

# **Forty-One Years: Reflections on Our Mission in Public Affairs**

**May 23, 2017**





Barb Ferrara, the associate director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership, celebrates her retirement after 41 years with UIS. An oak tree was planted and dedicated in her name during a ceremony May 23, 2017.

- Barb's [full retirement remarks](#)
- More [pictures of the ceremony and reception](#)

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## **UIS Staff and Students Honored at the Railsplitter Public Service Awards Ceremony**

**May 11, 2017**





UIS graduate student Scott Kinsell, UIS Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Administration Betsy Goulet and UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership Associate Director Barbara Ferrara at the awards ceremony.

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Full article on the [Railsplitter Public Service Awards Ceremony](#)

# **Innovate Springfield joins the Center for State Policy and Leadership, becomes first hub of Illinois Innovation Network**

Innovate Springfield, a downtown Springfield innovation and business incubator, has joined the University of Illinois Springfield's Center for State Policy and Leadership, effective Aug. 1, 2018, under an agreement aimed at expanding economic growth, entrepreneurship opportunities and social progress in the capital city.

In joining UIS, the four-year-old incubator, founded in 2014 by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, will be the first hub of the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN). The new initiative, led by the U of I System, was announced in fall 2017 and is being developed to accelerate statewide job creation and economic development through groundbreaking research and innovation.

Joining UIS and IIN will amplify Innovate Springfield's efforts to bring new businesses and high-impact social programs to central Illinois. The incubator will be able to partner with UIS faculty and students, as well as with IIN hubs that will ultimately include the U of I's universities in Urbana-Champaign and Chicago, other downstate sites and the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI), a new Chicago-based institute that will be the cornerstone of the network.

At the same time, UIS students and faculty will benefit from new learning and research opportunities that will be available through Innovate Springfield and IIN.

"As the first statewide hub of the new Illinois Innovation Network, UIS faculty, students and local companies will work side-by-side and with experts across the state to develop solutions, promote entrepreneurship and empower inventors of the future," said Chancellor Koch. "It's an ideal combination for all entities involved in this partnership."

Innovate Springfield will receive \$1.5 million in funding over the next three years to expand programs supporting start-up businesses, entrepreneurs and innovation that promotes the public good. Funding grew from a U of I System offer to match any local funding provided to create the Springfield hub. The city of Springfield, Land of Lincoln Economic Development Corporation, and the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln agreed to contribute a combined \$250,000 annually over the next three years. With the system's match, the agreement will provide a total annual investment of \$500,000.

As part of UIS, [Innovate Springfield](#) offices will continue to be located downtown at 15 South Old State Capitol Plaza, operating under the Center for State Policy and Leadership.

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## **WUIS-WIPA membership campaign sets record pledge levels**

**October 26, 2006**

Nearly 1,000 listeners of public radio WUIS 91.9 FM-WIPA 89.3 FM participated in the station's recently concluded membership drive, pledging more than \$117,000 in support this fall.

The drive culminated in an eight-day, on-air campaign, reaching its goal of \$115,000 one day before the deadline. Station Manager Bill Wheelhouse also noted that 184 listeners joined WUIS-WIPA as first-time members during the drive.

"Listener support pays for more than 30 percent of our program costs, so it's vital," said. Wheelhouse. "It's support from our listeners that keeps public radio an independent source for news and music that isn't available anywhere else locally. We're thankful for the community's support."

Founded in 1975 as WSSR, WUIS is non-profit public radio broadcast as a service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The station's annual operating budget is approximately \$1 million. Of that, listener and business support provides about half, while support from UIS accounts for nearly 20 percent. Grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and other sources also play key roles the station's operations.

[WUIS](#) is affiliated with NPR, American Public Media, and Public Radio International.

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## **Illinois Issues' election issue hits newsstands**

**October 8, 2008**

With the November presidential, congressional, and legislative elections just around the corner, *Illinois Issues* magazine's staff has been hard at work writing and producing their election issue, which looks at the prospect of an Obama or

McCain presidency from a local perspective, as well as cover local government races.

“The main story will center on what an Obama or McCain presidency would mean for Illinois,” executive editor and director Dana Heupel said. “It will also cover the important issue of “pay-to-play” and Congressional and Legislative hot races.”

The pay-to-play story, covered by reporter Kevin McDermott, the Illinois Capitol Bureau Chief for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, has certainly become more timely and prominent recently. Bethany Carlson, Statehouse Bureau Chief, reported in her Sept. 22 *Illinois Issues* blog that, as of that day, the Illinois House and Senate had passed a timely [pay-to-play ban](#), overriding Gov. Blagojevich’s changes to HB 824 and dictating that businesses holding state contracts worth more than \$50, 000 will not be able to donate to the political campaigns of the officeholder who signs the contract. This will go into effect in January and will directly affect Gov. Blagojevich and his fundraising efforts.

Heupel hopes the magazine’s election issue will provide readers with balanced information on both Democratic and Republican parties and help prepare them for Election Day Nov. 4.

“I hope this issue will be something people can get enough information from to make an educated choice,” Heupel stated.

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## **UIS panel discussion honors Constitution Day and freedom of the press**

**September 17, 2008**

On Sept. 17, 2008, University of Illinois Springfield faculty, staff and students took time to reflect on one of the critical issues of the First Amendment during a panel discussion of “Freedom of the Press in 2008.” Co-sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership and the ECCE Speakers Series, the discussion, marking U.S. Constitution Day, was held in the lobby of the Public Affairs Center on the Springfield campus.

Center executive director Tony Halter opened the program and introduced panelist and moderator Bill Wheelhouse, general manager of WUIS, Dana Heupel, executive editor and director of *Illinois Issues* magazine, and Don Craven, an attorney for the Illinois Press Association. The panelists observed how the ideas of freedom of the press and the media have changed and discussed the various threats



to both freedom of the press and freedom of speech. Where the media was once comprised of print and broadcast reporters, over the years, it has grown to encompass television reporters and anchors, commentators, online writers, and bloggers.

Today, the press, in exercising its rights under the Freedom of Information Act and in its role as a watchdog, is under attack of not only politicians and government, but even of law enforcement agencies, school boards, city councils, and the general public. Panelists stressed, however, that although these attacks have sometimes hindered the press, the largest potential threat to freedom of the press is apathy, both on the part of the public and sometimes even on the part of the reporters.

Panelists expressed concern that the media are “pandering” to the public, giving them the stories they think they want to hear instead of utilizing their First Amendment rights to monitor government and dig for the important information society needs to know.

“I think the protections that the First Amendment offers the media were put in place, not just so that the paparazzi could bother Britney Spears, but to make sure that the media is keeping an eye on government,” said Dana Heupel.

Don Craven stated that another concern is that the media are becoming “part of the conversation,” allowing their personal views and biases to affect their reporting and using their stories to promote sales and gain readership instead of asking the difficult questions and obtaining the big stories. “Both print and broadcast (journalism) have dropped the ball,” Craven said.

Although we can blame the press for not always remaining objective or failing to go after the harder stories, “the fact that people don’t seem to care,” as Dana Heupel noted, compounds these problems and poses an even larger threat to the press and to the freedoms of the First Amendment. “The biggest problem is apathy,” Heupel said. “The rights we allow to slip away will eventually come back to haunt us.”

Government can pose significant roadblocks to freedom of the press, as well, ignoring FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests and not allowing reporters to get the information they need to adequately report and cover a story. It is up to the public to support the press and help them monitor the government and exercise the freedoms of the First Amendment before they disappear.

“Citizenship is hard work,” Don Craven said, referring to the movie *The American President*. “You have to care. You have to give a damn. You have to take the time to watch how your government works. You have to take the time to express yourself, and you have to defend yourself and your right to express yourself.”

UIS sponsors an educational forum each year in celebration of U.S. Constitution Day.

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# UIS Certified Public Manager training program receives national accreditation

September 29, 2008

The Certified Public Manager Program of Illinois, a professional development program offered through the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, has received accreditation from the National Certified Public Manager Consortium.

Since 1979 The National Certified Public Manager Consortium has established accreditation standards, and monitored and reviewed the 36 state member programs. The National Consortium allows only one CPM Program per state, making this program a unique training resource for managers in Illinois. Accredited programs are authorized to award the CPM designation to candidates who complete the program.

Lorena Johnson, CPMPI program director at UIS, noted, “This professional development certification program provides public managers with the knowledge and skills needed to adapt to an ever-changing public management environment. CPMPI offers trainings in variety of areas, such as effective supervision, strategic planning, and performance measurement and evaluation. Everyone benefits — the managers, their agencies, and the people they serve.”

She continued, “Receiving national accreditation reflects UIS’ commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and continues its public affairs tradition and mission by being a resource for professional development training and technical assistance for the public sector in the State of Illinois.”

CPMPI also offers customized training and technical assistance designed to meet the unique professional development needs of local, state, and non-profit organizations and agencies. CPMPI Customized Training and Technical Assistance specializes in working with organizations in such areas as financial management, board development, data resource management, communication and leadership skills, organizational and human resource management, effective supervision, and building partnerships.

The following events — all to be held on the UIS campus — are scheduled for fall 2008:

- Human Resource Management (October 18)
- Introduction to Effective Supervision (October 23-24)
- Building Effective Partnerships in the Public Sector (October 30)

- Managing a Union Environment (November 13)
  - Policy Analysis for the Non-Analyst (November 14)
  - Succession/Orientation Planning and Mentoring (November 20)
  - Building Effective and Productive Cross-Cultural Teams (December 4).
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## **WUIS and Illinois Issues produce program on autism**

**September 24, 2008**

Public Radio WUIS 91.9 and *Illinois Issues* magazine are joining together to



present a special Illinois Edition focusing on autism. The program will air Friday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. with a rebroadcast on Saturday, September 27, at 6:30 a.m. Amanda Vinicky (at left), WUIS Statehouse reporter, and Bethany Jaeger (below, right), Illinois Issues Statehouse bureau chief, produced the program, which takes a look at the progressive and unique life challenges that autistic children and their parents face.



During the program, three families affected by autism relate how they get schools to meet children's special needs, how they cope with awkward social situations, and how challenges change as the children grow and become adults. Listeners will also hear from an expert on special education law, who discusses new tools that may help kids transition through life phases, and a representative of the HOPE Institute/The Autism Program (TAP), who shares the effects of music therapy.

According to the Autism Society of America, "Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a

person's ability to communicate and interact with others." The effects differ from child to child, which is why the term 'autism spectrum' is often used.

"The Spectrum," an article on autism written by Jaeger, appears in the September 2008 edition of *Illinois Issues*.

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## **2011 Lincoln Legacy Lecture**

More than 400 people attended the 9th Annual Lincoln Legacy Lectures presented by the Center on October 13, 2011 at UIS. This year's theme was "Lincoln and the Civil War." The speakers were Michael Burlingame, Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at UIS, and Lucas Morel, the Lewis G. John Term Professor of Politics at Washington and Lee University. The moderator was Cullom Davis, Professor Emeritus of History.

Burlingame focused on "Lincoln as the Indispensable Man: The Central Role of His Leadership in Determining the Outcome of the Civil War." Morel spoke about "War and Remembrance in Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address."

To view the video on demand of the lectures, click on the link to the right. For a DVD, call the Office of Electronic Media, 217-206-6799.

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## **The Papers of Abraham Lincoln - April 15, 2009**

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# Survey: Lower Taxes Needed to Attract More Businesses, Create Jobs in Illinois

April 15, 2009

Illinois' commercial and industrial real estate professionals know exactly why Illinois is losing business to neighboring states and beyond – too many state and local taxes, a perception that Illinois is anti-business and the lack of available incentives.

These and other results come from a survey sponsored by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and conducted by the Survey Research Office at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Illinois commercial and industrial real estate professionals were asked about the state's strengths and weaknesses in terms of keeping, growing and attracting new development.

The results in this report provide a good roadmap for Illinois' new governor and legislators on ways to keep and attract more business, create more jobs and stimulate greater development.

“No one knows our state's economic strengths and weaknesses better than commercial and industrial real estate developers,” said Tom Wolf, director of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council. “Whether it's keeping companies here in our state, convincing them to grow here or attracting new ventures to move here, industrial and commercial real estate professionals are in the trenches every day and hear why companies choose Illinois – and why they go someplace else.”

Respondents assessed a range of criteria including infrastructure, workforce issues, location, site availability and supply factors, economic development opportunities, and costs of doing business, including state and local taxes and fees. They were ranked by survey participants in two ways — based on how important they were to client decision-making, and how Illinois is perceived by clients in providing these criteria. The gaps between the important criteria and Illinois' ability to deliver serve as guide to where attention is needed.

According to the survey, the biggest areas where Illinois can improve are:

- state and local tax burdens
- state reputation/image regarding business
- availability and amount of incentives
- flexibility of incentives to meet needs
- ease of process to qualify/receive incentives

-ease/timeliness of permit/regulatory procedures.

Among those who indicated that clients had recently inquired about sites in Illinois and then chose another location, nearly two-thirds identified cost of doing business factors as reasons those clients chose to locate elsewhere. Forty percent mentioned clients received better incentives in other places – with most of those firms going to neighboring Midwestern states.

The good news is that Illinois does offer value in several categories that developers do care about, including skilled workers and transportation infrastructure .

We knew going in that we'd find out where our state is strong and where we would have more work to do," said Wolf. "Using these results, our Governor and legislative leaders can focus on efforts to shore up the perception and reality of our weaknesses in order to attract more private-sector growth and more jobs throughout the state. We hope they are listening."

About the survey: The survey was conducted in the third and fourth quarters of 2008 with 160 commercial and industrial real estate professionals (agents and brokers) in Illinois from 88 different real estate firms across the state. Two-thirds of the respondents completed the survey through a telephone interview while the remaining one-third did so through a web-based survey. The response rate was 35%. There were some differences based on geography in responses to importance of various location factors as well as in identifying strengths and weaknesses of their area; however the greatest gaps and recommended changes had few geographic differences.

Co-sponsors of the survey were the Illinois Development Council; Metro Economic Growth Alliance of Chicago; Illinois Association of Realtors; and the Illinois Chamber's Economic Development Council.

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## **WUIS awarded two journalism honors in Illinois AP competition**

**March 5, 2009**

WUIS 91.9, the public radio affiliate based at the University of Illinois at Springfield campus, received two journalism awards in the latest competition sponsored by the Illinois Associated Press. The news station was honored with second place awards in the categories of Best Investigative Report and Best Documentary.

State Capitol reporter Amanda Vinicky's report called "The Representative Who Didn't Show" about an Illinois lawmaker who wasn't showing up for work was awarded second place in the Best Investigative Report Category.

Vinicky also collaborated with *Illinois Issues Magazine* State Capitol reporter Bethany Jaeger for a project that received second place for Best Documentary. That report, "Along the Autism Spectrum," focused on three families affected by autism. The families discussed issues such as how they get schools to meet the children's special needs, how they cope with awkward social situations, and how challenges change as the children grow.

"These awards demonstrate that WUIS listeners are getting quality journalism, not only at the national level from NPR (National Public Radio), but at the local and regional level from our own reporters," said Bill Wheelhouse, WUIS General Manager.

Both WUIS and *Illinois Issues* are part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS.

WUIS can be heard at 91.9 FM in central Illinois, 89.3 FM in western Illinois and on the web at [wuis.org](http://wuis.org). The mission of WUIS media is to cultivate curious, civically-engaged audiences and enrich the community through independent journalism, programming and outreach.

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# Kim Hayden receives fifth annual CAPE Award at UIS

April 16, 2008

Kim Hayden, director of the Office of Graduate Intern Programs at the University of Illinois at Springfield, is the recipient of the fifth annual Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award at UIS. The award was presented at a reception held April 15 in the Public Affairs Center restaurant on campus.

The CAPE Award recognizes U of I academic professionals for their efforts in three general categories: work projects, professional development and affiliations, and contributions to their units. While the number of recipients and the amount of their awards varies by campus, UIS recipients receive \$500 for personal use and \$500 for their departments.

"Even though we only have one honoree, this award really honors all of the academic professionals for all that they do for UIS," said Jerry Burkhart, chair of the Academic Professional Advisory Committee. UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen made the official presentation of the award, congratulating all the nominees and recognizing past recipients.

Nominating materials noted, in part, that Hayden has been "the driving force in the development and excellence of the GPSI program. Her numerous contributions, judgment, and commitment ... have been outstanding. Her teamwork and knowledge of GPSI is why it has been ranked as one of Illinois' premier governmental internships." GPSI (Graduate Public Service Internship) offers UIS students an opportunity to prepare for professional public service careers with the state of Illinois while they pursue a master's degree. Hayden has served as GPSI director since 2002 and, under her leadership, the program has grown from 72 interns in placements with Illinois state government to nearly 170.

Accepting the award, Hayden said, "Not only is it an honor to have the opportunity to work with so many outstanding academic professionals, staff, and faculty on this campus but, through GPSI, I have had the opportunity to really play an active role in the mission of the university. I'm deeply grateful for this moment, and this award really is for all academic professionals."

All academic professionals at the U of I are eligible to receive the CAPE Award. Nominations are reviewed by campus committees and candidates' names are forwarded to the chancellors, who make the final selections.

Other UIS nominees for the 2008 CAPE Award were: Tom Ambrose, senior training coordinator, Institute for Legal and Policy Studies; Michael Bloechle, contract coordinator, Purchasing Office; Linda Cox, visiting academic adviser, Teacher Education; Tammy Craig, director, Career Development Center; Andy



Egizi, program information coordinator, Liberal Studies Online Program; Lori Giordano, associate director, Admissions; Dana Goodrum, resident director, Lincoln Residence Hall; Janette Kirkham, coordinator/placement developer, Applied Study Office; Jim Korte, assistant dean of students; Holly McCracken, senior online program coordinator/director, online programs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Lynn Otterson, director, Women's Center; Rogelio Salvador, academic technology services specialist, Information Technology Services; Barbara Selvaggio, online program coordinator, Computer Science Program; and Lisa Whelpley, director of annual giving/major gift development.

–The Academic Professional Advisory Committee at UIS is an elected body whose function, as defined by University statutes, is to furnish a channel of communication between academic professional staff and the administrative officers of the University.

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## **UIS Center Publications releases 3rd edition of Mostly Good and Competent**

**February 25, 2008**

Scoundrels or visionary leaders? Two top political writers add perspective to the most recent administrations in this third edition of the 1988 classic.

SPRINGFIELD – Center Publications at the University of Illinois at Springfield has released the third edition of *The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent*, a collection of biographies of the state's 40 governors.

This latest edition has been updated to include analysis of former Gov. George Ryan's and current Gov. Rod Blagojevich's terms of office in new chapters by noted political writer Taylor Pensoneau.

The original book, published in 1988 and written by the late newspaper reporter and historian Robert Howard, was titled *The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent Men*. Peggy Boyer Long, third edition editor, noted that the title was revised in anticipation that one day Illinois might have a female governor. Said Boyer Long, "Howard designed his book to explain who the governors were and how they responded to the challenges of leadership. Our aim in the third edition was to accomplish that as well, but in addition we provide greater context and highlight a few of the people and events that fill out the portrait of each governor's era." Many photos and images were added to illustrate historic events.

The authors suggest that Illinois' governors have represented a cross section of the political ideas and social attitudes of their times. Both the good and the bad are

recounted; the introduction notes that the state's top office has occasionally been filled by honorable statesmen as well as "chairwarmers and crooks."

In the newest chapters, Pensoneau chronicles Ryan as "the ultimate insider" with "the political savvy to accomplish much during his one term as governor" and Blagojevich as having an "earthy, even glib" style that "resonated with voters, but aroused resentment among legislators and other officials."

As a Statehouse reporter for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Pensoneau covered five Illinois governors, including Richard Ogilvie and Dan Walker. Boyer Long recently retired as editor of Illinois Issues, the state's leading public affairs magazine. She updated Howard's original chapter on Gov. James R. Thompson and wrote the section on Gov. Jim Edgar for the second edition of Mostly Good and Competent. As a reporter based in the Statehouse, she covered three governors: Walker, Thompson, and Edgar.

Center Publications is a unit of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS.

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## **WUIS Statehouse reporter Vinicky wins national award**

**August 29, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD — Amanda Vinicky, Statehouse reporter for public radio WUIS 91.9FM, recently won first-place honors in the annual competition sponsored by Capitolbeat, the national organization of journalists covering state and local governments.

The award, in the radio in-depth reporting category, recognized "Electric Rate Shock," Vinicky's series focusing on how Illinois fared after electric utility deregulation. In her reports, Vinicky detailed the surge in power bills, how it

affected people and social service agencies, what it meant for electric supply companies competing in Illinois, and what options the General Assembly was pursuing to rectify the situation.

“This is a complicated and complex issue and Amanda succeeded in explaining all the elements,” said WUIS News Director Rich Bradley. “I am pleased her effort has been recognized by a distinguished panel of her peers in the radio, television, and print journalism arena.”

“The award shows public radio’s commitment to serious issues and quality state government coverage. We are very proud of Amanda,” said station General Manager Bill Wheelhouse.

Vinicky has served in WUIS’ Statehouse bureau since spring 2006 and, as a graduate student in the Public Affairs Reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, completed an internship with the bureau in 2005. She has previously worked at a National Public Radio affiliate in Iowa City, Iowa, as well as for newspapers and television stations in the Chicago area. She received bachelor’s degrees in journalism and political science from the U of I at Chicago in 2003.

When the winners of this year’s Capitolbeat awards were announced, the association noted that news outlets from Illinois — represented by six PAR alumni — received a combined 10 awards across seven categories. In addition, PAR director Charles N. Wheeler III received top honors for magazine commentary.

[WUIS](#) is listener-supported public radio for central and west central Illinois and is part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS.

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## **Faculty Research Grants and Forums**

The Center sponsors a competitive public affairs research grant program, offering grants up to \$15,000 to UIS faculty to support their applied research. Ten projects were funded in 2011. We held two, noontime brown bag forums in November, 2011 at which the faculty researchers presented their progress to date.

The presentations included: “Social Media Use by Illinois Legislators” by Michael Cheney, “State Income Tax Incentives for Use of Renewable Energy,” by Don Morris, “The Relationship between Candidate Gender and Ballot Roll-off,” by Michael Miller, “Latina/o Immigrant Youth Groups and Civic Engagement,” by Hinda Seif, “Cross-Sector Collaboration in the Illinois High-Speed Rail Project,” by Gloria Simo and Junfeng Wang, and “Reinventing Performance and Budget Integration” by Patrick Mullen.

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# **Dr. Stu Jacobson Speaks to Missouri State Beekeeping Association**

**October 30, 2004**

Dr. Stu Jacobson of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at UIS gave a presentation to the members of the Missouri State Beekeeping Association at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri on October 29 and 30, 2004. The presentation, "Could a new business plan help your beekeeping operation?" was attended by approximately 50 beekeepers from throughout Missouri.

Funding for a business plan workbook was provided through a grant the Institute received from the Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research. The workbook/guide was prepared by Jacobson, as well as Susan Daley, Sue Kohler, and Joshua Buchheit of the SIU Carbondale Economic Development Center. The presentation covered topics featured in the workbook, which included: beekeeping economics; what can beekeepers do to improve the situation; the process of writing and putting together a business plan; should you consider developing a branded line of products; what a brand can do for you; and words of advice.

In addition to the business plan presentation, Jacobson also moderated a panel for people in different facets of beekeeping, and conducted two workshops on how to begin writing a business plan. Jacobson mentioned the importance of having a solid business plan in written format. A business plan can assist individuals secure a bank loan to begin their own business.

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## **GA Brown Bag Hosted by Office of Executive Director**

**October 27, 2004**

The Office of the Executive Director hosted a GA brown bag on Wednesday, October 27 over the lunch hour. The purpose of the brown bag was to invite the Graduate Assistants (GAs) who work for the various units within the Center, as well as their supervisors, and have them give an informal presentation about the types of assignments and projects they are working on as a GA. Eight GAs and six supervisors attended the event.

Those attending included: Rikeesha Cannon and her supervisor Bev Scobell (Center Publications/Illinois Issues); Sarah Chase (Office of Electronic Media); Joe



Maxon (Survey Research); Brad Mitchell and Nathan Myers and their supervisor Joy Syrcle (Institute for Legal and Policy Studies); Renee Redfield and her supervisor Barbara Ferrara (Office of the Executive Director); Leslie Rossman and her supervisors Kent Redfield and Barbara Van Dyke-Brown (Institute for Legislative Studies); and, Keith Taylor and his supervisor Bob Ladendorf (Center Publications/Illinois Issues).

The Center plans to sponsor a GA brown bag once each semester to provide the GAs an opportunity to get to know each other, as well as showcase their projects and successes. After the informal presentations, homemade desserts were provided for all to enjoy.

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## **Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series Featured Top Historians**

**October 22, 2004**

The UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Distinguished Professor of Lincoln Studies at UIS, hosted the 2004 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS. The series began on October 7 with Professor Mark Neely, Jr. from Pennsylvania State University speaking on "Civil Liberties in Lincoln's Presidency." Neely is a Pulitzer Prize winner for History in 1992. Professor Mark Summers from the University of Kentucky spoke October 14 on "The Politics of Patronage in Lincoln's Era." The series concluded with Professor William Miller from the University of Virginia speaking on "Lincoln's Presidential Virtues" on October 21. Approximately 600 attended over the course of the series.

The lectures will be broadcast on Springfield ACCESS Channel 4 on the following dates: Neely-10/17 at 1:00 p.m. and 10/22 at 8:30 p.m., Summers-10/31 at 1:00 p.m. and 11/12 at 8:30 p.m., and Miller-11/14 at 1:00 p.m. and 11/19 at 8:30 p.m. DVD's will be available for purchase within a few weeks. The lectures will be published as a book in 2005.

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## **Institute for Legislative Studies Hosts Conference Related to Illinois State Budget**

**October 15, 2004**

On Friday, October 15, 2004 the Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS) held their first conference related to the Illinois State Budget, entitled, "Illinois State Budget: Tax and Spend 101." The half-day workshop on how the state budget process works in Illinois, and how to succeed in effectively influencing the budget-making process was attended by 40 participants.

Basic information on the state budget, beginning with the state's revenue streams and the governor's proposed budget, through the legislative appropriations process was presented by staff of the ILS. Dr. Christopher Z. Mooney outlined the state budget timeline in "Triple Helix: The State Budget Timeline." Drs. Kent Redfield and Ethan Bernick set the stage by following the money that comes in and out of the state. Redfield presented "Money In: Taxes and Fees," while Bernick discussed appropriations and expenditures in "Money Out: State Dollars at Work." Professor Charles Wheeler rounded out the discussion by adding political elements to the framework in "Budget Making and Breaking: The Political Dynamics."

The ILS staff was joined by a panel of distinguished speakers, which included Tom Ryder, former Illinois State Representative and Doug Whitley, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Moderated by Kent Redfield, the panelists presented their views on how the budget deals get made in the final days of the session in "Let's Make a Deal: Budget Making in Illinois."

A special thank you goes to Doug Whitley and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for their generosity in picking up the cost of the luncheon that followed. The conference concluded with remarks from the special luncheon speaker, John Filan, Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, on the role and work of his office in the budget making process.

The conference was well received by those attending. The Institute looks forward to adding this conference to their current offerings, The Third House: Workshop on Legislative Lobbying (scheduled for December 3, 2004) and The Illinois Legislative Process: The Basics and Beyond.

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## **New WUIS series showcases African heritage in classical music**

**February 5, 2007**

"African Heritage in Classical Music" is the topic of a new four-part series aired Fridays at 11 a.m. and Mondays at 8 p.m. throughout February on public radio WUIS 91.9-WIPA 89.3. The program is made possible with support from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and New Mission Church of God.

The series is a collaboration of WUIS Music Director Karl Scroggin and Grammy-nominated conductor/violinist John McLaughlin Williams, and grew out of an e-mail exchange between the two men.

As the host of WUIS staple “Classics with Karl Scroggin,” Scroggin routinely gets many e-mails and calls from listeners. A little over a year ago he began corresponding online with someone whose knowledge of the music and the industry surprised him. “At first I didn’t connect the dots,” chuckled Scroggin. “I e-mailed him, ‘You are a very advanced listener.’”

That “advanced listener” was Williams, who had recently moved to Springfield with his wife, Ann Lampkin, a new faculty member in the Social Work and Human Development Counseling programs at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Williams had begun listening to the local public radio station. “We have many of John’s CDs in our music library,” noted Scroggin.

Each of the four programs presents music by a featured composer, interwoven with conversation between Scroggin and Williams. UIS professor and poet Marcellus Leonard is also heard throughout the series.

“I think listeners are going to find it very interesting,” said Scroggin. “And this is not the last time John and I will visit the topic – I look forward to further collaborations with this nationally renowned musician who I’m so pleased has moved into our neck of the woods.”

“I bristle at the thought that this series is only appropriate during February,” said Williams. “The heritage of these composers is important to the genre of classical music. Anyone can benefit by learning about their contributions.”

The first program, on February 2, focused on Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, British composer of “Hiawatha,” a trilogy based on poems by Longfellow.

The program for February 9 and 12 features Florence Beatrice Smith Price (1888-1953). Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price studied at the New England conservatory of Music in Boston. Among her most famous compositions is the Symphony in E Minor, which won the Wanamaker Prize in 1931.

The program for February 16 and 19 highlights the “dean of African-American composers,” William Grant Still. Still was born in 1895 in Woodville, Mississippi, and studied at the New England Conservatory with George Chadwick. His more than 150 compositions include operas; ballets; symphonies; chamber works; and arrangements of folk themes, especially Negro spirituals; plus instrumental, choral, and solo vocal works.

The final program in the series, on February 23 and 26, spotlights George Walker, the first black composer to win the Pulitzer Prize — in 1996 for “Lilacs for Voice and Orchestra.” First performed by the Boston Symphony, “Lilacs” is based on Walt Whitman’s poem about the assassination of Lincoln. The program will also

feature Ulysses S. Kay Jr., the composer of more than 140 works, including five operas as well as scores for film and television.

Williams began studying the violin at age 10 in the Washington, D.C., public schools. At age 14, he was selected by the wives of cabinet members in the Nixon administration to solo with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center. He is a former member of the Houston Symphony and concertmaster of the Virginia Symphony. As a conductor, he has made five world-premiere CDs for Naxos' American Classics series. Williams has performed and recorded with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops, including the soundtrack to the film *Schindler's List*. As composer/arranger, he can be heard on Bruce Hornsby's *Harbor Lights* and on the soundtrack to *Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington*, a documentary for The History Channel.

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

**December 1, 2003**

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.

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# **Legislative Internship Hall of Fame Inductees Announced**

**October 27, 2003**

Illinois Issues honored four new inductees into the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame. The Hall honors former legislative interns whose careers have exemplified distinguished public service. Only 26 of 724 interns have been inducted into the Hall.

This year's inductees were David Epstein, Brian McFadden, Peg Laird Mosgers, and Judith A. Redick. The ceremony took place at the Executive Mansion on October 27, 2003.

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# **Governor's Budget Address carried live on WUIS**

**February 8, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – [Public Radio WUIS 91.9 FM](#) will broadcast Governor Rod Blagojevich's annual Budget Address before a joint session of the Illinois general assembly live, in its entirety, beginning at noon on Wednesday, February 15.

The station's analysis of the speech will be hosted by WUIS News Director Rich Bradley and Statehouse Bureau Chief Sean Crawford and will feature Charles Wheeler, director of UIS' Public Affairs Reporting program. Wheeler also holds a joint appointment in the Institute for Legislative Studies at UIS.

The station will re-broadcast the Governor's address at 8 p.m.

This special coverage is made possible by support from Private Banking Centre in Springfield.

Known for its award-winning coverage of state government news, WUIS sends daily reports via its Statehouse Bureau from the Capitol to public radio stations statewide through the Illinois Public Radio Network.

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# Bethany Carson named Statehouse bureau chief of Illinois Issues

**January 24, 2006**

Peggy Boyer Long, executive editor of Illinois Issues, announced Tuesday that Bethany Carson of Algonquin has been named Statehouse bureau chief for the magazine, a monthly publication that specializes in reporting and analysis of state government and politics.

Illinois Issues, which is published by the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield, maintains a bureau in the Illinois Capitol Press Room.



Carson, 26, who is a health reporter for The Herald & Review in Decatur, was a graduate intern in the magazine's Statehouse bureau in 2004 while working on her master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting at UIS. During her internship, Carson produced several cover stories for the magazine, including one that examined the controversy surrounding limits on awards in medical malpractice lawsuits.

"It is immensely satisfying that Bethany Carson is returning to join the Illinois Issues staff," said Boyer Long. "She has had experience covering the Statehouse for the magazine. And she has been immersed in statewide policy issues in her current position, including local and state impacts of the new federal law extending Medicare coverage to prescription drugs. She has a number of good ideas for stories that will better inform our readers."

Carson says her goal at the Statehouse will be to offer perspective. "I approach every story I do with that goal, giving people a perspective on what happened, how we got there and what it could mean to them," she said.

"I feel a lot of things converged for me. I've gained a lot in all the different areas where I've lived, from the Chicago suburbs, to rural Illinois, to the industrial town of Decatur."

Carson was managing editor of The Chronicle of Hoopston from 2002-2003. She received a B.A. in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2002 and an M.A. in Public Affairs Reporting from UIS in 2004.

She will begin work for the magazine on January 30 at a salary of \$32,000. She replaces Pat Guinane, who accepted a position in the Indiana Statehouse for the Times of Northwest Indiana.

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## **UIS program will examine pensions and the state budget**

**January 20, 2006**

“Pensions and the State Budget” will be the topic of discussion at a program to be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, February 6, at the Sangamo Club, 227 East Adams St., Springfield. The program is part of the Luncheon Series on Public Policy, Governance, and Administration co-sponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs of the University of Illinois. The program is open to the public; however pre-registration is suggested.

State pension financing issues have become a major concern in Illinois and other states. This panel discussion will address the reasons why public pensions have become such a dominant issue and possible means of responding to pension funding challenges. The impact of public pension financing on the overall state budget will also be examined, as will be the impact of reforms instituted in 2005.

Christopher Mooney, UIS professor of Political Studies and chair of the series planning committee, noted, “Illinois has far more unfunded public pension liability than any state in the country. At this event, some of the key actors in the policymaking debate on this issue will discuss and answer questions about how the state should deal with this looming crisis.”

Panel members will include Illinois Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont); John Filan, director, Office of Management and Budget; Dan Long, executive director, Commission on Forecasting and Government Accountability; and Ralph Martire, executive director, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. IGPA Director Robert Rich will moderate.

The Luncheon Series on Public Policy, Governance, and Administration features major state officials and panels of experts addressing critical issues facing the state. The programs are taped by the Illinois Channel and shown statewide on local cable television. Remaining programs in this year’s series include an analysis of the



primary election in March and a speech by State Senator James Meeks (I-Chicago) about his freshman term in office as an Independent in April.

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## **Attorneys aid UIS Innocence Project in representing defendants in Slover murder case**

**December 13, 2006**

Springfield attorneys Peter Wise and Pete Cavanagh have volunteered to provide pro bono representation in a Macon County murder case at the request of the three defendants and the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

On December 12, Wise and Cavanaugh filed a motion on behalf of Michael Slover Jr. and his parents, Michael Slover Sr. and Jeanette Slover, asking that an unidentified fingerprint found at a scene related to the 1996 murder of the younger Slover's ex-wife, Karyn, be submitted to the FBI's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

The Slovers were convicted of Karyn's murder in 2002 and each was sentenced to 65 years in prison.

Wise and Cavanagh are representing the Slovers in their efforts to have the fingerprint tested under a state statute that allows for post-conviction testing of DNA and fingerprint evidence in order to prove a claim of actual innocence. Bill Clutter, director of investigations for the Innocence Project, said, "We would like to identify who this print belongs to. The evidence strongly indicates that it was left by the person who disposed of Karyn Slover's body. It was never identified by police."

The motion also says that the Innocence Project has identified new evidence – including hair, fibers, and an eyewitness account – that would have created reasonable doubt had it been presented at trial.

UIS' Downstate Illinois Innocence Project is housed within the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies. Under its auspices, students in Legal Studies and other degree programs provide research and investigative assistance to attorneys who are helping individuals who have been arrested, tried, found guilty, and imprisoned for crimes that the Project believes they did not commit.

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# **UIS Innocence Project to host presentation on wrongful conviction**

**November 8, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – The Downstate [Illinois Innocence Project](#) at the University of Illinois at Springfield will host a presentation by Peter Neufeld, co-founder of the National Innocence Project, beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library on the UIS campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Neufeld's topic will be "The Crisis of Wrongful Conviction."

Neufeld co-founded and co-directs The Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, New York City, which has served as a model for similar programs across the country and led to an alliance of more than two dozen projects in law and journalism schools and defenders' offices nationally.

Nancy Ford, interim director of UIS' Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, professor of Legal Studies, and co-director of the UIS Innocence Project, said, "The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project is proud to be a part of the National Innocence Network and we are working with Mr. Neufeld's organization to provide assistance to the wrongfully convicted and to educate Illinois lawmakers and judges on the need for further reforms in the criminal justice system."

Neufeld's innocence project currently represents hundreds of inmates seeking post-conviction release through DNA testing and, in its ten years of existence, has been responsible in whole or in part for exonerating more than two thirds of the 175 men who have been cleared through such tests to date.

Neufeld has litigated and taught extensively in both the "hard" and behavioral forensic sciences; has lectured before legal and scientific organizations and bar associations; and has taught continuing legal education programs, in 25 states and abroad, on the subjects of forensic science, expert witnesses, and cross examination. He previously taught trial advocacy at Fordham University Law School and, since 1995, has served through gubernatorial appointment on the New York State Commission on Forensic Science, which has responsibility for regulating all crime laboratories in the state. A 1972 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Neufeld received his law degree in 1975 from New York University School of Law.

UIS sponsors of the event are the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project Club, the ACLU – UIS Student Chapter, and the UIS Speakers' Award Committee.

A private fundraising reception with Neufeld will precede his address, from 5:30 until 6:45 p.m. in UIS' Public Affairs Center restaurant. The cost is \$25 per person; reservations are required and can be made by contacting Rebekah Lanphierd at (217) 206-6348 no later than November 20.

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## **WUIS to air Halloween specials, plus two new series**

**October 5, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Public Radio WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM will broadcast two special programs on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31.

In their Halloween edition of “Politics Takes a Holiday!,” comedy group the Capitol Steps look to become the first radio performers ever to bring Mel Gibson, the NSA, and a few singing stem cells all together in one broadcast. Air time: 6:30 p.m.

“Dracula: The Radio Play” is Gordon Productions' presentation of the classic vampire tale in 1940s style, radio-readers format, complete with creepy sound effects. Taped during a performance before a live audience earlier in the month, the play features cast members Troy Kemp, Aasne Vigesaa, Don Schneider, Dennis Rendleman, Gus Gordon, Mary Beth Maloney, Mary Young, and Jason Goodreau. Air time: 7 p.m.

Two new programs — Word for Word and The Health Show — have also joined the station's regular weekly lineup.

Airing on Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m., Word for Word offers listeners a chance to hear from newsmakers at length. Each program features a timely speech on a hot topic in the news. Host Melinda Penkava, a 15-year veteran of public radio, provides crucial background information and context, then opens the microphone to allow speakers the time they need to make a nuanced argument. Recent programs have included a conversation between Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and

retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the power and limitations of the judicial system.

The Health Show, airing Mondays from 6:30 to 7 p.m., covers all aspects of modern health: prevention, treatment, research, administration, and more. Each program breaks down the issues to allow listeners to become better informed patients and care-givers. Recent programs have included a look at the ways in which cultural differences affect how women experience the symptoms of menopause; a case before the New York Supreme Court challenging a state requirement that employers cover prescription contraceptives; and a conversation with author and IBS sufferer Tim Phelan, whose book *Romance, Riches and Restrooms: A Cautionary Tale of Ambitious Dreams and Irritable Bowels* finds some humor in Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

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## **WUIS to air live program on the future of deaf education and culture**

**October 4, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Public radio 91.9 WUIS (Springfield) – 89.3 WIPA (Pittsfield) will carry a special two-hour broadcast of NPR's Talk of the Nation, focusing on the future of deaf education and culture, on Thursday, October 12. Area residents can join the conversation online at 1 p.m. CDT. Hearing-impaired individuals will have the opportunity to follow and participate in the discussion in real-time through live captioning at [www.NPR.org](http://www.NPR.org).

In the first hour, I. King Jordan, outgoing president of Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, the world's only university dedicated to deaf and hard-of-hearing students, will discuss his legacy and the controversy over the appointment of his successor.

In the second hour, host Neal Conan will examine the shifting debate over cochlear implants, electronic devices that can give a deaf person a useful representation of sounds in the environment and help him or her to understand speech. Hearing through a cochlear implant is different from normal hearing.

Once an issue that divided the deaf community, the use of cochlear implants is now more widely accepted, yet very difficult questions remain about how people with

these implants can successfully live in two worlds – the hearing and the deaf – and about how children with implants should be educated.

Guests during this hour will include documentary filmmaker Josh Aronson, whose film “Sound and Fury” tells the story of two brothers split apart by their different approaches to implants for their children. Aronson recently completed a follow-up film, “Sound and Fury: Six Years Later,” and will join the discussion with Peter and Heather Artinian, who were featured in both films.

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## **WUIS classical music host wins Humanities Service Award from IHC**

**October 20, 2006**

Karl Scroggin, music director and on-air host for public radio [WUIS 91.9 FM](#) at the University of Illinois at Springfield, is among the 75 recipients of the 2006 Studs [Terkel Humanities Service Award](#) presented by the Illinois Humanities Council. The award recognizes individuals who have made lasting contributions to the cultural lives of their communities.

Scroggin was nominated for the award, along with Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian and interim director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, by Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin. The two will receive medals of recognition at a ceremony to be held later this fall.

Scroggin has hosted his own program at the station since 1984. Nominating materials note that during that time he has “logged nearly 200,000 hours on the air and out in the community, helping to keep classical music and culture alive and well in Springfield.”

In addition to hosting Classics with Karl Scroggin, broadcast Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., he also serves as the station’s fine arts reporter. Through WUIS’ Music in Schools program, Scroggin visits area fourth-grade classrooms to give students an opportunity to hear live performances of medieval instruments and to see archival handmade music books. In 2003 he launched the WUIS Young Musicians’ Concert Contest, a live competition for classical musicians in area elementary and high schools.

The IHC launched the Terkel Award program in 1999 as a way to honor individuals – typically volunteers – whose activities promote the humanities in their communities in some way. Mayors of cities with a population of more than 100,000 are eligible to nominate up to two people from their community.

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## **Bill Miller Public Affairs Reporting Hall of Fame established at UIS**

**October 16, 2006**

Kathleen Best, the assistant managing editor at The Sun in Baltimore, and Bill Lambrecht, Washington bureau chief for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, are the charter inductees into The Bill Miller Public Affairs Reporting Hall of Fame at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Best and Lambrecht will be honored at a reception and ceremony to be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, November 13, at the Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., Springfield. NPR national correspondent Peter Overby will deliver a keynote address. Tickets to the program are \$30 per person. To make reservations, call 217-206-6084 no later than November 3.

The Bill Miller Hall of Fame was established by Illinois Issues magazine and public radio station WUIS –both units within UIS' Center for State Policy and Leadership – to recognize the contribution the university's Public Affairs Reporting program has made to journalism and to the state of Illinois, as well as to honor those program graduates who have had distinguished careers in journalism. The award will be given every other year. Inductees' names will be inscribed on a plaque permanently displayed in the Illinois Statehouse Press Room.

The Hall also pays tribute to the late Bill Miller, who served as director of the PAR program at Sangamon State University/UIS for 19 years until his retirement in 1993.

Best, a member of the PAR class of 1979-80, joined The Sun in 2005. As assistant managing editor of Sunday, national, and foreign news, she directed the paper's coverage of Hurricane Katrina and helped shape the reporting on the war in Iraq and on a number of major domestic issues. Previously a reporter and editor for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, she both covered and directed coverage of the Illinois Statehouse. She moved to the paper's Washington, D.C., bureau in 1992. Best also spent five years as a reporter and editor at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer covering, among other news stories, the World Trade Organization riots. Her first full-time

reporting job was at the Quad-City Times in Davenport, Iowa. She moved to that paper's Illinois capital bureau in 1981.

Lambrecht has been a national correspondent for the Post-Dispatch since the mid-1980s. He is the author of two books, including *Dinner at the New Gene Café*, about genetically modified food, and he is co-founder of the Bay Weekly in Annapolis, Maryland. He has covered politics and the environment since his student days with the PAR program's first class in 1972-73. He has been on the campaign trail for every presidential election since 1984 and has written extensively on the global politics of biotechnology and the politics of water. His first newspaper series on genetically engineered food, published in 1986, accurately predicted the political storm that would erupt a decade later when this technology was approved for commercialization in the United States. In the late 1990s, he traveled extensively for the Post-Dispatch while reporting about the global uprising that greeted the arrival of these genetically modified crops.

The Public Affairs Reporting program was founded in 1972 by former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon. Miller took over the reins in 1974 and under his guidance the program established a national reputation in preparing journalists to cover government and politics. Before coming to UIS, Miller was an award-winning reporter with WTAX radio in Springfield and with the Capitol Information Bureau, a predecessor of Illinois Radio Network. He passed away in November 2003.

PAR is a one-year master's degree program focusing on coverage of state government news. In addition to academic work, students serve six-month internships with newspaper, magazine, radio, television, wire service, or audio news service bureaus in the Statehouse Press Room in Springfield. Through 2005, the program has awarded 522 master's degrees; approximately half of the members of the Illinois Statehouse press corps are now PAR alums.

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# **New Almanac of Illinois Politics is available**

**February 28, 2006**

The Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield announces the publication of the Almanac of Illinois Politics – 2006.

This biennial resource is published by Center Publications/Illinois Issues in cooperation with the Center's Institute for Legislative Studies.

This year's edition reflects the changes in Illinois government and politics over the past two years, including updated information for each legislative and congressional district, the latest top contributors to political campaigns, and thoughtful assessments on current policy issues. It features a more accessible design and an improved guide to additional resources.

Since its first edition in 1990, the Almanac of Illinois Politics has been a leading source for information on the key players in Illinois government. This widely popular publication is considered an invaluable resource by legislators, governmental staff, lobbyists, reporters, teachers, students, and citizens.

The Almanac of Illinois Politics – 2006 is available for \$45 plus \$3 postage and handling. Contact Center Publications/Illinois Issues by calling 217-206-6502 or by mail HRB 10, One University Plaza, Mail Stop HRB 10, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, IL 62703-5407.

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## **Vinicky rejoins WUIS Statehouse Bureau**

**January 25, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Amanda Vinicky, most recently of Iowa City, Iowa, will rejoin Public Radio WUIS 91.9FM –WIPA 89.3FM as a reporter for the WUIS Statehouse Bureau and the Illinois Public Radio news network in February.

WUIS-WIPA listeners are already familiar with Vinicky, who served an internship with the station covering the 2005 spring legislative session as part of her work toward a master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois at

Springfield. She has worked as a news producer with the National Public radio affiliate in Iowa City since receiving her PAR degree.

“Amanda has a thorough grasp of current Statehouse issues and brings a lot of good ideas to the job,” said WUIS News Director Rich Bradley.

“I’m excited to return to Springfield to cover the legislature as a full-time reporter,” said Vinicky. “I’m passionate about journalism, committed to public radio, and I hope my stories will demonstrate to WUIS listeners how policy decisions made at the Capitol affect their lives.”

Vinicky previously worked as a staff writer for The Doings newspaper in Hinsdale and as a correspondent for the Arlington Heights-based Daily Herald. Previous internships include stints at WLFD-TV in Chicago, CLTV in Oakbrook, and another with members of Parliament in London, England.

Vinicky graduated from the U of I in Urbana-Champaign in 2003 with a bachelor of science in journalism and a bachelor of arts in political science. At UIUC, she wrote for The Daily Illini; was a news anchor and host for WPGU-FM, the student-run radio station; and helped reactivate a student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. She is the recipient of several awards and scholarships for journalism and communication, photography, and leadership. The Northern Illinois Newspaper Association chose Vinicky’s article on recycling efforts at the Argonne National Laboratory as best science/technology story of 2005.

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## **Public Radio WUIS to air a month of diverse specials**

**January 23, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Public Radio WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM will present a variety of special programs in the next four weeks, ranging from the evolution/creationism controversy to country music to speeches that changed the world.

Intelligent Designs on Evolution – Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. Nearly 20 states have taken up the battle over whether the rival theories of Intelligent Design or Evolution should be taught in their public schools. Yet there is much confusion about “ID,” what it really is, and the motivations of its proponents. This documentary explores the Intelligent Design movement with its “founder” Phillip

Johnson, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Ed Larson, and a national radio drama tour of the Scopes Trial, starring Ed Asner.

Cash, The Legend: A Four-Part Radio Special – Saturdays in February at 3 p.m. This series covers the life of the late Johnny Cash, who would have been 74 on February 26.

The first episode, on Saturday, February 4, is “Johnny Cash, How Great Thou Art.” Listeners will follow the complicated journey of Cash’s spiritual life, from pious beginnings to his betrayal of beliefs and return to the fold. Along the way, he wrote songs that reflect his struggles with faith and human nature.

The episode on Saturday, February 11, is “Johnny Cash, Ring of Fire.” This look at Cash’s turbulent career – from his start on the farm through international stardom – also focuses on his drug problems, religious reawakening, and later return to the spotlight.

Saturday, February 18, presents “Johnny Cash, The Man in Black.” Cash was aware of the state of the world and cared deeply. He shared his own opinions without hesitation or compromise, and his influence helped open the way for other artists to express their feelings and views without fear.

The series concludes Saturday, February 25, with “Johnny Cash, The World Needs a Melody.” Cash was one of the first country stars to write most of his own material. This program examines his craft, how he shaped his stories, told tales of people and places around him, and influenced the work of future generations of songwriters.

Say it Plain: A Century of African American Oratory – Tuesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. Though the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was a remarkable orator, he was nurtured in a centuries-old African American tradition of spoken narrative and oral persuasion. This dramatic and moving program highlights a selection of landmark sermons, speeches, and broadcasts by African American orators over the past century, from Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey, to Fannie Lou Hamer and Malcolm X, to Shirley Chisholm and Julian Bond. This special is made possible by support from Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield, which will present “Ain’t I a Woman” on February 21.

Unmasking Stalin: A Speech that Changed the World – Wednesday, February 23, at 7 p.m. In a February 1956 address, Nikita Khrushchev for the first time exposed and denounced the crimes of Joseph Stalin. This speech stunned a nation and opened the door to the birth of a human rights movement in Russia, and ultimately to the collapse of the USSR. Fifty years later, with the assistance of Khrushchev’s son, Sergei, producer Robert Rand tells the story of that bold event and the consequences it reaped, both for Soviet citizens and for the world.

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WUIS' complete program schedule, events, and other information, go to [www.wuis.org](http://www.wuis.org).

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## Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS features noted authors

**October 10, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. Mark A. Noll and Dr. Ronald C. White, Jr. will be the speakers at the University of Illinois at Springfield's 2006 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series, beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library at UIS. The theme of this year's program is "Lincoln and America's Faith."



Noll will speak on "Lincoln, Providence and the Bible."

Currently Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame, Noll is the author of many books, including *The Civil War as Theological Crisis* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006) and *America's God, from Jonathan Edwards to Abraham Lincoln* (Oxford, 2002). He was educated at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where he earned the M.A. in church history, and at Vanderbilt University, where he earned the Ph.D. in American religious history, and he taught for many years at Wheaton College before moving to Notre Dame. His main academic interests focus on the interaction of Christianity and culture in 18th- and 19th-century Anglo-American societies. He has been the recipient of two year-long fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and in fall 2004 he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. During the 2004-05 academic year he served as Maguire Fellow of American History and Ethics at the Kluge Center of the Library of Congress. He is an advisory editor for *Books and Culture: A Christian Review* and his essays and reviews have appeared in a number of academic and popular journals.



White's topic for the evening will be "Abraham Lincoln's Sermon on the Mount." He currently serves as a fellow at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, and a professor emeritus of American religious history at San Francisco Theological Seminary. White is the author or editor of seven books, including *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural* (Simon and Schuster, 2002) and *The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln through His Words* (Random House, 2005). *Lincoln's Greatest Speech* was honored as a New York Times Notable Book of 2002 and was on the best-seller list of both the Washington Post and the San Francisco Chronicle. *The Eloquent President* was a Book-of-the-Month Club selection and was on the Los Angeles Times bestseller list. White is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and earned his Ph.D. in religion and history from Princeton University. He is presently writing a biography of Abraham Lincoln scheduled for publication in January 2009. He has lectured on Lincoln at the White House and been interviewed on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

Each year, UIS' Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series brings nationally renowned scholars to Springfield to present lectures on public policy issues that are of contemporary interest and that also engaged Abraham Lincoln and the citizens of his era. Speakers focus on the topic's modern form as well as how Lincoln addressed it. Sponsors are the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Professor of History and Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies at UIS.

Paludan will serve as moderator for the discussion. He received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and Harvard Law School. He is the winner of the Baroness Lincoln award and the Lincoln Prize and is the author of four books dealing with Constitutional history and 19th century U.S. social, intellectual, and political history.

For more information, contact the Center at 217-206-6576.

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## **U.S. Constitution Day Forum at UIS to Focus on Supreme Court**

## **September 13, 2005**

“Politics, the Constitution, and Supreme Court Appointments” is the topic of a forum to be held at the University of Illinois at Springfield on Monday, September 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium. The event is being presented by the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership in observance of U.S. Constitution Day.

Martin H. Redish, Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, will be the keynote speaker. Professor Redish will discuss the role of the Supreme Court in American constitutional democracy. He will focus on the unique position of the Court as the pinnacle of the one branch of the federal government purposefully insulated from democratic influence. That results in the need for the Court to walk the narrow line between issues of constitutional interpretation, on the one hand, and matters of purely ideological and political concern, on the other. He will also discuss the future of Supreme Court appointments.

Following his presentation, two speakers will comment on his analysis: Honorable Jeanne E. Scott, U.S. District Court Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Pinky S. Wassenberg, Interim Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration and Professor of Political Studies at UIS. B. Douglas Anderson, Professor of Educational Leadership, Associate University Counsel and Campus Legal Counsel, will serve as moderator.

Congress passed an amendment this year requiring each educational institution that receives federal funds to hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution for its students on September 17, the date the Constitution was signed in 1789. When the 17th falls on a weekend, schools may hold their programs during the week before or after.

The forum is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and will be first come, first seated, with overflow seating provided in Public Affairs Center conference room C/D.

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## **UIS places record number of Graduate Public Service interns**

**September 12, 2005**

Graduate students enrolled in the University of Illinois at Springfield’s Graduate Public Service Internship program have found placements with participating state agencies in record numbers for the third year in a row.

As of August 16, 2005, there were 131 GPSI interns spread among 18 agencies, up from 75 in 2003 and 105 in 2004. According to Kim Hayden, director of UIS' Office of Graduate Intern Programs, this is the largest cohort to begin the fall term in the 30-year history of the program.

Said Hayden, "In these times of tight budgets, GPSI continues to offer a cost-effective solution for state agencies that are increasingly being asked to do more with less. The program provides a means for agencies to hire well-qualified, professional-level interns while giving graduate students the opportunity to complete their master's degrees and put their knowledge and skills to work at the same time."

The GPSI program is a 21-month internship providing students with an opportunity to simultaneously begin a professional career while earning a master's degree in one of the 20 graduate programs offered at UIS. Since 1974, the program has placed over 1,700 interns; many have distinguished themselves in successful careers with state government, while others have used the experience to pursue work in government-related fields or in the private sector.

Placement agencies range from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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## **Sean Crawford Wins Award for Radio Journalism on WUIS/WIPA**

**August 20, 2005**

Sean Crawford, director of network operations at WUIS/WIPA, won a 2nd place award for radio journalism at the annual conference of Capitolbeat, the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors (ACRE). The award was presented on August 19 in Seattle for excellence in state government reporting.

Crawford was given the award for the Best Single Story category for a report he did titled "The Elusive third Chicagoland Airport." The piece detailed the efforts to jumpstart an airport project at Peotone in the far southwest suburbs of Chicago. The story aired on WUIS/WIPA and other Illinois Public Radio stations in February of 2005. Crawford was awarded a 2nd place award last year in Beat Reporting from the same national organization.

Crawford has been with WUIS/WIPA since 1994, and holds a bachelor's degree in Communication and a master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting from UIS. With the promotion of Bill Wheelhouse to general manager of WUIS/WIPA, the Center is seeking approval to promote Crawford from his role as statehouse reporter to



statehouse bureau chief. Congratulations to Sean for this much deserved national award!

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## **WUIS News Director Rich Bradley receives prestigious Lee award**

**July 18, 2005**

Rich Bradley, veteran news director of WUIS-WIPA Public Radio, has been named recipient of the prestigious 2005 Leo C. Lee Award, presented by Public Radio News Directors, Inc. Presented at ceremonies held July 16 in Chicago, the award honors those who “demonstrate a lasting commitment to public radio journalism and who exemplify the ideal, spirit, and passion of the profession.”

Previous recipients include such notable NPR figures as Carl Kasell (1996), Ira Glass (1999), and Linda Wertheimer (2004).

Accepting the award, Bradley said that he was honored and added, “As someone who tried engineering, accounting, and geology before discovering radio and what it could offer, even today this profession continues to reward me. Finishing each day with the feeling you’ve made a difference or an impact on someone’s life, and the desire to share that with students and young reporters who have shown up in my newsroom — all of that attracted me to public radio news thirty years ago and continues to attract me today.”

Considered the father of the Illinois Public Radio network, Bradley created what was, at the time, a unique arrangement that relied on voluntary news contributions from most Illinois public radio stations. IPR was one of the earliest statewide public radio networks in the country, and its stories are now heard by public radio listeners from Chicago to Carbondale.

Joining then-WSSR as news director even before the station went on the air in 1975, Bradley created the WSSR-WSSU-WUIS news service from the ground up. He initiated the Statehouse Bureau in 1987 to become the hub of IPR, and still hosts the station’s longest-running program, the political roundtable “State Week in Review.” In 2002 he created the Pittsfield bureau to cover rural stories in western Illinois.

“Political junkies in our listening area rely on the sound of his voice,” noted Brad Swanson, who recently retired as the station’s general manager.

Bradley attended the U of I at Urbana-Champaign and graduated from Southern Illinois University. He started his radio career in 1963 at WCIL in Carbondale, moving to Springfield in 1965 to serve as news director of WCVS Radio. From 1972 to 1974 he served as managing editor of Illinois News Network, a state-run

broadcast operation, before coming to help build a public radio station at what was then Sangamon State University in 1974.

Bradley was a charter member of PRNDI and is a former member of its steering committee. He has also been an active member of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association's board of directors. He has received numerous professional awards, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Local Radio Program Award for Documentaries, and he has mentored numerous reporters who have themselves won national and statewide journalism awards.

Public Radio News Directors, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the professional development of local public radio journalists, is celebrating its 20th year.

Currently celebrating its own 30th anniversary, [WUIS-WIPA](#) is listener-supported public radio broadcast from the University of Illinois at Springfield. WUIS' mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach.

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## **Bill Wheelhouse named general manager of WUIS public radio**

**July 13, 2005**

SPRINGFIELD – Bill Wheelhouse, long-time statehouse bureau chief for WUIS 91.9 – WIPA 89.3 Public Radio, has been named general manager of the station effective August 16, pending approval of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

With 25 years of experience in radio news broadcasting in Illinois, Wheelhouse emerged as the top candidate in a national search to fill the position. He has been WUIS statehouse bureau chief since 1995, leading award-winning state capitol coverage for the 12-station Illinois Public Radio network. He has also been a contributor to National Public Radio news programs. He served as president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association from 1998-2000. He is a regular panelist on the weekly program State Week in Review produced by WUIS and carried statewide by IPR stations.

Wheelhouse succeeds Brad Swanson, who retired in December 2004 after 28 years of service to WUIS, and Rich Bradley, News Director, who has been serving as interim general manager since Swanson's retirement.

WUIS is a service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership of the University of Illinois at Springfield. In announcing his appointment, Barbara Ferrara, interim executive director of the Center, said, "Bill Wheelhouse is uniquely prepared for

the challenges of the general manager's role. He has the knowledge and contacts developed as a journalist and the right mix of skills and experience in public broadcasting, management, and fundraising to take on the challenges of this significant position in our community. We realize the importance of WUIS and our repeater station WIPA to the quality of life of the residents of central and western Illinois. We are confident that Mr. Wheelhouse will succeed in building on the station's 30-year tradition of excellence in programming and service to its listeners."

Commenting on his goals, Wheelhouse said: "As manager of WUIS-WIPA, I plan to expand the station's local and regional presence, to reach out to build more community support for this important news and cultural resource and to embrace new technology in order to better serve our listeners. I also plan to increase opportunities for training UIS students by hiring more student employees. It will allow them to gain experience in a variety of aspects of public radio including news, operations, and marketing. Several station employees, including me, worked at public radio stations during our college years. It is probably a major reason we find ourselves committed to public radio today."

Before joining WUIS, Wheelhouse was news director at WIUM in Macomb, Illinois, from 1987 to 1995. He also held news director and reporting roles at commercial stations in the region including in Springfield, Macomb, and Quincy.

Since 1996, Wheelhouse has been an adjunct faculty member of the UIS Public Affairs Reporting program, providing instruction and supervising graduate student reporters. He holds a master's degree in political studies from UIS and a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Western Illinois University.

Wheelhouse has won numerous awards for his reporting, including a first-place award for beat reporting in 2004 by the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors and first-place awards by the Associated Press for best investigative reporter (1996), best feature (1994) and best reporter (1994). His professional associations include membership in the Illinois News Broadcasters Association, Illinois Associated Press Broadcast Advisory Board, Public Radio News Directors Incorporated, Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, and the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association.

WUIS-WIPA is listener-supported public radio celebrating its 30th year of broadcasting this year. WUIS' mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach. WUIS' program schedule, events, and other information can be found by visiting [www.wuis.org](http://www.wuis.org) or calling the station at 217-206-6516.

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## **Society, Slavery and the Civil War Conference Held in June**

**June 20, 2005**

The third annual Society, Slavery and the Civil War Conference, “With Hearts on Fire: Women in the Civil War: North & South,” was held at UIS on Friday, June 17 in Brookens Auditorium. The conference was sponsored by the UIS Public Policy High School Initiatives, Professor Phillip Shaw Paludan, Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies at UIS, UIS Speakers Bureau, UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership, and Lawrence J. Smith and Sheila Stocks-Smith.

Over 100 people attended the conference and enjoyed the lively presentations made by the guest speakers, who were introduced by Dr. Paludan. The speakers included Catherine Clinton, Ph.D., Alice Fahs, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Leonard, Ph.D. Each speaker has written numerous books on the Civil War. Clinton’s books include *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*, *The Other Civil War: American Women in the Nineteenth Century*, and *Divided Houses: Gender and the Civil War*. Fahs’ books include *The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture*, *The Imagined Civil War: Popular Literature of the North and South, 1861-1865*, and *Hospital Sketches (The Bedford Series in History and Culture)*. Leonard’s books include *Lincoln’s Avengers: Justice, Revenge and Reunion after the Civil War*, *All the Daring of the Soldier: Women of the Civil War Armies*, and *Yankee Women: Gender Battles in the Civil War*. Following the conference, the speakers autographed copies of their books.

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## **GPSI Loyalty Award Presented to Illinois EPA**

**April 6, 2005**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was recently recognized for its exemplary contributions to the UIS Graduate Public Service Internship Program. IEPA Deputy Director Bernard Killian accepted the GPSI Loyalty Award on behalf of Director Renee Cipriano at the Annual Intern Recognition breakfast held on April 6, 2005. The presentation marked the culmination of the 30th anniversary of the GPSI program.

The award, presented by Chancellor Ringeisen, recognized the agency’s leadership for three decades in mentoring Graduate Public Service Interns. “The IEPA/GPSI relationship has been a win/win arrangement for all of us over the years,” said Kim Hayden, Director of the UIS Office of Graduate Intern Programs. “Our students gain extraordinary experience and many go on to successful careers in Illinois state government or in the environmental field. At the same time, we believe the students

are excellent employees and provide a valuable service for the agency in these times of tight budgets.”

“We appreciate this award and the great partnership it represents. For more than three decades GPSI interns have made valuable contributions to Illinois EPA and its mission of protecting the environment and human health,” said IEPA Director Renee Cipriano. “The hundreds of GPSI interns at IEPA have been enthusiastic, dedicated and hard-working and their growing professionalism during the two-year internships has been an incentive for us to continue to participate in the program each year,” said IEPA Deputy Director Bernard Killian, in accepting the award on behalf of the agency.

For the current year, there are 32 GPSI interns at IEPA, the largest class ever, working with staff mentors in all areas of the agency, from assisting with field inspections and permitting, water quality assessment, community relations work, helping respond to emergency spills, brownfields cleanups, and creating information videos and radio programs, for example.

Darien Siddall, a GPSI intern in the IEPA Office of Brownfields Assistance, spoke on behalf of the current class during the program. Siddall recounted his rewarding experiences, especially helping communities obtain grants to clean up contaminated sites for redevelopment.

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## **GA Appreciation Reception Held**

**April 14, 2005**

The Center hosted a Graduate Assistant (GA) Appreciation Reception the afternoon of April 14, 2005 to thank the GAs working in Center units for their contributions to the Center this year. Nine of the twelve graduate assistants employed in the Center and their supervisors attended the reception and spoke briefly about the projects they have been involved with this academic year.

Barbara Ferrara extended thanks on behalf of the Center to those GAs who attended: Rikeesha Cannon (Center Publications/Illinois Issues), Bill Davidson (Institute for Legislative Studies), Jenifer Maseman (Papers of Abraham Lincoln), Joe Maxon (Survey Research Office), Brad Mitchell (Institute for Legal and Policy Studies), Marilyn Mueller (Papers of Abraham Lincoln), Nathan Myers (Institute for Legal and Policy Studies), Leslie Rossman (Institute for Legislative Studies), and Keith Taylor (Center Publications/Illinois Issues). Supervisors Barbara Ferrara, John Lupton, Richard Schuldt, Bev Scobell, and Joy Syrcle attended, as did Harry Berman, interim provost.

The interns described the projects they have worked on which included event planning and promotion, book publishing, writing, editing, and fact checking, conference presentations, research projects, statistical information, active participation in surveys, and advanced use of computer software packages,

including Access and SPSS. Provost Berman spoke briefly about the stellar experiences the Center GAs are receiving to help them not only with their graduate education, but also to carry on into their professional careers. Many GAs spoke of how their assistantships relate to their graduate degree and the importance of gaining this caliber of experience. At the end of the informal presentations, everyone enjoyed homemade goodies and drinks.

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## **Hurricane Carter takes Springfield by Storm**

**April 12, 2005**

Rubin “Hurricane” Carter, a former contender for the middleweight boxing championship who was wrongfully convicted in 1967 of the murders of three people in New Jersey, went on a whirlwind tour of Springfield, addressing several different audiences. Since being released from prison in 1985 by Federal District Court Judge Sarokin on a writ of habeas corpus, Carter has spent his time fighting to free innocent persons from prison who have been convicted of crimes they did not commit. Carter had maintained his own innocence at trial and throughout the lengthy period of his incarceration.

Brought to Springfield by the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at UIS, Carter met informally with project staff and principal supporters of the project at a gathering on Tuesday, April 12. He praised the group for the work it is doing to free the innocent and invited the project to become a part of a new Ontario-based network he has established called Innocence International, Inc. The goal of the network is to provide lawyers and resources to innocent persons incarcerated anywhere in the world.

On Wednesday, April 13, he addressed the Illinois State Senate and made an impassioned plea for the rights of the wrongfully incarcerated. Reminding the senators that “You make the laws; you are the laws,” he recounted the horror of his own experience. “I was 29 and at the peak of my career contending for a world title,” he said. “The next thing I knew, I was fighting for my life on trial in criminal court.” At a later press conference, he told members of the press that as Americans “It is our birthright to be free from arbitrary, capricious, unjust, unconstitutional judgment, confinement or execution.” He commended Illinois and former Governor George Ryan for being a leader on the death penalty issue. “We need more Governor Ryans in our lives,” Carter said.

At his presentation on April 13 to over 350 people in the Studio Theatre at UIS, Carter called for people of all ages and races to get involved in the struggle to keep innocent people out of jail and to free those who have been wrongfully convicted. He argued, “It is necessary for young people to get involved with the system. Anything can be done. My standing here is proof of that.” Referring to his

involvement with numerous innocence organizations throughout the country he said great things can be done with few resources. Since his own exoneration he has helped to free more than 150 innocent people in the United States and Canada.

In response to a question about what advice he would give a young black male today to keep him on the right track, Carter, who indicated he didn't believe in race, said he would tell him that "he is a member of the human race and that he has the potential to achieve whatever he set out to achieve." He urged young people to have the courage to create a new world.

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## **Public Policy Summit on Politics and Religion: Global and American Perspectives Held**

**April 11, 2005**

Nearly 300 people attended the Center's third annual public policy summit, which was held on April 11. This year's theme was "Politics and Religion: Global and American Perspectives." There were two sessions at this year's policy summit; a luncheon session and an evening session.

Barbara Ferrara made opening remarks at the luncheon session which featured keynote speaker Dr. Pippa Norris, McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her presentation was entitled "A World Divided – Sacred and Secular Values." Richard Schuldt, UIS' Director of the Survey Research Office presented findings on a statewide survey on "Morality, Public Opinion and Public Policy in Illinois." Dr. Stephen Schwark, UIS professor of Political Studies, served as moderator, while Dr. Christopher Mooney, UIS professor of Political Studies, gave a response to Norris' presentation. The luncheon was held in PAC Conference Room C/D and attended by 125.

Dr. Norris is the author of several books, including *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*, *Gender Equality and Cultural Change Around the Globe*, *Digital Divide: Civic Engagement, Information Poverty and the Internet Worldwide*. Her latest book is scheduled for publication in fall 2005, entitled *Radical Right: Voters and Parties in the Electoral Market*.

Dr. Norris has served as an expert consultant for many international bodies including the UN, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the National Endowment for Democracy. Her work has been published in more than a dozen languages and appeared in numerous international journals. She co-founded the *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*. She has served on the Council of the American Political Science Association and as Executive of the International Political Science Association. She was President of the Women and Politics

Research Group of the American Political Science Association. She holds masters and doctoral degrees in Politics from the London School of Economics.

The evening session in the Studio Theatre featured guest speaker Dr. James Morone, Professor of Political Science at Brown University. His presentation was entitled “Hellfire Nation – Moral Values in American Politics.” Dr. Morone began his presentation by pulling up his pant leg and showing the audience his “hellfire socks” that were black with red and gold flames!

Dr. Morone is the author of numerous books, including *Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History*, and *Democratic Wish: Popular Participation and the Limits of American Government*. His book, *Hellfire Nation* was named book of the month by the History News Network, selected a top ten book of the year by Christianity Today and has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He co-edited *The Politics of Health Care Reform and Healthy, Wealthy and Fair*. He has written over 100 essays on politics, history and social policy. The Brown University classes of 1993, 1999 and 2001 voted him the teacher that most inspired them.

Following his presentation attended by 160, Dr. Morone graciously made himself available to sign copies of his book, *Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History*. A dessert reception followed his presentation.

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## **Survey Research Office Conducted Poll on Judicial Selection and Election**

### **March 29, 2005**

On March 29, 2005, the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform (ICPR) issued a press release summarizing the results from a recent public opinion poll on issues relating to judicial selection and election, conducted by the Survey Research Office of the Center. The Poll was jointly commissioned by the ICPR and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbon-dale.

In the survey, registered voters were asked their views on what judges and judicial campaigns should be like as well as their perceptions of selected characteristics of actual judges and judicial campaigns. Voters were asked their opinions about whether judges should be elected or appointed, and they were asked their opinions about several selected campaign reforms. A focus of part of the survey was the recent election for Supreme Court Judge in District 5 (Southern Illinois), where over 9 million dollars was spent by both candidates, a national record for spending in a state Supreme Court race.

The survey was conducted through telephone interviews with a random sample of about 770 Illinois self-reported registered voters. About half of the respondents were selected to be from Supreme Court Judicial District 5 (Southern Illinois), the



only district holding an election for Supreme Court judge in the fall of 2004. The other half were chosen to be from Cook County (District 1, from which 3 judges are chosen), and the geographic region composed of Districts 2 through 4 (each of which chooses 1 judge). About one-quarter of the completions were targeted for each of these two areas. This allowed for comparisons to be made between District 5 registered voters and registered voters in the rest of the state. (For statewide results, the sample's regional proportions were adjusted to reflect the actual statewide distribution of registered voters by region.) Interviewing with District 5 respondents was conducted from December 8 – 20, 2004, and interviewing with the other respondents was conducted from January 3-19, 2005.

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## **A Life in Illinois Politics and Law: Sheila Simon Carries Forward the Legacy of Jeanne and Paul Simon**

**March 29, 2005**

The Center and the UIS Women's Center co-sponsored a presentation by Sheila Simon in honor of Women's Heritage Month on March 28, 2005. Simon, a clinical assistant professor of law at Southern Illinois University School of Law and a current member of the Carbondale City Council, as well as a member of a local Carbondale band "Loose Gravel," spoke to an audience of approximately 175. As the crowd entered Brookens Auditorium, they were greeted with music playing from her band's CD also titled "Loose Gravel."

Simon engaged the audience from the beginning of the evening with audience participation in a few short songs. She spoke of and provided personal examples of the many influences that her parents, Jeanne and Paul Simon had on her and her brother, Martin, especially in encouraging them to public service. On the humorous side, Simon told stories of how her father would embarrass her brother and her when they were teenagers. At the conclusion of her presentation, Simon graciously answered questions from the audience, followed by a reception in the PAC Restaurant.

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## **Institute for Legal and Policy Studies partners with the Office of Electronic Media to Create Videotapes Used for Probation Training**

**March 1, 2005**

The Office of Electronic Media (OEM) worked with the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies (ILAPS) at UIS, as well as their funder, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC), in creating videotapes used for training probation officers to be agents of change. OEM set the stage for the taping, which included arranging for appropriate office space, having the necessary props, such as a desk, chairs and other miscellaneous office furnishings. Actors were hired through ILAPS from the local community to portray offenders. In the Probation Officer Basic training, UIS students, some of whom were members of the UIS Forensics Team, also participated by portraying offenders during the interviewing portion of the training. In addition, OEM and ILAPS along with the AOIC have been developing DVDs to be used in Illinois to provide the mandatory training for Probation Officers who supervise sex offenders.

The videotapes include a number of training scenarios for adult probation officers. Examples include appropriate interviewing, which demonstrates the appropriate interviewing skills to use when supervising offenders.

Additionally, examples of inappropriate interviews highlight incorrect ways of handling an interview. One of the sections, titled "I Just Want to be Your Friend" demonstrates to probation officers an unacceptable way to conduct an interview. Also included are sections on risk management, which may not completely engage the offender in the interview or the change process. Alternatively, the section on risk reduction, which involves the use of appropriate interviewing techniques, such as open questions and reflections, helps to engage the offender in the process of change.

Tom Ambrose, senior training coordinator for ILAPS, mentioned that the training world is really changing with technology. The challenge he faces is to deliver training that is accessible throughout all 102 counties in Illinois. It really is a collaborative effort at UIS that includes OEM, the Office of Technology-Enhanced Learning, the website, (both of which assist with the on-line portion of the training) and ILAPS. Ambrose mentioned how fortunate we are to have all of these services at UIS under one roof, as compared to other trainers who would have to coordinate with a number of outside vendors to accomplish what we can do with our UIS resources. Also key to the development of alternative means of training delivery is the support of the AOIC, who funds the training program and includes in their statement of goals the investigation of alternative methods of training delivery.

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## **GEAR UP Receives SBC Foundation Technology Grants for \$100,000**

## February 1, 2005

The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) partnership, housed within the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, recently received two technology grants from the SBC Foundation totaling \$100,000 to help promote college readiness for low-income students. An additional \$36,000 grant from the SBC Foundation was awarded to the UIS Office of Technology Enhanced Learning for the university's Online Mathematics Teacher Certification. The grant presentation on February 1 was made at UIS by SBC Illinois President, Carrie Hightman. UIS Chancellor, Richard Ring-eisen, and U of I President, Joseph White graciously accepted the SBC Foundation check for \$136,000. Rep. Rich Brauer (R-Petersburg) was also present and participated in the ceremony.

Larry Stonecipher, Dean of the College of Education at UIS, explained that one GEAR UP grant will enhance teaching and learning at Lanphier High School (LHS) through the use of instructional technologies. The other grant will benefit LHS students in after-school and summer academic enrichment programs in math, science, reading and technological literacy. Geri Marion, project coordinator for GEAR UP at UIS is "thrilled to receive these grants, because these services directly affect local students."

[A press release](#), issued by SBC said in part "SBC's support of technology in education is premised on the belief that every child should have an opportunity to succeed," said SBC Illinois President Carrie Hightman. "Most of the fastest growing jobs this decade will require education beyond high school. By supporting these UIS programs, we are supporting proven efforts that will provide students with the tools they need to prepare them for lifelong success."

Many thanks for the generosity of the SBC Foundation, and to the continued good work of the GEAR UP program at UIS and their local partners.

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## SBC Foundation presents \$136,000 in technology grants to UIS

February 1, 2005 – UIS Press Release

Funding Targets GEAR UP Project to Aid Low-Income High School Students and Online Math Teacher Certification to Address Shortage

SPRINGFIELD – SBC Foundation has awarded grants totaling almost \$136,000 to the University of Illinois at Springfield and partner organizations to fund technology programs for GEAR UP and the university's Online Mathematics Teacher Certification.

The UIS GEAR UP Partnership received two grants totaling \$100,000 to help promote college readiness for low-income students. A \$36,000 grant will go to the UIS Office of Technology Enhanced Learning, College of Education and Human Services and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to fund online secondary education toward teaching certification in mathematics.

“SBC’s support of technology in education is premised on the belief that every child should have an opportunity to succeed,” said SBC Illinois President Carrie Hightman. “Most of the fastest growing jobs this decade will require education beyond high school. By supporting these UIS programs, we are supporting proven efforts that will provide students with the tools they need to prepare them for lifelong success.”

The online Mathematics Teacher Certification program grant will assist in secondary education course development, computer equipment purchase and faculty development and support.

Gratefully acknowledging the support of the SBC Foundation, Larry Stonecipher, Dean of UIS’ College of Education and Human Services, said the state projects a need for 600 new math teachers this year and 650 in 2006. “Among the 900 public school districts in Illinois, 315 school superintendents report a severe shortage of math teachers,” he said. “The generosity of SBC will help us address this critical shortage.”

One of the two GEAR UP grants is aimed at enhancing teaching and learning through the use of instructional technologies at Springfield’s Lanphier High School. The second grant supports after-school and summer academic enrichment programs in math, science, reading, and technological literacy for Springfield’s Lanphier High School students.

“We are thrilled to receive these grants, because these services directly affect local students,” said Geri Marion, project coordinator for GEAR UP at UIS.

“Incorporating technology into regular classroom instruction instead of treating it as a special event helps hold students’ interest, increases the students’ own skills, and allows teachers to adjust their teaching methods to suit students’ needs.”

The Springfield partnership has been active since 1999. Washington Middle School and Lanphier were initially identified as the target schools for the local GEAR UP Project due to their high percentages of students from low-income families, rising drop-out rates, lower-than-average attendance rates, and high percentages of chronic truants.

Funds from the instructional technology grant are being used for professional development opportunities, support, and resources for the mathematics teaching staff, enabling them to use a variety of instructional strategies in the classroom.

Funds from the enrichment grant provide online evening and weekend live homework help for students through the purchase of new computers and printer and

the Tutor.com program for the school. Tutor.com also is available for Lanphier students at a computer lab at the Springfield Urban League when school facilities are not open.

The GEAR UP partnership effort by the University of Illinois at Springfield, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield School District 186, and the Springfield Urban League is part of the federal GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) program.

“Most of the fastest-growing jobs this decade will require education beyond a high school degree, and forward-thinking programs like these at UIS ensure that all students have a fair chance for continuing education and a brighter future,” said State Representative Rich Brauer (R-Petersburg), who was present at the announcement ceremony for SBC Illinois and UIS.

GEAR UP was created and signed into law by Congress as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Public Law 105-244). The program is designed to encourage low-income students in grades 6 – 12 to stay in school and to increase their access to postsecondary education by helping them become college-eligible and competitive for admission. GEAR UP currently serves 1.2 million students nationwide through more than 2,000 participating organizations and partnerships.

In 2004, the SBC Foundation provided a \$5 million grant to support the GEAR UP initiative. This is the single largest private donation in support of the GEAR UP program. Education is a primary funding area for the SBC Foundation. In 2003, the SBC Foundation provided nearly \$18 million to support education initiatives across the nation. Since 1984, SBC Communications and the SBC Foundation have contributed more than \$1 billion to nonprofit organizations and affiliates across the country.

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## **Anniversary reception and program to honor WUIS and Illinois Issues**

**February 10, 2005**

A reception and program celebrating the 30th anniversaries of public radio station WUIS and Illinois Issues magazine will be held Thursday, February 24, at the Executive Mansion, Fifth and Jackson Streets, downtown Springfield. The reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m. The event is open to the public, however reservations are required.

Kevin Klose, president and CEO of National Public Radio, and Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, will deliver keynote addresses. J. Michael Lennon, emeritus vice

president for academic affairs at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and former publisher of Illinois Issues, will be master of ceremonies.

WUIS 91.9 FM is a member station of NPR. Illinois Issues, a not-for-profit monthly publication, focuses on analysis of public policy, with a special emphasis on Illinois government and politics. Both are part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Klose is a former editor and national and foreign correspondent with The Washington Post and an award-winning author. Before joining NPR in December 1998, he was director of U.S. International Broadcasting, overseeing the federal government's global radio and television news services. He also served as president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, which broadcasts to Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, and spent 25 years at the Post, where his positions included city editor, Moscow bureau chief, Midwest correspondent, and deputy national editor. His book *Russia and the Russians: Inside the Closed Society* won the Overseas Press Club's Cornelius Ryan Award.

Lawrence, a well-known name in state politics, has been at SIU's public policy institute since 1997 and succeeded the late Sen. Paul Simon as director. Lawrence served as press secretary and senior policy advisor to Illinois Governor Jim Edgar for nearly a decade, joining Edgar's staff after working as a journalist for 25 years. During his newspaper career, Lawrence specialized in coverage of state government and politics, serving as managing editor and editorial page editor of the Quad-City Times and chief of the state capitol bureaus for Lee Enterprises and the Chicago Sun-Times. He remains active as a columnist whose work appears regularly in five major Illinois papers.

Cost for the reception and program is \$50 per person and reservations can be made by calling WUIS at 217-206-6516 or Illinois Issues at 206-6084 before February 14, 2005.

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# University public affairs magazine logs onto the blogosphere

**March 31, 2006**

Illinois Issues' Statehouse Bureau Chief Bethany Carson launched the magazine's first online journal in time to track the scheduled end of the spring legislative session.

In the months to come, her posts will enable the magazine to offer eyewitness accounts of policy debates at the state Capitol, along with a front-row seat on some of the political gamesmanship. This more casual style is not often appropriate in the pages of [Illinois Issues](#), or even on the magazine's Web news page.

"We'll use our blog as a way to keep up-to-date information available at your fingertips, with the intention to clear up misinformation, not add to the rumor mill," Carson writes in the welcome to her site.

As is the case with many other news organizations, an editor will get a look at Carson's post before the rest of the world does. And while readers will be encouraged to message her, their responses won't be part of her blog. Still, the online journal offers a chance to extend the statewide magazine's reach and enhance its mission to provide information and insight about Illinois government and politics.

—Illinois Issues, an independent not-for-profit publication, is published through the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

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## Illinois Innocence Project Client Exonerated of 1984 Sexual Assault and Murder

February 12, 2015

(**COOK COUNTY, IL**) — The Cook County State's Attorney's Office yesterday morning, February 11, 2015, moved to vacate and dismiss all of the charges against Christopher Abernathy, exonerating him of a sexual assault and murder for which he served 29+ years in prison. Prosecutors agreed to his immediate release from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Approximately three hours later, [Illinois Innocence Project](#) staff, students and volunteers joined with Mr. Abernathy's

family to walk him out of Stateville Correctional Center. [See more about Christopher Abernathy](#) (PDF)

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## **UIS to host presentation by officer who investigated Steidl case**

**March 9, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD — Michale Callahan, the Illinois State Police officer whose investigation into the case of Randy Steidl led to a lawsuit against state police officials, will speak on “Demoted for Pursuing the Truth” beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, March 19, in University Hall room 2034, on campus at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The program is free and open to the public and is presented by the Downstate [Illinois Innocence Project](#) and the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at UIS.

In 1987, Steidl was convicted of the murder of Dyke and Karen Rhoads and sentenced to death. However, a subsequent investigation led by Bill Clutter, now Illinois Innocence Project director of investigations, developed forensic evidence that disproved a key prosecution witness’s description of the crime scene. In March 2000, Callahan, at the time a lieutenant with the Illinois State Police, was assigned to review evidence provided by Clutter, and his review of the case file led him to conclude that Steidl and a co-defendant had been framed. Callahan’s investigation was hindered for political reasons, and he later successfully sued ISP officials. Steidl was released from prison in May 2004. Callahan is now retired.

In this presentation, Callahan and members of Steidl’s defense will speak about the case.

UIS’ Downstate Illinois Innocence Project is housed within the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies. Under its auspices, students in Legal Studies and other degree programs provide research and investigative assistance to attorneys who are helping individuals who have been arrested, tried, found guilty, and imprisoned for crimes that the Project believes they did not commit.

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## **20/20 to air segment on exoneration of Julie Rea Harper**

**March 7, 2007**



SPRINGFIELD — ABC-TV will devote a portion of its March 9 edition of 20/20 to the exoneration of Julie Rea Harper, who in a July 2006 retrial was found not guilty of murdering her son. The University of Illinois at Springfield's Downstate Illinois Innocence Project was involved in Rea Harper's case and worked to develop significant evidence presented during her second trial.

In October 1997, Rea Harper's 10-year-old son, Joel, was stabbed to death in his bed at their home in Lawrenceville, Illinois. Rea Harper, a doctoral student at Indiana University, was at the time involved in a bitter custody battle with her ex-husband, who blamed her for the murder. Nearly five years later, Rea Harper was arrested and put on trial, despite her claim that an intruder had killed Joel and despite the lack of direct evidence linking her to the crime. She was ultimately convicted and sentenced to 65 years in prison.

In May 2002, just weeks after Rea Harper was sentenced, ABC's 20/20 aired a segment on her case. Diane Fanning, a Texas author who was writing a book on serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells, saw the program and corresponded with Sells, who was already on Texas' death row for another, similar killing. Sells not only admitted to Joel's murder but was able to provide Fanning with dates and information that substantiated his admission. Illinois authorities dismissed Sells' confession.

Meanwhile, Rea Harper's family and friends began a campaign to vindicate her. The UIS Innocence Project took up the case, and its investigation resulted in the corroboration of Sells' confession and the development of scientific evidence supporting Rea Harper's defense. On July 26, 2006, a jury in Carlyle, Illinois, found her not guilty.

Larry Golden, UIS professor emeritus of Political Studies and Legal Studies and a co-founder and co-director of the Innocence Project, said, "The Rea Harper case stands as an example of the injustices of wrongful conviction. A defendant may be charged with a capital crime, but if prosecutors do not ask for the death penalty, that defendant is deprived of serious resources for lawyers, investigators, and expert testimony.

"The Innocence Project and others are working with the legislature to extend those resources to such individuals and also to provide a way for those in prison who are truly likely to be innocent to have their cases reviewed."

Bill Clutter, also a co-founder and co-director of the Innocence Project and the project's director of investigations, compared the Rea Harper case to that of Rolando Cruz, who was tried three times for the killing of Jeanine Nicarico before being acquitted in 1995 after spending more than 10 years on death row. "This type of abuse, where prosecutors continue to pursue an individual without regard to other evidence, must end," said Clutter. "We saw this kind of misconduct in the Cruz case, which eventually resulted in indictments against many members of the law enforcement and prosecutorial communities. The Innocence Project is

committed to exposing such injustice and to bringing about changes in Illinois law that will prevent such cases from continuing to strain the justice system.”

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For more information, contact Golden at (217) 553-7171 or Clutter at (217) 899-4353.

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## **UIS faculty member joins Campaign Finance Institute Board of Trustees**

**September 28, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Ronald Michaelson, visiting assistant professor of Political Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, is one of three experts on state campaign finance recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the [Campaign Finance Institute](#), a non-partisan, non-profit institute affiliated with The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

CFI conducts objective research and education, empanels task forces, and makes recommendations for policy change in the field of campaign finance. The Board of Trustees provides policy guidance and financial oversight for the organization.

The Institute recently embarked on a major initiative focused on the role of small donors in state as well as national elections. “These distinguished additions to the board will substantially strengthen CFI’s capacity in this arena,” noted Board Chairman Anthony J. Corrado.

Michaelson, who also has a joint appointment with the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS, was the executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections for 27 years until his retirement from that position in 2003.

He previously held an appointment to the Advisory Committee of the Federal Election Commission, is past national chairman of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, and is a frequent speaker at national conferences on election administration and campaign finance. He is the author of numerous articles published in leading state and national journals, including an annual review of campaign finance laws in the 50 states, and has been a political consultant. He holds a Ph.D. in Government from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Also joining the CFI board of trustees with Michaelson are Betsey Bayless, who served as Arizona secretary of state from 1997 to 2002, and Jeanne Olson, executive director of the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

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## **New Publications of The Papers of Abraham Lincoln staff**

February 05, 2015

Two staff with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln – a project cosponsored by the Center – have published books recently. Dr. Stacy Pratt McDermott, assistant director/associate editor, has published *Mary Lincoln: Southern Girl, Northern Woman*, Routledge Historical Americans, ISBN 1138786810. Dr. Edward Bradley, assistant editor, has published “*We Never Retreat*”: *Filibustering Expeditions in Spanish Texas, 1812-1822*, Elma Dill Russell Spencer Series in the West and Southwest (to be released February 10, 2015).

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## **Reinbold publishes article in the International Journal of Children's Rights**

January 16, 2015

Dr. Gary Reinbold, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Faculty Associate of the Center for State Policy and Leadership, has published an article in the *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 2014, 22(3): “Realising young children's right to health under the Convention on the Rights of the Child: The promise—and the reality in Bangladesh and Kenya.” Dr. Reinbold also presented a paper at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management 2014 Fall Research Conference: “Comparing chronic official poverty and chronic supplemental poverty as predictors of child outcomes: Evidence from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics.”

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## **Dr. Beverly Bunch co-edited the Winter 2013 double issue of the**

# **Municipal Finance Journal in memory of John E. Petersen**

December 02, 2013

Beverly Bunch, professor of public administration, is co-editor of the Winter 2013 double issue of the Municipal Finance Journal in memory of John E. Petersen. Often referred to as the “dean” of the municipal bond market, Petersen was a leader in establishing many of the standards, practices, and policies that are now the foundation of the market. Written by leading experts in the field, the articles in the double issue pay tribute to Petersen by examining topics in which he made significant contributions, such as municipal bond disclosure guidelines, state roles in local government financial management, pensions, international municipal finance, and implications of the Great Recession for state and local finance. Bunch is co-author of one of the articles, which looks at the important role Petersen played in the development of the municipal bond market, especially during the Reagan presidency.

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## **Dr. Gary Reinbold to present paper at the November conference of the Association for Public Analysis and Management**

November 27, 2013

Public administration professor Gary Reinbold will be presenting a paper at the November conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, in Washington, DC, showing how the benefit phaseouts that occur in means-tested transfer programs as a low-income household’s income increases are not as bad as other research has indicated. Using panel data that track household circumstances over time, Reinbold finds that as household income rises, there is a period of time before benefits are adjusted to reflect the increase, and those excess benefits mitigate the loss of benefits due to the phaseout itself.

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## **Illinois Innocence Project Client Exonerated of 1997 Murder**

## **January 29, 2016**

Teshome Campbell walked out of prison a free man on January 29, 2016, after being wrongfully convicted and imprisoned 18 years for a murder he did not commit. The district court ruled on December 30, 2015 – just over 18 years after the crime – that Teshome received ineffective assistance of counsel at his original trial for the 1997 Christmas morning murder of a man in Champaign, IL.

The federal district court reversed Teshome's convictions and ordered the state to determine if it would seek to retry Teshome for the murder. On January 29, 2016, the State's Attorney moved to dismiss all charges. Teshome, with only an hour's notice, packed his belongings into four boxes and stepped out of Dixon Correctional Center, back into the world a free man. See more about Teshome Campbell and Illinois Innocence Project. See more about [Teshome Campbell](#) and [Illinois Innocence Project](#).

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# UIS professor honored as founding editor of national journal

**September 8, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Christopher Mooney, professor of Political Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, was recently recognized for his work as founding editor of the [State Politics & Policy Quarterly](#) with a reception in his honor. The reception, part of the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Philadelphia, was hosted by APSA's Public Policy and Policy Studies Organization sections.

SPPQ is a leading national journal of comparative state politics and is the official journal of APSA's State Politics and Policy organized section.

A publication of UIS' Institute for Legislative Studies and the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the U of I, SPPQ was founded in 2001 with the mission of stimulating research on state politics and policy and providing a structure for developing research in the field. In 2005 it was selected for inclusion in Thompson/ISI's Social Science Citation Index, one of the most prestigious academic journal indexing services in the world.

At UIS, Mooney has also served as director of the Illinois Legislative Studies Center and currently holds an appointment as research associate in the Institute for Legislative Studies. This spring he received the fifth annual Faculty Excellence Award, which recognizes sustained, career-long accomplishments in teaching and scholarship.

The American Political Science Association is the leading professional organization for the study of political science and serves more than 15,000 members in over 80 countries.

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# Public radio WUIS will host tour of Italy

**September 12, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Public radio WUIS 91.9 FM will host the station's first-ever Passports Tour, a weeklong trip to Italy, May 16 – 23, 2007. Music Director Karl Scroggin will lead the group to stops in Florence, Tuscany, and Rome.

A special highlight of the trip will be a visit to the Maggio Musicale music and arts festival in Florence, including a concert featuring pianist Daniel Barenboim. Throughout the trip, participants will be able to take advantage of Scroggin's extensive knowledge of Renaissance music, art, and history.

Cost of the trip is \$2,521 per person for those who sign up by October 31, or \$2,621 after that date. The price includes round-trip transportation from Springfield; double occupancy in three-star, city-center hotels; admission at major attractions and concerts; a metro pass in Rome; and some meals.

An informational session will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at the WUIS studios on campus at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Planet Travel is in charge of arrangements and a company representative will be present to answer questions.

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## **Fourth UIS Public Policy Summit to examine politics and religion**

**June 1, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – “Politics and Religion: Conflict and Coexistence at Home and Abroad” is the topic of the fourth annual Public Policy Summit, to be held Tuesday, June 20, at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The event is sponsored by UIS' Center for State Policy and Leadership and is open to the public. The afternoon and evening sessions are free; however, the luncheon session requires advance registration.



Dr. Diana Eck of Harvard University, author of *A New Religious America: How a “Christian Country” Has Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation*, will give the luncheon keynote address beginning at 11:45 a.m. in Public Affair Center conference room C/D. Dr. Eck’s topic will be “Religious Pluralism: Civic and Political Issues in a New Religious America.” Cost of the luncheon is \$8 for UIS students, faculty, and staff with valid ID; \$12 for the general public. Advance payment is required. To make a reservation, call 206-7163 by June 13; after that date, call for availability.

In the afternoon, a panel discussion on “Islam in America,” led by UIS Associate Professor of Economics Baker Siddiquee, will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in PAC conference room G.



Dr. Noah Feldman of New York University, author of *Divided by God: America’s Church-State Problem and What We Should Do about It*, will deliver the evening keynote address beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC Studio Theatre. Dr. Feldman’s topic will be “Iraq, Islam, and Democracy.” This session is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois.

Copies of *A New Religious America* and *Divided by God* will be available in the UIS bookstore and both Dr. Eck and Dr. Feldman will be available for book-signings after they speak.

This year’s summit is being held in conjunction with the Public Affairs Colloquia “Politics and Religion: Conflict and Coexistence at Home and Abroad,” offered online during the summer term by five UIS faculty as a team-taught, multidisciplinary course. CSPL Interim Executive Director Barbara Ferrara noted that the Center commissioned the development of the course for the express purpose of pairing the Summit with a PAC course.

At Harvard, Diana Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Fredric Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society, and a member of the Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies as well as the Faculty of Divinity.

Since 1991, she has directed the Pluralism Project, a Harvard-based research team that explores the new religious diversity of the United States and its meaning for the American pluralist experiment. In 1996, she was appointed to a U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad, charged with advising the Secretary of State on enhancing and protecting religious freedom in the overall context of human rights. In 1998, she received the National Humanities Medal from President Clinton and the National Endowment for the Humanities for her work on American religious pluralism.

Her books include *A New Religious America* (Harper San Francisco 2001), *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (Beacon Press 1993), *Banaras, City of Light* (Knopf 1982), and *Darsan: Seeing the Divine Image in India* (Anima 1981; Columbia University Press 1996).



Noah Feldman is Professor of Law at the NYU School of Law, where he specializes in constitutional studies, with particular emphasis on the relationship between law and religion, constitutional design, and the history of legal theory. In 2003 he served as senior constitutional advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and subsequently advised members of the Iraqi Governing Council on the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law or interim constitution.

He was a Carnegie Scholar for 2005-06 and is a contributing writer for the New York Times Magazine and an adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. From 1998 to 1999, he served as a law clerk to Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court and before that, from 1997 to 1998, served in a similar capacity to Chief Judge Harry T. Edwards of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

He is the author of three books: *Divided by God: America's Church-State Problem and What We Should Do About It* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2005); *What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation-Building* (Princeton University Press 2004); and *After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2003).

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## **UIS names new director of Center for State Policy and Leadership**

**May 12, 2006**

The University of Illinois at Springfield has announced the appointment of Dr. Anthony P. Halter as executive director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS, following approval by the U of I Board of Trustees today.

An award-winning teacher, Dr. Halter served on the faculty of the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for 15 years before retiring in 2002. He also has extensive experience in state government with the Department of Social Services in New York State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. He is an expert on state policy in the areas of welfare reform, health, unemployment, child welfare, and homelessness and education and has provided invited testimony to the Illinois and Michigan legislatures on welfare policy.

In announcing the appointment, UIS Provost Harry Berman said, "Dr. Halter's supervisory and administrative experience and knowledge of academia and state government will be great assets to the center." Dr. Berman noted that Dr. Halter is well known and respected by the staff and faculty in the center after having

collaborated with them in the late 1990s on a study of clients of the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program.

Dr. Halter received his doctorate in social work from the University of Pennsylvania in 1986, master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Scranton in 1976, and bachelor's degree in English literature from Iona College in 1970. At UIUC, he taught in the areas of policy, planning, administration, and supervision. While there, he was named to the U of I list of excellent teachers every semester and, in 1998, received the University Award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year in the extramural program, which provides off-campus courses at locations throughout Illinois to master's-level students. He also served as director of the Undergraduate Social Work Program at UIUC for two years.

Barbara Ferrara, who has served as interim director of the center for the past 28 months, will return to the position of associate director on August 16, when Dr. Halter assumes the director's position.

The center identifies and addresses public policy issues at all levels of government, promotes governmental effectiveness, fosters leadership development, engages in citizen education, and contributes to the dialogue on matters of significant public concern. Working in partnership with government, local communities, citizens, and the nonprofit sector, the center contributes to core missions of the University of Illinois at Springfield by mobilizing the expertise of its faculty, staff, students, and media units to carry out research and dissemination, professional development and training, civic engagement, technical assistance, and public service activities.

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## **WUIS to air two weekly arts programs plus new documentary series**

**April 3, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Starting in April, Public Radio WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM will add two programs geared toward people with an appreciation of art and artists to its weekly line-up. In May the station will broadcast an eight-part documentary on the history of Asian-American immigration.

The new weekly arts programs are Close Up, to be aired Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. starting April 25, and The Word, to be aired Wednesdays in the same time slot starting April 26.

“We are thrilled to be able to round out our week of excellent locally originated programs with these two programs from the BBC,” said Sinta Seiber-Lane, WUIS

program director. The new programs will replace a half-hour repeat of All Things Considered.

Close Up is an in-depth exploration of an aspect of, an event in, or high-profile figure from the world of art, culture, and entertainment. The Word features presenter Harriett Gilbert in conversations with novelists, poets, playwrights, screenwriters, copywriters, and book-sellers as she looks at the many worlds of writing, including the process, the results, and the business of promoting and selling literature.

In May, the station will broadcast Crossing East, a documentary special focusing on the history of Asian American immigration, from pre-America to post-9/11, and the impact this movement has had on descendants, global ties, and the making of the United States. Hosted by George Takei and Margaret Cho, the program will air Monday through Thursday, May 1 through 4, from 8 to 10 p.m. each night.

[WUIS-WIPA](#) is broadcast from the University of Illinois at Springfield, and is service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS. As listener-supported public radio, the station's mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach.

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## **WUIS' Crawford wins IAP award for investigative reporting**

**March 17, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – WUIS Statehouse Bureau Chief Sean Crawford was among the top winners in the Illinois Associated Press Broadcasters Association 2005 Journalism Excellence Contest. Crawford took second place in the Best Investigative Series, Downstate Radio Division, for his report titled “Trucking Money.”

“Trucking Money,” first broadcast on WUIS-WIPA in February 2005, examined how Illinois decides which companies to help with state dollars. It profiled two trucking firms, one of which had threatened to move to Missouri after a dramatic raise in Illinois truck licensing fees. This firm subsequently received a grant to remain in southern Illinois; however, a rival firm that made no such threats got nothing from the state.

Crawford has received numerous awards for coverage of state government and politics. In 2001 he received an Associated Press award for documentary work. In 2002 and 2003 he won awards for Radio Beat Reporting from the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, and in 2005 he received another ACRE award for a story on “The Elusive Third Chicagoland Airport.”

He became Statehouse bureau chief for WUIS in September 2005 after serving as a Statehouse reporter for the station since 1997 and covering local news on the station's Morning Edition broadcasts for two years before that. Crawford was news director of WKBM/Joliet from 1989 to 1992 and began his radio career at WJPF/Herrin in 1984. He received a master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1997.

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## **WUIS bureau chief recognized in national competition**

**March 7, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD — Kavitha Cardoza, Springfield bureau chief for public radio [WUIS 91.9 FM](#), has received a Special Citation in the prestigious 2006 National Awards for Education Reporting competition sponsored by the Education Writers Association. This annual event honoring the best education reporting in print and broadcast media is the only independent contest of its kind in the country. Contest entries were limited to stories published or broadcast for the first time during the 2006 calendar year.

Cardoza was recognized in the radio division for her report "Discipline in District 186."

Bill Wheelhouse, WUIS general manager, noted, "Kavitha had a strong showing in the EWA contest. It should be noted that those who placed ahead of her in radio were from much larger news operations in much larger markets."

All winners will be honored at an awards banquet during the association's 60th National Seminar, to be held in May in Los Angeles.

Contest judging was conducted independently by a panel of professional journalists and journalism educators.

The Education Writers Association is a national professional association of education reporters and writers.

91.9FM WUIS-89.3FM WIPA is a listener-supported public radio service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. WUIS' mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach.

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# **WUIS series honors 12 women who changed Springfield**

**March 6, 2007**

## **Oral history project is underwritten by an Illinois Humanities Council grant**

SPRINGFIELD – A dozen women who changed their community for the better will be recognized in “Skirting Convention: 12 Women Who Changed Springfield,” a new oral history series produced by public radio WUIS 91.9 FM. Underwritten by a \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Humanities Council, the series will begin March 8, International Women’s Day.

Programs will air in eight-minute segments at 8:20 a.m. and again at 4:50 p.m. on alternate Thursdays through August.

“This is an opportunity for us to capture these important stories for posterity and put these women’s accomplishments into context,” said WUIS Station Manager Bill Wheelhouse. “We would not have been able to undertake this project without the funding from the IHC.”

Wheelhouse continued, “From spearheading downtown revitalization to ending housing discrimination to opening a men’s-only club to women, these groundbreaking women with different backgrounds, economic levels, and skin colors have one thing in common: they changed Springfield forever. And while these milestones were celebrated at the time, their achievements are perhaps now taken for granted. It is WUIS’ goal to capture these stories in oral history form and share them with the entire community. It’s a lesson for today and future generations.”

Judy Everson, IHC board member and UIS professor emerita, noted, “This oral history and media project will highlight the path-breaking contributions of these women whose activism truly changed our community. The Council is delighted to support this project.”

The individuals to be profiled were chosen by Cullom Davis, oral historian and UIS professor emeritus, and Edward J. Russo, retired city historian. Davis and Russo served as the project’s humanities scholars and selected the 12 women for the impact they made. “When you step back and look at the accomplishments of these women, it is really overwhelming,” said Russo.

The women selected are:

Betty Allen, who helped enforce civil rights in the area of hiring. Allen was the first full-time director of the Human Relations Commission and, as a board member of the YWCA, traveled to Kenya to train young Africans to run YWCA hostels. She was also instrumental in helping form the People's Bank, which was the first bank on the east side of Springfield.

Velma Carey, a longtime civil rights activist and a historian of the Springfield Race Riot of 1908. During her career, Carey broke many hiring barriers; she was the first black salesclerk at Myers Brothers Department Store and served for many years as personnel director at the University of Illinois at Springfield. She also was co-owner of Springfield's first ethnic bookstore.

Barbara "Babs" Dickerman, who fought to integrate the city's housing market. In her position as chair of the Housing Committee of the League of Women Voters, Dickerman spearheaded a campaign to investigate the city's fair housing ordinance and led a public outcry when it was discovered that discrimination was still rampant. Her efforts led to tighter enforcement of the law and eventually brought about the city's move from a commissioner to an aldermanic form of government.

Carolyn Oxtoby, preservationist, civic leader, and entrepreneur. Oxtoby pioneered the restoration and redevelopment of the downtown district and served as president of Downtown Springfield, Inc. She helped found the Springfield Children's Museum in the 1970s and served as its first president.

Ethel Gingold worked to open the Sangamo Club to female members after being told her membership was no longer valid following her divorce. She has served on several boards connected to the criminal justice system, and has heard arguments in hundreds of cases involving parole and inmate grievances.

Alice Kaige, who worked to preserve Springfield's historic neighborhoods. Kaige helped found the West Side Neighborhood Association in 1977 and was active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for over 50 years.

Peggy Knoepfle, writer, poet, and well-known peace activist. As manager of the Heartland Peace Center, Knoepfle organized numerous letter-writing campaigns and rallies. She has made six trips to Central America in an effort to understand the effects of U.S. military policy on daily life there. She also helped found "Brainchild," a women's writing cooperative.

Theresa Cummings, a small business owner who served as president of Springfield Business and Professional Women. Cummings helped found Planned Parenthood of Springfield and chaired the State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission for many years.

Mary Lee Leahy, an attorney whose primary area of practice is civil rights. Leahy argued the Rutan case before the U.S. Supreme Court and the outcome changed

state government patronage rules. She also served as the director of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Caryl Moy, who has been called the “Doctor Ruth of Springfield.” Moy was one of the first counselors certified to work in the area of social work/human sexuality. She is also an author and helped found the local Planned Parenthood office.

Sister Anne Carlino was instrumental in planning the Open Heart Surgery Unit, Intensive Care Coronary Unit, and the Pulmonary Unit at St. John’s Hospital and in facilitating a new building for the St. John’s Breadline. Sr. Anne’s interest in the larger world led her to start the immigration ministry at Springfield Catholic Charities and also to open a clinic in Tanzania, Africa, where she currently works.

Karen Hasara was the first woman to be elected mayor of Springfield, serving from 1995 to 2003. Before that, Hasara was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1986 and to the State Senate in 1993.

WUIS Springfield Bureau Chief Kavitha Cardoza is the series producer, and she is assisted by UIS graduate student Julie Perino. Later this year the station plans to release an audio CD of the series, which will also be made available to local schools and student organizations.

A half-hour special intertwining the stories of all 12 women will air in September. That month WUIS will also host a public reception at The Pasfield House to bring all the honorees together and to celebrate the culmination of the series.

Pasfield House proprietor Tony Leone is donating the use of this historic home during the project. “Through my whole career, I’ve certainly relied on a strong woman, my mother, to guide me,” noted Leone. “Though I do not know all the ladies who have been selected, I’ve worked directly with two of them: Carolyn Oxtoby, who happens to be the granddaughter of the gentleman who built Pasfield House, and Karen Hasara, with whom I worked during most of her political career. I’m happy to help recognize all of these women’s historic achievements in this home.”

The Illinois Humanities Council is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to fostering a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities. Organized in 1973 as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the IHC funds other nonprofit organizations that are developing programs for Illinois audiences. The IHC makes approximately 90 grants per year, ranging in amount from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

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# **WUIS Springfield Bureau Chief receives Murrow Award**

**March 30, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD – Kavitha Cardoza, Springfield bureau chief for public radio WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM, is among the regional winners in the 2007 Edward R. Murrow Award competition sponsored by the Radio-Television News Directors Association. Murrow awards recognize excellence in electronic journalism. Regional winners were announced March 28.

Cardoza was recognized in Region 7's Radio Small Market division, Hard News category for her report "No Place Like Home," which examined the plight of homeless children.

During the spring of 2006, Cardoza interviewed young people who, while not technically considered homeless, nevertheless have no fixed place to stay. Her story focused on the effects that not having a place to call their own had on these youths' school work, relationships, and self-image.

Cardoza has reported on the Springfield community since July 2002. Earlier this month she received a Special Citation in the prestigious 2006 National Awards for Education Reporting competition sponsored by the Education Writers Association.

Radio and television news managers from across the country serve as Murrow competition judges. This year, judges reviewed nearly 3,200 regional entries, finally making 587 awards to 280 stations in 14 categories. Regional winners are automatically entered in the national competition, which will be judged in early June. National awards will be presented in October at the RTNDA Awards Dinner in New York City.

RTNDA, the world's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to electronic journalism, has been honoring outstanding achievement in the field with the Murrow Awards since 1971.

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## **UIS hosts two events for Earth Week**



## March 21, 2007

SPRINGFIELD – Activities at the University of Illinois at Springfield observing [Earth Week](#) 2007 (April 16-20) will focus on two presentations: a talk by environmental activist Winona LaDuke and a panel discussion of the state's renewable energy sources. Both events will take place on the UIS campus and are free and open to the public.

LaDuke will speak on “Politics, Women, and Environmental Justice” at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, in the Studio Theatre, located on the lower level of the Public Affairs Center.



Winona LaDuke

A Native American activist, environmentalist, and writer, LaDuke is director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, co-chair of the Indigenous Women's Network, and program director of Honor the Earth, an organization dedicated to the support of native environmental issues and sustainable communities. In 1996 and 2000 she was Ralph Nader's vice-presidential running mate on the Green Party ticket. LaDuke was named Woman of the Year by Ms. Magazine in 1997 and won the Reebok Human Rights Award in 1998. Her many books include *All our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life* (1999) and *Recovering the Sacred: the Power of Naming and Claiming* (2005).

A discussion of “The Future of Renewable Energy in Illinois” will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library. This panel will examine the challenges and promises of achieving a renewable energy future in the state and will also address energy policies and legislation aimed at reducing carbon emissions.

Panelists will include Rebecca Stanfield, state director of Environment Illinois; John Caupert, director of the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; Dr. Stephen Long, professor of Plant Biology and Crop Sciences at the U of I's Urbana-Champaign campus; and Dr. David Pimentel,

professor of Ecology and Agricultural Sciences, Cornell University. Dr. Tih-Fen Ting, assistant professor of Environmental Studies at UIS, will moderate.

UIS sponsors of Earth Week events are the Center for State Policy and Leadership, Women's Center, and Students Allied for a Greener Earth. Co-sponsors include the Student Government Association, Division of Student Affairs, Speakers Award Committee, College of Public Affairs and Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Diversity Task Force, and Women's Issues Caucus.

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## **WUIS to host third Young Musicians' Concert Competition**

**January 25, 2007**

Public Radio WUIS 91.9-WIPA 89.3 will host a concert showcasing some of central Illinois' best young classical musicians at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 2, at First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh Street, in Springfield. Both the performance and the reception and award presentation immediately following are free and open to the public.

Nineteen performers, ranging in age from 10 to 17, will perform works by Bach, Gaubert, Beethoven, Joplin, and others before the audience and a panel of judges. Prizes totaling \$1,200 will be awarded to the top three winners in junior and senior categories.

The concert contest, made possible through support from Ameren, is intended to foster young musical talent in the area and to encourage young musicians to perform classical music. More than 43 students entered the contest by submitting an application, a letter from a musical instructor, and an audition tape. The finalists will be judged at the live concert by a panel of professional musicians.

Karl Scroggin, WUIS-WIPA music director, noted, "We had a record number of entrants this year, so it was very difficult to choose the finalists from so many talented musicians. I'm as nervous for these kids as their parents are because I know what it's like to get up on stage and perform."

The station will record the evening's performances for later broadcast.

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# **WUIS to air students' essays about their beliefs**

**January 22, 2007**

Ten local high school students will go into the studio at public radio station WUIS-WIPA this week to record original essays of their personal beliefs. Winners of the station's This I Believe essay contest for Sangamon County students, the essays will be broadcast weekdays on 91.9-89.3 FM at 7:55 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. between January 29 and February 9.

The 10 winners were chosen from among 57 finalists after more than 100 students explored and ultimately defined their personal beliefs using a corresponding curriculum in their English classes this fall.

The essays follow the guidelines of the popular NPR series This I Believe, itself a descendent of a 1950s-era series with Edward R. Murrow that featured prominent and everyday Americans sharing their beliefs in an attempt to foster dialog and understanding.

Creators of the modern NPR series wrote the corresponding curriculum, which WUIS shared with area high schools. The curriculum fit well with the schools' goals of meeting state education standards and ACT requirements, and preparing students to write college applications.

"It also gave us the opportunity to help the kids explore their own belief systems at this defining moment in their lives," said M.J. Peters, head of the English department at Springfield High. "The students were able to go online and listen to audio from the radio program, which generated some wide-ranging and eye-opening discussions in the classroom."

WUIS News Director Rich Bradley noted, "Public radio analyzes issues in a way that often helps people find common ground, or at least understand someone else's perspective, so we hoped the contest would be a good way for listeners of my generation, for example, to hear what today's young people are thinking about. We think it's important, as a community resource, to keep that dialog open and to take the pulse of the next generation."

Winners were selected by representatives from sponsoring organizations — WUIS, Rotary Club Springfield Sunrise, School District 186, the Mayor's Office Education Liaison, and the University of Illinois at Springfield. Each winner also received a \$100 award from Springfield Rotary Club Sunrise.

The winners and broadcast schedule are:

Monday, January 29 – Lauren Ross, Rochester High School. “I believe strength comes from friendship, which in my situation, took the shape of a koala bear.”

Tuesday, January 30 – Sarah Brunson, Springfield High School. “I believe religious tolerance could bring peace to the world.”

Wednesday, January 31 – Michael DeFraties, Springfield High School. “I believe that the biggest problem in the world today is that people too often use their tongues to slander and demean others for their own entertainment or self-esteem.”

Thursday, February 1 – Diandra Wilson, Southeast High School. “I believe in vanity.”

Friday, February 2 – Libby Morse, Springfield High School. “I believe in the joy a photograph brings me and the joy it can bring others.”

Monday, February 5 – Nick Murphy, Southeast High School. “I believe in not taking things for granted.”

Tuesday, February 6 – Caitlyn Barnes, Southeast High School. “I believe in the hypocrisy of our education system, and I challenge the system to change.”

Wednesday, February 7 – Sam Schoenburg, Springfield High School. “I believe in family.”

Thursday, February 8 – Krista Walbert, Southeast High School. “I believe that no matter what the circumstances, one can find beauty, happiness, and even inspiration in almost any situation.”

Friday, February 9 – McKenna Blair, Lanphier High School. “I believe you do not have to be an adult to make a difference in this world.”

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## **Award-winning journalist will head Illinois Issues magazine**

**December 18, 2007**

A 30-year veteran of the newspaper business has been named executive editor of Illinois Issues magazine published at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Dana Heupel, reporter and Statehouse editor for GateHouse NewsService/Copley News Service since 1997, will succeed Peggy Boyer Long, who will retire on December 31.

Anthony Halter, executive director of UIS' Center for State Policy and Leadership, where the magazine is located, said Heupel will begin work on January 7. The position also includes serving as director of Center Publications. "The readership of *Illinois Issues* has come to expect independent, in-depth reporting and analysis of state government and politics that is provocative and informative. We are confident that we've selected the right person to carry on that tradition," Halter said. "At the same time, Mr. Heupel has the background and ideas for expanding the magazine's web presence, as well as strong management experience for his role as director of Center Publications."

"I'm excited by the opportunity to work with the talented staff at *Illinois Issues* and to join the team of distinguished professionals at UIS' Center for State Policy and Leadership," Heupel said. "I look forward to continuing along the course set by Peggy Boyer Long and her predecessors at the magazine."

Heupel has 30 years' experience in newsroom management, at the *The State Journal-Register*; *Fresno Bee* in Fresno, California; *Indianapolis Star*; and *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has covered state government for GateHouse Media newspapers in Springfield, Peoria and Rockford, as well as about 20 other GateHouse newspapers in Illinois.

An award-winning state government writer and columnist, Heupel has coordinated statewide investigative and explanatory projects for the Associated Press, Copley News Service, *Indianapolis Star*, and other publications. From 1992-97, he was city editor at *The State Journal-Register*. Previously, he taught news writing and editing at Indiana University at South Bend.

Among his numerous awards, he was the first individual recipient of the Illinois Associated Press' top award – member of the year – for coordinating a statewide open-records project in 1999.

Heupel received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Indiana University/Bloomington in 1973 with a concentration in magazine writing. He has participated in numerous continuing education programs in newsroom management, editing and writing.

*Illinois Issues*, with a readership of about 12,000, has reported on political trends, legislative issues, and the state's quality of life since 1975. It is published ten times a year, along with a December online-only edition and a [monthly website](#).

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# UIS to offer Certified Public Manager training

**February 5, 2007**

The Certified Public Manager Program of Illinois (CPMPI), a nationally recognized professional development program, will be offered beginning in March through the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Although the program is designed specifically for public-sector managers, enrollment is open to anyone. Advance registration is required.

CPMPI training is presented in a series of daylong classes conducted by experts in public management and administration. Three levels of training address a number of core areas, such as leadership, ethics, cultural sensitivity, problem analysis and problem-solving, organizational and human resource management, improving productivity and quality, building partnerships, and public policy.

Participants can enroll individually or as part of a candidate group. Those in the open enrollment format can train at their own pace. Candidate groups attend training sessions collectively, about three times a month, becoming Certified Public Managers in 18 to 24 months.

All training, except online sessions, will be held on the UIS campus. For all on-campus workshops, check-in begins at 9 a.m.; sessions meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The current workshop schedule and topics are:

Tuesday, March 20 – Leadership and Management: A Self Assessment

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 27-28 – Introduction to Effective Supervision: A Two-Day Seminar

Wednesday, April 4 – Team Building and Team Management

April 10-17 (online) – Succession/Orientation Planning and Mentoring

Wednesday, April 25- Conflict Management

Wednesday, May 2- Leadership: Ethics, Values, and the Public Manager

Thursday, May 10 – Cultural Competency and Public Sector Workplace of the 21st Century

May 21-28 (online) – Identifying Grant and Contract Resources

Thursday, June 7- Program/Project Management: Problem Analysis and Problem Solving

Tuesday, June 12 – Contemporary Issues in Public Policy and the Public Manager

Training sessions will be led by Nancy Ford, UIS professor of Legal Studies and interim director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies; Lorena Johnson, UIS coordinator for the Certified Public Manager Program; Tracey Kriepe, instructor at Lincoln Land Community College and consultant for the SIU School of Medicine and the Western Illinois Area Health and Education Consortium; Anne Lampkin, UIS assistant professor of Social Work and Human Services; Deborah McCarrel, Illinois AmeriCorps program manager for the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, and adjunct faculty in UIS' Graduate Public Service Internship Program; Patrick Mullen, UIS assistant professor of Public Administration with a joint appointment to the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies; Brent Never, UIS assistant professor of Public Administration; and Susan Paddock, professor of governmental affairs in the Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and director of the Wisconsin Certified Public Manager Program.

Cost per session is \$150 for participants admitted into the CPM program and working toward certification; cost for others is \$168 per session. Class size is limited. Registration and payment must be submitted no later than 10 days prior to each session attended.

To apply to the Candidate Group, download and submit an application form to the CPM Program. Registration deadline for the first class is March 2.

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies is a unit of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS. The Center's mission is to provide a national stage for scholars, students, policymakers, and citizens to exchange ideas, engage in research, and expand understanding of public policy issues. The ILPS is charged with helping government entities develop and implement effective policies and programs; and focusing research and service efforts on state, regional, and national legal systems.

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## **WUIS listeners pledge record amount in fall membership drive**

**October 19, 2007**

## **Goal to hear from 1,200 listeners was met; more than 950 trees will be planted**

SPRINGFIELD – Listeners of public radio WUIS-WIPA pledged more than \$142,000 in support during the station’s fall membership drive that ended at 9 a.m. on October 19. More than 1,200 listeners made pledges during the nine-day drive.

“This is a record amount pledged to WUIS but, more importantly, the generosity of our listeners has helped offset some of the cuts we took in the state budget this fiscal year,” said General Manager Bill Wheelhouse.

Wheelhouse noted that listener support makes up a growing percentage of the station’s operating budget, currently accounting for approximately 35 percent of its annual funds. “It’s key to WUIS’ ability to provide 24-hour news, music, and educational programs,” he said.

This fall, listeners who made pledges could choose to receive traditional gifts such as mugs or hats, or they could elect to have trees planted in their honor at Emiquon Nature Preserve near Havana or at Lincoln Memorial Garden in Springfield.

As a result of the WUIS drive, Green Mountain Energy will plant more than 700 public radio trees – including various species of oak, hickory, walnut, and poplar – at Emiquon during its upland timber stand improvements over the fall and winter. Emiquon is managed and being restored to its natural wetlands habitat by The Nature Conservancy. At Lincoln Memorial Garden more than 230 trees, mostly dogwood and redbud, will be planted to replace some of those lost last winter.

The Loken Family of Springfield – including Mary; her son, Alan; his wife, Susan; and their sons Beck and Finn – encouraged listener giving by matching every tree donated during four hours of the campaign. The match was provided through the Loken Family Fund at the Sangamon County Community Foundation.

“We thank every single person who made a gift; all 200 volunteers who answered phones and went on-air; all the businesses that donated food; and AFSCME Council 31 and others for offering on-air challenges,” said Development Director Lisa Clemmons Stott. “The cliché that ‘many hands make light work’ is very true. We have the best listeners in the world.”

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# UIS faculty member inducted into Lincoln League of Journalists

September 26, 2006

SPRINGFIELD – Charles N. Wheeler III, director of the Public Affairs Reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, has been inducted into the Lincoln League of Journalists of the Illinois Associated Press Editors Association. The honor was announced September 21 at the IAPEA annual awards banquet, held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

Wheeler becomes only the seventh member of the League, which was created in 2000 to honor “men and women who have provided exemplary service to other journalists and to daily newspapers published in Illinois.”

The IAPEA executive board solicits nominations each year and inducts as many or as few nominees as it chooses. Inductees are presented with a memento of the occasion and their names are inscribed on a marker permanently displayed in the Chicago bureau of The Associated Press.

Past inductees are Marx Gibson, former managing editor of the Herald-News in Joliet and past member of the IAPEA executive board; James F. Wilson, former bureau chief for The Associated Press in Illinois; Patrick Coburn, former publisher of the State Journal-Register; John Foreman, editor and publisher of the Champaign News-Gazette; Mike Lawrence, director of the Institute of Public Policy at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, former press aide to Gov. Jim Edgar, and longtime Illinois political and legislative reporter; and John David Reed, former professor of journalism at Eastern Illinois University.

Wheeler, a former Statehouse bureau chief for the Chicago Sun-Times, came to UIS following a 24-year career with the paper, 19 of them at the Statehouse. During that time, he was elected to 16 consecutive one-year terms as president of the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association and served for many years on the PAR program and admissions committees.

Public Affairs Reporting is a one-year master’s degree program focusing on coverage of state government news. In addition to academic work, students serve six-month internships with newspaper, magazine, radio, television, wire service, or audio news service bureaus in the Statehouse pressroom in Springfield.

For more information, go to the IAPEA website at [www.iapea.org/](http://www.iapea.org/) or contact Wheeler at 206-7494.

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# UIS professor takes top honors in national competition

September 19, 2006

SPRINGFIELD – Charles N. Wheeler III, associate professor and director of the Public Affairs Reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, recently received top honors for magazine commentary/news analysis in the annual competition sponsored by Capitolbeat, a national organization of journalists covering state and local governments. This is the third year in a row that Wheeler has won a first-place award in the contest.

The award, presented at the organization's annual conference in Columbus, Ohio, recognized Wheeler's contributions over the past year as a columnist for Illinois Issues magazine. Topics in his column Ends and Means ranged from pieces on wind farming to Gov. Blagojevich's All Kids health insurance program.

Four PAR graduates also received awards from Capitolbeat this year. Adriana Colindres, a reporter for Copley Illinois Newspapers, took second place in beat reporting for newspapers with a circulation under 75,000. John O'Connor, an Associated Press reporter, won second place in beat reporting for a wire service and second place in the single report category. Christopher Wills, also an AP reporter, took third place in commentary/news analysis for a wire service. Scott Reeder, a reporter for the Small Newspaper Group, received an honorable mention for an investigative report on teacher tenure.

Capitolbeat, formerly called the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, has more than 300 members in 46 states. Illinois Issues, a not-for-profit monthly publication focusing on analysis of public policy, is part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS.

UIS' Public Affairs Reporting program is a one-year master's degree program focusing on coverage of state government news. In addition to academic work, students serve six-month internships with newspaper, magazine, radio, television, wire service, or audio news service bureaus in the Statehouse pressroom in Springfield.

For more information, contact Wheeler at 206-7494.

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# **UIS Downstate Illinois Innocence Project plays role in acquittal of Julie Rea-Harper**

**July 26, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Despite the not guilty verdict in the retrial of Julie Rea-Harper, the Downstate Innocence Project housed at the University of Illinois at Springfield points to her case as another example of a flawed criminal justice system in Illinois. The Innocence Project has provided significant investigative assistance to Rea-Harper and her legal team for the past several years.

On July 26, a jury in Carlyle found Rea-Harper not guilty of killing her son, Joel Kirkpatrick, in 1997 at her home in Lawrenceville, Illinois.

“Despite the death penalty reforms that were put in place to guard against an innocent person being wrongly convicted, the case of Julie Rea-Harper exposes serious flaws that still exist in our criminal justice system,” said Nancy Ford, Innocence Project co-director.

In March 2002, a Lawrence County jury found Rea-Harper guilty of first-degree murder, dismissing her claim that an unknown, masked intruder stabbed Joel to death as he lay sleeping. She was sentenced to 65 years in prison.

Joel’s murder went unsolved for over three years as the State’s Attorney resisted pressure to charge Rea-Harper with the murder, citing a lack of evidence. However, after the State’s Attorney left office, the State Appellate Prosecutor’s office was appointed as a special prosecutor and death penalty charges were filed against Rea-Harper in October 2000.

Only after Rea-Harper requested the protection of death penalty reforms, did prosecutors choose not to pursue the death penalty in her case.

These reforms — including access to the Capital Litigation Trust Fund, which underwrites the appointment of investigators, lawyers, and experts — were put in place in January 2000, after Anthony Porter, 48 hours away from execution, was exonerated by a private investigator working with a Northwestern University journalism professor.

“The prosecutors’ decision to back away from seeking the death penalty deprived Julie of the reforms that were designed to guard against an innocent person being wrongly convicted,” said Ford.

A few months after Rea-Harper's conviction, Tommy Lynn Sells, currently on Texas' death row for a similar crime, admitted killing Joel during an interview with author Diane Fanning, who at the time was conducting research for her book, *Through the Window*.

The audiotape of Sells' confession played at Rea-Harper's retrial was obtained by prosecutors at the request of the Prisoner Review Board in October 2003 during a clemency hearing.

Bill Clutter, director of investigations for the Innocence Project and a private investigator who has worked on over 20 death penalty cases, considered Sells a likely suspect six years ago when he was first contacted by Rea-Harper's attorney when she was facing the death penalty.

"When I heard Julie's description of the assailant I recognized a physical similarity with Sells," said Clutter. "This was also the type of crime he committed. I told her attorney that she needed to investigate whether Sells was in the Lawrenceville area at the time of the murder. I never heard back from that attorney," said Clutter.

This was because prosecutors made the decision that deprived Rea-Harper of funds that were part of death penalty reforms. Instead, she was assigned a public defender who did not have the training or experience to handle a capital qualified case, and she was convicted.

The following year, Fanning's book was published, including the chapter in which Sells confessed to the murder of Joel Kirkpatrick.

Clutter and students working with the Innocence Project obtained evidence, including witnesses who saw Sells in Lawrenceville the weekend Joel was murdered, that corroborated the confession. This evidence convinced Texas Ranger John Allen, one of the lead investigators in the murder for which Sells is awaiting execution, that Sells' confession was genuine.

"There is little doubt that had Julie been provided with the resources to adequately defend herself when she was first arrested, the injustice of her having to spend nearly three years in prison could have been prevented," said Ford.

Ford called for lawmakers to consider extending Capital Litigation resources to all persons facing murder charges that eligible for capital punishment, regardless of a prosecutor's decision not to seek the death penalty. "Further reforms are needed to protect innocent people facing life sentences or lengthy prison terms," said Ford.

Larry Golden, an emeritus professor at UIS and one of the Innocence Project directors, said, "We are delighted that Mrs. Harper's innocence has been vindicated. But we must understand that her victory is due to support most other innocent people in Illinois prisons do not have. Julie had the support of family and friends from the very beginning of her ordeal. She had the work of the Innocence Project, and she had the legal help of the Northwestern Center on Wrongful

Convictions and two of the best criminal defense attorneys in Ron Safer and Jeff Urdangen.”

UIS’ Downstate Illinois Innocence Project is housed within the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies. Under its auspices, students in Legal Studies and other degree programs provide research and investigative assistance to attorneys who are helping individuals who have been arrested, tried, found guilty, and imprisoned for crimes that the Project believes they did not commit.

For further information, contact Golden at 217-553-7171 or Clutter at 217-899-4353.

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## **"Sangamon Valley Roots Revival Radio Hour" debuts on WUIS**

**June 28, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – “The Sangamon Valley Roots Revival Radio Hour,” a new locally produced music program, will premiere on Public Radio WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM in July.

Hosted by Sean Burns, the hour-long, Sunday-evening program will feature the roots of American music – from the blues, western swing, and hillbilly bop of the 1940s to the rockabilly of the 1950s and the Bakersfield twang of the 1960s – all of the musical styles that would converge and become mid-century rock and roll.

The playlist will include classic cuts from the original artists as well as works by modern day performers in the genre. “Whether you love Hank Williams, Elvis, or the Old 97s, you’ll hear it all on the SVRR Radio Show,” said Burns.

“WUIS has a legacy of creating great local music programs,” explained General Manager Bill Wheelhouse. “This particular genre has a solid following in central Illinois and we thought we’d bring it to our listeners. It also increases the station’s localism, as Sunday night’s programming will now include five hours of locally produced music programs.”

Burns is a Springfield-area native and a history teacher/tennis coach at Glenwood High School. In 2000, he and his wife, Jamie, decided they were tired of driving to see the alt-country bands they loved – so they started bringing them to Springfield. Now the Burns and their “group of simple folks with a simple mission” publish a regular newsletter, host a website, and enjoy a regular venue at the Underground Tavern at the Springfield Hilton. Sean Burns has also hosted music programs on community station WQNA.

“The Sangamon Valley Roots Revival Radio Hour” debuts on Sunday, July 2, at 5 p.m., leading into another local music program, “Bluegrass Breakdown,” hosted by Mark Mathewson and Jennifer Ramm. Another popular show, “The Thistle and Shamrock” hosted by Fiona Ritchie, will move from Sunday to Saturday nights after “A Prairie Home Companion” at 7 p.m.

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## **UIS to host noted Earth Day speaker**

**March 31, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – Ecologist/author/cancer survivor Dr. Sandra Steingraber will speak at the University of Illinois at Springfield on Wednesday, April 19, in observance of [Earth Day](#). Dr. Steingraber’s presentation, “Contaminated without Consent: How Chemical Pollutants in Air, Food, and Water Violate Human Rights,” will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library at UIS.

The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first seated basis with overflow seating available. For those unable to attend in person, a live webcast of the presentation will be available at [www.uis.edu/technology/uislive.html](http://www.uis.edu/technology/uislive.html).

Hosts are UIS’ Center for State Policy and Leadership, Department of Environmental Studies, and Division of Student Affairs. UIS co-sponsors include Students Allied for a Greener Earth (SAGE), College of Public Affairs and Administration, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Capital Scholars Honors Program.

Currently a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Ithaca College in New York, Dr. Steingraber is an internationally recognized expert on environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Her highly acclaimed 1998 book *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* presented cancer as a human rights issue and was the first work to bring data on toxic release together with data from U.S. cancer registries. Her newest work is *Having Faith: An Ecologist’s Journey to Motherhood* (2001).

Tih-Fen Ting, assistant professor of Environmental Studies at UIS, observed, “We are very fortunate to have Dr. Steingraber as our Earth Day speaker this year. She grew up in Pekin, so has an intimate knowledge of central Illinois and cares about

the area deeply — her connections to the land can be found throughout her books. Last year, Dr. Steingraber also published a piece in Orion magazine about the explosion of Formosa Plastics plant in Illiopolis and its aftermath. Although she now lives in New England, she keeps a close watch on central Illinois and is very knowledgeable about environmental issues here.”

Steingraber was named Ms. Magazine’s Woman of the Year in 1997. In 1998 she received the Jenifer Altman Foundation’s first annual Altman Award for “inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer” as well as the Will Solimene Award from the American Medical Writers Association for “excellence in medical communication.” The Sierra Club has heralded her as “the new Rachel Carson.”

Earth Day is April 22. It has been an annual event since it was founded by Gaylord Nelson and organized by Dennis Hayes in 1970 as a chance for people around the world to celebrate the planet and our responsibility toward it. Currently thousands of groups participate in the Earthday Network, actively promoting environmental causes at the community, regional, and global levels.

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# **Crawford named WUIS Statehouse bureau chief**

**September 21, 2005**

Public Radio WUIS 91.9-WIPA 89.3 has named Sean Crawford to be the new Statehouse bureau chief for the station and the Illinois Public Radio news network. Crawford succeeds Bill Wheelhouse, who recently accepted the position of WUIS-WIPA general manager.

Crawford has been a Statehouse reporter for WUIS since 1997. He covered local news on the station's Morning Edition broadcasts for two years before joining the bureau and has also been a frequent panelist on WUIS' weekly program State Week in Review. He has received numerous awards for his coverage of state government and politics, including Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors awards for Radio Beat Reporting in 2002 and 2003, and another ACRE award in 2005 for a story on "The Elusive Third Chicagoland Airport." In 2001 he received an Associated Press award for documentary work.

From 1992 to 1994 Crawford was an editor at Bailey Publishing, where he oversaw three newspapers in the Joliet area. He was news director of WKBM/Joliet from 1989 to 1992 and began his radio career at WJPF/Herrin in 1984. He received a master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1997.

"Sean has been an important part of our news team," noted WUIS News Director Rich Bradley. "He brings consistent quality and measured analysis to the public radio audience. I'm very pleased to have him in this new position."

"Sometimes people don't understand how state government truly impacts their daily lives," said Crawford. "If we can help make sense out of the minutiae and posturing, we can help people keep better tabs on their elected officials and how their money is spent. It's also nice to be working for a media organization that values this type of news and puts resources into the work we do."

WUIS-WIPA, a service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS, is listener-supported public radio celebrating its 30th year of broadcasting. WUIS' mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach. WUIS' program schedule, events, and other information can be found by visiting [www.wuis.org](http://www.wuis.org) or calling the station at 217-206-6516.

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## **Center sponsors UIS' first U.S. Constitution Day Forum**



**September 20, 2005**

The Center sponsored UIS' first U.S. Constitution Day Forum on September 19, 2005. The topic, "Politics, the Constitution, and Supreme Court Appointments," was chosen due to the national attention focused on the U.S. Supreme Court and the nomination of Judge John Roberts for Chief Justice. The forum featured keynote speaker Martin H. Redish, Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law. Professor Redish discussed the role of the Supreme Court in American constitutional democracy. He focused on the unique position of the Court as the pinnacle of the one branch of the federal government purposefully insulated from democratic influence. That results in the need for the Court to walk the narrow line between issues of constitutional interpretation, on the one hand, and matters of purely ideological and political concern, on the other. He also discussed the future of Supreme Court appointments. Honorable Jeanne E. Scott, U.S. District Court Judge for the Central District of Illinois, and Pinky S. Wassenberg, Interim Dean, College of Public Affairs and Administration and Professor of Political Studies, commented on Professor Reddish's analysis. The forum was moderated by Douglas Anderson, UIS Legal Counsel. Barbara Ferrara, Interim Director of the Center, gave the opening remarks.

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## **Illinois Issues Wins Awards for Magazine Journalism**

**August 19, 2005**

Illinois Issues won three first place awards and a second place award for magazine journalism at the annual conference of Capitolbeat, the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors. The awards, given last month in Seattle, recognize excellence in state government reporting.

Pat Guinane, the magazine's Statehouse bureau chief, won the top honor for in-depth magazine reporting for his investigation into the Blagojevich Administration's practice of contracting out government work. The main article in that investigation, "Public work, private gain," appeared in the February issue. Guinane also won first place in the single report category for his article on the politics of guns. "Under lock and key," appeared in the September issue. And he won second place for magazine column writing.

First place in magazine column writing went to longtime Illinois Issues' columnist Charles N. Wheeler III. Wheeler won the top award in that category last year, too.

The Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, now called Capitolbeat, is an organization of journalists who cover Statehouses throughout the nation.

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# **Bill Wheelhouse Named General Manager of WUIS/WIPA**

**August 16, 2005**

Bill Wheelhouse, statehouse bureau chief for WUIS/WIPA Public Radio has been named general manager of the station effective August 16, 2005.

Wheelhouse brings 25 years' experience in radio news broadcasting to the job and emerged as the top candidate in a national search to fill the position. He began working at WUIS as statehouse bureau chief in 1995, where he has led award-winning state capitol coverage for the 12-station Illinois Public Radio (IPR) network. Additionally, he has been a contributor to National Public Radio news programs. Wheelhouse served as president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association from 1998-2000. He served as a regular panelist on the weekly State Week in Review program produced by WUIS and carried statewide by IPR stations.

Prior to his position at WUIS, Wheelhouse held the position of news director at WIUM in Macomb, Illinois from 1987 to 1995. He has also served as news director and reporter for commercial stations in the region including Springfield, Macomb and Quincy. Wheelhouse has been an adjunct faculty member of the UIS Public Affairs Reporting program since 1996. He holds a master's degree in political studies from UIS and a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Western Illinois University.

Wheelhouse succeeds Brad Swanson as general manager. Swanson retired in December 2004 after 28 years of service to WUIS. Rich Bradley, news director, has been serving as interim general manager since Swanson's retirement.

In announcing his appointment, Barbara Ferrara, interim executive director of the Center, said "Bill Wheelhouse is uniquely prepared for the challenges of the general manager's role. He has the knowledge and contacts developed as a journalist and the right mix of skills and experience in public broadcasting, management, and fundraising to take on the challenges of this significant position in our community. We realize the importance of WUIS and our repeater station, WIPA to the quality of life of the residents of central and western Illinois. We are confident that Mr. Wheelhouse will succeed in building on the station's 30-year tradition of excellence in programming and service to its listeners."

We would like to welcome Bill Wheelhouse as the new general manager of WUIS and wish him all the best as he begins to lead WUIS into the future.

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# **GPSI Orientation – Setting the Pace for Tomorrow’s Leaders Today**

**August 12, 2005**

For the second year in a row, a record number of new GPSI interns and agency supervisors attended the GPSI New Intern Orientation held August 11, 2005 on the UIS campus. According to Kim Hayden, Director of the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, this is the largest cohort to begin the fall term in the 31 year history of the program. On August 16, 91 new GPSI interns commenced their internships at participating state agencies. With the addition of 46 second year interns, the GPSI program has set another placement record with 137 interns on board for the start of the fall term.

In these times of tight budgets, Hayden says, “the GPSI program continues to offer a cost-effective solution for state agencies which are increasingly being asked to do more with less. The trend is obvious – placements have increased from 75 in 2003 to 137 in 2005. It is important to note that the program provides a means for agencies to hire exceptionally well-qualified professional level staff without the costs of adding full-time staff members, while giving graduate students the opportunity to complete their master’s degree and put their knowledge and skills to work for state government.”

Since 1974, the GPSI program has placed over 1700 students in state agencies. Many GPSI interns have distinguished themselves through exceptional work and have gone on to successful careers in Illinois state government, while others have used the experience they gained to pursue work in state-government related fields or in the private sector.

Placement agencies include: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Teacher’s Retirement System, Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Auditor General, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department on Aging, the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, and the State of Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

GPSI orientation provides an atmosphere for new interns to network with colleagues and agency representatives and to be introduced to the many components of the GPSI program that make it unique. An agenda favorite for the new interns is the opportunity to hear first hand about the internship experience from a panel of current and/or past interns. Panelists this year included current

interns Brandon Jackson (Illinois Emergency Management Agency), Jeremiah Kibe (Illinois Department of Public Health), Selena King (Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services), and former GPSI intern Raegan Hennemann (Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois). Barbara Ferrara, Interim Executive Director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership, extended a warm welcome on behalf of the University and the Center, emphasizing the uniqueness of the GPSI program as one more way the University can help state government meet its obligations, while simultaneously providing the University's graduate students with the opportunity to integrate classroom knowledge with the professional world.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Graduate Public Service Internship Program may call 217.206.6158 or visit the program's [website](#).

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## **Illinois Issues May Edition Features First Paul Simon Essayist**

**May 2, 2005**

Political philosopher Jean Bethke Elshtain is Illinois Issues' first Paul Simon Essayist. She argues in the magazine's May issue that we need more religion in politics.

"Without morality," she writes, "there would be no civil society as we have come to understand it."

Elshtain is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago and is co-chair of the national Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. She has written extensively on the connections between the nation's political and ethical convictions. Her timely *Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World* was published in 2003. She is a contributing editor of *The New Republic*.

Illinois Issues invited Elshtain to explore the moral imperatives of American civic life. Her essay, *Civic Virtues*, was made possible through the generous support of the Joyce Foundation.

Elshtain, a public intellectual, got into the spirit of the assignment easily. She also recognized that promoting religion in public life is controversial. For many Americans, this raises the specter of theocracy. But she contends that regular churchgoers tend to be more active in their communities.

"The difference religiously derived morality makes is that it is more likely to get us up and out of the house and into civic life than the alternative of no religious connection or a very thin one.

[Illinois Issues](#) established the Paul Simon Essay this year, the magazine's 30th anniversary. Simon, one of Illinois Issues' founders, had a deep interest the moral and ethical dimensions of a wide range of issues. And the magazine's goal in commissioning these annual essays will be to find new ways to frame policy questions.

The magazine is seeking financial support toward this goal. Individuals can contribute by contacting the [University Foundation](#). In the remarks section, which is located on the second screen, please identify that you would like your contribution applied to the Paul Simon Essay Fund.

Elshtain's essay is accompanied by Billy Morrow Jackson's paintings. The cover illustration is a detail of his mural Greater Downtown.

Jackson is one of the leading landscape artists of the Midwest. Though he's a noted realist painter, this cityscape, published with permission, reveals his idealism. It manages to capture the social and political interconnections of community. Jackson's works have been displayed in the National Museum of American Art and in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., as well as in many other museums across the country.

He was on the art faculty at the University of Illinois for many years and continues to live and work in Champaign.

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## **U.S. Congressman Shimkus Led Panel Discussion about Bullying and Harassment Prevention Legislation**

**April 25, 2005**

The Public Policies High School Initiatives Program hosted U.S. Congressman John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, at UIS on April 25 in Brookens Auditorium. Congressman Shimkus led a panel discussion about his bill, House Resolution (HR) 284, which was introduced at the 109th Congress on 1/6/05. HR 284 would "amend the Safe and Drug- Free Schools and Communities Act to include bullying and harassment prevention programs." The bill is currently co-sponsored by 24 members of Congress.

Other panelists participating in the discussion included Kristin Allen, Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield, Jill Grove, Springfield School District 186, and Mark Schwartz, Youth Service Bureau. The panel was moderated by Dr. Allan Cook, associate professor, Teacher Education program at UIS.

Congressman Shimkus began the discussion by providing background information and shared some statistics about bullying. HR 284 is stuck in committee with no hearing currently scheduled. Rep. Shimkus stated, "What I am doing is addressing the need. Currently there's no federal law specifically prohibiting bullying in schools." With President Bush wanting to eliminate Title IV funding, Rep. Shimkus hopes that raising awareness of the problems of bullying and harassment that there could be a chance of keeping some of the Title IV funds alive. Because of the probable changes to the No Child Left Behind Act, Rep. Shimkus believes there may be an opportunity to include some anti-bullying language there. The panelists agreed that bullying is a definite problem and needs to be addressed. Jill Grove mentioned that there is a lot of confusion over exactly what a bully is. She defined bullying as a "willful, deliberate intention to cause harm" to another person. She went as far as to say that bullying was once considered to be an ongoing act, however, that even an isolated act can now be considered bullying. A question and answer session was held at the end of the panel discussion.

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## **Public Policy High Schools Staff Present at "Connections" Conference**

**March 10, 2005**

Peggy Dunn, director, Public Policy High School Initiatives, and Alanna Sablotny, graduate assistant, participated as presenters at the 2005 Connections Conference, sponsored by Illinois State University, in St. Charles, Illinois on March 9 – 10, 2005. The title of their presentation was "Public Policymaking in the Illinois Classroom."

The Connections Conference provides Midwest educators with the opportunity to engage in professional development related to best practices in education. The UIS Public Policy High School Initiatives Program was chosen as one of the best practices in civics education and engagement for this conference. Over 1300 educators participated in this conference. Keynote speeches were made by Cary Mullen, the world downhill speed record holder who spoke on champion insights, and Joel Zeff, a national humorist who provided the audience with laughter that contained messages about how to become better people and better employees.

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# **Nancy Ford Appointed Interim Director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies**

**January 1, 2005**

Nancy L. Ford, J.D., Professor of Legal Studies, with a joint appointment in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, has been appointed interim director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies effective January 1, 2005. Ford holds a J.D. from Temple University School of Law and a B.A. in English and Education from Indiana University. She is licensed to practice law and has practiced in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Ford joined UIS (formerly Sangamon State University) in August of 1979. She has held many positions, including nine years as the executive director of the Institute for Public Affairs (now the Center for State Policy and Leadership.) Other previous positions include director of the Center for Legal Studies, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, and interim vice president for Academic Affairs. She is co-founder and co-director of the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project. We welcome Nancy back in this capacity and appreciate her willingness to take on this interim position, in addition to her teaching responsibilities.

The Institute offers a variety of training programs and can customize training based on the client's specific needs. Upcoming training programs sponsored by the Institute include "Problem Compulsive Gambling Counselor Training" in May and "DUI Training Programs" in March, April, May and June (various levels.) Both of these are in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. For additional information visit the [Institute website](#).

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## **Institute for Legal and Policy Studies developing DVDs for probation officer training**

**January 10, 2005**

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies has been working with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in the design and development of DVDs which will be used for training Probation Officers who work with sex offenders. The project involves working with the staff and the facilities of the

Office of Electronic Media on campus to develop a projected 20 DVDs which will help to provide mandatory training for sex offender officers. In addition some of the materials for the training will be available on the Institute's website. The Probation/Detention training page on the website is being redesigned to make it easier to navigate as well as adding training resource materials for new officers to read and complete before attending basic training at UIS.

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## **UIS Innocence Project work pays off for Herb Whitlock**

**January 7, 2008**

SPRINGFIELD – On January 8 Herbert Whitlock is expected to walk out of an Edgar County courtroom a free man after spending over 20 years in prison for a murder many believe he did not commit. Prosecutors on Friday filed a motion to dismiss his case.

Richard Kling, Whitlock's attorney, expressed appreciation for the work of the Downstate [Illinois Innocence Project](#) at the University of Illinois at Springfield. "I'm eternally grateful to the UIS Innocence Project."

Whitlock's conviction and life sentence for the 1986 murder of Dyke and Karen Rhoads was overturned by Illinois' 4th District Court of Appeals on September 6. That conviction had been based on perjured testimony of two people who claimed to have been eyewitnesses to the crime.

In its decision to reverse, the Court's opinion cited the investigation of the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, in which UIS students working with Bill Clutter, director of investigations, uncovered laboratory notes of a forensic scientist that helped to discredit a key witness' testimony. Clutter's investigation also discovered a polygraph report indicating that the witness had made false statements to the police. The appellate court held that the failure of the State to produce the lab notes and polygraph reports resulted in the suppression of evidence that was favorable to Whitlock's defense and violated his right to a fair trial.

Erica Nichols, now a second-year law student at Drake University, was one of the UIS students who assisted Clutter in the investigation. "As a student it was disheartening to witness the failure of our legal system. It is also disappointing that Edgar County has dragged its feet in this matter and delayed Herb's release. I'm relieved to hear Herb is now free," said Nichols.

Nichols, who worked as paralegal for a Springfield law firm while attending UIS, said the experience of working with the Innocence Project motivated her to become a lawyer.



Whitlock's co-defendant, Randy Steidl, received a death sentence but was freed in May 2004 after an investigation by Clutter, working with Springfield attorney Michael Metnick, developed forensic evidence that discredited supposed eyewitness testimony and led U.S. District Court Judge Michael P. McCuskey to order Steidl's release.

In April 2000, the director of the Illinois State Police ordered a review of the case based on a request by Clutter to examine new evidence exonerating Whitlock and Steidl. Michale Callahan, then commander of investigations for ISP District 10, was assigned to review the case. Callahan concluded that Steidl and Whitlock had been wrongfully convicted.

In 2005, Callahan successfully sued his superiors in federal court after he was re-assigned to supervise traffic enforcement and told that he could not pursue an investigation of other suspects.

The case was twice featured on the CBS television program *48 Hours Mystery*.

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## **Shimkus announces grant to WUIS**

**September 14, 2007**

WASHINGTON, DC... Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-19) is pleased to announce federal funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce to the University of Illinois at Springfield for infrastructure improvements to WUIS. Through the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, WUIS will be receiving \$137,512.

Bill Wheelhouse, WUIS general manager, explained, "With this grant, WUIS 91.9 will purchase new digital equipment and overhaul all of the internal wiring in the station, which sets the stage for our adding additional channels on our digital signal. The community will greatly benefit from hearing even more viewpoints, music and voices on their public radio station. The technical overhaul will also give our producers tremendous creative flexibility and make our day-to-day operations even more efficient, which is appreciated by our listeners and donors alike."

"Access to federal programs is important to educational institutions. Given that I sit on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, I am especially pleased that WUIS was awarded this grant," Shimkus noted.

"I encourage any entity applying for federal grants to contact my Springfield office to access our assistance with the process."

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# Obama and Giuliani lead in Illinois Presidential Preference Poll heading into the fall of 2007

September 13 , 2007

Heading into the fall of 2007, Illinois Senator Barack Obama holds a commanding lead over New York Senator Hillary Clinton as the choice for the 2008 Democratic nomination among potential Illinois primary voters. On the Republican side, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani holds a narrower but still sizeable lead, with more candidates on his heels. These are the results of a statewide survey of randomly selected Illinois households conducted from late July through early September by the Survey Research Office of the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The Democratic statewide race. Obama has a lead over Clinton of 51% to 27% among respondents who said they would take a Democratic ballot in the primary. His margin is the same when the voting pool is expanded to include all those who were asked the Democratic preference questions (50%-26%). [This includes Democrats and independents leaning Democratic who did not say what party ballot they would choose.] Obama's lead decreases only slightly when the voting pool is narrowed to those who indicated they are "very likely" to vote in the primary (49%-27%). Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards is a distant third in all of these groups, at 6%. About 13-14% in all these groups have no opinion.

Among "strong" Democrats, Obama's lead over Clinton is 54% to 27%, with Edwards at 4%. Among others who are possible Democratic primary voters, Obama's lead over Clinton is 48% to 24%, with Edwards climbing to 8%. Fewer "strong" Democrats have no opinion (11% vs. 17% for others).

The Republican statewide race. Giuliani has a lead of 34% to 19% over Arizona Senator John McCain among respondents who said they would take a Republican ballot in the primary. Following in a close race for third are former Tennessee Senator and actor Fred Thompson (12%) and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney (11%). Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee garners nearly 6%. About 14% have no opinion. (It should be noted that the survey was completed prior to Fred Thompson's formal entry into the race and prior to former Illinois Governor James Thompson's endorsement of Giuliani.)

Giuliani's margin over McCain drops a bit when the voting pool is expanded to include all those who were asked the Republican preference questions (30%-19%). [This includes Republicans and independents leaning Republican who did not say what party ballot they would choose.] The same decrease in his margin occurs when the pool is narrowed to those who indicated they are "very likely" to vote in the primary (31%-18%). These drops are a result of a small decline in Giuliani's

support rather than an increase in McCain's. Among "very likely" voters, Fred Thompson's support increases to 15% while Romney is at 12% and Huckabee at 4%. About 17% have no opinion.

The Republican race differs when the strength of Republican identification is taken into account. For "strong" Republicans, Giuliani holds a lead of 35% to 18% over Fred Thompson. Romney is at 11%, McCain at 10% and Huckabee at 9%. About 12% have no opinion.

For possible Republican voters who are not "strong" Republicans, Giuliani holds a narrow 27% to 24% lead over McCain. Following are Romney (11%) and Fred Thompson (nearly 10%). Texas Congressman Ron Paul (nearly 4%) and Huckabee (3%) are next. One in five (20%) have no opinion.

Further results. Further results from these presidential preference questions – including patterns by selected demographic characteristics and accompanying tables — as well as more detailed information about the methodology can be found on the website of the UIS Survey Research Office at <http://cspl.uis.edu/SurveyResearchOffice/>.

The survey and methodology. The telephone survey was conducted over a six-week period, from July 24 through September 4, 2007, by the Survey Research Office, located in the Center for State Policy and Leadership, of the University of Illinois at Springfield. The entire survey consisted of interviews with 1,028 randomly selected Illinois households.

The Democratic presidential preference question series was asked of 514 respondents (sampling error of +/- 4.4%) while the Republican presidential preference question series was asked of 374 respondents (sampling error of +/- 5.1%). For those who actually indicated which party's ballot they would choose, the sampling errors are +/- 4.5% for the Democratic preferences (n = 479) and +/- 5.6% for the Republican preferences (n = 313). For those who indicated they are "very likely" to vote in the primary, the sampling errors are +/- 4.9% for the Democratic preferences (n = 410) and +/- 5.8% for the Republican preferences (n = 286).

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## **David Antoine receives first annual CARE Award at UIS**

**July 31 , 2007**

David Antoine, a television production coordinator in the Office of Electronic Media at the University of Illinois at Springfield, is the recipient of the first annual Chancellor's Award to Recognize Excellence in Civil Service. The award was presented at a breakfast held July 31 in the Public Affairs Center on the UIS

campus. Chancellor Ringeisen congratulates Dave Antoine on being named recipient of the first-ever CARE Award at UIS.

The CARE Award, established jointly by UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen and the Civil Service Advisory Council, serves to “recognize the exceptional work of all civil service employees” and will honor one employee each year.

The award is open to anyone who has held a civil service position on campus at least half time for at least three years. Criteria include demonstrated work ethic, attitude, commendable representation of civil service employees, and support of UIS. The recipient is presented with \$500 for personal use, and an additional \$500 is donated to a campus organization of his/her choice.

In presenting the award, Chancellor Ringeisen observed that it was made in recognition of “the wonderful things that people do to keep this campus operating every day. It’s a heartfelt thank you for all you do,” he said.

Materials nominating Antoine noted in part that he is a “shining example of a UIS employee who always puts students first.”

Noting that it was almost exactly 33 years since he came to campus, Antoine said, “I remember all the times that someone helped me to do my job. Many of you are the folks who helped me to stand here.”

Other nominees were: Bobbie Fults, secretary, Computer Science program; Kimberly Gonzalez-Beeson, secretary, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Janice Hurley, secretary, Psychology program; Laura Laurenzana, secretary, Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies; Janice Marvel, space administrator, Facilities and Services; Normajean Niebur, secretary, Criminal Justice program; Terry Pryor, mailing equipment operator/expediter, Campus Services; Marcia Rossi, administrative secretary, Library Instructional Services; Dennis Scheibe, instructional communications technical operator, Information Technology Services; Evelyn Tillman, assistant manager, Human Resources; Rowena Vail, assistant to the director, Capital Scholars Honors Program; Beverly Weddle, secretary, Astronomy/Physics, Chemistry, and Clinical Laboratory Science programs; Krystal Wilson, catering supervisor, Food Services; and Jeffrey Young, maintenance repair worker, Facilities and Services.

The [Civil Service Advisory Council](#) at UIS is an advisory group involved in helping formulate and implement policies and procedures that relate to the campus’ civil service employees.

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## **UIS Innocence Project receives IPDA Award of Excellence**

## June 21 , 2007

The Downstate [Illinois Innocence Project](#) at the University of Illinois at Springfield has received the Award of Excellence presented by the Illinois Public Defender Association. UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen and Provost Harry Berman received the award from IPDA President Stephen Richards in ceremonies held June 21 at UIS.

Richards noted that the award was made “in recognition and sincere appreciation of the Project’s outstanding service to the Illinois legal community and for untiring advocacy in the fight for fairness and justice for innocent citizens who have been wrongfully convicted.”

The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project is housed in UIS’ Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies and has as its mission providing assistance to attorneys who represent downstate inmates convicted of crimes they did not commit and helping prevent conviction of innocent persons in the future.

“Coming at a time when the national Innocence Project has achieved more than 200 DNA exonerations, it is especially important for the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project and the university to receive this recognition from lawyers on the front lines, defending those who are in prison and who might be wrongfully convicted,” said Larry Golden, a co-director of the Project and UIS emeritus professor of Political Studies and Legal Studies.

Golden – along with colleagues Nancy Ford, UIS professor of Legal Studies, and private investigator Bill Clutter – founded the UIS innocence project in 2000. The project is unique in its organization and its involvement of undergraduate students from across academic disciplines in investigating cases. The Project is an active participant in the National Innocence Network.

The Project’s successes to date include assisting in the exonerations of Keith Harris and Julie Rea Harper. Harris spent 22 years in prison in spite of the fact that two people subsequently confessed to the crime for which he was convicted and that evidence had emerged that supported his claim of innocence. He received a full pardon in 2003. Harper, who was convicted of murdering her son despite the lack of direct evidence tying her to the crime, was found innocent in a retrial last year that incorporated much evidence generated by the Project’s staff and students.

The [Illinois Public Defender Association](#) is involved in efforts to enact caseload standards, to ensure fair funding for public defender offices, to review and suggest amendments to criminal and juvenile bills in the legislature, and to develop model rules and statutes to standardize appointment procedures for public defenders. The association also regularly hosts seminars for public defenders and court-appointed counsel throughout the state.

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# Largest Attendance Ever for 2010 Lincoln Legacy Lectures

More than 470 people attended the Lincoln Legacy Lectures on October 7, 2010 at the University of Illinois Springfield, the largest audience ever for this annual series. There was standing room only in Brookens Auditorium and the overflow seating in the Public Affairs Center conference room spilled over into the Food Emporium where it was shown on the Campus Channel. In addition, the event was webcast live over the Internet.

Unique to this lecture series is that each topic is one that both engaged Abraham Lincoln and the citizens of his era and is still timely today. “Lincoln and Race” was the topic this year and both speakers expressed controversial views, nothing new in the arena of Lincoln scholarship.

We usually invite Lincoln scholars from other institutions to give the lectures, but in celebration of UIS’ 40th anniversary, we invited two of our own faculty this year: Michael Burlingame, Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies, and Matthew Holden, Jr., Margaret L. Wepner Distinguished Professor in Political Science. Founding faculty member, Cullom Davis, Professor Emeritus of History, served as moderator.

In his lecture titled, “Abraham Lincoln: ‘Preeminently the White Man’s President’ or ‘Emphatically the Black Man’s President?’” Professor Burlingame compared Frederick Douglass’ views of Lincoln in 1865 and 1876, and argued that Lincoln was an early champion of Black civil rights. In his lecture, “After Lincoln: The Counter- Attack of White Supremacy,” Professor Holden described how the period following Lincoln’s assassination brought the defeat of much of what Lincoln had begun for civil and voting rights. Professor Davis observed that the two speakers had provided a generally positive view of Lincoln’s evolving maturity and enlightenment on issues of race, and had explained how the post-Lincoln era brought the demise of the Lincoln coalition and the rise of overt racism. In response to a question from the audience, Professor Burlingame drew parallels between Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama.

Each year the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS sponsors this lecture series, funded largely through non-state appropriated dollars. With the additional help of private gifts, the lectures are offered free and open to the public. This year, the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience Speaker Series cosponsored the event and 139 students attended for ECCE credit.

To view the video on demand of the lectures, click on the link below.

[2010 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Video on Demand](#)

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# **UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership to present forum**

**June 11 , 2007**

The Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield will present a Forum on State Government and Citizen Participation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, in conference room C/D in the Public Affairs Center on the UIS campus. The forum is open to the public, however advance registration is required. The event, which is co-sponsored by Public Radio WUIS 91.9 FM, will feature presentations by Alan Ehrenhalt, executive editor of *Governing Magazine*, and by Richard Schuldt, director of the Survey Research Office at UIS.

Ehrenhalt's topic, "The States in the 21st Century," will focus on the expanding role of the states in public policy formation and innovation. Schuldt's topic, "Citizen Views of State Government: New Survey Findings from Illinois," will present findings from a new statewide telephone survey on the public's knowledge and opinions of Illinois state government, the grade they give the job performance of state government officials, and the public's participation in politics and state government policy making.

Executive editor of *Governing* since 1991, Ehrenhalt has also served with the Associated Press, *The Washington Star*, and the *Congressional Quarterly*. He is a regular contributor to the *New York Times Book Review* and op-ed page, *Washington Post Book World*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. His three books are *The United States of Ambition* (1991), *The Lost City* (1995), and *Democracy in the Mirror* (1999). He was the creator and editor of the first four editions of *Politics in America*, a biennial reference book profiling all 535 members of Congress. In 2000 he received the American Political Science Association's McWilliams award for distinguished contributions to the field of political science by a journalist, and in 2007 he received the Donald Stone award, presented by the American Society for Public Administration, in honor of significant continuous contributions to the field of intergovernmental management.

Schuldt has directed the UIS Survey Research Office since 1984. The SRO provides a full range of survey services to public and nonprofit agencies and periodically conducts statewide public opinion polls.

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# **UIS Downstate Illinois Innocence Project helps Rea-Harper file petition for executive clemency**

**September 29, 2003**

Julie Rea-Harper, a Lawrenceville woman convicted of the 1997 slaying of her 10-year-old son, has filed a petition with the Prison Review Board asking for executive clemency.

The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, affiliated with the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at UIS, working through Director of Investigations Bill Clutter, assisted Rea-Harper in investigating her claim of innocence.

In the petition, Rea-Harper cites new evidence uncovered by the Innocence Project that ties convicted serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells to the murder. The petition urges Gov. Rod Blagojevich to grant her a full pardon based on actual innocence of the crime.

Rea-Harper's husband, Mark, and her parents, Jim and Jane Rea, delivered a copy of the petition to the governor's office today. "We are going directly to Governor Blagojevich to ask him to intercede so that our daughter will not have to languish in prison for a crime she clearly did not commit," said Jim Rea.

In March 2002, a Lawrence County jury found Rea-Harper, 34, guilty of first-degree murder, dismissing her claim that an unknown, masked intruder stabbed her son, Joel Kirkpatrick, to death as he lay sleeping. She was sentenced to 65 years in prison in May 2002.

For more information about the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project at the University of Illinois at Springfield go to their website.

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## **“What Works?” topic of second Closing the Achievement Gap forum**

**March 16, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – “What Works?” is the subject of the second forum in the Education Policy Series Closing the Achievement Gap to be held 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Reservations are



recommended by calling 217/206-7163. The forum will be in the Studio Theatre, located on the lower level of the Public Affairs Center.



Keynote speaker is Dr. Sam Redding, director of the national Center on Innovation and Improvement in Lincoln, Illinois, whose topic is “Closing Gaps: An Optimistic View.” He is also executive director of the Academic Development Institute and previously served as vice president and dean of Lincoln College. Redding holds a doctorate in educational administration from Illinois State University and is a graduate of Harvard’s Institute for Educational Management.

The forums, the first of which was held on November 14, 2005, and focused on “A National Dilemma,” are designed to share information and stimulate dialogue on the far-reaching policy problem of the student achievement gap and its impact on communities, the economy, and the future. They are sponsored by UIS’ Center for State Policy and Leadership and the City of Springfield’s Office of Education Liaison.

Panelists at Thursday’s forum are Dr. Dianne Ashby, Vice President for University Advancement, Illinois State University, and former dean of ISU’s College of Education; Dr. Albert Bennett, Harold Washington Professor of Sociology and Education, Roosevelt University; Dr. Pamela R. Randall, Deputy Chief Officer for High Schools, Chicago Public Schools; and Dr. James Rosborg, Program Coordinator for External Graduate Programs, McKendree College, and former superintendent, Belleville Public School District #118.

Educators, administrators, policy researchers, members of the business community, local and state government representatives, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and anyone interested in school reform and improving educational outcomes are encouraged to attend.

The final forum in the Closing the Achievement Gap series will be held this fall and will present hands-on strategies for local action.

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## **Leading scholar on women and gender to speak at UIS**

**February 28, 2006**

SPRINGFIELD – A leading scholar on global perspectives about women and gender will speak at the University of Illinois at Springfield on Wednesday, March 8, in celebration of International Women’s Day. Dr. Zakia Salime will present “Feminization of Islamist Women and the Power of Women’s Rights” at 7 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library at UIS.

The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first seated basis with overflow seating available. Hosts are UIS’ Center for State Policy and Leadership and UIS’ Women’s Center.

Dr. Salime, assistant professor of sociology at Michigan State University, East Lansing, has developed a gender lens on global socioeconomic, cultural and policy issues that focuses on women’s movements in North Africa and the Middle East. Her numerous publications encompass the areas of women and political participation, gender and global development policies, transnational feminism, and religious movements and racism. In addition to academic journals, her writing has appeared in leading feminist book series in France, Morocco, Germany, and the U.S.

She is currently working on a book on the dialectics of women’s Islamist and feminist movements in contemporary Morocco, including how they have been shaped by neo-liberal policies, as well as the global “war on terrorism.”

As a founder of the Women’s Center for the promotion of women’s micro-businesses in Fez, Morocco, Dr. Salime took part in major United Nations conferences including the Beijing +4 conference held in New York in 1999, the UN conference on the Economic Empowerment of Women in Bangkok in 1997, and the World Summit for Women in Johannesburg in 2000.

She earned her first doctorate in sociology from the University of Toulouse Le-Mirail in France and her second doctorate, also in sociology, from UIUC. She also holds a master’s degree in women and gender in international development from UIUC.

The program is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UIS.

For more information, contact the Center for State Policy and Leadership at 206-6576.

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# Sharron LaFollette elected chair of EHAC.

**January 31, 2005**

Sharron LaFollette, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies, with a joint appointment in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies has been elected chair of the [National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council](#) (EHAC). EHAC accredits undergraduate and graduate programs of environmental health throughout the country.

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## Constitutional Scholar Visits UIS

**January 18, 2005**

A faculty luncheon dialogue with Dr. Louis Fisher of the Congressional Research Service was organized and hosted by the Center on January 18, 2005. Fisher is a leading Constitutional scholar and one of the nation's foremost experts on separation of powers and presidential war power. The Center cosponsored Dr. Fisher's visit to campus with the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois and the UIS Academic Affairs Speaker's Fund. His visit was timed to coincide with the week of the Presidential Inauguration. In his luncheon remarks he talked about President Bush's second term, Congress and the judiciary and then fielded a range of questions. His evening, public presentation was on "President Bush and the War on Terrorism." Dr. Fisher also met with classes at UIS and LLCC.

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## Illinois Issues publishes 10th annual arts issue

**December 19, 2005**

*Illinois Issues* welcomes the season with its own holiday tradition. This December marks the 10th year the magazine has published an annual arts issue.

This mid-winter issue began in 1995 with sketches by a conservation illustrator that graced the cover and supplemented an article on endangered species.

"After that, the idea clicked to create a full-blown arts issue," says Peggy Boyer Long, the magazine's executive editor.

The following year, the magazine examined state-funded art programs. The arts issue has evolved since.

December is a prime month for the magazine to consider the arts, Boyer Long says. In the short and busy period between Thanksgiving and New Year's, the staff can produce an arts-focused issue more quickly. It also affords a holiday break for readers.

"But some years, we have produced intense arts-oriented policy articles," says Long. Each December, nearly the entire magazine, including the People and Briefly news sections, examine different perspectives on public art. "We've deepened our approach to the relationship between art and culture and public policy," she says. Among the topics covered over the years have been the literary arts, state spending for the arts and arts education. 2002's issue delved into folk art and preservation, while the following year's magazine investigated mass markets' impact on the arts.

Some things have stayed the same. Every issue contains inserts and spreads on a variety of Illinois artwork. And state agencies and area artists have been willing to contribute free art to the magazine. "These issues are always visually appealing," says Long. At the same time, she says, issues the magazine has explored over the decade continue to be important in the state.

In the most recent December issue, the magazine featured an interview by Center Executive Director Barbara Ferrara with Shirley Madigan, chair of the Illinois Arts Council and winner of the 2005 Motorola Excellence in Public Service Award.

For the magazine's staff, the annual arts issue is another way to make the season bright. Says Long, "This issue is the most fun to put out."

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## **WUIS receives gift in support of new studio facilities**

### **December 12, 2005**

UIS Press Release – Public radio WUIS 91.9 FM has received a pledge from long-time listeners and members Michelle and Guerry Suggs of Springfield that will serve as the major component in funding a new performing arts studio for the station.

The Suggs' \$25,000 gift will support the technical components of the 900-square-foot studio, including microphones for 12 voices or instruments and a high-quality recording booth. The studio will also have space for a piano and will be able to accommodate live audiences.

“We are incredibly thankful for Michelle and Guerry’s generosity,” said WUIS General Manager Bill Wheelhouse. “The performing arts studio is a major component in our goal to bring even more local music and voices to the airwaves in the coming years.”

Other donors have joined the Suggs to offset construction costs of the \$45,000 studio project, leaving only \$11,000 still to be raised for sound-proofing and retrofitting offices into studio space. An anonymous donor has offered to match donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000. WUIS expects to open the new facility early in 2008.

“The studio will open up a new musical horizon for us,” said Karl Scroggin, host of the station’s Morning Classics program. “I can’t wait to interview and perform with musicians there. The possibilities are endless.”

With the new studio, the station also hopes to expand its music education program, enabling children from all parts of the listening area to learn from musicians firsthand.

The Suggs have been supporting members of WUIS since 1986. Their decision to make a major gift to the station at this time was influenced by many factors, including the demise of locally owned radio stations nationwide. “When public radio is at its best, it provides an in-depth local viewpoint, and we believe this gift will allow for more local interaction and coverage on the arts and issues in our community, thus giving people more knowledge to make better decisions,” said Guerry.

Guerry Suggs became vice president of the First National Bank of Springfield in 1976. Michelle grew up in Springfield, the daughter of James P. Murphy, one of the founding partners of Crawford Murphy and Tilly. The couple married in 1961 and, between the two of them, have served or are serving in leadership roles with a number of community organizations including District 186 PTA, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Library Association, the Springfield Art Association, the Mental Health Centers of Illinois, the Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, the Lincoln Land Community College Foundation, the Springfield YMCA, the Springfield Urban League, and the Illinois State Museum. In 2000, Guerry Suggs was named Copley First Citizen by the State Journal Register. The Suggs have three children and five grandchildren.

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## **Center hosts the 2005 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series**

**October 27, 2005**

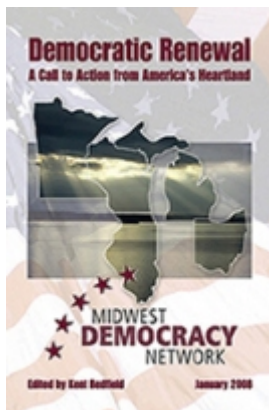
The Center and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies at UIS, hosted the 2005 Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS. The series began on October 13 with Professor Allen C. Guelzo speaking on “Lincoln’s Declaration of Economic Independence.” Guelzo is the director of Civil War Era Studies and the Associate Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. Michael F. Holt, Professor of American History at the University of Virginia, spoke on October 20 on “Lincoln’s Whigs: Expanding Economic Opportunities.” The series concluded with Professor Gabor S. Boritt, Professor of History and the Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, speaking on “Lincoln and the Right to Rise” on October 26. About 500 persons attended over the course of the series. The series was videotaped and a three-set DVD is available for purchase from the Office of Electronic Media. Call 206-6799.

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## Redfield is editor of new book on democratic institutions

February 8, 2008

SPRINGFIELD – Kent Redfield, professor of political studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, is the editor of *Democratic Renewal: A Call to Action from America’s Heartland*, published last month by the Midwest Democracy Network.



The book is a series of essays profiling issues involving democratic institutions in five Midwestern states – Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Redfield’s own essay, titled “*Keeping Faith: the Struggle for Democracy in America*,” examines perceived present threats to American democracy, such as public apathy, political corruption, election concerns, and more.

Redfield said that he believes all of these things have a negative effect on public views of the political system. However, he said working on the book was challenging but enjoyable because “it gave me the opportunity to take the research

I do and then apply it, in addition to working with groups that are trying to institute what I think are very positive changes.”

The entire book, along with summaries of the authors’ state-specific findings and reform recommendations, is [available online](#).

A member of the UIS faculty since 1979, Redfield currently serves as interim director of UIS’ Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies, housed within the Center for State Policy and Leadership. He also directs the Sunshine Project, a campaign finance research project funded by the Chicago-based Joyce Foundation.

Redfield’s previous books are *Cash Clout*, a look at financing legislative elections in Illinois, and *Money Counts*, which examines the role of money in the state’s politics. In addition to Illinois campaign finance, he has conducted extensive research in the area of political ethics.

Established in 2006, the Midwest Democracy Network is a nonpartisan alliance of public interest groups dedicated to strengthening democratic institutions and practices. MDN comprises nearly 30 organizations including the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. Affiliates are both state-based reform advocacy organizations and national research and policy institutions.

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## **WUIS is first station in Springfield to go digital**

**August 7, 2007**

### **Clearer sound now and more channels to come via digital radio**

WUIS 91.9-WIPA 89.3, the local affiliate of National Public Radio at the University of Illinois at Springfield, officially launched its digital signal today in the presence of dozens of people who had donated to the effort, becoming the first radio station in Springfield to offer clearer sound and the possibility of more than one program stream.

The \$220,000 digital conversion was made possible by gifts from 242 listeners – totaling nearly \$62,000 – as well as equipment donated thanks to UIS alum and former Orban executive Phil Zeni of Decatur. The local match enabled the station to receive \$85,000 for the project from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

HD Radio, which stands for “hybrid digital” radio, features the ability to broadcast multiple channels and wireless data services.

“Even though years ago people were skeptical that anyone would listen to FM radio, FM ended up revolutionizing AM listening,” said Bill Wheelhouse, WUIS

general manager. “In the same way, we expect digital to be the wave of the future. We already have some early adopters enjoying the sound quality that we can offer on digital.”

Digital radio eliminates static or audio cut-outs; delivers true surround sound, especially exciting for music lovers; and gives WUIS the ability to send other text information, such as titles and artist names, to the receiver.

“The other major factor in our decision to go digital now was the chance to offer more than one channel,” explained Wheelhouse. “We’ll be able to offer more public radio programs and vary the time of day you hear news or music. And we’ll be able to experiment a bit more with other channels. We’re working on a venture where a channel will be a teaching ground for UIS students interested in our style of journalism and presentation, with a youthful edge.”

Listeners to [WUIS 91.9](#) or WIPA 89.3 will continue to hear their favorite programs as they always have on the station’s analog signal, which will run simultaneously.

To enjoy the improved signal in WUIS’ listening area, listeners must have an HD radio, which are available at several stores in central Illinois and are being rolled out in vehicles over the next few years, starting with certain models of BMWs. “Prices for the receivers are continuing to drop, as more manufacturers are entering the market,” said Wheelhouse.

“It is not only the mission but also the inherent nature of a university to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to technology and innovation in general,” said UIS Chancellor Richard D. Ringeisen. “This digital conversion is an important milestone for WUIS and the university. I’m especially excited about the learning possibilities for our students interested in journalism and broadcasting.”

“We could not have made this step without the support of our membership and the listeners who rely on us every day,” said Wheelhouse. “I’m very proud of what we’ve accomplished together, and look forward to the many capabilities HD radio offers us in the future to better serve central and west central Illinois.”

Wheelhouse credited the station’s former General Manager Brad Swanson and current News Director Rich Bradley, who also served as interim general manager, with putting WUIS on the road to digital and doing the early legwork. He also recognized Jiffy Johnson, former development director, for her efforts at garnering public support for the project.

WUIS-WIPA is a listener-supported public radio service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. WUIS’ mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach.

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# Papers of Abraham Lincoln project featured in PBS program

**August 24, 2007**

Associate director asked to assess document for “The History Detectives”

John Lupton, associate director/associate editor of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln — a project of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and cosponsored by the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield — will be featured in the Monday, August 27, episode of “The History Detectives” on PBS.

WILL Channel 12 will broadcast the program at 8 p.m. Charter Communications customers who receive PBS out of St. Louis can see it at 9 p.m.

In the segment, program host Elyse Luray talks with Lupton about his assessment of a possible Lincoln document. Lupton explained: “In a nutshell, a Florida man bought some items at an estate sale and found what he thought was a Lincoln document. He contacted the ‘History Detectives’ with two questions: Is the document genuine? If so, what is its significance?”

“The program contacted The Papers of Abraham Lincoln and asked us to examine the document to determine whether it was genuine and to give them some context as to what was going on in Lincoln’s political career at that point.”

Lupton said that the letter is from August 1858 and contains a short, cryptic note to someone named Henry Clay Whitney. “Whitney appears to be warning Lincoln of a plot within the Republican Party,” said Lupton.

He explained that at that time there was, in fact, intrigue by some conservative Republicans who wanted to leave the party because they didn’t like the direction it had taken on slavery. “These conservatives thought that the Republican party had become a party of abolitionists and wanted nothing to do with that particular issue,” Lupton said.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term project dedicated to identifying, imaging, and publishing — both comprehensively in electronic form and selectively in print — all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime (1809-1865). Working from electronic surrogates, project editors create authoritative transcriptions of the documents, mark structural features according to established guidelines, and provide explanatory annotations. The text files, linked to graphic images of the originals, are published on a publicly accessible website.

The combined expertise of Lincoln scholars, 19th-century historians, information technology specialists, and historical documentary editors is producing a comprehensive collection that offers scholars, students, and lay readers a fresh look at Lincoln's words and works.

For more information, contact the [Papers of Abraham Lincoln](#) at 785-9130.

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## Public radio WUIS exceeds spring fundraiser goal

May 8 , 2007

WUIS 91.9FM-WIPA 89.3FM, the local affiliate of National Public Radio broadcast from the University of Illinois at Springfield, recently completed its most successful fundraiser ever, raising more than \$120,000 in donations from individuals and businesses throughout central and west central Illinois.

Station Development Director Lisa Stott said that the money brought in by the nine-day fundraiser held in late March will help pay for programming — such as Morning Edition, Car Talk, and This American Life — that WUIS purchases from nationwide distributors NPR, Public Radio International, and American Public Media at an annual cost of more than \$180,000.

Station Manager Bill Wheelhouse noted that while WUIS has conducted pledge drives for nearly 30 years, this was the highest goal ever set. Wheelhouse said that the increase was necessary to keep up with rising expenses related to national programming as well as technical maintenance. “In the past six months, we’ve reinstated a link in Jacksonville that is giving our WIPA listeners an improved signal,” he said. “We are making technical improvements every day and every little hook and wire adds up.”

Wheelhouse said that in fiscal 2006 more than 30 percent of the station’s budget came from membership donations. “We are very grateful for the support of the community,” he said.

Both Wheelhouse and Stott are quick to note that community support extended beyond making pledges, however. During the fundraiser more than 200 volunteers answered phones and went on the air to ask for support. Several area establishments donated food and beverages for the volunteers, and a number of corporations offered challenge grants to encourage membership contributions. “It just goes to show that public radio is really a community endeavor and a community resource,” Stott said.

WUIS-WIPA is a listener-supported public radio service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS. The station's mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and community outreach. For more information, to listen, or for the program schedule, go to [www.wuis.org](http://www.wuis.org).

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## **UIS to co-sponsor "Budget on the Brink" conference**

**April 11 , 2007**

"Budget on the Brink," a conference examining ways that state government can ensure the availability of adequate revenues to address critical needs in education, health care, human services, and pension funding, will be presented from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Hilton Hotel, 700 E. Adams, in downtown Springfield. The conference is free and open to the public; however advance registration is required.

Conference co-sponsors are the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, and Illinois Issues magazine.

Illinois' liabilities and unfunded commitments presently exceed assets by over \$100 billion. Following an in-depth study of spending pressures and revenue structures, the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, an organization representing major employers in Illinois, concluded that the state is headed toward financial implosion. This conference will feature speakers with diverse perspectives on spending and revenue.

The morning will feature keynote addresses by Civic Committee President R. Eden Martin; Illinois COO John Filan; and Director of the State Office of Management and Budget Ginger Ostro.

Afternoon sessions will focus on panel discussions of the state's spending pressures and revenue structures.

The spending discussion will be moderated by Charles N. Wheeler III, director of UIS' Public Affairs Reporting Program and a columnist for Illinois Issues. Participants will include Ostro; Linda Reneè Baker, professor at the Simon institute; Mary Ellen Guest, campaign manager for A+ Illinois; Jeff Mays, president of the Illinois Business Roundtable; and Hank Scheff, director of research and employee benefits for AFSCME Council 31.

The revenue discussion will be moderated by Beverly Bunch, associate professor of Public Administration and the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies at UIS. Participants will include Filan; Gregory Baise, president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association; Tom Johnson, president of the Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois; Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability; and Joan Parker, director of government relations for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

Other conference speakers will include CSPL Executive Director Anthony Halter, Simon Institute Director Mike Lawrence, and IGPA Director Robert F. Rich.

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## **New Almanac of Illinois Politics Hits Shelves**

**December 1, 2003**

A new edition of the Almanac of Illinois Politics, a collaboration between The Institute for Legislative Studies, Center Publications, and others has been published. The Almanac is a one-stop reference guide to Illinois politicians in each of the three branches. It is a mainstay in Illinois politics because it provides vital information about officeholders like biographical information, political affiliations, and campaign finance costs. A great source of background information on each individual, the Almanac also provides voting records on 15 key votes the official participated in, bills introduced and the success and failures of those bills.

The new Almanac adds features such as identifying individuals in the Top 10 list of contributors to each politician. Also, there are more complete profiles for those in the executive and judicial branches. Judges now have a list of key cases they have ruled in, and executive officeholders now have a list of key votes they made. These changes were all in an effort to streamline the book for the user.

Barbara Van Dyke Brown, editor of the Almanac, is proud of this new edition. "The changes in the book make it even more useful than before," she said. "Editions of the Almanac have been spotted in politicians' offices and that makes us proud to know they find it so useful."

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## **Bernick and Rossman Present Paper at Midwest Political Science Conference**

**May 4, 2005**

Dr. Ethan Bernick, assistant professor, Public Administration, with a joint appointment in the Institute for Legislative Studies (ILS), and Leslie Rossman, graduate assistant in ILS, co-authored and presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago in April. The paper, entitled "Sex Segregation and Glass Escalators: The Experiences of Women and Men in 'Female' Elected Offices" was presented by Bernick and Rossman, who served as panelists at a session at the conference. Bernick indicated that this paper is part of a larger project examining gender discrepancies in American politics and why few women hold elected offices. Contrary to the 25% of elected positions held by women nationally for all elected offices, in Illinois county and circuit clerk positions are primarily held by women.

Their research examined the prevalence of female officials in county elected offices, specifically county clerk and circuit clerk. Data gathered from all 102 Illinois counties included election results, party affiliation, population of county, and gender, race and ethnicity. They found that approximately 73% of circuit clerks are women, and 64% of county clerks are women. This is consistent with national averages of these same positions.

Their findings prompted them to find out why these two offices are perceived to be female positions. Are the positions of county clerk and circuit clerk perceived as glorified secretarial positions, even though these positions hold power? They found that the more densely populated counties seem to have more men running for these offices, than those with less population. The position of county clerk seems to carry more prestige than that of circuit clerk, including more power and notoriety, which translates to more status. Their research confirmed their beliefs that men do not view these two positions as having as much power or status as other elected positions.

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## **First Year GPSI Students Participate in Legislative Shadowing Program**

**March 21, 2005**

From February 28 to March 11, 2005, twenty-one first year GPSI interns experienced the Illinois legislative process from behind the scenes. For over 20 years the UIS Office of Graduate Intern Programs and the Illinois General Assembly have collaborated in providing a two week legislative job shadowing experience. The Legislative Shadowing Program is designed to give first year GPSI interns a chance to spend two weeks with a legislator. In some cases this may be an intern who is matched with a legislator from their home district.

This experience provides GPSI interns with insight into the operations of the Illinois General Assembly, a chance to network and an opportunity to better understand the legislative process. During the two week period GPSI interns work 20 hours per week accompanying legislators in their daily activities in the unique environment of the Illinois state legislature. GPSI interns, many of whom are international students participated in the Legislative Shadowing Program. Interns took part in a variety of activities from assisting legislators on the floor of the House and Senate, attending hearings and lobbying events, to researching and analyzing legislation and meeting with constituents. The mentoring relationship of the Legislative Shadowing Program is a unique opportunity for today's leaders to support the professional development of the leaders of tomorrow. Former GPSI interns have commented that the Legislative Shadowing Program was an invaluable feature of their GPSI internship and helped them refine their career objectives. This year 21 GPSI interns were matched with legislators:

- Representative Ken Dunkin, 5th District – Democrat — Jennifer Grimes
- Senator Donne E. Trotter, 17th District – Democrat — Selena King
- Representative John C. “Jack” McGuire, 86th District – Democrat — Sarah McCleary
- Senator John Sullivan, 47th District – Democrat — Jamie Neidorf
- Representative Elaine Nekritz, 57th District – Democrat –Bhibba Das
- Representative Jack Franks, 63rd District – Democrat — Muffadal Attawala
- Representative Kurt M. Granberg, 107th District – Democrat — Julie Manker
- Representative Harry Osterman, 14th District – Democrat — Sunil Padakanti
- Representative Julie Hamos, 18th District – Democrat — Sirisha Gottipati
- Representative Brandon Phelps, 118th District – Democrat — Mahesh Gyanmote
- Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, 83rd District – Democrat — Fernando Rosa
- Representative David E. Miller, 29th District – Democrat –Elizabeth Pearson
- Senator Mattie Hunter, 3rd District – Democrat — Megan Bleich
- Representative Deborah Graham, 78th District – Democrat — Mohit Bansal
- Senator Bill Brady, 44th District – Republican — Zeke Remington
- Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins, 16th District – Democrat — Veronica Williams
- Senator John J. Cullerton, 6th District – Democrat — Jennifer Bruse
- Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, 4th District – Democrat — Jeremiah Kibe and Nanda Lanka
- Representative Richard Myers, 94th District – Republican — Trish Hammond
- Senator Martin Sandoval, 12th District — Andrea Kittel

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## Center Gets New Name

**December 1, 2003**

The name of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies at UIS has been changed to the Center for State Policy and Leadership. The name change came at the request of Governor Rod Blagojevich, Board of Trustees Chairman Lawrence Eppley, and President James Stukel. This action was taken to reduce the confusion between the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the UIS Center. The name change was approved at the November 2003 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

The Center is currently developing new initiatives. These include leadership programs for youth, those in the Governor's high level management and planning staff, mid-career level public managers, and even those wanting to run for public office. Applied research programs will be established to provide both original and secondary data analysis to high level decision makers on issues of concern to Illinois and the Springfield region. The center will also sponsor policy summits, seminars and lectures on public policy issues on a state and national level. Finally, the center will continue to focus on materials about Abraham Lincoln and his legacies that will be distributed to school age children as well as adult audiences.

Executive Director Milan Dluhy has high hopes for the new name and initiatives. The new initiatives will give a fresh start on many subjects. Dr. Dluhy and Associate Director Barbara Ferrara are currently chairing five new planning committees within the Center to further develop the Center's leadership, research and outreach programs.

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## **African-American Read-In Held in Springfield Elementary Schools**

**February 8, 2005**

The Center for State Policy and Leadership played a role in promoting literacy during Black History Month by partnering with the National Council on the Teachers of English on February 7th. This nationwide literacy program engages the community to participate in reading books written by African-American authors to children in elementary schools one day each year. This is UIS' fifth year of participation, coordinated by Peggy Dunn, Director of the Public Policy High School Initiatives in the Center. Books were purchased to be read during the Read-In and then donated to the school library for the students' and teachers' continued enjoyment.

This year Virginia Hamilton's books *The People Could Fly* and *Many Thousand Gone* were selected and volunteers read stories of their choice to students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Standards-based curriculum materials are

developed by Peggy Dunn each year for the teachers in the Read-In schools to support them in celebrating Black History Month. This year a play adapted from Patricia McKissick's *Dark Thirty*, was developed into the teacher resource material for the 2005 African-American Read-In. These materials include annotated booklists categorized by reading ability, websites with resources, and lesson plans.

The following UIS staff, faculty, and students volunteered their time to read: Peggy Dunn, Kemau Kemayo, associate professor, African-American studies, Jennifer Herring, assistant professor, teacher education, Shawn Shures, marketing and development specialist for the Center for State Policy and Leadership, Alanna Sablotny, graduate assistant, and Jen Wilson, UIS Capital Scholar. The Springfield area schools that participated this year include Jane Addams Elementary, Enos Elementary, Elizabeth Graham Elementary, Feitshans-Edison Magnet School, and Farmingdale Elementary School. This year over 2,600 students participated in the Read-In with those from UIS.

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## **UIS to rename the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center**

**September 25, 2003**

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## **UIS names first director of Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center**



**May 28, 2003**

Michael Cheney, provost of the University of Illinois at Springfield, has announced the appointment of Dr. Milan J. Dluhy as executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies. The appointment, effective July 1, was approved in May by the U of I Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dluhy, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington since 2000, was selected following a national search to fill the position.

“As greater state and national attention is now focused on our Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies at UIS, we are especially pleased that someone with Dr. Dluhy’s leadership experience and scholarly credentials is taking the helm of the center,” said Provost Cheney. “We look forward to the opportunities for excellence he will create.”

Dr. Dluhy will succeed Ernest Cowles, who has been interim director of the center. He will return to his positions as director of the UIS Institute for Legal, Administrative and Policy Studies and associate professor of criminal justice.

A 1964 graduate of the U of I at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor’s degree in political science and economics, Dr. Dluhy received a master’s degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and a Ph.D. in political science and public administration from the University of Michigan.

From 1987-2000, he taught social work and public administration and held a variety of administrative positions at Florida International University in Miami, including associate director of the School of Policy and Management and director of the Florida Institute of Government. Before that, he was a research scientist and faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Dluhy is a member of the American Political Science Association, American Society for Public Administration, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, and Urban Affairs Association.

The UIS Lincoln Center is a public policy center that serves as the academic partner of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The center works with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and other local, state, and national organizations, to conduct applied research, education, and public service programs designed to enhance governmental effectiveness and citizens’ knowledge of public policy issues.

The center houses a wide range of research, media, public service, training and experiential education units, including:

- Institute for Legal, Administrative, and Policy Studies
- Institute for Legislative Studies
- Survey Research Office
- Graduate Internship Programs
- WUIS/WIPA Public Radio
- Illinois Issues and Center Publications
- Office of Electronic Media
- The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- Community Outreach Partnership Center

The center also carries out these new initiatives:

- Lincoln Legacy Lectures Series

- Public Policy High School Initiatives
  - Public Policy Summits
  - Presidential Center Fellowships and Grants
  - Leadership Academy
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## **Bill Wheelhouse featured on NPR**

**December 9, 2003**

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 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.

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## **Tom Ambrose Receives Illinois Probation and Court Services Association Exemplary Service Award**

**October 21, 2005**

Tom Ambrose, Senior Training Coordinator in the Center's Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, has been named recipient of the Exemplary Service Award at the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association. Michael Torchia, president of the IPCSA Executive Board and Director of the Sangamon County Adult Probation Department, presented the award during ceremonies at the IPCSA Conference on

October 20, 2005. The Exemplary Service Award, previously designated as the Citizen Award, is presented annually to an individual in recognition of his or her dedication and commitment to furthering probation and court services.

Torchia observed, “Through Tom’s dedication, hard work, and patience the court services field has been enhanced and the message of providing effective probation services to the state has been spread to hundreds of officers. His diligent efforts have helped to advance training programs into the 21st century.” “The week-long ‘basic training’ for probation and detention officers is now much more interactive and skill-based,” said Torchia, “and we now have an online training program for detention that has drawn the admiration of the American Probation and Parole Association.”

Nancy Ford, Interim Director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, noted, “I am proud of Tom for receiving this award. He has made outstanding contributions to the state and the profession as a result of his efforts in coordinating training programs for probation and court services professionals. His leadership efforts reflect positively on the university and our work in the Institute.”

“I am very pleased to receive this award from those I consider to be my colleagues,” said Ambrose. “This is the greatest kind of award anyone can receive.” Some of Ambrose’s current duties include working with AOIC staff to develop an online curriculum for probation officers, as well as helping to develop training videos for sex offender supervision, training CDs on methamphetamine, and other training tools used by Illinois probation departments.

During the IPCSA Conference, Ambrose also presented the Institute’s annual Innovative Leadership Award to the Community Transition Program at the Sangamon County Juvenile Center. This award is made to a program in detention or probation that exemplifies innovation and leadership in offender program development and that has demonstrated evidence of effective outcomes with clients. Terry Moore (Superintendent of the Sangamon County Juvenile Center) and Glen Homolka (Program Supervisor of the Sangamon County Juvenile Center’s Community Transition Program) accepted the award on the behalf of the Sangamon County Juvenile Center.

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## **Illinois Issues writers win awards from national journalist group**

**November 16, 2004**

Two Illinois journalists earned First Place in the fifth annual Excellence in State Government Coverage awards program for pieces that appeared in Illinois Issues, a monthly public affairs magazine published by the University of Illinois at Springfield. Sponsored by the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, the

ACRE awards honor the best Statehouse reporting by print, TV, radio, wire, and online journalists in the country.

Charles N. Wheeler III was honored for three of his “Ends and Means” columns about significant public policy issues. Wheeler, whose commentary appears each month in the magazine, is director of the graduate Public Affairs Reporting program at UIS and was previously a longtime Statehouse reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times.

Kate Clements’ award recognized “Risky Math,” an assessment and analysis of challenges facing the state’s public pension systems that appeared in the May issue. Clements is Statehouse bureau chief for the Champaign News-Gazette.

ACRE is an organization of journalists who cover Statehouses. In 2001, the association also honored Illinois Issues for “outstanding work in state government journalism.” These latest awards were announced November 12 at the association’s annual conference, held in Columbia, South Carolina.

For more information, contact Issues executive editor Peggy Boyer Long at 206-6559.

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# WUIS statehouse reporters win national awards

November 16, 2004

Two reporters for Public Radio [WUIS \(91.9 FM\)](#)/[WIPA \(89.3 FM\)](#) won top honors in the fifth annual Excellence in State Government Coverage awards program sponsored by the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors. Winners were announced November 12 at the association's annual conference, held in Columbia, South Carolina. The ACRE awards honor the best Statehouse reporting by print, TV, radio, wire, and online journalists in the country.

First and second places in the Radio Beat Reporting category went to WUIS Statehouse Bureau Chief Bill Wheelhouse and Statehouse reporter Sean Crawford, respectively.

"Many people, political junkies and not, tell us they couldn't go very long without the coverage of state government that Bill and Sean provide," said WUIS General Manager Brad Swanson. "These seasoned reporters provide a balanced view and unique spotlight into the work of our elected officials."

Wheelhouse's winning entry included reports from the past year on medical malpractice, the death of Paul Simon, Illinois' history of corrupt governors, prescription drugs, and Governor Rod Blagojevich's internal battle with the State Board of Education.

Crawford's award recognizes his stories from the past year on the Illinois Republican party's nomination of Jack Ryan for Senate, Governor Blagojevich's call for a tax on farmers, the proposal for expanded gambling in Illinois, stem cell research, and the sale of Illinois Power.

Wheelhouse has served as the station's Statehouse bureau chief since 1995. In 1999 he traveled to Cuba with then-Governor George Ryan and provided coverage from Havana. He is also an adjunct professor in the Public Affairs Reporting master's degree program at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Crawford, a radio professional for more than 20 years and a Statehouse reporter since 1997, has won numerous awards. Crawford and Wheelhouse are both panelists on the weekly talk show State Week in Review, which originates at WUIS and is broadcast to public radio stations statewide.

Handing out the awards, ACRE President Holly A. Heyser noted, "Statehouse journalists face different challenges than our brethren on other beats, from the sometimes frenetic pace of news to the challenge of gathering information from bodies that often exempt themselves from disclosure rules."

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# **Institute for Legal and Policy Studies Distributes DUI Sentencing Guidelines CD to Judges and States Attorneys at Special Training Sessions across Illinois**

**October 20, 2005**

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies (ILAPS) has recently completed a three-year examination of the DUI statutes under a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which has resulted in the DUI Sentencing Guidelines. These Guidelines have been produced into CD-Rom, and four training sessions for Illinois Judges and States Attorneys on the DUI Sentencing Guidelines CD have now been completed

Between 1990 and 2002 Illinois had a large volume of DUI and alcohol-related statutes enacted and placed in either the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/) or the Unified Code of Corrections (730 ILCS 5/). In some cases, a newly enacted law was placed in both codes. In 2002 judges on the IDOT's DUI Advisory Council recommended that an omnibus statute be developed with intent to place all DUI penalties in one Code or the other. This recommendation was issued because judges, as well as local State's Attorneys, were concerned about the uniformity of sentences from county to county and, in some of the more complex cases, they were having difficulty determining the appropriate sentence intended by the Legislature. The IDOT, utilizing Highway Safety Funds, issued a grant to the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) to deal with these complex DUI statutes.

The DUI Sentencing Guidelines are the culmination of the efforts of those people who directly or indirectly assisted in the drafting and passage of Senate Bill 2124, which became Public Act 93-0800, in the 93rd Illinois General Assembly. Public Act 93-0800 consolidated DUI penalties previously contained in the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Unified Code of Corrections and restructured them in Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

The original features of this grant were a set of paper flow charts and DUI Sentencing Guidelines Penalty Statements. This "paper copy" of the project was a substantial undertaking with 12 massive charts and over 800 pages of Penalty Statements. Because of the expense and the cumbersomeness of the paper version, the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies created a CD-Rom version of the DUI Sentencing Guidelines. This CD contains electronically navigated flowcharts and penalty statements in a highly accessible and searchable PDF format.

This summer ILAPS distributed the DUI Sentencing Guidelines CD to Judges and States Attorneys through short training sessions held around the state. The Institute attended the Illinois States Attorney on June 30th through July 1st in Chicago to publicize the DUI Sentencing Guidelines Training. Then during the months of July and August, the Institute conducted a total of four DUI Sentencing Guidelines Training sessions around the state of Illinois.

On July 28th, the first DUI Sentencing Guidelines Training was held in Oakbrook, Illinois. There were 20 States Attorneys and Judges present at this first training. Succeeding sessions were held in Springfield (August 8th), Mt. Vernon (August 17th), and again in Oakbrook (August 30th). Each training session was condensed into two hours in order to make it the training session more suitable for the demanding schedule of Judges and States Attorneys. All training sessions were held in Smart Classroom Computer Lab, where participants were taught a hands-on approach to using the electronic version of the DUI Sentencing Guidelines. There were a total of 65 participants at these training sessions. Judge Jeffrey Ford (Circuit Judge in the 6th Judicial Circuit), Nancy Easum (the Section Supervisor for the Alcohol and Substance Testing Section at the Illinois State Police), Carol Esarey (Training Coordinator at ILAPS), Bekky Lanphierd (Visiting Research Analyst at ILAPS), and Larry Wort (Project Manager at ILAPS for the DUI Sentencing Guidelines Grant) conducted the training sessions.

Many Judges, States Attorneys, and other judicial members who were unable to attend the training sessions have requested DUI Sentencing Guidelines CD and Manual. Along with many others, a Judge in Bloomington, Illinois requested 40 DUI Sentencing Guidelines CDs, while a Judge in Cook County requested 18 training manuals and CDs. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts has also requested 20 CDs. Thus far, 120 manuals and 350 CDs have been produced. Currently a total of 113 manuals and 247 CDs have been distributed. Because of the great response to this training an additional 70 manuals are currently being produced.

ILAPS is currently seeking additional funding from IDOT for the continuation of this training and to update the CD and manual. ILAPS would like to make this CD and manual available to all members of the Illinois judiciary. To request a copy of the manual or CD, please contact Bekky Lanphierd at (217) 206-6348 or [rlanp01s@uis.edu](mailto:rlanp01s@uis.edu).

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## **Illinois Issues Holds 30th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago**

**October 1, 2005**



Illinois Issues held a magnificent event in Chicago on September 30 to culminate its year of celebration of the 30th anniversary of publication of the magazine. The event was held at the Union League Club and included a luncheon panel moderated by former Governor Jim Edgar. Ed Wojcicki, past publisher, served as master of ceremonies. Executive Editor Peggy Boyer Long gave opening and closing remarks. A panel of rising stars in state government offered their thoughts on major policy challenges facing Illinois in the next 30 years. Panelists included Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Rep. Tom Cross, Sen. James Clayborne, Jr. and Rep. Susana Mendoza. The luncheon drew a crowd of 300 (see photo), some of whom stayed to attend Gov. Edgar's press conference at which he announced his decision not to run for public office again.

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## **Guide draws praise from Attorney General Madigan**

**October 4, 2004**

UIS Press Release: SPRINGFIELD – The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield has announced the production of a legal reference guide about methamphetamine for law enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors in Illinois. Described as the first of its kind in the nation, the guide is a legal resource for court personnel and law enforcement officers who must handle methamphetamine cases.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan praised the Institute, her staff, and all contributors to the guide for creating “a comprehensive and critical resource for law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and others in the criminal justice system charged with protecting the citizens of Illinois from the ravages of methamphetamine.”

“This guide was developed with input from some of Illinois’ foremost experts on combating meth production and its devastating aftermath,” she said. “It is a valuable document that can help those new to the problems associated with this deadly drug as well as the professionals who have fought this epidemic from the start.”

The guide provides a clear understanding of how meth is made, who uses it, the extent of the meth problem in Illinois, treatment issues, and laws and regulations that affect evidence collection. It also contains information about how the legal issues that arise in meth cases are being handled in Illinois and other states.

The guide is organized into a series of chapters that can be used as the basis for training modules for law enforcement and court officials. A series of PowerPoint slides accompany each chapter as a training and education aid. The guide will be

available on web-based sites, CD-ROM, zip-disk, and hard copy. “The guide provides an opportunity for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges from counties where meth has been prevalent for years to share their experience and expertise with counties that are just now beginning to experience clandestine lab cases,” said Carol Esarey, interim director of UIS’ Institute for Legal and Policy Studies.

Esarey said a long-term goal for production of the guide is to provide a foundation for developing a comprehensive statewide strategy and coordinated response to the problems meth manufacturing and abuse are causing in Illinois communities.

The problems associated with meth, a powerful stimulant easily made from common household chemicals, are on the rise in Illinois. The negative impacts experienced in 1996 when the first clandestine lab was seized in Adams County are rapidly spreading across the state. The number of clandestine labs seized in Illinois has increased dramatically during the past eight years.

The precursor chemicals used to produce meth are inexpensive, widely available, easy to transport, and difficult to regulate. Anhydrous ammonia, a precursor used in the production of meth, if not handled properly, can cause dehydration, cell destruction, chemical burns and, in extreme cases, death. The theft of anhydrous ammonia is a common occurrence in Illinois’ agricultural communities.

Meth can be ingested by swallowing, inhaling, injecting, or smoking and is highly addictive. Although the initial effects are pleasurable, users will quickly come to experience mental confusion, severe anxiety, and paranoia. The effects often lead to violent behavior including domestic violence and child abuse.

In addition to the adverse health risks associated with meth abuse, the manufacturing process generates harmful chemical vapors and a significant amount of hazardous waste. The hazardous chemicals present a risk of fire and explosion that may lead to serious injuries or death for law enforcement officers, the meth cook, children, and anyone else who may be within the vicinity of the lab.

The Institute designed, developed, and wrote the guide in partnership with the Methamphetamine Protocol Advisory Committee under a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice funded through the Illinois State Police. The advisory committee included judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

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## **Public Policy High School Initiatives Program Awarded \$33,000**

# **McCormick Tribune Foundation Grant**

**September 7, 2004**

The Public Policy High School Initiatives Program was awarded a \$33,000 grant from the McCormick Tribune Foundation, one of the nation's largest charitable organizations. The grant will fund the participation of seven Illinois high schools for the 2004-2005 school year. The following high schools have been selected to participate: Riverton Community High School, Riverton, IL; Dr. Martin Luther King Prep School, Chicago, IL; Chicago Vocational High School, Chicago, IL; Barry Community High School, Barry, IL; Hutsonville Community High School, Hutsonville, IL; Danville Community High School, Danville, IL; and, Porta High School, Petersburg, IL.

The Public Policy Initiative, in its third year, provides a unique hands-on civic education program that engages high school teacher teams and students in community activism and leadership by facilitating identification of problems that impact their local communities and to research alternatives that may provide solutions to these problems. Students learn to create, develop and influence public policy at the grassroots level while working closely with their teacher team and local and state government to effect real change. The students will be working closely with their community newspapers, editors, and reporters. Part of this year's grant will require regular newspaper articles developed by the students, in addition to completing the public policymaking requirement of the program.

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## **The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project Fights for Julie Rea-Harper**

**September 22, 2004**

The Downstate Illinois Innocence Project, housed in the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at UIS, has been working with Julie Rea-Harper and her family since spring 2003 to overturn her murder conviction. UIS students worked during spring and summer semester 2004 with investigator Bill Clutter and UIS Professor Larry Golden to find new and corroborating evidence of her innocence and build political pressure to get the Governor or Attorney General to intervene in her case.

In early June, an appellate court ruled that Julie's conviction was procedurally flawed. Instead of heeding the new evidence and allowing her to be released, the local state's attorney immediately reinstated an arrest warrant and removed Julie from the Dwight Correctional Center to the local jail so that she could be re-arraigned. The judge set bail at \$750,000, which was \$250,000 more than in her

first trial despite compelling arguments that Julie was not a flight risk and there was new evidence to assure that she did not commit the crime. National support for Julie aided the family in raising the necessary \$75,000 bond, which allowed Julie to leave prison for the first time in over two years.

The project is continuing to work with the Northwestern Center on Wrongful Convictions, which has taken over litigations for the new trial. A preliminary hearing was set for September 29, 2004.

UIS students have formed an Innocence Project Club on campus. A Public Affairs Colloquium (PAC) class on wrongful convictions/actual innocence was taught by Larry Golden during spring semester 2004, and will be repeated spring semester 2005. Eight students volunteered to work on this case from that PAC course. Many students are still volunteering on this case, even after the course was completed. Golden was recognized by the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in Chicago with their annual "Courageous Voices" Award in part for his work with the Innocence Project. The Project will continue its work this year on Julie's case, as well as on the Slover case in Decatur where a husband and his mother and father were convicted and sentenced to 65 years in prison for the brutal killing of Karyn Slover despite the lack of any physical evidence to tie them to the crime.

Professor Nancy Ford is co-director of the Project. She has been working with students on legal research, grant submission and also may teach the PAC course in the future.

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## **Shirley Madigan Receives 2005 Motorola Excellence in Public Service Award**

**October 13, 2005**

Shirley R. Madigan, Chair of the Illinois Arts Council, was presented with the 14th Annual Motorola Excellence in Public Service Award at a luncheon on October 12 at the Chicago Hilton. The award, which is co-sponsored by Illinois Issues and NORBIC (an economic development organization in Chicago), honors a non-elected public official employed by the City of Chicago, Cook County or State of Illinois, who has had a positive impact on the well-being of citizens through extraordinary leadership, teamwork and innovation. Mrs. Madigan was unanimously selected by a Blue Ribbon Committee co-chaired by Barbara Ferrara of the Center and comprised of business leaders, educators, public officials and past winners. Mrs. Madigan was selected to receive the award based on her passionate advocacy and record of achievement in advancing the arts in Illinois.

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# Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series at UIS features Pulitzer Prize-winning author

September 20, 2004

SPRINGFIELD – Mark E. Neely, Jr., Pulitzer Prize-winning author, will deliver the first lecture in the Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series on Thursday, October 7, at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The theme of this year's Series, on October 7, 14 and 21, is "Ethics and Power."

Neely's talk, "Civil Liberties in Lincoln's Presidency," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library on the UIS campus. His lecture is free and open to the public. No reservations are required and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Neely is the McCabe-Greer Professor of Civil War History at Pennsylvania State University. His many works on Lincoln include *The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberty* (Oxford University Press, 1991), which won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for History; *The Union Divided: Party Conflict in the Civil War North* (Harvard University Press, 2002); and *The Last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promise of America* (Harvard University Press, 1993). Neely also served as director of the Lincoln Museum in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, for 20 years, from 1972 to 1992. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Yale University.

Mark W. Summers, professor of History at the University of Kentucky, will discuss "The Politics of Patronage in Lincoln's Era" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 14, in Brookens Auditorium. Summers is the author of numerous books, including *The Era of Good Stealings* (Oxford University Press, 1992) and *The Plundering Generation: Corruption and the Crisis of the Union, 1848-1861* (Oxford University Press, 1987). A member of the history faculty at UK since 1989, he teaches such topics as the Civil War and Reconstruction, 19th century American history, and the history of political cartoons. Summers holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

The series will conclude on October 21 with "Lincoln's Presidential Virtues," presented by William L. Miller, Scholar in Ethics and Institutions at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. His talk will also be held at 7:30 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium. Miller is the author of *Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002), chosen by the Abraham Lincoln Institute as the best book on Lincoln published that year, and *Arguing about Slavery* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1996). Retired from the UV faculty since 1999, Miller previously served that institution as professor of Religious Studies, Commonwealth Professor, and Thomas C. Sorensen Professor of Political and Social Thought. He received his Ph.D. in Religious Social Ethics from Yale.

Each year UIS' Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series brings nationally renowned scholars to Springfield to present lectures on public policy issues that, while they are of contemporary interest, are also topics that engaged Abraham Lincoln and the citizens of his era. Speakers focus on the topic's modern form as well as how Lincoln addressed it. Sponsors are the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Professor of History and Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies at UIS.

"In the days before our 54th peaceful presidential election, what better time to evaluate Lincoln's commitment to the ethical use of power," said Paludan, who will serve as moderator for all three lectures.

He received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and Harvard Law School. He is the winner of the Barondess Lincoln award and the Lincoln Prize and is the author of four books dealing with Constitutional history, and 19th century U.S. social, intellectual, and political history.

For more information, contact the Center at 217-206-6576

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## **Premier Edition of CIVICS Plan-It! Ezine Online**

**November 1, 2004**

The Public Policy High School Initiatives Program at UIS provides classroom grants to teacher teams in Illinois to enhance civic education for Illinois students and engage them in public policymaking. An extension of this program is an ezine, which is an electronic magazine, titled CIVICS Plan-It! The new ezine, which contains 48 pages premiered online November 1, 2004 and can be viewed at <http://pphsp.uis.edu/civicsplanit.htm>.

The ezine is written for high school students and their teachers. The civics title represents Classroom Involvement, Volunteering & Innovative Community Solutions and is intended to provide up to date information on state and local government for high school students in Illinois. The goal is to encourage students and teachers in Illinois to become more involved in public policy and that those in Illinois will spread this voice in policymaking throughout the United States. High school students and their teachers are invited to take up the task of involving themselves in their local and state government policymaking and contribute to the magazine. CIVICS Plan-It! contains nine sections: About us; State and Local Government Resources; Students; Teachers; Schools Making a Difference; Intro to Civics; Action Links; Polls and Results; and, Sign up for Listserve. Many of these sections are interactive and contain surveys to participate in, and nomination forms

to nominate students, such as Creative Thinkers, and Citizen Actors, as well as nomination forms to nominate a school that is making a difference in their community.

In 2004-2005, four issues will be published: November/December 2004, January/February 2005, March/April 2005, and May/June 2005, with a goal of monthly publication during the 2005-2006 school year. Peggy Dunn serves as the Director of the Public Policy High School Initiatives Program and is Editor/Writer of CIVICS Plan-It! The January/February 2005 issue will contain information on local, state and federal internship opportunities for high school students.

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## **John Lupton Publishes Chapter on “Lincoln the Lawyer”**

**September 1, 2004**

John A. Lupton, Assistant Director and Assistant Editor of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, published a chapter in Norman Gross's new book entitled, *America's Lawyer-Presidents: From Law Office to Oval Office*. Lupton's chapter, "Selected Cases of A. Lincoln, Esq., Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law" is one of two chapters on Abraham Lincoln. Lupton provides examples of the various cases that Lincoln handled while practicing law in the courts of central Illinois.

The book, published by Northwestern University Press, contains a foreword by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and highlights the legal careers of the twenty-five presidents who practiced law before and after their terms in the White House. Other notable historians who contributed chapters include Robert Johannsen, professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Lawrence Friedman, who is regarded as one of the foremost legal historians in the country. The book (ISBN 0-8101-1218-3) is in bookstores now.

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## **Illinois Issues September Edition Explores Regional Debate Over Gun Laws**

**September 15, 2004**

With the 10-year-old federal ban on assault weapons headed toward extinction, Illinois Issues explored the regional debate over gun laws that divide the state and

the nation. The September cover story, “Under lock and key” was written by Pat Guinane, the magazine’s Statehouse bureau chief. The piece focuses on how the politics of gun policy play out in Illinois, especially for statewide candidates, as this November voters will choose a new U.S. Senator.

That debate unfolded in the General Assembly last spring, as downstate lawmakers advanced measures that would have relaxed some gun laws. The discourse should roll forward into the November veto session as Governor Rod Blagojevich, a Chicago Democrat who generally supports gun control, recently said the legislature should reconsider a state ban on assault weapons to replace the federal law, which lapsed on September 13, 2004.

If you would like subscription information for Illinois Issues, call 1-800-508-0266 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time, Monday-Friday (except holidays).

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## **Dr. Kent Redfield Updates “Sunshine Database”**

**September 15, 2004**

The Sunshine Database can be used by anyone to search for Illinois political campaign contribution and expenditure information. When asked the origin of the name of the database, Dr. Redfield stated that it was named the Sunshine Database because it was created to allow everything to be out in the open, like sunshine. The information contained in the Sunshine Database is public information, taken from the Illinois State Board of Elections’ database of electronically filed campaign finance reports. The information is standardized, coded and organized in a user-friendly fashion and updated every six months in the [Sunshine Database](#). Dr. Redfield observed that “Illinois has the best electronic filing and disclosure system in the country. The Sunshine Project takes that data and makes it more accessible and meaningful to the public.”

Campaign contributions can be broken down into election cycles and the database includes information from 1993 through 2004. Now that there is over a decade of data for the contributions, it is easy to look at how much money was given over the past ten years, or look at top contributors for each cycle. Expenditure information is available from 1999 through 2004. For example, in 2001-2002 there are 113,000 expenditure records and 136,000 receipt (contribution and interest statement) records in the database, for a grand total of 249,000 records. Gone are the days of having to access paper reports to inspect the records, now information can be accessed on the web within seconds.

Some UIS students are using the database for classes, lobbying seminars, and even for master’s theses and projects.



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

**August 1, 2004**

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; 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.

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# **GEAR UP Project Receives Grants Totaling \$99,500**

**September 1, 2004**

The UIS Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Project has received two supplemental grants from the SBC Corporation. The first grant was awarded for \$49,897 for the “Enhancing the Teaching and Learning Functions through the Use of Instructional Technologies in GEAR UP Classrooms: A Capacity-Building Program for Teachers.” The second grant, totaling \$49,636 is for “Preparing Students for College Attendance and the Workplace by Supporting After-School and Summer Academic Enrichment Programs in Math, Science, Reading, and Technological Literacy.”

GEAR UP is a nation-wide initiative funded through the U.S. Department of Education designed to promote the partnering of educational and community organizations in providing college preparation services for at-risk youth. The Springfield partnership is administered through the Center for State Policy and Leadership. The local partnership includes Springfield School District 186 (Washington Middle School and Lanphier High School), the Springfield Urban League, Lincoln Land Community College, and the UIS College of Education and Human Services.

UIS is entering its sixth year of the GEAR UP Project in FY2005. In FY2004, GEAR UP served over 1,000 Lanphier High School students, providing tutoring, college campus visits, ACT preparation, and leadership training. A series of workshops were also held for parents and students on topics ranging from financial aid to campus life, serving between 150 and 400 individuals at each workshop.

Dean Larry Stonecipher of the College of Education and Human Services and Carol Esarey, Interim Director of the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies are the project co-directors, while Geri Marion is the project manager. Ms. Marion can be reached by telephone at 206-7570.

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## **Illinois Issues and WUIS-WIPA Staff Win National ACRE Awards**

**November 16, 2004**

The Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors (ACRE) announced winners of their fifth annual contest for excellence in state government coverage at the Association’s annual conference in November at Columbia, South Carolina. Two

Illinois Issues writers earned first place awards for excellence in state government reporting, and WUIS-WIPA Public Radio won the top two prizes in the radio beat reporting category.

Charles N. Wheeler III was awarded first place for three of his “Ends and Means” columns about significant public policy issues. Wheeler, whose commentary appears each month in Illinois Issues, is director of the Public Affairs Reporting (PAR) program at UIS. He was a longtime Statehouse reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times. Kate Clements was awarded first place for “Risky Math,” an essay on funding of the state’s pension systems. Her analysis appeared in the May issue of the magazine. Clements is Statehouse bureau chief for The News-Gazette of Champaign.

WUIS Statehouse Bureau Chief Bill Wheelhouse won first place and Statehouse reporter Sean Crawford won second place. “Many people, political junkies and not, tell us they couldn’t go very long without the coverage of state government that Bill and Sean provide,” said Brad Swanson, General Manager of WUIS. “These seasoned reporters provide a balanced view and unique spotlight into the work of our elected officials.”

Wheelhouse has served as WUIS Statehouse Bureau Chief since 1995. He is an adjunct professor in the PAR program at UIS. Wheelhouse’s winning entry included his stories from the past year on medical malpractice, the death of Paul Simon, Illinois’ history of corrupt governors, prescription drugs, and the Governor’s internal battle with the State Board of Education.

Both Crawford and Wheelhouse are panelists on the weekly public radio show State Week in Review, which originates at WUIS and is broadcast to public radio stations statewide. Crawford has over 20 years’ experience in radio, and has been Statehouse reporter since 1997. He has won numerous awards. His second place win in the ACRE awards included his stories from the past year on the Illinois Republican party’s nomination of Jack Ryan for Senate, the proposal for expanded gambling in Illinois, Governor Rod Blagojevich’s call for a tax on farmers, stem cell research, and the sale of Illinois Power.

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## **New Appointments Made in Institute for Legal and Policy Studies**

**August 16, 2004**

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.

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

**August 16, 2004**

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.

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## **Graduate Public Service Internship Program Holds New Student Orientation**

**August 12, 2004**

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.

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## **Springfield Public Television ACCESS 4 Wins National Award**

**July 8, 2004**

ACCESS 4, operated by the University of Illinois at Springfield’s Office of Electronic Media and funded by Insight Communications, has been selected as the winner in the Overall Excellence in the Public Access category of the Hometown Video Festival, which is a national contest sponsored by the Alliance for Community Media. This is the third win for ACCESS 4 in this category.

ACCESS 4 provides an opportunity for local residents and non-profit organizations to produce programs to air on Channel 4 and to promote events via the channel’s community calendar. Area residents produced over 400 hours of local programming in 2003 and ACCESS 4 currently has 68 regular series producers. Technical assistance from the staff and students in the Office of Electronic Media is provided to the local producers at no charge.

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# **UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership hosts Public Policy Summit: Issues in Cyberspace**

**June 17, 2004**

The 2004 Public Policy Summit sponsored by the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership focused on “Issues in Cyberspace: Cyber-ethics, E-Commerce and Spam.” The event, held June 17 on the UIS campus, brought together participants from business, government, and education to discuss the practical and ethical implications for business and society of problems and possible solutions in dealing with such vexing issues as trying to tax Internet sales and trying to regulate “spam” (unwanted email messages).

Dr. Cem Kaner, Professor of Software Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology, gave the keynote address titled, “Why Can’t We Protect Ourselves from Spam?” In a counterpoint, Matthew Prince, CEO of Unspam, spoke on, “How Can States Stay Relevant in the Fight Against Spam?” Findings of a statewide survey of the Illinois public on their experiences in making purchases over the Internet and with spam were presented by Richard Schuldt of the UIS Survey Research Office. Among the 120 who attended the event were 35 students in an online course in Cyber-ethics taught by UIS Computer Science Professor Keith Miller who served as moderator for the Summit.

The Center’s Public Policy Summits are designed to explore major public policy issues, to inform citizens, and to provide guidance to government and industry decision makers as they shape the future of Illinois.

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# **SPPQ Conference Enjoys Great Success**

**May 2, 2004**

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.

The keynote speech of 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.

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# **Barbara Ferrara receives UIS' first CAPE Award**

**May 18, 2004**

Barbara Ferrara, interim executive director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership, received the first Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award presented at UIS at a reception held May 18 in the PAC restaurant.

Making the presentation, Chancellor Richard Ringeisen noted that Ferrara "exemplifies the strong work ethic, initiative, and overall excellence of the group of 150 professionals who support our academic effort and do so much for UIS."

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# **Harriet M. Fulbright Speaks at the "Springfield Summit on Citizen Diplomacy"**

**November 8, 2004**

The Office of Electronic Media taped Harriet Mayor Fulbright's speech on "Citizen Diplomacy: An Essential Element in Foreign Policy" on November 8, 2004 at the Illinois State Library. The taped speech has aired twice on Access Channel 4.

The summit was a collaborative event sponsored by the Sister Cities Association of Springfield, the Springfield Commission on International Visitors and the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. Fulbright is the widow of Senator J. William Fulbright from Arkansas who founded the U.S. government's flagship program in international exchange. She has a deep-rooted interest in international events and is a former teacher having taught in Korea and Moscow, as well as the U.S. She is very interested in the arts and is a former Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. She lectures throughout the United States and numerous countries to speak of the importance of international relations and the pivotal role played by the Fulbright Program. She shared with her husband a dedication to the search for peaceful solutions to conflicts throughout the world.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from Dr. Robert L. Poorman, former President of Lincoln Land Community College and a Fulbright Program participant. He explained that the international perspective of this summit would touch on two areas: overseas service and hosting visitors. Karen Witter, Associate Director of the Illinois State Museum, gave remarks about her experiences as a Rotary scholar in Wales and the value of her experiences as an overseas study student. Gail Record, Director of Development at St. Patrick's School, past president of Sister Cities Association of Springfield, and former coordinator of the Springfield Commission on International Visitors also spoke on her involvement with hosting international visitors and the impact that it made upon her, as well as her family.

Former Springfield mayor and state representative, Karen Hasara, a long time friend of international activity and recent delegate to the Leadership Forum on Citizen Diplomacy at the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin spoke about her experiences at the forum. She also described how she first met Fulbright – on an airport shuttle that took Hasara and Fulbright from the Milwaukee airport to the forum in Racine. They were the only two on the shuttle and had the opportunity to speak at great length for the duration of the ride.

The main charge of the leadership forum was to generate interest in citizen diplomacy in our own communities. At the time of Fulbright's presentation in Springfield, Springfield was the first city in the country to host a local summit on citizen diplomacy. Fulbright was traveling to New York City later that same week and mentioned that she was going to give a report on the Springfield summit. As a result, Springfield has been asked to help other cities plan their summits.

Fulbright spoke about how globalization is upon us. "This requires an effort on the part of all of us to reach out across borders to increase an understanding of and an empathy for other cultures." She stated how many world countries don't know about the U.S. and that this lack of knowledge and understanding of the U.S. shows



the importance of exchange programs and how citizen diplomacy helps to overcome the knowledge deficit. After her speech, Fulbright was presented a small bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln by Hasara and entertained questions from the audience.

Daily listings of programs and community events are aired on Access Channel 4 and are available on the Office of Electronic Media website. The taped programs are usually broadcast weeknights between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., or on the weekend. Check the listing of upcoming programs on channel 4 for future broadcast dates.

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## **GPSI Interns Receive UIS Scholarships**

**November 3, 2004**

Four Graduate Public Service Interns were among the scholarship recipients honored at the 2004 UIS Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. Kim Hayden, director of the Office of Graduate Intern Programs, announced that Jennifer Kypta, Meenakshi Meenakshi, Mark Danenhauer, and Julia McCarthy were among the UIS students honored for their commitment to excellence in academic performance, community service, and service to UIS students.

Jennifer Kypta, an Environmental Studies student interning at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, received the Central Illinois Typographical Union Local 177 Scholarship, the Margaret Miner Deland Memorial Scholarship, and the Cynthia S. Levin Memorial Scholarship, in recognition of her volunteer work in civics education and social services.

Meenakshi Meenakshi, an intern with the Illinois Department of Public Health and a student in the Public Health program, received the Gerlinde Coates' International Student Scholarship for her exceptional commitment to the advancement of international/cross-cultural education and ongoing support of the goals and activities of UIS international students.

The Environmental Studies Alumni Award was presented to Mark Danenhauer in recognition of his exemplary dedication to environmental issues and demonstrated involvement in environmental projects. He completed his internship with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in December 2004.

Julia McCarthy, was the honored recipient of the W. William Stevens Scholarship for her contributions as a GPSI intern at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The scholarship was established in memory of Bill Stevens, former director of the GPSI Program, and is presented annually to a GPSI intern who demonstrates excellence in leadership and performance at the placement agency.

Interns must be nominated by the placement supervisor to be eligible for the scholarship. Julia, an Environmental Studies student, also played a key role in the development of the GPSI Student Association, and currently serves as the organization's president.

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## **Kelley Boston Wins Special Merit on UIS History Master's Thesis**

**November 9, 2004**

Kelley Boston, Data Specialist with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, has been awarded a Special Merit Award by the UIS Research Board for her master's thesis in History entitled *A Phalanx Disintegrated: Socialism in Sangamon County, Illinois, 1844-1848*.

While Kelley was working as a graduate assistant with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, director Daniel Stowell suggested that she look into this topic, as very little research had been conducted on this specific group of Sangamon County residents. Boston reviewed the files of the legal battle that took place when the group dissolved, which are maintained in the Illinois Regional Archives Depository at UIS. Most of the handwritten depositions, taken in 1847 and 1848, had never been transcribed, so Boston transcribed them for her own use. She also conducted research in the state archives by examining voting records to determine the group's political and social affiliations. Using census and genealogical data, she conducted a considerable amount of demographic research on Sangamon County.

The members of the group she researched had settled in Loami, Illinois and were mostly from New England, were educated, and were in their 40's and 50's. This was a very distinct group of people who were interested in the communal way of living, both socially and economically, not unlike the hippie movement of the 1960's and 1970's. Their experiment with socialism failed because the members decided they were better off living on their own. Through her research, Boston also has discovered that many of the descendents of this group are alive and still living in Sangamon County.

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## **Students Present Community Policymaking Projects**

**May 11, 2004**

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.

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## **Barbara Ferrara named interim director of policy center at UIS**

**April 26, 2004**

Barbara E. Ferrara, associate director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield, has been named interim executive director of the Center, pending approval by the U of I Board of Trustees. Her appointment follows the resignation of Dr. Milan Dluhy, who had served as the Center's executive director for a short time. A national search for a director will begin next fall.

Ferrara has 28 years' experience as an administrator in the Center, previously known as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies and before that, the Institute for Public Affairs. She has worked as the associate director since 1989 and before that was assistant director of the Center for Policy Studies and Program Evaluation. She has a master's degree in public administration from UIS and a bachelor's degree in sociology from MacMurray College. She is currently pursuing the Doctorate of Public Administration at UIS.

"We are fortunate to have a strong manager to turn to in Barbara Ferrara during this time of budget pressures and new opportunities in the Center," said UIS Provost Michael Cheney. "She is a highly respected professional whose depth of experience

and commitment to public service equip her to guide the Center's continued development."

U of I President James Stukel asked UIS to change the name of the Center last fall after concerns were raised about the resemblance between its name and that of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. There was concern that the similarity of the names was causing confusion in fundraising and marketing efforts. In November, the U of I Board of Trustees approved the name change.

Dr. Dluhy, who became the Center's executive director on July 1, 2003, came to UIS from Wilmington, North Carolina, where he was a professor and chair of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Carolina. Dluhy succeeded Ernest Cowles, currently director of the Center's Institute for Legal and Policy Studies.

Dr. Dluhy decided to leave the executive director's position at UIS after the decision was made to change the name of the Center and refocus the Center's mission on state policy and leadership. "He came to UIS expecting to direct a presidential center, and when we decided to change the focus of the Center, he chose to pursue other opportunities," Provost Cheney said.

Ferrara said the goals of the Center for State Policy and Leadership are to continue building its national reputation as a center to study states' policies, to focus on its core missions of improving governmental effectiveness and citizen education, and to forge partnerships for leadership development and civic engagement.

The Center focuses on serving the research and information needs of opinion leaders, government officials, educators, scholars, and citizens.

Units within the Center are the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies, Institute for Legislative Studies, Illinois Issues magazine and Center Publications, Office of Electronic Media, Office of Graduate Internship Programs, Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Public Policy High School Initiatives, Survey Research Office, and WUIS/WIPA Public Radio.

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## **GPSI Program Honors Class of 2004**

**April 28, 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.

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## **Electronic Media Teaches at Tech Day**

**April 23, 2004**

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.

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## **WUIS Reporter Shawn Johnson Receives Award**

**April 18, 2004**

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.

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## **WUIS to air original program for Lincoln's Birthday**

## **February 6, 2004**

SPRINGFIELD – The hour-long original special “Trends in Lincoln Scholarship,” a wide-ranging discussion by local Abraham Lincoln scholars, will be broadcast by public radio WUIS 91.9 (Springfield) WIPA 89.3 (Pittsfield) at noon on Thursday, February 12, Lincoln’s birthday.

One consensus reached by the participants is that the way that scholars view and study Lincoln has changed to reflect the times. The program will also offer information and updates on planning now underway for the Lincoln bicentennial in 2009.

Cullom Davis, professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Springfield and a consulting editor for the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project, hosts the discussion which also features Philip Paludan, UIS professor of History and Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies; Tim Townsend, historian at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site; and Richard Hart, Springfield attorney and Lincoln historian/enthusiast.

“This look at Lincoln will be a scholarly and unique addition to traditional Lincoln-recognition events,” said Brad Swanson, general manager of WUIS. After February 12, the program can be heard by downloading it from the [WUIS website](#).

WUIS-WIPA is a listener-supported broadcast service of UIS.

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## **Colorado Lawyer Volunteers at the Papers of Abraham Lincoln**

**December 13, 2004**

Thomas J. Todd, a real estate attorney from Aspen, Colorado, and a Lincoln enthusiast, spent three weeks in November with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln reviewing and commenting on the completed chapters planned for the selective book edition. Todd read the chapters with the keen eye of a practicing attorney, evaluating the quality of the research, writing, and presentation of the cases.

Todd’s law firm provides its partners with a three-month sabbatical every five years, and Todd inquired what volunteer work he could do for the project. Director Daniel W. Stowell and Assistant Director John Lupton thought that a review of the nearly completed book edition would be of great value to the project.

Todd holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois (1980) and a J.D. from the University of Tulsa (1983). He is a partner in the Denver-based law firm of Holland and Hart.

After reading the chapters, Todd reported that they were well-researched and well-written, and "fascinating." He enjoyed seeing how Lincoln "struggled to learn the law" and developed into a successful attorney.

Todd provided the project a written assessment of the four-volumes and noted: "It is artfully formatted with concise transcripts of pleadings, court records and correspondents linked with editorial text...but this isn't just a legal history book or another book about Lincoln. It is a vivid picture of the times peopled with an incredible range of characters—horse rustlers, gold miners, real estate speculators, inventors, railroad barons, bankrupt businessmen, latest home gizmo salesmen, grieving widows, fugitive slaves, slanderers, philanderers, rioters and murderers."

The project editors value Todd's insights and are grateful for his willingness to read and comment on their on-going work.

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## **Public Policymaking Education Grant Awarded to Danville High School**

**November 9, 2004**

The Danville Superintendent of Schools, Nannette Mellen, and Assistant Superintendent, Mark Denman, hosted the McCormick Tribune Foundation grant award presentation to Danville High School (DHS). Members of the school administration and the school board were present to assist in accepting the grant award made to the school on behalf of the Foundation by Peggy Dunn, Director, Public Policy High School Initiative Program, on November 9, 2004 in the DHS school library. Mrs. Bill Black and the legislative aide from Rep. Black's local office and Senator Rick Winkel's legislative aide also attended.

This classroom grant award will allow the teacher team at DHS to teach public policymaking in the social studies classrooms, acquire new technology to build teaching skills, and provide the teachers with curriculum materials to teach civic education. The award promotes project-based policymaking in the classrooms of the teacher team members as students identify a community problem and potential solutions working with local and state government officials and community members.

Social studies teacher Andrew Davis, a DHS alum, will also serve as the public policy grant lead teacher and will administer the grant. He is the first teacher to receive the public policy grant for DHS. In addition to Davis, the teacher team

consists of Harith Tamimie, social studies chair, Gail Garner, principal, and Andrea Banicki, library media and technology specialist. Davis had the opportunity to be a star when the local television station, WCIA, came to DHS to interview Davis and his students about the grant and their ideas for problem solving in the community.

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## **Lincoln Log Recieves National Acclaim**

**January 5, 2004**

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 Association 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.

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## **WUIS/WIPA general manager to retire**

**December 3, 2004**

Brad Swanson, general manager of public radio station WUIS/WIPA and veteran Illinois broadcaster, will retire effective December 31, 2004, ending nearly 28 years with the station and the University of Illinois at Springfield.

“Brad’s tireless efforts to create a collaborative climate at WUIS, in his relationships with the university, and among financial and volunteer supporters will be greatly missed,” said Barbara Ferrara, interim director of UIS’ Center for State Policy and Leadership. “He built a world of friends.”

Ferrara was also quick to point out that Swanson had brought the station to prominence over the years. “WUIS has the distinction of being in the top tier for



public radio market share among stations in the National Public Radio family,” she said.

Dale Ouzts, one of the station founders and recently retired director of broadcasting at Ohio State University, remembers Swanson as a committed colleague. “Brad started in 1977 as operations director and was program director when I urged him to seek the station manger position,” Ouzts said. “His devotion to the station and the university has had an immense impact on audience growth and satisfaction.”

As for Swanson, the parting will be bittersweet. “Because this station has been such a source of inspiration and joy for me, it will be difficult to leave,” he said. “While I intend to continue to support WUIS in every way possible, I’m going to have to change my habits to enjoy the station as a listener rather than its manager.”

Part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS, WUIS is a member station of both National Public Radio and Public Radio International. The station will celebrate its 30th year on the air in January 2005.

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## **Legislative Workshop a Vital Resource**

**January 26, 2004**

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.

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## **WUIS launches music series in downtown Springfield**

**February 4, 2008**

SPRINGFIELD – Public Radio WUIS, the Sangamon Valley Roots Revival, and Samuel Adams/Samuel Adams Lite are joining together to present the inaugural season of **Bedrock 66 Live!**, featuring live local performances of roots, bluegrass, blues, and rock music by lesser known, yet critically acclaimed national artists. The nine-part series will begin in April.

Seven performances will take place at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in downtown Springfield. Two performances will be intimate events on campus at the University of Illinois at Springfield, in WUIS’ new Suggs Performing Arts Studio.

All nine shows will be recorded for later broadcast on WUIS 91.9/WIPA 89.3.

Bedrock 66 Live! begins its run with bluegrass group The Infamous Stringdusters at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Hoogland Center. In 2007 The Stringdusters won Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Emerging Artist of the Year awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association, becoming the first band ever to win these three coveted IBMA awards in a single year.

The second performance, June 14 at the Hoogland Center, will be a double bill featuring insurgent country artist Robbie Fulks and Elizabeth Cook, who has been called “this generation’s Loretta Lynn.”

WUIS General Manager Bill Wheelhouse observed, “Bedrock 66 Live! follows a grand American tradition of live music on radio, from Louisiana Hayride to World Café. We are thrilled to have E&F Distributing/Samuel Adams as our marquee sponsor to help bring these excellent performers before central Illinois music fans. And the Hoogland is a great downtown venue to see bands.”

Tickets for the entire Bedrock 66 Live! series are \$91 and are currently available to WUIS members by calling the station at 206-6516. Individual tickets for The Infamous Stringdusters performance go on sale to the general public on February 18 at the Hoogland Center box office, telephone 523-2787.

Wheelhouse said that NPR stations have long been known for highlighting talented up-and-comers and noted that WUIS’ own Sunday night music lineup includes the popular locally produced programs Sangamon Valley Roots Revival, Bluegrass Breakdown and Nightsounds.

He said that NPR has recently launched a [comprehensive website](#) that is a repository for thousands of interviews and live performances conducted by NPR and member stations.

**WUIS-WIPA** is a listener-supported public radio service of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. WUIS’ mission is to satisfy a curious, societally engaged audience through programming and

community outreach. For more information or for the program schedule, visit [www.wuis.org](http://www.wuis.org).

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## **Illinois Issues publishes annual Roster of State Government Officials**

**March 29, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD – The annual Roster of State Government Officials published by Illinois Issues magazine has been completely updated for 2007 and is now available.

The Roster contains names, photographs, and contact information for every Illinois legislator, as well as each legislator's district address, phone and fax number, e-mail address, website, and committee assignments. Information is also provided on members of the Illinois executive branch, Supreme Court, and congressional delegation; hundreds of key staff members who work with these officials; and the media and reporters who cover state government. Changes that occur after March 2007 can be tracked online through an "updates" link at the magazine's website.

Illinois Issues is a not-for-profit monthly publication focusing on analysis of public policy, with a special emphasis on state government and politics. It has been hailed as playing an "unparalleled" role in public discourse and "probably the best place for Illinois politics in print." Part of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield, the magazine is now in its 32nd year.

For a price list and information on placing an order call the magazine at 217-206-6084.

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## **Center Faculty and Staff present workshop on Grant Seeking Tips**

**January 26, 2004**

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.

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## **UIS to host lectures on environmental health**

**February 19, 2007**

SPRINGFIELD – The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield and the Illinois Environmental Health Association will host two public lectures examining issues in environmental health on March 6 and 7 in Brookens Auditorium, located on the lower level of Brookens Library on the UIS campus. Both programs will begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

The topic of first lecture, on Tuesday, March 6, will be “Environmental Health: The Invisible Guardians in Every Community.” The featured speaker will be Nelson Fabian, executive director of the National Environmental Health Association.

The subject of the lecture on Wednesday, March 7, will be “Lessons Learned the Hard Way: After 9/11” presented by Francesca Lyman, a freelance environmental reporter and contributor to MSNBC.

Nelson Fabian has served as executive director and CEO of the National Environmental Health Association since 1983; during that time, the association has significantly increased its staff, budget, and services. In addition, Fabian serves on a number of committees, task forces, and initiatives, including several programs undertaken by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He writes a regular column in the Journal of Environmental Health.

Francesca Lyman is an award-winning journalist, author, and editor. For the past five years she has written the “Your Environment” column for MSNBC.com. She has also written articles for such environmental periodicals as Land and People, This Old House, and Organic Style, and she is the author of two books — The Greenhouse Trap: What We’re Doing to the Atmosphere and How We Can Slow Global Warming (Beacon Press), and Inside the Dzanga-Sangha Rain Forest: Exploring the Heart of Central Africa (Workman Publishing). She has served as editor for The Amicus Journal (Natural Resources Defense Council), Not Man Apart (Friends of the Earth), and EA Magazine (Environmental Action).

The lectures are being presented in conjunction with the two-day professional conference “The Crisis in Environmental Health,” March 6 and 7 at UIS. The conference is an opportunity for environmental health practitioners and administrators to learn strategies for converting research into effective policy and to

develop skills essential to the delivery of environmental health services during catastrophic events. Advance registration is required to attend the conference.

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies is a unit of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at UIS. The Center's mission is to provide a national stage for scholars, students, policymakers, and citizens to exchange ideas, engage in research, and expand understanding of public policy issues. ILAPS is charged with helping government entities to develop and implement effective policies and programs and with focusing research and service efforts on state, regional, and national legal systems.

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