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## Bill Wheelhouse featured on NPR

Bill Wheelhouse, Statehouse Bureau Chief for WUIS/WIPA and Illinois Public Radio, had a feature story on National Public Radio (NPR) in December, and several spots throughout November. The first spots were regarding the Illinois legislature signing off on death penalty reforms. In December, Mr. Wheelhouse was asked to do a feature piece on the life of former U.S. Senator Paul Simon who passed away December 9, 2003. The piece was to air on NPR's *Morning Edition* the next day.

In just a few short hours, Mr. Wheelhouse was able to put together



*Bill Wheelhouse was commissioned to do a story for National Public Radio on Senator Paul Simon.*

a fantastic piece honoring the late Senator, highlighting his career highs and discussing his failed run for the presidency in 1988.

However, Mr.

Wheelhouse had to put together an entirely different story for the Illinois listening public than for the national audience. He explained that, "Usually the story that I air on Illinois Public Radio is different from my NPR stories, because you have to take an approach to help a national audience catch up with a story."

Mr. Wheelhouse has done feature stories for NPR before, beginning in 1993, when he covered the massive flooding throughout Illinois. He has done six previous pieces with NPR, almost all of them commissioned by NPR specifically for him.

## Office of Electronic Media Helps Problem Gamblers

The Office of Electronic Media has continued to maintain a website designed to provide resource assistance to problem gamblers and their families. The website, [www.illinoisgamblinghelp.org](http://www.illinoisgamblinghelp.org) has been a wel-

come resource for many problem gamblers across the state.

OEM keeps this website functioning under contract to Illinois Department of Human Services. It is part of a three year statewide media campaign that the

office has produced and coordinated to educate the public about problem gambling. The office also promotes a help line which is available to Illinois citizens at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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## Essay Tribute to Begin in January 2005



*The essay will reflect the ethics upheld by the late Paul Simon.*

Beginning in January, 2005, *Illinois Issues* magazine will launch what is to be an annual essay on government ethics in honor of the late Senator Paul Simon. A founder of the magazine, Simon served on the board until his death in December, 2003. The essay, created in his memory, will approach the subject of ethics in government on a very broad level, including such topics as leadership and civic

engagement.

A committee has been created to advise on topics for these commissioned pieces. The committee consists of Mike Lawrence, the Interim Director of the Public Policy Institute at SIUC and *Illinois Issues* board member; Cynthia Canary, Director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform; Judge Abner Mikva, University of Chicago Law School; and Dawn Clark Netsch,

Northwestern Law School, who are also board members.

The committee will commission a specific writer to write a piece on a topic of their choosing each year. The piece will describe the character of the late Senator while encouraging readers to live ethically. If you would like more information on the essay tribute to Paul Simon, please contact Peggy Boyer Long at 206-6559.

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## Meth Reference Guide Comes in Handy for State Law Enforcers

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies is in the final stages of putting out a guide on methamphetamines for law enforcers and the Illinois court systems. After final approval by the Illinois State Police, the guide will be ready for publication. This comprehensive guide will be an important

reference for those who work in law enforcement and the judicial system. Accompanying the guide is a set of power point slides on a CD-ROM which are useful for officers in the field, as well as the *First Responders Guide for Law Enforcement Officers*. Officers can use the disk in their

squad car laptop computers or at their desktop computers. Law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors will all be encouraged to use the guide when they encounter questions on the drug. If you would like to know more about the reference guide, please contact Dr. Ernie Cowles, 206-6355.



*Representative Mary Flowers speaks at the Legislative Process Workshop Lunch*

## Legislative Workshop a Vital Resource

On January 23, 2004, the Institute for Legislative Studies presented a one-day workshop on the Illinois legislative process. The workshop covered everything from how a bill becomes a law to the effects of lobbying on the

General Assembly.

During the luncheon Representative Mary Flowers (D-21, Chicago) spoke to the group on the decisions that legislators make and how the whole process is connected. She also spoke on her duties as a legislator and how

she remains faithful to her commitment.

Dr. Chris Mooney was the keynote speaker, introducing the system to the forty attendees. Later Dr. Kent Redfield spoke on campaign finance matters.

## Lincoln Log Receives National Acclaim

On January 2, 2004, *The State Journal-Register* ran an article noting the good work of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. PAL, in conjunction with Brown University, had launched the Lincoln Log website. This website profiled the work of Lincoln scholars from the 1920s through 40s who compiled a day-to-day directory of Lincoln's whereabouts. In the 1950s, the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Associa-

tion expanded the work and in 1960 published *Lincoln Day by Day*, one of the indispensable sources for any Lincoln researcher. In 2003, The Papers of Abraham Lincoln contracted with a company named Apex to enter in the 1,800 pages of text of *Day by Day* on the web into a searchable database. The AP picked up this story thereby increasing the publicity of the site. On January 3, Assistant Director John

Lupton was called by WKNX, a news radio station in Los Angeles, to do a live interview about the Log. The publicity the website received attracted so many viewers that by January 5, Brown University had to shut down the site and move it to a larger server. Many compliments from people all over the country have flooded the PAL office in praise of their exceptional work on this project.



Assistant Director John Lupton was interviewed by WKNX about the new Lincoln Log

## Office of Electronic Media Upgrades to Digital

The Office of Electronic Media has almost completed their digital media upgrade. Over the past several years, OEM had been using a variety of equipment spanning from BetaCam to VHS to DVCAM.

The most recent upgrade converted the ma-

ajority of the productions to DVCAM which gives a cleaner, crisper picture. The DVCAM format also gives significantly more editing capabilities over the old system, which is necessary for staying afloat in today's television industry.

Although the majority

of editing in the Office is done on non-linear digital editors, there are still productions that need to be edited using a tape-based linear system. The Office hopes to be completely digitized in the next two years, providing a better service to the community than ever before.

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## GPSI Agency Gear-up a Success

The Graduate Public Service Internship program sponsored an Agency Gear-Up, the first of its kind for the program in November. Over 30 agencies that were interested in partnering up with the GPSI program attended.

The purpose of the Gear-Up event was to overview the GPSI program for potential agencies and for supervisors new to the GPSI process. There was also a brainstorming session on ways to enhance program delivery from the agency per-

spective.

Agency representatives had a chance to network with other representatives and gained knowledge on the system as a whole. Overall, it was a win/win experience for all attendees.



Agency representatives listen to others speak on their experiences with the



## Teacher's Guide to *Lobbying Illinois* Out



The teacher's guide to the book *Lobbying Illinois* has just been published for high school teachers across the state. The new guide works in conjunction with the book, which is published by the Institute for Legislative Studies. Director Peggy Dunn, of the Public Policy High School Initiatives in the Center collaborated with Chris Mooney, Director of ILS

in preparing the guide. The guide provides teachers with different ways to educate students on lobbying and public policy.

Each new subject is provided with questions to ask the students and in-class activities the students can do to pique their interest. The guide also lists websites for students to investigate as well as a large journal project the students work on over the

course of the semester.

Through these exercises and assignments, students learn more about the legislative process, as well as how bills are passed and gain a clear understanding of government.

For more information on the teacher's guide or how to order it, please contact Peggy Dunn at 206-7399.

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## Tips on Grant Seeking Workshop Helpful

On January 23, 2004, Barbara Ferrara, Ernie Cowles, and Sharron LaFollette of the Center for State Policy and Leadership spoke at the Workshop on Grant Seeking. The workshop, sponsored by the UIS Research Board, offered attendees the opportunity to hear inside tips from speakers

who are familiar with the grant seeking process. Ms. Ferrara described the resources the Center offers faculty interested in developing grant proposals. Dr. Cowles presented information on getting started in grant seeking as well as many other tips taken from his many years of experience in

obtaining federal and state grants. Lastly, Dr. LaFollette offered tips from her experience working with local funding sources. If you would like more information on this workshop, please contact Deb Koua, Coordinator of Grants and Contracts at 206-7409.



## Papers of Abraham Lincoln Receives \$20K Grant

Congratulations to the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project on receiving a grant from the Shelby Cullom Davis Foundation.

The grant, which is worth \$20,000, will be used to place PAL's book *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Com-*

*plete Documentary Edition* in thirty-five liberal arts college libraries across the country.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln staff is continuing work on case presentation. There are currently three chapters close to completion and they hope to have the

whole book written by the end of this year.

The chapters that are close to completion are the cases *Johnston v. Jones and March*; *Sullivan v. People*; and *Illinois Central Railroad v. McLean County*.

## ILAPS Releases New Information in Ongoing Study

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies has released new information regarding their ongoing study of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Food Stamps program.

The study, funded through the National School Lunch Program section of the Illinois State Board of Education has just completed Phase

I and is now into Phase II of the project.

Data were collected from the past year and the report discusses Phase I of a new Illinois direct certification process for approving children who receive TANF/Food Stamps for free school lunches.

The study estimates that the new process increased the statewide

(excluding Chicago) free lunch approval rate from 74% to 84%, allowing more children to receive free lunch.

Dr. Beverly Bunch, Dr. Ernest Cowles, and Dr. Richard Schuldt recently presented preliminary findings of the study to policy officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.



## GPSI Recruitment in Full Swing

It's that time of year again when The Office of Graduate Intern Programs wants to recruit the best of the best. Recruitment for the internship programs sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership has been stepped up, as the deadline for application,

March 15, is rapidly approaching.

Recruiters Ann Aldrich and Adriel Ippolito, along with co-workers Sharon Heflin and Kim Hayden, Director, attended several career fairs across the Midwest in the last few months. Some of the fairs attended have

been held at U of I in Champaign, UIC, Southeast Missouri State, SIU, ISU, Millikin University, Bradley University, and Northwestern University. The office is looking for a high application rate and an exciting selection process in the coming months.

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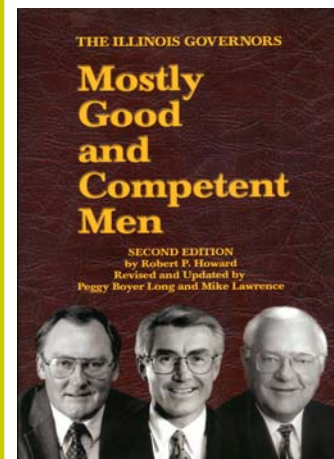
## Center Publications Book a Great Resource

When the indictment of former Governor George Ryan occurred in late December, center Publication's book *Mostly Good and Competent Men* became an important resource for reporters across the state. The book, which discusses other past Governors with

legal issues, was useful for reporters who were curious to know how many other Governors in Illinois' history had been indicted.

Calls were fielded from the *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, WGN Radio, and the *St. Louis Post-*

*Dispatch*. The most recent edition of the book, updated and expanded by Peggy Boyer Long and Mike Lawrence, was cited as a major source in both the *Tribune* and *Sun-Times* articles. To order a copy, call 206-6084.





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## Center for State Policy and Leadership

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## Meet your Graduate Assistants!

This month I had a chance to talk to the Graduate Assistants, Kelly Best and Mark Winland, who work in the Survey Research Office. Here's what I found out about them.

~ Alexi Madon



*Mark Winland and Kelly Best are Graduate Assistants for the Survey Research Office*

**Q. How long have you both been working at the Survey Research Office?**

**Kelly:** I have been working here for about 1 1/2 years. I started in July of 2002.

**Mark:** I have been here a little over 2 years. I began in September of 2001.

**Q. What is the best part about working in the SRO?**

**Mark:** I would have to say learning all the different computer programs that go along with survey work.

**Kelly:** I agree I have learned many programs such as the details of excel, access, and SPSS - a high tech statistical computer program. Those are really helping me in my program of study.

**Q. Speaking of which, what are you getting your degrees in?**

**Mark:** I am getting a Master's in Human

Services.

**Kelly:** I am getting a Master's in History.

**Q. What would you like to do once your schooling is done?**

**Kelly:** Well, I would like to work in the field of historical preservation.

**Mark:** I don't know what I want to be when I grow up, yet!

**Q. What do you guys like to do for fun?**

**Mark:** Hang out with my friends and watch basketball.

**Kelly:** I like to hang out with my friends too, but we watch movies. I also enjoy reading.