WELCOME NEW FACULTY & STAFF!

The LIS and INO programs are excited to welcome three new members to our departments. Karen Kirkendall and Eric Hadley-Ives are the newest members of the INO/LIS faculty while Leah Brock joins us as the new INO graduate assistant.

Karen Kirkendall has been a UIS faculty in the Psychology Program for 20 years. She has taught for LIS for the last few years and has recently joined the LIS program on a full-time basis. She has a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology with a specialty in Developmental Psychology and a Master’s degree in Child Development.

Dr. Kirkendall’s research and community service focus on children with developmental disabilities, specifically children with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome. She plans to teach courses related to Child Development, Adolescence, Special Needs Children, Autism, the Development of Children of Color, Writing in the Social and Behavioral Sciences as well as LIS and INO core requirements.

Eric Hadley-Ives comes to us from UIUC where he was a professor in their school of Social Work. He received his B.A. in World Development from the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies at the University of Redlands in California. He continued his education by earning a M.S.W. and Ph.D. from Washington University’s George Warren Brown School of Social Work where he focused on social and economic development and research.

In his free time, Hadley-Ives enjoys a variety of activities. He likes any creative project related to travel or photography, reading, listening to many kinds of music, and spending time with family or friends. Eric has been married for 13 years and is the father of two sons, ages 6 and 10. He was recently the topic of a UIS Feature Story. The entire article can be viewed at http://www.uis.edu/uisfeature/story/.

Leah Brock was selected this summer to serve as the new INO graduate assistant. Leah is a student in the Human Development and Counseling program. She comes to us with a bachelor’s degree in communications and theater from Illinois College in Jacksonville. Mrs. Brock worked in higher education for four years and possess skills in counseling, advising, marketing, and management. She looks forward to promoting the strengths and accomplishments of everyone involved in the INO program.

Though a Chicagoland native, she and her husband of two years, Mark, now share a home in Springfield with their dog, Dozer.

INO GRADUATE LOSES BATTLE WITH CANCER

Talented Springfield area journalist Rosalynne Harty Gillespy lost her battle with cancer on August 26, 2005. The 52 year old Tennessee native graduated from UIS with a INO degree in Newspaper Management. She served the Springfield area for 26 years, as a writer and editor the State Journal Register. Unofficially, she served those at the SJR as a writing coach, mentor, and morale booster.

Rosalynne was “...an inspiration to all of us, in the manner in which she dealt with her disease, and in the manner in which she led her life.” -columnist Barry Lochet

A few of her achievements in journalism include: winner of the Copley Ring of Truth honors, Outstanding Writing on Diversity for a project done on the developing Hispanic population in Beardstown, IL, and a nomination for Pulitzer Prize for national reporting for that same article.

She leaves, with her memory, a husband, two children, and numerous inspired young journalists.
ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

INO graduate Barbara Wall was featured by the Springfield State-Journal Register this summer in an article titled "Steps in the right direction." The article featured Barbara as the president of Halcyon Transitions in Springfield. In this position, Barbara serves Springfield area families as a stepfamily coach assisting them with the transitions taking place with combining families when stepfamilies are involved.

Wall, a graduate of Girard High School, served the state as a public administrator for many years. She then received her bachelor's degree and completed the INO master's program with a degree in Interaction Management for Individuals, Families, and Businesses.

The ultimate goal of Halcyon Transitions revolves around improving stepfamily dynamics. When called upon, Wall works with families on conflict management, goal setting, and the development of communication skills.

Want to Learn More?
- Halcyon Transitions is located at 1124 South Fifth Street
- For further information, call (217) 622-7722
- You can also visit the website at halcyontransitions.com

CLASS NOTES

Celebrations:
Two INO alumnae have recently been nominated for the 2005 Mayor's Awards for the Arts. Lou Ann Davenport has been nominated as Arts Volunteer and Jan DeLong received a nomination for Arts Educator. The awards presentations will be held Oct 19 at the Hoagland Center for the Arts. Congratulations ladies!

Isolde Davidson (INO, 78) and her husband Ron recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

Suzanne Woods (INO, 05) was selected as the INO program's class marshal and represented her program at graduation ceremonies last May.

In Memoriam:
March 8, 2005 - Sister Jane Marie Lamb (INO, 1981) passed away at the age of 68 at St. Francis Convent in Springfield.

August 27, 2005 - Rosalynne Harty Gillespy (INO) passed away at the age of 52.

FACULTY NOTES

INO and LIS Faculty achieve close to home... and overseas!

Congratulations to LIS professor Rosina Neginsky whose book "Zinaida Venygerova: In Search of Beauty, A Literary Ambassador between East and West" is undergoing its second edition. Rosina has also had exciting news in other areas as well. She was interviewed, regarding her work, by Celest Guinne of WILL in Champaign-Urbana on the Springfield public television ACCESS 4's program Afternoon Magazine and featured on the television show Work in Progress. Furthermore, her paper "Recapturing the works of art in Mallarme Herodiade" was accepted for presentation at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities in January, and she was included in Who's Who among American Teachers and Who's Who in International Poetry.

Dr. Neginsky has also been busy presenting on a variety of topics closer to home. She presented "Teaching Literature Online" at the Midwestern Modern Languages Association in St. Louis and "Oscar Wilde's Salome" at the Illinois Philological Association in Chicago.

Professor Peter Boltuc recently presented at two overseas conferences on education. At the International Ethics Conference at Poland's Poznan University, he presented a topic entitled "Ethics and Partiality." While in Poland he also gave a presentation on "Contemporary Models of Academic e-Learning" at the e-Education Conference at the Katowice Economic Academy. Recently Professor Boltuc also published an article titled "Another Take on Game-Based Learning" through e-Mentor.

Professor Janis Droegkamp has also been busy overseas. This summer she led a group of LIS students to Jamaica. For three weeks students interacted with those in the Jamaican community teaching, leading computer and craft instruction, and assisting with hurricane relief. She intends on leading another "Mini Peace Corps" experience in 2006.

During another overseas experience, Dr. C. Hoagland presented Dr. Droegkamp's work in absentia on the topic of "Virtual Classroom Visits" at the World Curriculum Conference in Wollongong, Australia.

Closer to home, Droegkamp continued the overseas theme presenting on global topics to a local audience. Along with Dr. P. Nleya she spoke regarding "Challenges to e-Learning at the University of Botswana" at the Illinois Online Conference. She also conducted her own presentation at that same conference titled "Using Technology to Promote Global Understanding." Annette Van Dyke has also been busy with conference activities. She presented "Walking in Balance: The European-based Spiritual Journey in Leslie Marmon Silko's Garden in the Dunes," at the Native American Literary Symposium in Minneapolis, MN.

Congratulations to all of our faculty on their achievements!