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UPCOMING

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Register Now for the Expanding Expression Tool Workshops

The month of November is rapidly drawing to a close and so will your opportunity to register to attend one of four regional workshops focusing on a multi-sensory approach for improved written and oral expression sponsored by the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#).

Research consistently indicates that individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) often have difficulties with oral and written expression. This workshop will demonstrate a multi-sensory approach for oral and written expression for preschool through 12th grade that will facilitate improvement on vocabulary skills, the common core learning objectives, comprehension of curriculum material, report writing and expressive language. Sara Smith, MS, CCC-SLP is the featured presenter. Smith is an ASHA certified speech-language pathologist and founder of the Expanding Expression Tool™ (EET).

This workshop will be offered four times in November.

November 17, 2015

Park Hill Learning Center
New Haven, IN

November 18, 2015

Educational Resource Center
533 East Miller Drive
Bloomington, IN

November 19, 2015

Education Support Center
2801 Grant Line Road
New Albany, IN

November 20, 2015

Education Service Center
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN

Note: This is an advanced workshop for those using the EET program.

Registration fee \$100.00. You will be provided with a list of all four Expanding Expression Tool Workshops that we are

offering, and you must select the specific workshop you wish to attend from the list. [Click](#) to register. If you have questions about the workshop content, contact Kristie Lofland (klofland@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508. Registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at (800) 933-9330 Melissa at tiuconfs@indiana.edu. For any other questions, contact Lisa Bidwell at lbidwell@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508.



ADA-Webinar on Wellness Programs

On November 18th, the Great Lakes ADA Center, on behalf of the ADA National Network, will host another session in their ADA Legal Webinar Series. In this webinar, attorney Diego Demaya will look at the ADA issues raised by employer-sponsored wellness programs.

Wellness Programs and the ADA

Free Webinar

Wednesday, November 18th

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EASTERN

It's free, but [REGISTRATION](#) is required to participate in the webinar

There is a new conflict in town - employer-sponsored wellness programs and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On several occasions the EEOC has sued employers for allegedly forcing compulsory and intrusive wellness programs aimed to improve the general health of employees.

Legal Specialist Diego Demaya, J.D., will analyze issues to determine whether these popular Affordable Care Act (ACA) supported health improvement programs pose a discrimination problem against workers with disabilities and a tangible liability on employers. Is there a possible compromise for employers to foster employee wellness while avoiding unlawful medical inquiries?

KUDOS



Stafford Receives Ageless America Award

[Phil Stafford](#), director of the Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#), received the *Ageless America Award* honoring civic stewardship and innovation from the Partners for Livable Communities in Washington D.C. on Monday, November 9, 2015.

For the last 40 years, Partners has honored individuals and organizations in recognition of innovative projects and records of achievement that have advanced the principles of livability. This year's honorees represent lifetimes of leadership in their respective fields spanning architecture, academia, civic leadership, real estate development, and arts and culture. Their innovative leadership has made their communities better places to live.

Since its founding in 1977, Partners has helped communities set a common vision for the future, discover and use new resources for community and economic development, and build public/private coalitions to further their goals. [Click](#) for more information on Partners. Congratulations Phil!



Harlan-Simmons Receives Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr. Award

The [Indiana Historical Society](#) (IHS) recently announced that [Jane E. Harlan-Simmons](#), research associate with the Indiana Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#), was selected as the winner of the *2015 Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr. Award* for her article *The Sweetest Little Boy I Ever Knew: A Handmade History for an Institutional Life*. Harlan-Simmons will receive the award during IHS's annual Founders Day event on Monday, Dec. 7 at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, IN.

Named for noted Indiana historian and author Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr., this \$500 award honors the article that, in the opinion of the *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History* editorial board and staff, best serves the magazine's mission. This mission involves presenting thoughtful, research-based articles on Indiana history in an attractive format to a broad audience of readers.

The Sweetest Little Boy I Ever Knew: A Handmade History for an Institutional Life, appeared in the summer 2015 issue of *Traces*. The article by Harlan-Simmons told the poignant story of Tommy Hancock, a young man with developmental disabilities and a visual impairment who spent much of his life at Indiana's Muscatatuck State School. It also relates the love shown to Tommy by Edith and D.L. Mumpower, an elderly couple who cared deeply for his welfare.

Harlan-Simmons is just one award-winner who will be recognized at the *Founders Day Dinner*, celebrating the accomplishments of

historians, teachers, writers, and businesses from around the state, as well as the work of IHS. [Click](#) here for more information on this event and other IHS programs. Congrats Jane!

COMINGS AND GOINGS



IIDC Contingent to National AUCD Conference

Indiana Institute director [David Mank](#), [Michael Conn-Powers](#), and [Katie Herron](#) of the [Early Childhood Center](#), will be attending the [2015 AUCD Conference: Growing Leaders, Driving Change](#), to be held this week in Washington, D.C.

The conference theme of leadership and change closely aligns with several key goals of the recently launched AUCD Strategic Map and supports the important work of the AUCD network. The AUCD Conference brings together diverse network members, partners from outside the network, and experts from the field to facilitate leadership. The AUCD Conference provides opportunities for attendees to grow and enhance their skills, knowledge base, and peer network.

Mank was part of a panel presentation as part of the *Driving Change Sessions*, held on Sunday, November 15, 2015. These five sessions provided attendees with interactive learning and sharing environments centered around the five key priorities of the AUCD Strategic Map. Mank's session titled *Driving Change and Growing Leaders in Policy, Practice and Research* explored the AUCD network's relationship between research conducted within the network and how that research is used in practice and in federal and state policies with an emphasis on how evidence-based practices can influence practice and policy as well as how existing policies and practices can shape research investigations.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



Indiana Institute United Way Chili Lunch

The Indiana Institute held its *Annual United Way Chili Lunch* last week. The *Chili Lunch* is just one way the Indiana Institute works to raise money for Agencies that participate in the United Way of Monroe County program. This year's event raised over \$170.00! Darci Lowe of Monroe County United Way provided an overview of the Indiana University's campaign involvement and Fern Goodman, of People and Animal Learning Services, Inc. (PALS), a United Way Agency member, spoke about PALS individualized therapeutic equine programs serving South Central Indiana. Thanks to Tricia Campbell of the Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning for organizing the event.

IN INDIANA



Indiana Governor's Council Extends Conference Scholarship Registration Deadline

The [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#) has extended the deadline for those interested in applying for scholarships to attend the 2015 state conference. The extended deadline is Friday, November 27, 2015.

Income-eligible applicants can register for the conference and pay just \$15 and receive overnight accommodations if they live 50 miles or more outside of the Indianapolis area. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to hear from national, regional, and state leaders involved in the disability rights movement! [Click](#) to apply online.

LIBRARY CORNER



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- Fusco, K. N. (2005). *Tending to Grace*. New York: Laurel-Leaf.

Tending to Grace is a novel featuring a teen, Cornelia, with a stutter who is trying to make her way in the world. When her mother and her mother's boyfriend decide to vacation in Las Vegas, Cornelia is taken out of school and left with an eccentric great-aunt. Not surprisingly, the two clash. But maybe her aunt is just what Cornelia needs. A Schneider Family Book Award winner

- Rapp, A. (2004). *Under the wolf, under the dog*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press.

"Steve Nugent is in a facility called Burnstone Grove. It's a place for kids who are addicts, like Shannon Lynch, who can stick \$1.87 in change up his nose, or for kids who have tried to commit suicide, like Silent Starla, whom Steve is getting a crush on. But Steve doesn't really fit in either group. He used to go to a gifted school. So why is he being held at Burnstone Grove? Keeping a journal, in which he recalls his confused and violent past, Steve is left to figure out who he is by examining who he was." –publisher A Schneider Family Book Award winner

- Sonnenblick, J., & Kostiw, M. (2010). *After ever after*. New York: Scholastic Press.

"Jeffrey isn't a little boy with cancer anymore. He's a teen in remission. Even though the cancer should be far behind him, life still feels fragile. His parents still worry about him. His older brother, Steven, who has always been Jeffrey's main support system and confidant, lost it and took off to Africa to be in a drumming circle and "find himself." His best

friend, Tad, is hatching some kind of secretive, crazy plan, which is driving him bonkers. And there is a girl who is way out of his league but who thinks he's cute." –publisher A Schneider Family Book Award winner

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