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Chancellor Lynn will stay on temporarily

UIS Chancellor Naomi Lynn will delay her departure at the request of U of I President James J. Stukel, it was announced May 12.

Lynn intended to step down as chancellor at the end of May and was planning to spend the last year before her retirement handling special fund-raising projects for the president. However, a delay in the search for a new UIS chancellor prompted Stukel to ask Lynn to stay on in her current capacity.

"Chancellor Lynn has graciously agreed to remain at the helm and I am delighted we can have this continuity of her fine leadership," President Stukel said.

Earlier this month, after consulting with the chair of the U of I Board of Trustees, Stukel postponed interviews of finalists for the UIS chancellorship. At the same time, he stated his intention to revisit the subject of chancellor search criteria with the BOT at its May 31-June 1 meeting.

Stukel said he interrupted the search to give the board an opportunity to discuss expanding it to include nontraditional candidates.

"Over the past few months a number of board members have expressed reservations about the more narrow set of criteria currently in place," he said. "We owe it to the UIS campus to be as inclusive as possible to identify the best leader."

Acknowledging a growing faculty concern about the delay of the search, Stukel said, "I understand the frustrations being expressed and will try to move the search process forward as expeditiously as possible."

Scholar and medical historian to speak

Regina Morantz-Sanchez, well-known scholar and historian of medicine, will speak on "Historical Notes on the Figure of the Difficult Woman: Mary Dixon Jones on Trial" at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, June 12, at Brookens Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Morantz-Sanchez will discuss the sensational trial of Mary Dixon Jones, a surgeon and gynecologist in late 19th century Brooklyn, whose story brings together "the best of old-fashioned narrative and modern interpretation to a sensational tale of medical, legal, and journalistic intrigue that riveted New York 100 years ago," according to Ellen Chesler, senior fellow at the Open Society Institute. Morantz-Sanchez interprets gender in the context of women's medicine and the participation of women as medical professionals, and questions what the Jones trial reveals about social roles and expectations in the era of the alienists, the 19th century equivalent of psychiatrists.

Morantz-Sanchez' most recent publication is *Conduct Unbecoming a Woman: Medicine on Trial in Turn-of-the-Century Brooklyn* (Oxford University Press, 1999). She has a Ph.D. from Columbia University and is a professor of history at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The presentation, sponsored by the UIS history and women's studies programs and the Academic Affairs Speakers Committee, will particularly appeal to medical professionals, students, and those interested in women's history, the late Victorian era, and the history of modern medicine. For more information, contact Deborah McGregor at 6-7439.

UIS signs agreement with Southampton Institute

An agreement allowing UIS students to study abroad was signed by way of a recent live videoconference that took place simultaneously at UIS and at Southampton Institute in England.

UIS Chancellor Naomi Lynn and Dr. Roger Brown, principal of Southampton Institute, agreed to a collaborative relationship whereby UIS students may study and complete internships at Southampton. Eligible students will be able to enroll as non-degree seeking students at SI by the 2001 fall semester. Southampton Institute, incorporated in 1989, is the largest college of higher education in the United Kingdom. The institute has built a reputation for its 10 research centers in fields ranging from design to engineering, and offers more than 50 undergraduate degree courses to more than 15,000 students.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our students to study in England," said Jonathan GoldbergBelle, director of UIS' Office of International Affairs. "It is relatively easy for an American student to study in England, but it is not a simple matter to establish an institution-to-institution relationship."

James Doyle, SI's study abroad coordinator, contacted GoldbergBelle about the collaboration. The two have been working on the project for nearly a year, with the assistance of faculty and administrators at both institutions. GoldbergBelle said the signing coincides with the development of the Global Experience Program at UIS, which will enable students to study around the world.

Another UIS student earns EXCEL award

Another UIS accountancy major has earned an EXCEL award for her performance on the certified public accountant exam. This prestigious award is earned by only 120 of the approximately 65,000 candidates nationally who sit for each of these semiannual exams.

Nancy French was honored by the Illinois Society of CPAs at its recognition dinner held in Chicago on May 1. In his letter announcing the award, Martin Rosenberg, executive director of the society, congratulated French on this "...remarkable accomplishment and most distinguished beginning to your professional career."

UIS accountancy majors have now earned 10 EXCEL awards during the past nine years, one for every 30 first-time CPA candidates. This is more than six times the national rate of one award per 192 first-time candidates. The EXCEL award is granted to Illinois candidates who receive a minimum score of 80 on all sections of the exam and who finish within the top 120 nationally.

French lives in Forsyth and is employed by Jon D. French, CPA, in Decatur. She completed her accounting studies at UIS in May 1999, and sat for the CPA exam in November.

"CPA exam results are widely recognized as a good measure of educational quality," said Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn. "The sustained superior record of performance by our students on this exam amply demonstrates that UIS provides its business school students with a high quality education and that its graduates can compete successfully with graduates of major business schools across the nation."

Faculty/Staff Notes

"Unbroken Spirit," an article by Ron Sakolsky, professor of public administration, appears in the most recent edition of *Social Anarchism* magazine (#28), along with a review by Beverly Chorbajian of his book *Seizing The Airwaves*. According to Chorbajian the book is "a necessary tool in the anarchist arsenal of dismantling the corporate control of consciousness."