

• M. Todd Bradley, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science will present his paper on terrorism at the 2008 International Studies Association Conference in San Francisco.

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Building a Better Tomorrow In North Central Indiana

As I reflect on the eight years I have spent at IU Kokomo, I can see that much progress has been made on many fronts – new academic programs, better facilities, a much more robust IT environment, greater campus engagement with the community – to name just a few areas where we have been successful. One goal, though, has eluded us – that of serving as the region’s convener, as do many universities who are similar to IU Kokomo in role and mission.



Photo by Heather Hill

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Well, we’re finally going to get a chance to serve that role for the region – around the subject of regional leadership. Through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, IU Kokomo will serve as the administrator of record for an important leadership development initiative.

Beginning in December, we will first engage stakeholders in each of the fourteen counties in the region (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, Warren, White) in a dialogue about who the emerging leaders of the future are in the region, what the region’s assets and commonalities are, and what challenges the region faces. Out of that dialogue, 40 to 50 leaders will be chosen to participate. This activity will consist of workshops, seminars, and interactive projects. Teams of participants will travel to other parts of the country where regions have experienced success in economic development and revitalization.

This is a rare opportunity for our campus to convene many “players” around one common theme – how can we make north central Indiana a better place to live, work, and grow a business? I am enormously excited by this opportunity. Currently we are searching for ways to spread the message about this upcoming program. If you know individuals who would be interested, please let us know. Together we can make our region the best it can be!

Student Engagement Equals a Higher Quality Collegiate Experience

IU Kokomo is dedicated to developing a campus that inspires students to become more engaged in their education, more committed to their communities, and ultimately more successful in their careers. To support this commitment, the campus has once again participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). As was done for five of the past seven years, a sample of first year and senior students were surveyed on a wide range of topics to measure their engagement. Research shows that students who are engaged learn more, move further along in their development and are more likely to persist to complete their degree.

More than 600 colleges and universities participate annually in NSSE, which provides IU Kokomo with a national benchmark of how undergraduate students spend their time and what they gain from attending college. More importantly, the campus results are also measured against peer institutions, which help identify areas that need improvement.

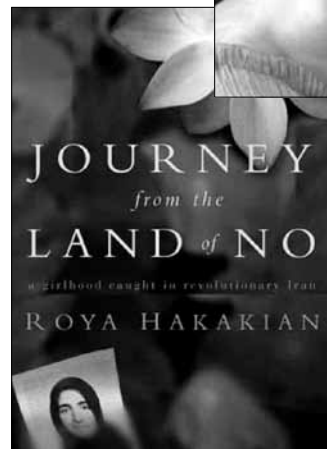
A new partnership between NSSE and *USA TODAY* will make benchmarks (composite scores) available on a new *USA TODAY* website. Additionally, the IU Kokomo results will be posted on a dedicated page on IUK.EDU. This information can be used by prospective students as they evaluate their educational options and decide where to attend college. Students, family members, high school counselors and other interested parties will be able to compare several institutions based on the student’s individual preferences.

World Renowned Author to Speak

The freshman learning communities will be receiving a much-anticipated special guest as part of their common reading program. Each year a book is selected for its contemporary and newsworthy focus as well as its interesting and unique perspective. This year students are reading *Journey from the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran* by highly acclaimed author and former Iranian citizen Roya Hakakian. Ms. Hakakian will visit the campus to personally share her story with the freshman learning communities.

The common reading program, her presentations, and the subsequent classroom discussions all align with one of IU Kokomo’s strategic priorities—“to prepare students to live in a diverse and multi-cultural world.”

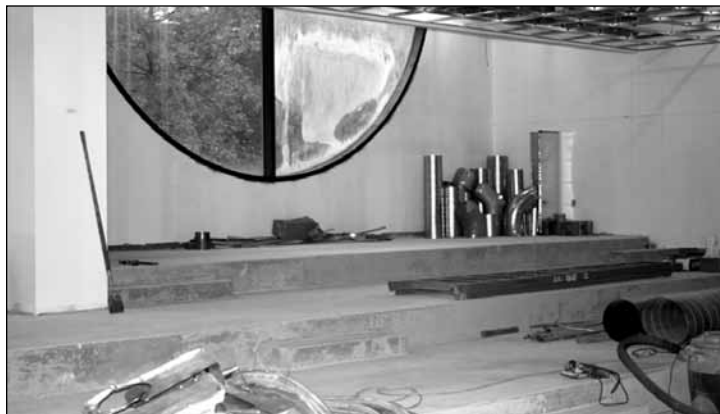
The public is invited to a free lecture to hear Ms. Hakakian share her *Journey from the Land of No* on Monday, November 12, 7 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.



**Roya
Hakakian**
**Public
Lecture
November 12
7–8 p.m.**
**Kresge
Auditorium
IU Kokomo**

- Robert Dible, Ph.D., professor of public affairs and assistant dean of SPEA, presented a series of lectures on environmental policy and ethics at the University of West Indies Mona Campus, Jamaica, October 15–17, 2007.

Enriching the Campus Learning Environment



Several renovations are underway on the IU Kokomo campus. Two new lecture halls, one in the Observatory and the other in the East Building (pictured above); relocation of the Art Studio from the East Building to the Early Outreach Building; and the moving of Continuing Studies to the Main Building and the Writing Center to the Information Commons.

International Artist Boardman Comes to IU Kokomo

Deborah Boardman, Chicago artist, will exhibit her work on native energy sources at the IU Kokomo Art Gallery from October 19 through November 18, 2007.

The Flux of the Matter, by Boardman, is a collaborative work with officials of the Miami Indian Nation documenting natural lines of energy.



Deborah Boardman and IU Kokomo Art Gallery Director Gregory Steel.

Two Classes Travel to Italy

Several IU Kokomo students had the experience of a lifetime when they traveled to Italy as part of two classes offered by the School of Arts and Sciences. Minda Douglas, lecturer in fine arts, and Donna McLean, Ph.D., associate professor of communication arts, lectured for two weeks on campus and then traveled with their students to Italy to continue the courses. Douglas states that, "International travel broadens many student's perception of their own life and surroundings and it provides them with a learning experience far beyond what the classroom environment can achieve."

Cayce Arnett, a junior majoring in English, agrees. "Getting outside of your comfort zone allows so much enrichment of your life. You not only gain a new perspective on the country and culture, which you've experienced, but your life in America is put in a completely different light," she says.



IU Kokomo students and professors stopped to pose near the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

As part of their experience, in Florence, Italy, the group had the opportunity to climb to the top of the great dome of Florence Cathedral, an architectural wonder that the class had studied before they left.

In the past three years, IU Kokomo has offered courses that included travel to Italy, Ireland, England, Scotland, and Hawaii.

Calendar of Events

Visit www.iuk.edu/events for details.

October 22–November 18
Deborah Boardman
The Flux of the Matter
IU Kokomo Art Gallery

October 24
How to Write a Resumé
3–5 p.m.
Kelley Student Center, 221

October 26
Halloween Open House
Kelley Student Center
6–8 p.m.

October 26/27
Indiana Academy of Science
Talent Search
Hunt Hall

October 31
Resumé Roundtable
2–4 p.m.
Kelley Student Center, 132

November 1
New Student Orientation
8 a.m.–3 p.m.

November 7
Business Outlook and Public
Policy Panel Discussion and
Breakfast
7:30–9 a.m.
Kelley Student Center, 130

November 8
Hugh Thompson Meeting
Room Dedication
5:30–7:30 p.m.
Kelley Student Center, 130

November 12
Roya Hakakian
Visiting Author
Public Lecture
7–8 p.m.
Kresge Auditorium

November 19
IUKAA Board of Directors
Meeting
5:30 p.m.