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Ferrara Named Interim Executive Director

Barbara E. Ferrara has been named Interim Executive Director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS. Ferrara has been the Associate Director of the Center since 1989. Her appointment follows the resignation of Dr. Milan Dluhy. The search for a permanent executive director will begin in the fall.

In announcing her appointment, UIS Provost Michael Cheney said, "We are fortunate to have a strong manager to turn to in Barbara



Barbara Ferrara is serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Center.

Ferrara during this time of budget pressures and new opportunities in the Center." She has worked in the Center as a researcher and administrator for 28 years.

Ms. Ferrara is focusing the Center on the goals of building a national reputation in state policy analysis, improving governmental effectiveness, providing citizen education, and forging partnerships for leadership development and civic engagement. The Center serves the research and information needs of opinion leaders, government officials, educators, scholars, citizens, and the media.

Graduate Public Service Interns Selected

Over the course of two days in April, the Graduate Public Service Internship program, in conjunction with participating state agencies, conducted over 400 interviews to select a new

class of interns. This class will begin in the fall of 2004.

Over 48 applicants have been selected with more to come, which brings the total number of GPSI interns to 102.

This is a record number of interns for the program and a testament to the quality, reputation, and importance of the program to state government.

Summit on Issues in Cyberspace Held

The Center for State Policy and Leadership presented its annual Public Policy Summit on June 17, 2004. This year's topic was "Issues

in Cyberspace: Cyberethics, E-Commerce, and Spam."

The summit included speakers from academia, industry, and

state government. They examined issues related to ethics, technical details, and government

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Richard Schuldt presents results of a survey on spam and e-commerce.

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regulation of the Internet in a program designed for teachers, students, business, government professionals, and others interested.

Speakers included Jonathan Feipel, Assistant Director, Telecommunications Division, Illinois Commerce Commission; Cem Kaner, Professor of Computer Science at Florida Institute of Technology, and an attorney specializing in technology law; James Moor, Professor of Philosophy at

Dartmouth College who has written several books on the philosophy of technology; David Nicol, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and researcher of cybersecurity technology and policy issues; Matthew Prince, Co-founder and CEO of Unspam, and Adjunct Professor at John Marshall Law School; Richard Schuldt, Director of the Center's Survey Research Office; and Lori Sorenson, Interim Director of the Illinois Century

Network. Keith Miller, Professor of Computer Science at UIS served as moderator, and also instructor of an online course in Cyberethics offered in conjunction with the Summit. Renee Redfield, Graduate Assistant in the Center, served as the teaching assistant for the course. With Richard Schuldt, Keith Miller, and Mark Winland, Renee also played a major role in designing the survey for the Illinois public on spam and Internet sales taxes conducted by SRO for the Summit.

SPPQ Conference Enjoys Great Success

The Institute for Legislative Studies and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* co-sponsored the fourth annual State Politics and Policy Conference, April 29 – May 2, in Ohio.

Participants heard presentations by Speakers of the House and former Speakers

from Arizona and Mississippi. Also presenting was the current Speaker from Oklahoma and a former Senate Minority Leader from Ohio. These presentations were on term limits and the various impacts they have on the different states.

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the conference was delivered by Ohio Governor Robert Taft. His speech touched on various subjects including term limits and fiscal crises affecting Ohio and many states across the nation.

Lupton Named Treasurer of ADE

John Lupton, Assistant Director and Assistant Editor of the *Papers of Abraham Lincoln*, has been chosen to be the treasurer of the Association for Documentary Editing (ADE). The ADE is a national organization of the profession of documentary editing, which is responsible for

transcribing and publishing a notable person's correspondence, speeches, and other interactions. The ADE has over 450 members and meets yearly at their annual conference.

At each meeting, editors give presentations about their work and discuss the various issues

that face the profession in general.

Mr. Lupton will be installed as treasurer at the annual conference in November, and will be responsible for collecting dues, maintaining financial records, and filing necessary forms with the IRS.

Students Present Community Policymaking Projects

The Public Policy High School Initiatives program hosted a conference for participating schools on May 10 - 11, 2004 at UIS. Students shared the results of their policymaking projects through exhibits and presentations. Over 125 students and teachers from across the state participated. Students provided workshop sessions on the expertise they gained during the academic year while conducting their

projects.

Projects included a digitized oral history of WWII POWs, the Hope 6 Project in Chicago on affordable housing, building tourism to help small rural counties in economic development, and abandoned housing restoration in the Englewood neighborhood in Chicago.

State Senator Patrick Welch enjoyed working with these young students. He commented, "It is

amazing to me that we have potentially ignored a resource in our Illinois high schools by not engaging these young people in public policy while they are still young."

The next day, Barbara Van Dyke-Brown, of the Institute for Legislative Studies, held an informational session on lobbying. She gave tips to help the students prepare for their visits to legislators and state agencies.

Illinois Issues Posts Spanish Translation of Article on Website

Illinois Issues has tried something new on their website. One of the articles from the May issue was translated into Spanish and posted on their website. The cover story in the May issue, titled "*Latino Power*" focused on the political pressure that government is feeling from Latino

representation. Another article, "*Civic Validation*" discussed the argument of letting undocumented aliens obtain such services as banking and higher education.

In an effort to recognize the diversity of their readership and the topics they cover, *Illinois Issues* translated "*Civic Valida-*

tion" into Spanish and posted it on their website. The magazine hopes to continue to be able to post translated articles on their website in the future.

Commencement Filmed by Office of Electronic Media

The Office of Electronic Media was on hand May 8 to tape the commencement ceremonies at UIS. Broadcast from the Sangamon Auditorium, the Office produced a live webcast and cablecast.

The two ceremonies, which lasted two hours, were each broadcast again later that evening on Public Access Channel 4, which the Office operates.

Tape and DVD copies of commencement have also been made and are

available for purchase. The cost for these are \$20 for VHS and \$25 for DVD. For more information, please contact the Office of Electronic Media at 206-6799.



Two students from Barry Community High School present a workshop on working for a newspaper.

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Maps from a case Lincoln worked on in the 1850's were just shared with the Papers.

1850's Maps Shown to Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project has just received copies of two maps that are crucial to their transcription work. Don and Tonya Smith of Flossmoor visited the offices with these maps. The maps were used as evidence in a land ownership court case in the Chicago area in the 1860's. After the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had straightened the Chicago river in the

1830's, the property lines were mixed up. Land that had originally existed was now washed away by the new pattern of the river. On the other hand, land that had never existed was now present by the sand that had formed after the river had been redirected.

The argument over who owned this new land and whose land had been washed away came about in two separate cases.

They both went to court where Abraham Lincoln represented the defendants in March 1860 and won both cases. Eventually, both cases were affirmed by the Supreme Court. The maps were used as part of Don Smith's great-great-great uncle's testimony, as a surveyor in the 1850's and witness to both cases.

Shawn Johnson wrote and produced "Flood After Ten" that aired on Illinois Edition.

WUIS Reporter Shawn Johnson Receives Award

Shawn Johnson, Pittsfield Bureau Chief for WUIS/WIPA, received an award from the Associated Press at the Illinois News Broadcasters Association meeting on April 16-18. Shawn won 2nd place in the downstate radio documentary category of the 2003 Associated Press Journalism Excellence Contest. He wrote and produced the

piece that aired on the program *Illinois Edition* last summer.

The piece, titled "Flood After Ten," looks back at the massive flooding of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers in the summer of 1993. In it, Shawn visited three towns that were devastated by the flood and found out how they have coped since then and what

they have done to move on with their lives. He also investigated whether any human error may have been partly responsible for the destruction that occurred and whether modern flood control practices have improved in the ten years since. Congratulations to Shawn on his well-deserved award!



A student learns how to use the OEM cameras.

Electronic Media Teaches at Tech Day

On April 23, 2004, the Office of Electronic Media (OEM) participated in the UIS' annual Technology Day. OEM set up and operated its complete 4-camera remote control room. Participants could switch between cameras, play

back stop action tapes, create character generation, and special effects.

OEM staff also conducted special request demonstrations for those who stopped by. Some participants were even lucky enough to be able to operate the cameras and

use the digital video switcher in this friendly, hands-on environment. Tech Day was a great success and the Office was able to profile what they do and recruit some students into the world of electronic media.

Survey Research Office Begins New Project

The Survey Research Office (SRO) has just begun a large-scale survey project for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The survey will involve regular monthly surveying of clients and employers who utilize the Workplace Investment Act (WIA). This Act, instituted in 1998, called for the development of a system that increases the sat-

isfaction of job seekers and employers. SRO has been commissioned to gather information regarding levels of satisfaction with the WIA program.

The survey asks questions such as how they became aware of the WIA centers and the kinds of services they originally were seeking. They will also be looking into the overall question which is whether the One-Stop job

centers are just getting people jobs or if they are helping clients gain skills and training for a career.

The information that is collected will then become part of mandated performance measures for the program to implement in the future. The main goal for SRO is to reach 2800 clients and 800 employers for their opinions on this program.



A Survey Research Office interviewer completes a survey with a WIA client.

New DUI Sentencing Document Being Created

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies has been instrumental in getting Senate Bill 2124 passed in the Illinois General Assembly. The bill stated the need for a comprehensive DUI sentencing guideline document. Under old DUI laws, much of the penalty language regard-

ing driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs was coded under the Unified Code of Corrections.

Under the new law, penalties regarding DUIs will be coded under the Illinois Vehicle Code. This will streamline all punishments from a first offense to a person's most

recent offense. The Institute has been commissioned to create flow charts for the punishments of third and any subsequent violations, and produce a sentencing guideline document that can be used by judges and prosecutors throughout the state.

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GPSI Program Honors Class of 2004

Congratulations to all Graduate Public Service Interns, Class of 2004, on completing their two year internship! In honor of their completion the program held its annual recognition event. The breakfast, held on April

28, on the UIS campus, began with a message of congratulations from Chancellor Ringeisen.

Thirty-two second year interns and their supervisors were recognized with a program certificate of completion.

For the first time, first year interns were invited to attend and get a sneak preview of what the completion of the program has in store for them. Congratulations to all.



Graduating GPSI intern, Daria Heine-mann addresses GPSI graduates.



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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 11:30 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.

Meet our students!



Becky Lanphierd is now a Researcher in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

Becky Lanphierd was interviewed in May. She was a Graduate Assistant in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, and is now a Research Analyst in the Institute. Here's what I found out about her.

~Alexi Madon

Q. How long have you worked for the center?

A. I worked for ILAPS as a student worker for 2 1/2 years and then when I continued on to get my master's degree I became their GA for another 2

years.

Q. What does your job entail?

A. I have worked on several projects over the years, including working on an ISBE grant investigating the school lunch program and I have worked on the meth-amphetamines guide for the Illinois State Police.

Q. What do you like about your job?

A. I enjoy the new experiences and learning how to do many different tasks and assignments. I

also enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Q. What did you get your degree in?

A. I received my master's degree in Communication

Q. What would you like to do after you graduate?

A. I would like to continue my education while working in a public service oriented job.

Q. Lastly, what do you like to do for fun?

A. I mostly enjoy reading and hanging out with my friends.