

Events 2020

Monday, March 2
7 p.m.

*Get Happy: An Evening with
Rebecca Fisher in Concert*
Michael J. Mortiz Jr. on piano
USI Performance Center
No cost

Thursday, July 30
4 p.m.

President Rochon's Annual
Reception for USI Retirees
USI Griffin Center

Monday, August 24
11:30 a.m.

"Not Back to School" Lunch
Turon's on Main

Thursday, November 19

Time and Location TBD
USI Retirees Annual Meeting

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Remembering Dr. David L. Rice

"Every citizen who desires an education, who is capable of attaining an education and who is willing to achieve an education shall have the opportunity to do so."

-Dr. David L. Rice



Dr. David L. Rice, founding and first president of the University of Southern Indiana, who died on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, retired from USI in 1994. He was an exemplary leader, friend and community member. We will remember Dr. Rice and his legacy.

Retiree Accomplishments



Katie Waters, professor emerita of art, was honored with the 2019 Mayor's Arts Award by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.



Matthew Graham, professor emeritus of English, was named Indiana Poet Laureate by the Indiana Arts Commission; he began his two-year term on January 1, 2020.

Visit the USI McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries until February 12 to view *Life & Art: The Similar Sensibilities of Katie Waters and Matthew Graham*, an exhibition of their paintings, drawings and poems.

Message from the President

Dear Retirees,

Welcome to a new decade. How is it possible we have seen so many?

Attendees at our annual meeting in November heard a wonderful performance by USI's Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Tom Drury, instructor in music.

In addition, we had good attendance and great conversation at our semi-annual "Not Back to School" pizza lunch at Turoni's on Main. Thanks to Linda Cleek and Sharon Burks-Maier for the arrangements.

Our Coordinating Council is investigating outings for spring and summer. Please look for these announcements and join us. We are always looking for good ideas. Please let us know your good ideas to learn about our University and region and to have fun.

NEW: The SECURE Act, passed in December 2019, includes changes regarding retirement accounts, such as TIAA CREF. Two of the new requirements involve when RMDs (required minimum distributions) must begin and how long after a retiree's death beneficiaries have to complete the disbursements. Our Coordinating Council urges you to consult your financial advisor.

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Coordinating Council 2020 Meeting Dates

Thursday, March 19
Thursday, May 21
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, November 19 (Annual Meeting)

Congratulations to USI Retirees Grant Award Recipients

Denise R. Allison
Amanda C. Smith
Jennifer J. Horn
Taylor J. Gwaltney
Samantha N. Sawyer

These grant recipients are full-time, benefits-eligible employees seeking degrees at USI. The grants of \$100 each are funded through USI Retirees' membership dues.

Message from Past President

I believe we as a council have set the pace for some good continuing traditions. As we work to continue to benefit USI retirees, we also need to remind ourselves as council members that we work on behalf of all USI retirees. I wish the new and returning members luck in the efforts to continue to be a voice for all USI retirees.

-Nils Johansen, Past President, USI Retirees

Welcome New Retirees

We welcome the following friends and colleagues to retirement:

Cynthia J. Bent
Carol E. Bonham
DeLana A. Fleenor
Matthew R. Graham
Paul D. Kinner
Elizabeth Lopez
Kathryn M. Waters
Linda A. Taylor

Involved USI Retirees



Left: USI retirees and friends worked at the USI Varsity Club booth during the 2019 West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. From left: Bruce Baker, Yvonne Floyd, Phil Fisher, Jennie Head and Sherrienne Standley.



Left: USI retirees toured the WNIN Public Media Center and viewed a screening of *Two Elephants* on September 26, 2019. Above left: Don Pitzer. Left: Wilder and Janel Allen, Mary and Brian Branson, Marty Joyce, Ginger Ramsden, Sue Salm, and Nils Johansen with John Gibson.



Above: Charmaine McDowell celebrates with Roberta Schweizer on Roberta's 90th birthday, August 26, 2019.

Right: Retirees gather at the New Harmony Atheneum 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 12, 2019. From left: Matthew Graham, Katie Waters, Ed Jones, Cindy Brinker, Sherrienne Standley, and Paulette and Bob Reid.



Left: USI retirees attended the summer 2019 performance at New Harmony Theatre, *Always, Patsy Cline*. Far left: Barbara Blevins, Phil Fisher, Bonnie Alcorn and Helen Fisher. Second from left: Nadine Coudret, Karen Walker, David Bower, Wilder and Janel Allen and Mary Bower.

In Memoriam

Barbara K. Blevins
Spouse of Retiree

Janice L. Couts
Retiree

Barbara Ann Davis
Retiree

Pat Deering
Spouse of Retiree

Larry Goss
Retiree

Rita J. Murphy
Retiree

August Orman
Spouse of Retiree

David L. Rice
Retiree

Margaret R. Waide
Retiree

Jo-Ann Wilson
Retiree

William H. Young
Retiree

Membership in USI Retirees

Membership in USI Retirees is open to retired employees, spouses and partners, and surviving spouses and partners. To become an active member or to renew your membership, send us your name, address, telephone number, email address and a list of your interests with your annual dues of \$20 (per person), **checks payable to USI Retirees**. Dues cover 12 months from one Annual Meeting until the next (usually November to November). Membership dues support five \$100 scholarships annually to faculty and staff enrolling in USI courses. Mail your information to USI Retirees, c/o USI Foundation, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712. To learn more about USI Retirees, visit USI.edu/retirees.



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Dr. Frans de Waal to Deliver 9th Annual Shaw Biology Lecture, Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 7 p.m. Mitchell Auditorium

New York Times bestselling author Dr. Frans de Waal will present “Mama’s Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us about Ourselves.” Dr. de Waal is a renowned Dutch-American biologist and primatologist known for his work on the behavior and social intelligence of primates. His lecture is free and open to the public.



IRA Charitable Rollover Update

In December 2019, Congress approved a federal budget with a provision increasing the age for mandatory withdrawal from retirement accounts to 72 – effective for persons who turn 70 ½ on January 1, 2020, or after. But anyone who is 70 ½ or older can still withdraw money from retirement accounts tax free if the dollars are issued directly to charity. For more information, call the USI Foundation at 812-464-1918.

Many thanks to Sherry Darrell, editor of Vintage Times.