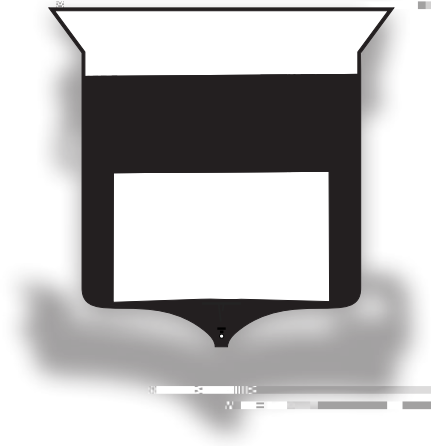




University of Southern Indiana



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2017

Romain College of Business and College of Liberal Arts Ceremony

Saturday, December 9, 2017
10 a.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet
Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

Anne A. Statham, *Professor of Sociology*

National Anthem

Cecilia Paradise '19

Welcome and Introductions

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*

Reflection

Jason R. Holder '17

Class of 2017 Recognition

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*

The Commencement Address

Stephen C. Zehr, *Professor of Sociology*

Conferral of Degrees

Linda L. M. Bennett, *President*
Assisted by Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Presentation of Graduates

A. David Hitchcock, *Director of Center for Interdisciplinary Studies; Associate Professor of Spanish*

Master Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Baccalaureate Degrees

Mohammed F. Khayum, *Dean of the Romain College of Business; Professor of Economics*
James M. Beeby, *Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Professor of History*

Associate Degrees

Ronald S. Rochon, *Provost*

Welcome from the USI Alumni Association

John B. Raisor '03, *President of the USI Alumni Association*

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Evansville Brass Quintet

*A reception will be held in University Center East immediately following the ceremony.
Join us in the celebration on social media by including #USIGrad in your posts.*

Dr. Stephen C. Zehr, professor of sociology, is the 2017 recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award and will deliver the Commencement Address for the Romain College of Business and College of Liberal Arts Ceremony. He is being honored for his research, service and teaching in the fields of sociology and science and technology studies.

Zehr began his career at USI in 1994 as assistant professor of sociology. In 1997, he became associate professor of sociology and, in 2006, professor of sociology. He has served as chair of the Sociology Department and as interim director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program.

While at USI, Zehr has served on 38 University, college or department committees, of which he chaired 10. He has served in a variety of administrative roles or memberships with national and international professional organizations including the American Sociological Association, Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), and U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF). Most notably, he was appointed secretary for 4S and program officer and interim expert for the NSF Program in Science, Technology and Society.

2017

College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony

Saturday, December 9, 2017

1 p.m.

Processional

Evansville Brass Quintet

Pomp and Circumstance, Edward Elgar, Composer

Grand Marshal

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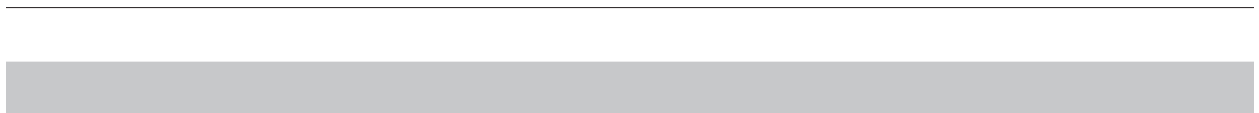
Mr. Robert Millard-Mendez, professor of art in the Art and Design Department, is the 2017 recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award and will deliver the Commencement Address for the College of Nursing and Health Professions and Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education Ceremony. He is being honored for his embodiment of creative instruction in teaching students how to be more creative themselves.

Millard-Mendez began his career at USI in 2006 as assistant professor of art. He became associate professor in 2011 and full professor in 2017. He was assistant chair of the Art and Design Department from 2010-2013 before holding the chair position in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Graduating *summa cum laude* from the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Millard-Mendez achieved academic year.

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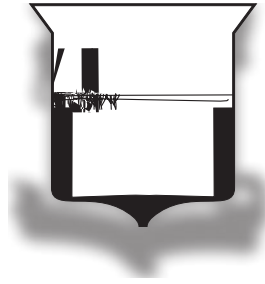
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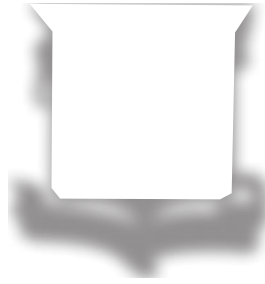
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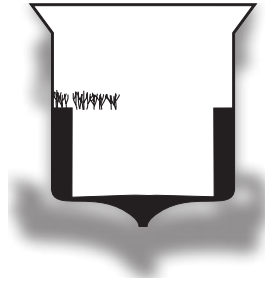
President Linda L. M. Bennett became the third president of the University of Southern Indiana in 2009. In her inaugural address, she referenced the University's founding in 1965 and said, "Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and years after our founding and emergence as a separate state University, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding."

From its earliest stage of planning in the early 1960s, community leaders have supported the University by providing a solid base for its present success and future growth. Local leaders worked with members of the Indiana General Assembly and governor's office to establish a public higher education campus. For the last 50 years, the University has continued to uphold its mission under the strong leadership of its first two presidents, David L. Rice and H. Ray Hoops, and now Bennett.

The University of Southern Indiana began on September 15, 1965, in the old Centennial School Building, offering classes to 412 students. In 1967 Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) raised nearly \$1 million to acquire the land where the campus now sits. Groundbreaking for the







“The University of Southern Indiana is an engaged learning community advancing education and knowledge, enhancing civic and cultural awareness, and fostering partnerships through comprehensive outreach programs. We prepare individuals to live wisely in a diverse and global community.”

—USI Mission Statement

