

## Kudos

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**Debbie Smith-Shank**, professor of art education, is a Distinguished Fellow of the National Art Education Association inducted during the first general session of the 2010 meeting, April 14 to April 18 in Baltimore, Md.

Established in 1982, this title is conferred on NAEA members for distinguished contributions to the work of the Association. About 80 NAEA Distinguished Fellows are honored each year. This comes along with this honor: "This an opportune time to honor you to the NAEA membership."

"I am so honored to have selected to be part of this group of distinguished educators," Smith-Shank said.

Smith-Shank joins NIU's other senior art education faculty members, Boughton and Kerry Freedman, as NAEA Distinguished

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Milivoje,

Congratulations on your recent lecture series at the University of Illinois at Chicago!



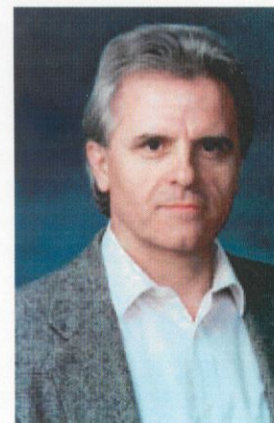
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**Milivoje M. Kostic**, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, delivered a seminar lecture earlier this month at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Kostic's seminar, "**The Second Law of Energy Degradation, Including Biological and Intelligent Processes**," discussed one of the most fundamental laws of nature. The Second Law of Thermodynamics made its appearance around 1850 and, almost a century later, physicist and philosopher Percy Williams Bridgman still complained that "there are almost as many formulations of the Second Law as there have been discussions of it."

Kostic's teaching and research interests are in thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer and related fluid-thermal-energy sciences. He recently published several articles in prestigious energy encyclopedias and presented a number of invited plenary lectures at international conferences and several institutions.

More information is available at [www.kostic.niu.edu](http://www.kostic.niu.edu).



NIU political scientist **Ross Corbett** has a new book out through SUNY Press titled "**The Lockean Commonwealth**." The tension between executive prerogative in times of emergency and the importance of maintaining and preserving the rule of law has been a perennial concern for modern democratic states. In his book, Corbett reappraises John Locke's contribution to this timely topic, paying careful attention to the arguments put forward in Locke's famous "Two Treatises on Government."

