



NEWSLETTER

ICCHE

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) is a comprehensive organization of continuing higher education representing all regions of the state of Illinois.

Founded in 1975, ICCHE is the only organization in Illinois whose membership includes two- and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private.

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Fall Conference—Sept. 26

Join colleagues in Joliet or on the web for a special Fall 2014 conference, "Training and Education in Academia & Industry" offered by the University of St. Francis School of Professional Studies in partnership with ICCHE.

On Friday, September 26, the on-campus event will begin at 9:30 am with a welcome that also honors the late Dr. Joy Thompson, founder of and faculty member in the M.S. in Training & Development program at USF, and former President of ICCHE.

The subsequent keynote panel discussion will also be offered as a one-hour webinar, "Adult learners, technology and e-learning tools that transcend time

and space in education and industry."

ICCHE Past President Terry Borg will moderate a panel that includes representatives from academia and industry:

- Amy Murphy, Joliet Junior College
- Joseph Ferrallo, USF
- Jody Smrekar, UTi Worldwide Inc.
- Joe Livigni, Capsim Management Simulations, Inc.
- Anne Llewellyn, Dorland Health

The conference will continue for those in Joliet with roundtable discussions, followed by a session on "Attitude & Leadership" presented by Pat Sullivan. He will use the mnemonic ATTITUDE to share a distillation of his 30



years of thinking on this topic. Lunch and networking will conclude the general session. An ICCHE board meeting will follow from 1:30-2:30.

The event is free but RSVP is required: <https://www.stfrancis.edu/academics/master-of-science-training-development/>

A block of rooms is reserved at Fairfield Inn Joliet South. You MUST call (815) 741-3499 directly to book for discounted rate of \$80.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ICCHE friends,

In my last message, I mentioned mentorship and collaboration as powerful tools. I'm picking up on these themes because networking within ICCHE can add value to you *and* your institution. I am fortunate to have sought and received advice from members of ICCHE. These conversations helped me reflect on practices within my organization and determine how to best align, build, grow and sometimes shrink our programs and activities. Many of us have discussed the continuous changes inherent in continuing education and how we, as professionals, need to be ready to react and adjust. *ICCHE networking helps us be ready.*



In my last message, I also mentioned the mentor who inspired me to join *Bonnie Covelli, ICCHE President* and become involved in ICCHE, Dr. Joy Thompson. I am pleased ICCHE and the University of St. Francis are honoring her at our **upcoming Fall meeting/webinar on Friday, September 26**. Many of you have also been formal and informal mentors to me. I thank you for that. I challenge each of us to become a mentor to someone else in the organization. Mentorship, collaboration and networking can add priceless value to our careers and our institutions.

Here are a few other ways ICCHE can add value:

- Our newly formed LinkedIn group has 117 members (at last count). Join us! Go to www.icche.org and click on the "LinkedIn" symbol to connect with other continuing ed professionals and potential mentors/mentees. We can also post questions to one another and share articles and resources.
- ICCHE has a brand new website that is informational and provides easy navigation to find ICCHE events, member resources, past presentations, grants and awards. A big thank you to Hilary Ward Schnadt and the communications committee for their work on the website.
- We have many new, "newer" and seasoned professionals on the [ICCHE Executive Board](#) each with energy and vision. If you need a mentor, contact one of us. If you'd like to join us, let me know. We are always looking for committee members and board positions open every year.
- There are already several vendors, speaker proposals and new members committed to joining us at the **40th annual conference, February 11-13, 2015**. You are invited to come to see how practitioners are growing continuing education divisions all across the state.

I am excited about the future of ICCHE, and the value it can bring to you.

Bonnie

"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves." - Steven Spielberg

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Elmhurst College

Elmhurst College's School for Professional Studies, a leader in geospatial education, offered its first MOOC: **"Skills for the Digital Earth"** in April of 2014. It garnered 1,430 registrations from 93 countries and 45 states. 15% of students completed all seven modules, and EC received 12 applications for its applied geospatial programs from MOOC participants. Ninety-eight percent of participants who responded to a follow up survey indicated they would recommend the MOOC to others.



The success of their five-course, undergraduate certificate program in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) has led Elmhurst to create a **graduate certificate and master's degree in applied geospatial sciences**. All programs are offered through the Elmhurst College Online Center and started in the fall, 2014 semester. The degree option offers a special concentration in AP Human Geography targeted at high school geography teachers.

M.S. in Data Science: Elmhurst College created and launched a 100% online master's degree and graduate certificate program in Data Science. Twenty-two students have enrolled in the degree/certificate programs. This multi-disciplinary initiative was created through the efforts of faculty in the Departments of Business, Computer Science & Information Systems, and Mathematics. It integrates statistics, computer science, and business skills to prepare students for successful careers in "Big Data."

The Deicke Center for Nursing Education at Elmhurst reviewed over 200 applications for the initial 16 seats in its nursing **master's entry in nursing program**. This program allows students who have an earned bachelor's degree outside of nursing, and who have completed prerequisite coursework in chemistry, biology and anatomy and physiology, admission to a two-year, full-time program of study in this high-demand field. Graduates will earn a master's degree in nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam. The program has a strong field-based component through a partnership with Elmhurst Memorial Hospital which houses the College's new, state of the art, nursing simulation center.

Harper College

The Harper College Mobile Unit is a state-of-the-art computer classroom on wheels, ready to travel. Purchased with DOL TAACCCT funds, it can:

- Help run learning and testing events at remote sites.
- Provide Internet access at outreach events, job fairs, conferences and trade shows.
- Expand options for providing skills training when corporate or community partners don't have the space.
- Enable certification testing on-site for employees or prospective new hires.
- Facilitate HR programs that need to process a large group at career and recruiting fairs or compliance seminars.
- Provide event support for emergency response assistance, adult education programs, or community outreach and partnership events.



To discuss how the Mobile Unit can support your training, testing or event support projects, please call us at (847) 925-6066 or email to wcctesting@harpercollege.edu.

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Oakton Community College

Health Care Professionals Over 50 Can Learn Spanish at Oakton

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Spanish is currently the second most spoken language in the United States. Mature health care workers can now gain a new professional skill by enrolling in **Introduction to Spanish for Health Care Workers Age 50 and Over** offered at Oakton Community College.

Students will earn how to converse with Spanish-speaking patients and guests in any health care setting, master Spanish cultural expressions, basic greetings, and commonly-used medical terminology (including diagnostic tests), and hone their ability to recognize and understand cultural and social factors that can improve communication skills.

This 10-week course meets Wednesdays, 4 – 6 p.m., starting September 3, at the College's Skokie campus, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue. No prior knowledge of Spanish required. This class is offered through the American Association of Community Colleges Plus 50 Encore Completion Program.

Questions? E-mail skhurana@oakton.edu or call (847) 635-1447. Visit www.oakton.edu/conted to register.

Saint Xavier University

St. Xavier's Chicago campus held a grand opening ceremony on August 25, 2014 for a new **Student Veteran Resource Center (SVRC)**. "The objective of this office is to provide individualized advising and advocacy, as well as a diverse range of programs and services that support student-veterans' academic and personal development, learning experiences, and involvement in campus life," said Sheri Gross, veteran coordinator for the SVRC.

In addition to coordinating all Veteran Affairs Education Benefits, staff in this office will also make initial contact with newly-admitted student veterans and assist current students with any issues that may arise during their tenure at SXU.

SXU veterans will have a congregating space in which they can meet and socialize with other veterans, find peer support, and participate in veteran-specific activities, therefore, enhancing their connectedness with the university and their education. The SVRC serves as the primary meeting place for SXU's Student Veterans of America chapter as well.

Lastly, the SVRC will be used as an information point where students can access veteran-specific materials relating to campus resources, education benefits, scholarships and grants, changes to VA legislation, career opportunities, and community-based veterans events, as well as general information on other VA benefits and opportunities (medical, mental health, housing, etc).

For more information about the SVRC, please contact Sheri Gross at gross@sxu.edu or (773) 298-3345.

Saint Xavier University's Center for Instructional Design and Academic Technology (CIDAT) recently completed its **Video Wall**, a high-tech electronic display for showcasing student artwork. The Video Wall was recently highlighted in *AV Technology* magazine.

The Video Wall was part of the redesign of the lower level of the Warde Academic Center, which also included small private study rooms, state-of-the-art classrooms, a coffee bar, and a lounge area for students.

The Wall, which was installed by Conference Technologies, Inc., is a group of multiple video monitors spanning approximately 10 feet by 12 feet. It was designed to display SXU students' artwork on a rotating schedule.



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University of St. Francis

University of St. Francis opens a Business Incubator



This Fall, the University of St. Francis (Joliet) College of Business and Health Administration will open a business incubator for entrepreneurs. The Incubator is located on the first floor of St. Bonaventure Hall at the university's downtown Joliet campus. The Business Incubator provides a co-working environment between startups, community members, and entrepreneurial students. It supports the economic development of the region by fostering new business development; a secondary aim of the incubator provides students from St. Francis and neighboring junior colleges entrepreneurial education in a lab setting. The steering team includes leaders from Joliet Junior College, the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium, City of Joliet, Will County Center for Economic Development, Joliet Chamber and regional entrepreneurs.

In Memoriam—Joy Thompson



Joy Thompson, pictured in 2010,

Since the Fall Conference is being offered in honor of Joy Thompson, this issue of the newsletter provides a good time to remember her contributions to ICCHE and continuing education.

Will Hine created ICCHE's Past Presidents Council, and he recollects, "I remember Joy as an dedicated CE Professional who was an excellent colleague and friend. . . .She worked for many years in making ICCHE a stronger Association and held many different leadership positions in ICCHE. In all the leadership positions she held, she always did a great job. She very highly valued ICCHE and was an strong advocate for CE and ICCHE in the state of Illinois and beyond. A true Professional in every way!"

Comments compiled by USF include, "The rest of us are still catching up to Joy. Today, the online world is vivacious, but when Joy started, it was a bit unknown in higher ed. Now, higher education in Illinois seems to lag behind. When Joy started, she went ahead and developed a program we now emulate. I just wish she were still here to see the next step. She would be helping us find the next wave of education."

In her president's message from the April 2010 issue, Joy concluded, in words that remain true, "We have to hope that in these challenging times technological advances can continue to help us find new, exciting, more economical and convenient ways to support our learners and our institutions."

Please join us in Joliet on September 26 and share memories of your own.

News from ICCHÉ Committees

Executive Committee

Angela Latham from Governors State University has stepped down from the Executive Board. Amy Barsha, Executive Director, Office of Continuing Education in the School of Extended Learning at Governors State University has been elected to serve out Latham's term as a Public University Representative.

Research & Scholarship Committee

The Committee is now seeking candidates for the Charles V. Evans Research Grant. Application deadline is January 15, 2015. The grant funds research that addresses a problem of significance to Illinois continuing education and the award may be up to \$2,000. The award is announced at the conference in February and the recipient will be obliged to report on the funded research at the conference in February of 2016 (and to supply an electronic copy of the presentation for the ICCHÉ website). The application format and the selection criteria can be [downloaded from the ICCHÉ website](#). Questions may be directed to committee chair [Omer Pamukcu](#).

Innovative Initiative Award Committee

The Committee is now seeking nominations for the 2015 Innovative Initiative Award—an excellent opportunity to showcase your innovative programming success, gain recognition for your unit and institution, and learn more about successful initiatives at other institutions. The deadline is December 1, 2014 and the award criteria and application can be found at <http://www.icche.org/member-resources/grants-and-awards/icche-innovative-initiative-awards/>. Please contact Tim Panfil by phone (630) 617-3256 or [email](#) with any questions.

Communications Committee

The committee was charged with making a recommendation about the format and management of ICCHÉ's website. The website as it existed needed certain technical upgrades in order to stave off any future hacking. The most cost effective solution was proposed by the University of Illinois Springfield's Center for Online Learning, Research and Service (COLRS). The Executive Committee gratefully accepted their proposal to migrate the site to WordPress and to take on the webmaster function and to do so at below-market rates as a contribution to ICCHÉ. (See related story below). If you have not visited www.icche.org, please give it a look and share any feedback with committee chair [Hilary Ward Schnadt](#).

ICCHÉ's New Webmaster

John Freml of University of Illinois Springfield's Center for Online Learning, Research and Service took over as ICCHÉ's webmaster earlier this summer. He was responsible for the changes to the site's look and feel. He joined the COLRS staff in 2014, but has been at UIS since 2012. He moves smoothly between two-year and four-year institutions, because he is also an adjunct faculty member at Lincoln Land Community College, teaching courses in Women's and Gender Studies and in German.

The COLRS website reports that he "attended graduate school at the University of Cincinnati, where he earned his M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and previously spent one year studying and researching in Tübingen, Germany. His professional academic interests include feminist pedagogy, feminist and queer theology, and pop culture studies."

In order to make the most efficient use of the time that John can give to the ICCHÉ website, ICCHÉ members should route any suggestions or requests for changes to committee chair [Hilary Ward Schnadt](#), so that she can aggregate and prioritize the requests.

ICCHE's 40th Meeting—"Tell Our Story"



Vickie Cook, 2015 Program
Planning & Membership Chair

Hello everyone. Summer is coming to an end this year as we begin the fall semester across our campuses. And, yet my thoughts are moving forward toward our February conference! While I'm not looking forward to the cold wind in Chicago in February, I am looking forward to the *warm* chocolate chip cookies that the Doubletree provides upon check in. I am looking forward to an energizing pre-conference session and some super and fun keynote events. More details will be shared in upcoming editions. Watch your email box for details. The call for presentations went out a few weeks ago and already many have been submitted. **The deadline is October 1 for presentations.** It looks like we will have some wonderful presentations from our colleagues.

For example, Past President Will Hine is assembling a panel of Past Presidents to tell the story of ICCHE's founding and to review the issues in the 1980s-90s that led to its creation. Charlie Evans and Rick Venneri have already agreed to join him, with additional recruiting still underway. A Q&A format will encourage those in attendance to share their stories, too.

This past week I attended the Distance Teaching and Learning Conference in Madison, WI. It was great fun. We added some info for the upcoming 2015 40th Annual ICCHE Conference at our UIS table and had many people stop by and pick up fliers. Several conference attendees who stopped by while I was at the table said how great it was that ICCHE provided a conference for institutions across the state.

I would encourage you to mark your calendars now to make sure that you plan to attend the 40th Annual ICCHE Conference February 11-13, 2015. More information is available on our website at <http://www.icche.org/conference/register/>.

We anticipate lots of great conversations, information sharing, and *warm* chocolate chip cookies. See you in Chicago!

ICCHE Career News

- * Kelly Lapetino, former Workforce Skills Manager at Joliet Junior College and current Director Career Success Center, recently accepted the position of Dean of Corporate and Continuing Education at Prairie State College.
- * In August, Pam Collins, former ICCHE member, accepted the position of Academic Dean and Executive Director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at Philadelphia University.
- * Chris Hubbard has remained at North Park University, but has left the School of Adult Learning to become Assistant Professor of Management and Leadership in the School of Business & Nonprofit Management.
- * DePaul University's Continuing Professional Education unit is currently recruiting for a Associate Director for Program Curriculum who will lead the strategy and implementation of DePaul's professional development programming. See details at <https://jobs-depaul.icims.com/jobs/18216/associate-director%2c-program-curriculum/job>.

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MEMBERSHIP:

If you are not already a member, consider joining ICCHE today!

The \$125 annual fee includes membership for an institutional representative and up to nine additional professionals from the same institution. And for an annual institutional fee of \$200, an unlimited number from the institution can be members and enjoy all the benefits! for details.

We're on the Web!
www.icche.org

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ICCHE Listserv

To send a message to all the people subscribed to the ICCHE Membership list, send an email to:

icche@lists.eiu.edu

and staff will post to the listserv.

Note: You must be listed as a member of ICCHE in order to use the listserv.

ICCHE Haiku Corner

Inspired by the IT professionals who rendered various computer error messages into Haiku, we are debuting a new feature that encourages ICCHE members to tap their creativity. Visit <http://www.badgirlchats.com/japanese-error-messages/> to find such treasures as:

Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.

Yesterday it worked.
Today it is not working.
Windows is like that.

Send your 5/7/5 syllable wit and wisdom on continuing education to hwschnadt@ucenter.org for future issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 26, 2014	ICCHE/USF Fall Conference—Joliet or Online
September 26, 2014	ICCHE Board Meeting—Joliet or Conf. Call
December 5, 2014	ICCHE Board Meeting—Joliet or Conf. Call
February 11-13, 2015	40th Annual ICCHE Conference, Chicago, IL



COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/INPUT??

Suggestions for changes? Want to be a roving reporter and/or join the fun?

Please let us know your thoughts about the ICCHE e-newsletter! How can it be improved? What types of information would you like to see included? Please forward comments or questions about this e-newsletter, and/or information for future issues to the attention of:

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