

Southern's SHINING MOMENTS

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LIBRARY AFFAIRS

David H. Carlson, dean of library affairs, was elected chair of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition Steering Committee. SPARC is an international alliance of more than 800 universities, research libraries and other organizations interested in expanded distribution of information.

SCIENCE

Mengxia Zhu, assistant professor of computer science, recently won a three-year grant worth almost \$400,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy to pursue research she hopes will allow a scientist to tap in, analyze and animate massive data sets created by places such as DOE laboratories around the United States and super colliders in foreign countries.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, was elected chair-elect of the CASE District V Board of Directors. Upon receiving a committee nomination, McCurry was elected by District V member institutions. He will serve a two-year term as chair-elect and will, subsequently, chair the board.

LIBERAL ARTS

The Illinois Alliance for Arts Education named the University Museum's Director of Museum Education, **Bob DeHoet**, as the recipient of its Public and Community Service Award for dedicated service and promotion of the arts in Illinois schools. DeHoet will be recognized at the annual Illinois Alliance for Art Education's Awards Ceremony in Springfield.

ATHLETICS

Southern's swimming and diving head coach **Rick Walker** was named the 2009 Americas Open Water Swimming Man of the Year. Over 35,000 individuals from 158 countries voted online for these awards, which are sponsored by blueseventy, a company that specializes in open water swimming. The awards are meant to honor individuals who best embody the spirit of open water swimming, possess the sense of adventure, tenacity and perseverance that open water swimmers are known for, and have most positively influenced the world of open water swimming.

Tony Steinbock, professor of philosophy, recently established a Phenomenology Research Center at SIU. The Center is a collaborative community of learning that hosts national and international graduate students, post-doctoral students, as well as junior and senior scholars. It accommodates interdisciplinary perspectives, and focuses on joint research as a way of informing individual study.

Rodney Jones's poem "North Alabama Endtime," originally published in his collection "Five Points," has been selected for the 2010 edition of "Best American Poetry." **Adrian Matejka**, a recent graduate of the English Department's MFA program, also had a poem selected for the issue. Only 75 poems are selected each year for inclusion in the volume.



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The **SIU Debate Team** won first place at California State University, Long Beach, after competing against over 50 debate teams from more than 20 different universities. The team of **Kevin Calderwood** and **Brandon Merrell** finished in first place, and the team of **Richard Flores** and **Mike Selck** finished in the quarterfinals, giving SIU two spots in the top five.