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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Dr. James P. Ronda, professor of history in Youngstown State University's College of Arts and Sciences, has been chosen to deliver the address at the university's annual Honor's Convocation.

Dr. Ronda's speech will be entitled "In Search of the University: Lost and Found."

The program, which recognizes students for academic achievements and also designates distinguished professors, will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center. Students in the top one percent of their class in each of the six undergraduate schools and colleges are recognized, and a number of other awards and scholarships are presented.

Dr. Ronda of Boardman, whose book Lewis and Clark among the Indians was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize this year, has been a YSU faculty member since 1969.

A native of Chicago, he received his bachelor's degree from Hope College in Holland, Mich. in 1965, and his master's and doctoral degrees in American Colonial History from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

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In the past decade, Dr. Ronda has published 12 scholarly articles and presented some 30 papers on Indian-white relations at various conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada. While at YSU, he has received three Distinguished Professor Awards and several research fellowships.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Annual Awards Night, to honor students, student organizations and advisors, will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 16 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Guest speaker will be J. Phillip Richley, vice president of development for the Cafaro Co. The former Youngstown mayor and Mahoning County engineer served last year as president of the Board of Directors of the YSU Alumni Association.

Others taking part in the program include Dr. Charles McBriarty, vice president/Student Services; Walt Avdey, president of Student Government; Philip Hirsch, director of Student Activities/Auxiliary Services, Kilcawley Center; and John Fahey, coordinator of Student Activities.

Honors to be presented include YSU Pins for outstanding seniors; leadership and scholarship awards, the Orion Awards for outstanding student organizations, Libra Awards for advisors; Constellation Awards for outstanding programs or events, and the Nova Award for the best new student organization.

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EDITORS NOTE: The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. with Richley's remarks. Contact persons are Rick Delisio, student activities assistant, or John Fahey, coordinator of Student Activities.

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