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Cronin to deliver Bryant Jackson lecture

"A Modernist's Dilemma: Saul Bellow and his Junk Philosophers Re-Calling God" will be the topic of a presentation by Gloria Cronin on Thursday, April 30, at 2 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Old Main Room. Cronin is the 2009 Bryant Jackson Lecture-series speaker. The event is free and open to the public.

Cronin is a professor of English at Brigham Young University. Her fields of interest include African-American, Jewish-American and contemporary American literature, postcolonial and post-imperial Anglophone literatures, postcolonial theories, postmodern theories and gender theory.

The Bryant Jackson Lectureship was established at Illinois State University in

2003 to honor Associate University Librarian Bryant Jackson. The lectureship is an annual event with speakers of the highest reputation in library research.

Global Review tonight

John Kostelnick, Geography-Geology, will discuss landmine removal and humanitarian issues at tonight's Global Review lecture at 5 p.m. in Schroeder Hall room 238. The title of his program is "Mapping Minefields."

Admission to Global Review, which is presented by the Global Review Student Association, is free and open to the public.

ISU Report to publish on line only

The Illinois State University *Report* is joining the digital age. Starting in August, *Report* will be published exclusively online. Faculty, staff and retirees (whose e-mail addresses are registered with the University) will receive the *Report* each Tuesday in their e-mail inbox. Those staff members who do not have access to e-mail will receive the *Report* via their supervisors.

The format will also be different, with one to two lead story abstracts in the e-mail and links to the full stories. Some events will be featured, with others pointing directly to the University calendar.

Deadlines for submission of articles and events will be the Friday prior to the Tuesday publication.

In his 2006 State of the University Address, President Al Bowman announced the University had signed the Illinois Sustainable University Compact, joining 32 colleges and universities across the state. President Bowman said the Compact is an

action-based pledge to improve how our campus interacts with the environment and to promote ecology, encourage respect for life on earth and highlight the growing concern over the over-pollution of the soil, air and water.

Taking *Report* online will help with sustainability by saving paper and energy.

What would you like to read?

The Media Relations' staff is interested in the types of stories you would like to read in *Report*. Currently, *Report* offers a mix of University news, event updates and stories regarding major initiatives and accomplishments from colleges, departments and administrative units.

As *Report* moves to a new format, we ask you to offer your suggestions on how to improve Illinois State's faculty/staff newsletter. Please e-mail your suggestions to Jay Groves, director of Media Relations, at jrgrove@ilstu.edu or by campus mail at Campus Box 1000. We sincerely appreciate your input.

Pakistan's first English-language film to be shown April 25

"Kashf: The Lifting of the Veil," Pakistan's first English-language film in 30 years, will be shown at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the Caterpillar Auditorium in the College of Business Building. It is the film's first showing in Illinois.

The film's director, Ayesha Khan, will be in attendance to hold a discussion following the film. She will speak about the production, her motivation and her hopes and aspirations for the image of Islam and Pakistan.

"Kashf: The Lifting of the Veil" is sponsored by the Muslim Students Association, International House and United International Association. Admission is free and open to the public.

The film revolves around a young man, Armaghan, who was born in Pakistan but raised in the U.S. and returns to his homeland after 25 years in search of his identity. It explores the pursuit of spirituality and the inevitable intrusions of the material on those who seek out a different reality. The film portrays the true image of the spiritual, lively and captivating Pakistani culture, leagues apart from the unfortunate stereotypical depiction of violence and intolerance attributed to Pakistan and to Islam.

Tickets available for 32nd ISF season

The 32nd season of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival will feature the magical comedy and romance of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” a new madcap adaptation of Moliere’s “Scapin” and the diabolical historical play “Richard III.”

The festival opens with the first two productions June 25 and 26, respectively, with “Richard III” opening July 16. The festival runs through Aug. 9 at the 450-seat, open-air theatre on the grounds of Ewing Manor in Bloomington.

Ticket subscriptions for the festival can be purchased at the Center for the Performing Arts box office on campus from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, by phone at (309) 438-2535 or 866-IL-SHAKE or on line at thefestival.org or Ticketmaster.com

Women’s a cappella singers perform May 2

Secondary Dominance, Illinois State’s a cappella women’s singing ensemble, will present its spring concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Capen Auditorium in Edwards Hall. Admission is free, but donations to support the student group will be welcomed.

Social Security/Medicare issues are noon topic today

Elaine Popejoy of the Bloomington Social Security Office will speak to members of the University community about Social Security/Medicare issues at noon today in the Old Main Room of Bone Student Center.

This program is sponsored by the Annuity Association and University Advancement, and all members of the ISU community are welcome to attend. No reservation is needed.

Deb Alley, the festival artistic director, will direct “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Chicago director Karen Kessler returns to the festival to direct “Scapin” and Henry Woronicz, the newest School of Theatre faculty member and guest director of the festival’s 2006 production of “Pericles,” will direct “Richard III.”

Bowman to speak at Friday U Club discussion hour

President Al Bowman will talk about “Working Hard on a Good Plan” at the Friday, April 24, University Club discussion hour. The discussion hour, sponsored by the President’s Office and the University Club, will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty-Staff Commons of Bone Student Center. Bowman will speak at 4:30.

The final U Club event of the school year will be youthful and musical. Local students in the ISU String Project, an after-school string music instruction program, will perform at 4:30 p.m. on May 1. Students from third grade and up participate.

Project director Adriana Ransom will discuss “Furthering String Education in Bloomington-Normal” following a short concert.

Continued support of University Club programs is provided by the Office of the Provost.

Guest speaker to discuss ‘Is Reality Always Virtual?’

James Blascovich, co-director of the Research Center for Virtual Environments and Behavior in the University of California Santa Barbara Department Of Psychology, will speak at 2 p.m. Friday, April 24, in the College of Business Building room 357.

Blascovich is the guest of the Institute for Prospective Cognition (IPC) at Illinois State University and will speak on “Products of Consciousness: Is Reality Always Virtual?” The talk, which will be followed by a one-hour reception in the COB atrium, is part of the “Virtually Human: Science, Art, and the 21st Century Self” speaker series organized by the IPC. More information about the IPC and speaker series can be found at http://my.ilstu.edu/~jsjorda/IPC_Virtually_Human_Speaker_Series_page.html

The speaker series is sponsored by the Sage Foundation, The College of Arts and Science, PSI-CHI/SPA and the Departments of Biology, Philosophy and Psychology.



Rising northeast of Hamilton and Whitten halls is the bridge over University Street that will connect the two structures that will comprise the Student Fitness and Kinesiology/Recreation Building. McCormick Hall is on the right. The target date for opening the new building is January 2011.

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Ryan Simpson (left) is Julius Caesar and Stephen Gawrit is Brutus in William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," being performed through April 25 in Westhoff Theatre. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$3. The director is graduate student Jack Carpenter. Photo by Pete Guither

Friends of Fell Arboretum annual plant sale May 2

The Friends of the Fell Arboretum will hold its popular annual plant sale on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first floor of the School Street parking garage at the corner of School and Beaufort streets in Normal.

A wide assortment of plants, including hard-to-find native woodland species, prairie plants and heirloom tomatoes, will be available for sale. The Ecology Action Center will have compost for sale and will also have information about pot recycling and rain-collecting barrels.

Crutchley retirement reception May 6

A retirement reception for Bonnie Crutchley, Student Insurance Manager for Student Health Services, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center.

Remarks are scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. Crutchley will retire June 1 after 32 years of service to ISU.

Annual Benefit Choice Fair slated May 6

The Benefit Choice Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center. Representatives from the various health plans, optional insurance programs and tax deferred annuity companies (TDA) will be on hand to answer questions.

Vendors have been invited from various organizations, including: Cigna, Health Alliance, Personal Care, OSF Health Plans, St. Joseph Hospital, Healthlink, Minnesota Life, Bromenn, Bright Start, EyeMed, Fidelity, TIAA- CREF and SURS. Staff from the Human Resource Benefit Services area will also be available to answer questions and process benefit choice changes.

Choices to be made during the Benefit Choice period include:

- Enroll in the Flexible Spending Program, comprised of the Medical Care Assistance Plan (MCAP) and the Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP)
- Participate in the Sick Leave Bank
- Opt in or out of health, dental and vision coverage
- Change health insurance carriers
- Add/delete dependents from health, dental, vision and life insurance plans

Benefit Choice period begins Friday, May 1, and ends at midnight on Sunday, May 31. For further updates, continue to check the Human Resources website, <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu>

Best Buddies chapter named 'Educating Illinois in Action' honoree

The Illinois State University chapter of the Best Buddies organization is the recipient of an "Educating Illinois in Action" honor. The honor, presented by the *Educating Illinois* coordinating team, recognizes individuals, offices or programs that exemplify the goals and strategies of the *Educating Illinois* 2008-2014 strategic plan.

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. The organization has had a chapter at Illinois State since 1990 and has made significant contributions to the campus community. Best Buddies exemplifies the *Educating Illinois* core values of diversity and civic engagement by enhancing the cultural awareness and education of students across all disciplines and enriching the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Illinois State students involved with Best Buddies commit many hours to service in the organization and learn about the challenges faced by people with intellectual disabilities. Illinois State's chapter was

also the recipient of the Outstanding Diversity/Multicultural Program award during the 2007-2008 academic year. It was chosen because of its dedication to building positive interaction amongst cultures, promoting awareness of cultures and global issues through student engagement and providing opportunities for students to learn about the importance of diversity and multiculturalism. Jeanetta Fahrner serves as student president of the Best Buddies chapter and Paula Crowley, Special Education, serves as faculty advisor.

Additional "Educating Illinois in Action" honor recipients will be named monthly throughout the academic year. Recipients of the award are chosen from nominations submitted to the *Educating Illinois* Coordinating Committee. Nominations will be accepted throughout the year and can be made online at www.educatingillinois.ilstu.edu For additional information on the "Educating Illinois in Action" initiative contact Deb Smitley at 438-2373 or dsmitle@ilstu.edu



Campus calendar events can be found at IllinoisState.edu/calendar

Community-Engaged Classrooms help connect to community

A program to assist faculty who are new to the teaching-learning method known as Community-Engaged Classrooms will be offered this summer by the Center for Teaching, Learning, & Technology. Faculty can attend one of two civic engagement workshops on May 28 and July 15 which will consist of information, resources, completing a planning worksheet, a brief presentation by experienced faculty, a panel of community organizations and conversations with local organizations and ISU resource representatives.

New Graduate Council members seated

The results of the graduate faculty election are in, and new members were seated at the April 14 Graduate Council meeting.

Elected to the Admissions Committee for a three-year term was Maria Pao, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and to the Curriculum Committee for three-year terms were Linda Wedwick, Curriculum & Instruction, and Denise Wilson, Mennonite College of Nursing. Cheryl Ball, English, was elected to a three-year term on the Membership Committee, and Nobuko Adachi, Sociology, was elected to a three-year term on the Research Committee.

Cheri Simonds, Communication, was appointed to a two-year term on the Admissions Committee, and Gardenia Harris, Social Work, was elected to a two-year term on the Membership Committee. George Peterson-Karlan, Special Education, was appointed to a one-year term on the Research Committee, and Claire Lieberman, Art, was appointed to a two-year term on the Research Committee.

The program encourages and supports intentional curricular activities that engage students in projects addressing human and community needs. It is designed to help ISU faculty identify community agencies and organizations that have projects suitable for student involvement. Samples of reflection assignments, planning worksheets, community organization names and contacts and other resources are available online at www.communityengagedclassrooms.ilstu.edu. There are currently over 30 projects posted by community organizations looking for an ISU partner.

Anyone interested in sharing ideas with colleagues or learning about new resources in the field of civic engagement can join the civic engagement listserv at <http://www.listserv.ilstu.edu/lists/>. More information about Community-Engaged Classroom or the workshops is available from Cyndy Ruskowski or Harriett Steinbach at communityengagedclassrooms@ilstu.edu.

Graphic Standards manual now available

The Graphic Standards manual is now available through IllinoisState.edu/identity. The manual, developed by University Marketing and Communications (UMC) under the direction of the University Identity Committee, features guidelines for proper Illinois State University logo use on internal and external communications. The Editorial Standards manual is also available for download on the site, and features standards for writing internal and external communications.

For a printed copy of the Graphic Standards manual, contact UMC at (309) 438-8404.

Freed to discuss making of University history book

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History John Freed will present "The Making of the Book: *Educating Illinois: Illinois State University 1857-2007*" on Tuesday, April 28, at 2 p.m. on the main floor of Milner Library. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Freed will discuss the extensive research he undertook to write the book, which was commissioned for Illinois State's sesquicentennial. The 480-page, 12-chapter book is fully indexed and details every administration, from Illinois State's first principal, Charles Hovey, to its 17th president, Al Bowman.

Correction

Lorraine Perkins, College of Education, was inadvertently omitted from the 15-years service list in last week's ISU Report. She will retire at the end of this month.