thompson**, Building Services;

Julie Mahoney, Art; **Sharon Maroney**, WIU Quad Cities; **Jill Marshall**, Sponsored Projects; **Schuyler Meixner**, Dean, CBT; **James Olsen**, Mathematics; **Melanie Parmer**, Student Legal Services;

Katharine Pawelko, **Daniel Yoder**, RPTA; **Susanna Pendergast**, Accountancy; **Kathryn Pohlpetter**, CSD; **C. Louise Reynolds**, COFAC; **Richard Robeson**, Bookstore; **Roger Runquist**, CITR; **Darcie Shinberger**, University Relations; **Scott Smith**, AIMS; **Kathy Strange**, CBPECE; **Lori Sutton**, IIRA

10 Years

Patricia Anderson, Sociology & Anthropology; **Lawrence Andrew**, **Cecil Tarrant III**, ISDS; **Andrew Baker**, **Brent Heaton**, Agriculture; **Lori Baker-Sperry**, Women's Studies; **Denis Barnes**, **Barbara Thompson**, Accounting Office;

Matthew Bierman, UHDS; **Matthew Blankenship**, Psychology; **Dennis Bowman**, LEJA; **Timothy Carr**, **Thomas Hinton**, Building Services;

Paul Carrigan, **Kathleen Clauson**, **Katherine Nichols**, Malpass Library;

Richard Chamberlain, **Bruce McCormack**, **Daniel Romano**, **Carl Roberts**, **James Scrivener**, University Technology Services;

Marie Cheak, **Laverne Logan**, **Lois Retherford**, **James Woolley**, WIU Quad

Cities;

Sharon Chenoweth, Rajeev Sawhney, Management; **Denise Edwards**, Beu Health Center;

Ann Comerford, University Union Student Activities; **Jodi Cook, Penny Rigg, Kathleen Zemke**, English;

Toni Depoy, University Union Service Center; **Sharon Faust**, Educational / Public Service Radio;

Ritchie Gabbei, Kinesiology; **Sandra Ginther, Heather Griswold, Connie Shugart, Carrie Woodside**, CBPECE;

Mark Hendrickson, Jason Kaufman, Don Patterson, Susan Welsh, Athletics;

Neil Huston, Landscape Maintenance; **Virginia Jelatis**, History; **Jenny Knavel, Kathleen Myers, Terry Rathje**, Art; **Edward Lavin**, Building Mechanical Maintenance; **Robert Lemley**, Transportations;

Janet Marlette, Entrepreneurship & Technology;

Samuel Marlow Jr, Building Maintenance; **Donna McCaw**, Educational Leadership; **Brenda McConnell, Larry Tingley**, Non-Traditional Programs; **Kimberly McDaniel**, CIS; **Shawn Meagher, Thomas Vogel**, Biological Sciences;

Lisa Melz, Advising & Academic Support Center; **John J. Miller**, Communication; **Moises Molina**, Music;

Dana Moon, Ledith Whitehall, COEHS; **Charles Morgan**, Electronic Student Services; **Lorette Oden, Pamela Terry**, Health Sciences; **E. Christine Parks**, Registrar; **Gerald Wayne Quesenberry**, Admissions; **Ted Renner**, Physical Plant; **Barbara Sandall**, C&I; **Cynthia Struthers**, IIRA; **Mary Thomas**, DPS;

Richard A. Thurman, IDT; **C. Jeffrey Tindall**, RPTA; **Anita Tingley**, VPAS; **Letisha Trepac**, Human Resources; **Pamela Rodeffer**, Beu Health Center; **Daniel Walter**, Kinesiology; **Dennis Wells**, Physical Plant; **Roger Zellers**, Building Services; **Karen Zellmann**, Social Work.

WIU author reception

WIU Libraries will present its Annual Author Recognition Reception **3-4 p.m. Friday, April 24** in the Malpass Library Garden Lounge.

Authors affiliated with Western who published during the 2008 calendar year—including those who wrote books or articles, published musical scores or produced films and other materials—will be featured. For more information, contact Jeffery Darenbourg at (309) 298-3014 or JU-Darenbourg@wiu.edu.

Professional activities

William Anderson, political science, served as panel chair (Ideas, Identities and Foreign Policy) and presented a paper, "Continuity in U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1994," at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 in Chicago.

Vin Auger, political science, presented "The U.S. Weapons Acquisition Process: Persistent Problems, Problematic Reforms" at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, April 2-5 in Chicago.

Keith Boeckelman and Janna Deitz, political science, presented "Simulating 2008: A Mock Presidential Election's Impact on Student Civic Engagement" at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 in Chicago.

Richard Carter, non-traditional programs, presented "Statewide Collaboration to Serve Place-Bound Adult Learners" at the 94th Annual University Continuing Education Association conference, April 1-4, Boston, MA.

Janna Deitz, political science, presented "Jack & Jill on the Hill: The Electoral Implications of Gender and Incumbent Voting Behavior" (with Sarah Poggione, Florida International University) at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 held in Chicago.

Richard Filipink, history, gave the keynote address, "Loyalty and Identity: The Evolving Role of JFK in the Cuban Missile Crisis" at a conference on "The Sixties: A Decade That Defined a Generation" held at Macomb Community College in Michigan.

Charles Hinderliter, political science, served as panel chair (Conflict Termination) and presented "Civil War and Social Infrastructure: Consequences for Education in the Former Yugoslavia" at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 in Chicago.

Walter Kretchik, history, presented a paper, "Regulating Chaos: The Role of Army Doctrine in Shaping a U.S. Army Warfighting Culture in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries," at the Society for Military History Annual Meeting April 2-5, 2009 in Murfreesboro, TN.

Daniel Ogbaharya, political science, served as panel chair (Politics of Identity in Africa) at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 in Chicago.

MaCherie Placide, political science, presented "Exploring the Effects of Voluntary Associations on Electoral and Non-Electoral Participation Among African Americans" at the 40th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of

Black Political Scientists March 18-22 in Houston, Texas, 2009 and at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings April 2-5 in Chicago.

Phyllis Farley Rippey, political science, served as panel chair (LGBT Issues in Comparative Perspective) at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, April 2-5 in Chicago.

Judy Yeast, Campus Recreation, and Alex Backes, (student, sport management), presented "Ka-charity! Maximizing the Value of Philanthropic Events" at the National Recreational-Intramurals Sport Association (NIRSA) meeting held April 1-4 in Charlotte, NC.

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The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential service free to all University employees eligible for benefits and their families.

The EAP provides positive, professional assistance to individuals experiencing some type of personal problem, e.g. marital or family problems, emotional stress or depression, alcohol or drug dependencies.

An eligible person can see an EAP counselor up to 3 times for any one problem with no cost to the employee. To contact the EAP, call (866) 659-3848; (tell the operator if you have an emergency and a counselor will return your call). For additional information concerning EAP services, contact **Bill Rupert** or **Bev Lawyer**, WIU Benefits Office, at (309) 298-1853.

Senior Care Services are available through McDonough County Illinois Senior Services. For more information, visit the Human Resources web page, wiu.edu/hr and follow the link "McDonough County Senior Services Directory" on the right-hand side, or go directly to their web page at macombarpceo.org.

Individuals with 403(b) accounts may have loan options available to them during financial hardships. These individuals should talk to their investment adviser to see what options are available. For more information, contact Human Resources at (309)298-1853.

For more information regarding Consumer Credit Counseling of the Quad Cities, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Senior Care Services, call Human Resources at 298-1971.



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Spring 2009 Important Dates

- * Monday-Friday, May 11-15 -- Final exam week
- * Friday, May 15, -- Academic Honors Convocation, ROTC Commissioning, Graduate Commencement
- * Saturday, May 16, -- Undergraduate Commencements
- * Sunday, May 17 -- WIU-Quad Cities Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement

Re-use-a-Shoe

Campus Recreation in the Spencer Student Recreation Center is a collection site for the Fifth Annual Reuse-A-Shoe Collection sponsored by the McDonough County and the Tri-County Resource & Waste Management Council. Used, non-metal-containing athletic and walking shoes will accepted through Monday, May 11.

For more information, contact **Judy Yeast** at (309) 298-1670.

Notice: IFS schedule changes

Several films in the International Film Series (IFS) have been changed from the original schedule for April and May.

Tickets are now \$6 at the door. Show times are at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

April 22-23, "I've Loved You so Long;"

April 29-30, "A Waltz with Bashir;" and

May 6-7, "The Class."

More information about the films is available at wiu.edu/culturalarts/ifs.php or call the Cinema I and II Theatre at (309) 833-2122.

Heritage Ensemble concert

Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center will present the Heritage Ensemble Spring Concert **7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30** in the University Union Heritage Room. For more information call (309) 298-2220.

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