State Policy and Leadership Monthly

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University of Illinois at Springfield

Center to Host Women and Politics in Illinois Panel

The Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS, in collaboration with the UI Institute of Government and Public Affairs is hosting the first of six events in the "Luncheon Series on Public Policy, Governance, and Administration" on Monday, September 27, 2004. The event will be held at the Springfield Hilton located at 700 E. Adams Street in downtown Springfield from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room.

The topic "Women and Politics in Illinois: Challenges and Opportunities" will be discussed by a panel of women who possess a wealth of government experience. The panelists include: Brenda Holmes, Deputy Chief of Staff for Education, Governor's Office; Diana Nelson, Executive Director, Cross City Campaign for Urban School Reform, Chicago, and former State Representative; Billie Paige, Partner, Shea, Paige and Rogal; and, Dr. Meredith Newman, Chair, Department of Public Administration, UIS, who will serve as moderator.

Dr. Meredith Newman, Chair, UIS Department of Public Administration.

Tickets are $17, with lunch included in the price of the ticket. Registrations must include payment and should be received no later than September 20, 2004. Register online at www.igpa.uillinois.edu. For further information, contact Scott Koeneman at 217-244-4237 or email at skoenema@uillinois.edu.

Illinois State Budget: Tax and Spend 101 Workshop Scheduled

The Institute for Legislative Studies and *Illinois Issues* are hosting the "Illinois State Budget: Tax and Spend 101 Workshop" at UIS on Friday, October 15, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Public Affairs Center, Level 1, Conference Room C/D.

For more information on this event, please contact Lorrie Farrington at 217-206-6574, or email ils@uis.edu.

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This year's theme:
Power & Ethics

Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series Scheduled for October 7, 14, and 21, 2004

The Center for State Policy and Leadership and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Distinguished Professor of Lincoln Studies will present the second Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS on Thursday, October 7, 14, and 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium. The events are free and open to the public, with seating on a first come, first served basis.

Mark E. Neely, Jr., McCabe-Greer Professor of the History of the Civil War Era at Pennsylvania State University will begin the series with a lecture on "Civil Liberties in Lincoln's Presidency" on October 7. Mark W. Summers, Professor of History at the University of Kentucky will speak on "The Politics of Patronage in Lincoln's Era" on October 14. The series will conclude on October 21 with a presentation on "Lincoln's Presidential Virtues" by William L. Miller, Miller Center Scholar of Ethics and Institutions at the University of Virginia.

We hope that you can join us for this series.

Dr. Kent Redfield Named Interim Director of the Institute for Legislative Studies

Dr. Kent Redfield has over 25 years' experience with the Institute for Legislative Studies.

Dr. Kent Redfield has been named Interim Director of the Institute for Legislative Studies, with Dr. Christopher Mooney's return to full-time faculty status. Dr. Redfield has been jointly appointed to the Institute since coming to UIS in 1979 to teach Political Studies and coordinate the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program. His 20 years of dedicated leadership of the internship program created a premier graduate-level, state legislative internship program in the country that is thriving today. For the past 15 years, he has researched and published extensively on campaign finance reform. He serves as a commentator and analyst for state and national politics, and his views appear regularly in newspapers, on radio and television.

Thank you Dr. Redfield for agreeing to accept the Interim Director position, and best of luck!

Survey Conducted for Policy Summit on Cyberspace

"560 randomly-selected Illinois households" participated in the survey.

A statewide telephone survey for the June 2004 Policy Summit on Issues in Cyberspace was conducted with 560 randomly-selected Illinois households between May 23 and June 14, 2004. Of the sample, 327 were email or Internet users, and 233 were non-users. The average length of the interview was almost 20 minutes for email/ Internet users, and 7 minutes for non-users. The sampling error was just over +/- 4% for all

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Richard Schuldt discusses the background for the survey.

respondents, just over +/- 5% for email/ Internet users, and just over +/- 6% for non-users. An initial question inquiring about email/Internet usage was asked of 856 households.

The survey instrument was developed by a project team consisting of Dr. Keith Miller, Professor of Computer Science, who identified the major substantive issues; Richard Schuldt, Director, Survey Research Office (SRO); Renee Redfield, Research Assistant in the Center, who were the principal drafters of the questionnaire; Barbara Ferrara, Interim Executive Director, Center for State Policy and Leadership; and Mark Winland, Interviewing Lab Manager, SRO. The survey field work was organized and implemented by Mark Winland. With the assistance of Kelly Best and Mary Barth, Mark supervised SRO telephone interviewers as well as organized the calls to be made and accumulated the survey responses on a daily basis.

Almost six of ten people (59%) who answered the phone in Illinois households reported that someone in their household used email and/or the Internet. Three-quarters of all respondents were aware of the "spam" concept. The most common adjectives used to describe spam were those indicating it is "irritating" (40%), followed by those indicating it is "junk/junk mail" (24%).

We will highlight more survey findings in upcoming newsletters.

New Appointments Made in Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

Barbara Ferrara wishes Ernest Cowles all the best in California.

Ernest Cowles, Director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies for the past 10 years has accepted a position as Director of the Institute for Social Research at California State-Sacramento. His last day at UIS was 8/12/04.

Carol Esarey, Senior Training Coordinator in the Institute has accepted the position of Interim Director for the fall semester. Carol has worked in the Institute since 1990, and has been a major revenue generator. Her training projects include state and federal grants for training judges, prosecutors and other court personnel. Prior to coming to UIS she also assisted in the development of the first Child Welfare Training Institute for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Joy Syrcle was named Assistant Director of the Institute, after a search was conducted. Joy has spent the past four and one-half years working as a Research Specialist for the Institute. Her research projects include: Illinois Department of Transportation-Traffic Safety Division; evaluation for Gear Up project; Juvenile Justice evaluation projects; and DUI projects.

Good luck to all in their new positions!

Carol Esarey (L) and Joy Syrcle (R) are ready for their new jobs.

Center Hires Visiting Marketing and Development Specialist

Shawn Craig Shures has been hired as a Visiting Marketing and Development Specialist in the Center's Office of the Executive Director. Shawn holds a B.A. in Management from Sangamon State University, and a M.A. in Communication from UIS. She possesses over 15 years' experience in program coordination in higher education at Sangamon State University, UIS, and most recently at Lincoln Land Community College, where she was the Workplace Learning Center Coordinator. Her work experience at UIS includes working in the Human Resources Office, Admissions Office, and the GPSI Program.

Shawn will be responsible for planning and conducting a variety of marketing projects, including the monthly Center newsletter, coordinating grant seeking and fundraising with the Development Office, assisting with event planning, as well as collaborating with the other units in the Center for marketing purposes. Welcome back to UIS Shawn!

Shawn Craig Shures staffs display table at University Hall Open House.

WUIS hires Springfield Bureau Chief

Kavitha Cardoza has been appointed the Springfield Bureau Chief for WUIS/WIPA. She is a familiar on-air voice, having served for the past two years as the Visiting Springfield Bureau Chief. Kavitha is responsible for covering local city news, and surrounding areas. She hosts a health show "Sound Treatment" which is broadcast on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m., and replayed on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Her background includes a B.A. in Economics/English Literature/Psychology from Mount Carmel College (India), as well as a M.A. in Communication from Manipal Institute of Communication (India), and a M.A. in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Congratulations, Kavitha! We are glad you are here to stay.

Kavitha Cardoza covers City Hall and the larger Springfield community.

Center Generated 70% of Total Grants and Contracts for UIS in FY2004

The *UIS Grants and Contracts Bulletin*, dated August, 2004 listed the grants and contracts activity for FY2004. The Center and its units were responsible for securing nearly three-fourths of the entire amount awarded to UIS. "The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies remained the top grossing unit, garnering over $2 million in support."

A sampling of projects funded in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies include: Probation Training 04; National School Lunch Program Direct Certification Process; Lincoln Legal Papers Project 04; Compulsive Gambling 2004; Homeless Services 2004;

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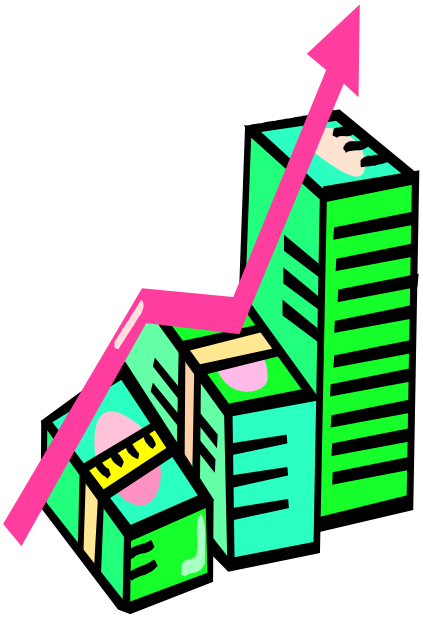

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Food Stamp Core Curriculum; Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Safe Communities Evaluator; IDOT DUI Omnibus 2004; IDOT DUI Court Training; Mobile Crash Reporting Project; Illinois Department of Human Services Department of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse DUI Training 2004; Downstate Illinois Innocence Project; IDOT Risk Reduction; Pest Management for Beekeeping (two awards); Professional Development Program in Apiculture; Baseline University Asthma Database; Illinois Alliance Evaluation; and, Family and Community Development.

The Graduate Public Service Internship program received intern contracts with state agencies, totaling $1,179,073. The Institute for Legislative Studies secured contracts totaling $623,700 for the following areas: Legislative Staff Intern Program, and the Zeke Giorgi Memorial Intern Program. The Office of the Executive Director in the Center for State Policy and Leadership received $443,247 for grants in the following areas: Public Policy High School Initiatives (two awards), and Geriatric Education.

The Survey Research Office was awarded numerous contracts in the amount of $165,080 for the following projects: Chicago Workforce Survey; 2004 IDOT Motorist Survey; Workforce Investment Act Survey Project; and the Downers Grove Library Survey. The Office of Electronic Media was awarded a $174,036 contract through Cable Access Channel 4. WUIS/WIPA received grants totaling $67,964 in the following areas: Operating Support; Rural Listeners Access Incentive Fund Bonus Grant; and Radio Information Service Grant.

Thanks to every unit for their hard work in securing this significant amount of funding.

Center Welcomes New Graduate Assistants

Twelve new and returning GAs will be working in the various units of the Center.

The Center's Office of the Executive Director hosted a welcome reception on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 for 12 new and returning Graduate Assistants (GAs) who will be working in the various units of the Center. An ongoing section of the newsletter, entitled "Meet Our Students!" will highlight at least one of the Center's GAs in each edition.

The two returning GAs include: Marilyn Mueller, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies/Papers of Abraham Lincoln, and Alanna Sablotny, Public Policy High School Initiatives.

The ten new GAs include: Rikeesha Cannon, Center Publications/ Illinois Issues; Sarah Chase, Office of Electronic Media; William Davidson, Institute for Legislative Studies; Jenifer Masseman, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies/Papers of Abraham Lincoln; Joseph Maxon, Survey Research Office; Bradley Mitchell, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies; Nathan Myers, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies; Renee Redfield, Office of the Executive Director; Leslie Rossman, Institute for Legislative Studies; and, Keith Taylor, Center Publications/Illinois Issues.

In addition to a display table, which contained information about each of the Center's units, there were homemade goodies, iced tea and lemonade for all to enjoy.

Graduate Public Service Internship Program Holds New Student Orientation

The Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) program hosted a New Intern Orientation on Thursday, August 12, 2004 in the PAC at UIS. Fifty-two new interns, many accompanied by their agency supervisors, attended the day long event, which began with registration and a continental breakfast. A welcome with introductions was made by Kim Hayden, Director of the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, followed by remarks from Dr. Harry Berman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education and Academic Planning, and Barbara Ferrara, Interim Executive Director, Center for State Policy and Leadership.

Dr. Berman welcomed the new students to UIS, "one of the most unique educational institutions in the country." He stated the size of UIS, with approximately 4500 students in many ways resembles a small college. He also mentioned two features that make UIS unique: our location in the state capital, which is beneficial for GPSI students, and that we are a part of the University of Illinois system.

Ms. Ferrara thanked the supervisors and agencies "who worked so hard, especially this year, to get the intern positions funded." She also welcomed back two agencies who had not had interns for a few years: the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and the Department on Aging. She also welcomed three agencies new to the GPSI program: the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan; the Illinois Retired Teachers Association; and the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority.

A presentation on "The Work Environment – Do's and Don'ts" was made by Adriel Ippolito, Graduate Intern Recruiter, followed by a GPSI student panel on what to expect during the first few weeks/year on the job was presented by three 2nd year GPSI interns. Those panelists included Surendranath Gummadi, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Paula Sorenson, Capital Development Board, and Mark Wieneke, Illinois Department of Transportation.

Second year GPSI students host panel for new GPSI students. Panelist are from left to right: Surendranath Gummadi, Paula Sorenson, and Mark Wieneke.

GPSI 30th Anniversary Alumni Dinner Scheduled

On October 6, 2004 alumni of the Graduate Public Service Intern Program will gather to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this exemplary internship program. This event will provide an opportunity for GPSI alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to share remembrances and reconnect. Since its inception, GPSI has given over 2400 SSU/UIS graduate students the opportunity for a high quality graduate education and professional work experiences. From five interns in 1974 to 103 in 2004, GPSI is an integral part of the history of this institution.

The celebration will include campus tours, a social hour, dinner buffet, and program featuring the alumni perspective spanning the decades. The event is sponsored by the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, the Center for State Policy and Leadership, and the University of Illinois Alumni Association at UIS. For additional information, please contact the GPSI office at 217/206-6155 or visit the GPSI website located at http://cspl.uis.edu/graduateinternprograms.

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Upcoming Events

September 27, 2004:
Women and Politics in Illinois: Challenges and Opportunities
Join us for the first in this year's Policy Luncheon Series from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For registration information, please contact Shawn Craig Shures at 217-206-7994.

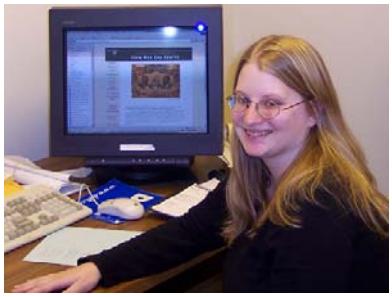
October 6, 2004:
GPSI 30th Anniversary Alumni Dinner
By invitation in the Sangamon Auditorium Lobby.

October 7, 14, and 21, 2004:
2004 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series: Ethics and Power
Held at UIS in Brookens Auditorium, lower level of Brookens Library at 7:30 p.m. The lectures are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, contact 217-206-6576.

October 15, 2004:
Illinois State Budget: Tax and Spend 101 Workshop
Sponsored by UIS Institute for Legislative Studies and *Illinois Issues* at UIS, Public Affairs Center, Level 1, Conference Room C/D. For registration information, please contact Lorrie Farrington at 217-206-6574.

November 12, 2004:
Election 2004 Wrap-Up
Join us for the second in this year's Policy Luncheon Series from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For registration information, please contact Scott Koeneman at 217-333-3340.

Meet Our Students!



Renee Redfield, GA in the Office of the Executive Director enjoys her classes at UIS, and is our resident computer guru.

Renee Redfield was interviewed in August, the first week of her new Graduate Assistantship. She began her graduate career at UIS in August 2003, and has completed 16 hours of graduate coursework toward her M.A. Following are her answers to provide insight into Renee's role as GA in the Center for State Policy and Leadership.

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree, and what was your major?

I received my BS at UIUC. I started out as a Pre-Med Chemistry major but changed to a joint major in Math and Computer Science.

What is your major in grad school?

I am getting my master's degree in Computer Science.

Which unit are you working in as a GA?

I am the GA in the Office of the Executive Director.

What are your career plans?

I am not sure what direction I want to go as far as a career. Right now I am busy focusing on my graduate work and my GA position. I am not currently looking for a job.

How long have you been a GA in the Center?

This is my first semester as a GA. I began as a research assistant in the Office of the Executive Director first semester last year.

Could you describe the types of assignments you are working on as a GA?

Two of my current assignments are designing and maintaining the Center's database and assisting in compiling a mailing list for the upcoming Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series.

How did you spend your summer vacation?

What vacation?! I worked as a "wizard" (teaching assistant) helping Professor Keith Miller with his online course on Cyberethics taught in conjunction with the Center's Policy Summit on Issues in Cyberspace held in June. I did take a trip to St. Louis for four days before the fall semester began.