



NEWSLETTER

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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 members include two- and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private.

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41st Annual ICCHE Conference (February 10—12, 2016) is also ACHE Great Lakes Conference

“Continuing Education Collaborations” is a fitting theme for ICCHE’s 41st annual conference since the event will also serve as the Association of Continuing Higher Education’s Great Lakes Regional Conference.

“I am very pleased that the leaders of ICCHE extended an invitation to the ACHE Great Lakes Region to hold a joint conference,” said Brian Cole of Grand Valley State University, ACHE regional chair. “While there are a number of individuals who hold membership in both organizations, arranging for ACHE Great Lakes to serve as a co-sponsor of the conference opens the potential for participation by ACHE members from Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and central Ontario. I hope

that ACHE members will participate in the conference and bring to it the perspectives and insights from these additional states.”

ICCHE Co-Vice President Gayla Stoner echoed his sentiment. “We’re very pleased to collaborate again with ACHE on our spring conference. We look forward to getting a broader perspective as we compare our experience in Illinois with the experience of colleagues in continuing ed from the wider Midwest.”

Running February 10-12, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile, the event’s

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Note from the president's desk:

Good winter morning everyone! It has been a truly wonderful year serving as your president. We have experienced a fun annual conference this past year to celebrate our 40th anniversary. We had an equally interesting fall conference in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Continuing Education & Training at Parkland Community College. And, now, we are gearing up for our 41st Annual Conference by returning to Chicago in February.

This year's keynote speakers, pre-conference workshop, and breakout sessions all look to form an excellent opportunity for us to grow as educators. Additionally, Bonnie Covelli has led the charge in collaborating with the Association of Continuing Higher Education Midwest Region. Collaboration with other organizations gives both ICCHE and the other organizations a deeper and broader approach to thinking about continuing education, as well as provides exceptional networking opportunities for our members. We hope that you will join us in February at the Doubletree for the best February Conference in Chicago that you can choose to attend!



Vickie Cook, ICCHE President

I want to say a sincere and heartfelt “*Thank You*” to Will Hine who has decided after these many years in ICCHE leadership, to step down as Chair of the Past Presidents Committee. Will has continued to do a wonderful job for ICCHE and remains a good friend of the organization. When you see Will, please join me in saying “thank you!” for his hard work and continued dedication to ICCHE. Dr. Bonnie Covelli has graciously agreed to take over the leadership for the Past Presidents committee. Bonnie is an excellent leader and strong advocate for continuing education. Thank you, Bonnie for taking on this new role.

As I come to the end of my year in working with the ICCHE Executive Board and members as ICCHE President, it is with much gratitude that I thank the excellent continuing education professionals across the state who have shared their expertise and skills in leadership to assist with the business of ICCHE. It has been an honor to serve as your president. I will remain active in the organization in many ways and am looking forward to welcoming Dr. Gayla Stoner and Ms. Beth Craig as co-presidents in the coming year. Please see the article on page 4 of this newsletter that provides an introduction to your new co-presidents and their work in continuing education. My hope is that some of you will also be compelled to join the ICCHE leadership team and assist in continuing to strengthen and grow the only professional organization for continuing education that serves public universities, private universities and colleges, for-profit universities, and community and 2-year colleges within Illinois. We are stronger together!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Chicago on February 10-12!

Vickie Cook, Ph.D.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Bradley University Welcomes New President

Bradley University's 11th president began his tenure at the start of the 2016. Gary R. Roberts graduated from Bradley University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics with minors in history and speech. He received his J.D. in 1975 from Stanford University and is considered one of the foremost sports law experts and scholars in the country. He is Dean Emeritus and Gerald L. Bepko Professor of Law of the McKinney School of Law at Indiana University in Indianapolis. Before being appointed Dean in 2007, he spent 24 years at Tulane University Law School serving as Vice Dean, Deputy Dean, the Sumter Davis Marks professor of Business Law and Director of the first Sports Law Program established in the United States that he founded.



See also the ICCHE Career news on page 7 for more Bradley news.

Loyola University Chicago Staff Changes

Loyola University Chicago's School of Continuing and Professional Studies had lots of staff changes in 2015. Natasha Teetsov was appointed Assistant Dean in charge of student services. Jennifer Gettings was appointed as Enrollment Advisor. Marie Harrigan was appointed as Assistant Director of the Institute for Paralegal Studies. Elizabeth Morrison joined the staff of the Paralegal program. The school also saw an external appointment. Dean Walter Pearson was appointed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to a task force exploring PLA options for military veterans.

University of Illinois at Chicago

U.S. News & World Report has ranked UIC's online bachelor's programs fourth in the United States in their recently-released [2016 Best Online Bachelor's Programs](#) report. UIC offers two online bachelor's degree completion programs: a health information management program and an RN to BSN program. In addition, for the third year in a row, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked these online programs number one in the country in student engagement.

University Center of Lake County

Anani C. Moy joined the University Center of Lake County in September of 2015 as the Recruitment Specialist/Advisor. She is a recent alumna of Loyola's M.Ed. in Higher Education program. Anani succeeds Tonia Baxter, who left the University Center in May to join Iowa State University's Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering as an Advisor II. On March 10, 2016, Tonia will receive a 2015 Iowa State University Professional and Scientific Citation Award.

Incoming Co-Presidents

When the baton gets passed during the annual meeting on February 11, 2016, President Vickie Cook will be handing it off not to a successor but to a dynamic duo, current Co-Vice Presidents Beth Craig and Gayla Stoner. They will join forces for a shared presidency. While this is not the first co-presidency in ICCHE's history—Vanessa Sneed and Jackie Welch, both of SIUC, established that precedent in 2011—this is the first time that the co-presidents come from different institutions. Fortunately, both have had continuing education careers that predispose them to collaborate.



Bethany Craig, Coordinator of Program Development for the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University

Beth is responsible for new program development in the credit area, including online programs. She is also responsible for marketing and promotions for all continuing education as well as for summer session marketing. Beth is ABD for her doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration. Her research focuses on adult transfer students and the services they need to help them be successful as they transfer from the community college to the university. Beth is the recipient of the 2015 Association for Continuing and Higher Education (ACHE) Graduate Student Conference Grant. In addition to working in continuing education, Beth has taught as an adjunct faculty member and worked in hospital fund-raising.

Gayla Stoner, Executive Director for the School of Continuing Studies at University of Illinois at Chicago

Gayla directs the School's credit and non-credit program offerings. The School's mission is the delivery of innovative and transformative programs for all learners. The School has a special focus on international students through the direction and support of the Tutorium for Intensive English. In 2011, Gayla was selected as an Emerging Leader by the Online Learning Consortium Institute for Emerging Leadership for Online Learning. She was awarded ICCHE's Charles V. Evans Scholarship Grant in 2005. Gayla's doctoral degree is in workforce education and development. Her research areas include enabling learner access and flexibility through innovative postsecondary education, including adult learning programs and Registered Apprenticeship Programs.



Both hope that the annual conference will provide the opportunity for them to meet any ICCHE members with whom they are not already acquainted.

Fall Conference Recap

By Vickie Cook & Katie Haas

The joint fall conference for the Illinois Council on Continuing and Higher Education and the Illinois Council of Continuing Education & Training at Parkland College on September 28 and 29 was a hit! The conference was jam-packed with great workshops, good food, excellent networking possibilities and a good deal of strong coffee throughout the day. The facility at Parkland's Workforce Development Center was a spacious location that allowed the group plenty of flexibility. There was strong attendance from both groups. Participants enjoyed presentations on Prior Learning Assessment, Online Learning, Work-Life Balance, and Intergenerational Workforce Issues.

Networking between universities, colleges, and community colleges was strong. The evening provided time for social interaction and good food and fun. A collaborative effort with ICCET for future events is definitely an area that ICCHE leadership will want to continue to consider. Leading the way in continuing education throughout Illinois is a prime responsibility for all of our institutions. Strengthening our collaborations and partnerships assists us with serving the needs of our Illinois constituents effectively and efficiently.

Triton College won the 2016 ICCET Exemplary Program Award for their Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER) test program for candidates entering a certified police academy in Illinois. They worked in collaboration with their Criminal Justice department to develop the course.



Pictured from left to right are Dawn Zedolek from Lewis and Clark Community College (ICCET Secretary), Leslie Partlow from Lake Land College (ICCET President) and Patti Shields accepting the award on behalf of Triton College.

If you missed this year's fall conference, consider next fall in joining your incoming co-presidents, Gayla Stoner and Beth Craig for a great kick off to the fall semester by attending the ICCHE Fall Conference.

41st Annual Conference—cont'd

schedule and location will be familiar to ICCHE members.

The pre-conference workshop will be presented by perennial favorite, Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice Chancellor for Online Learning at University of Illinois Springfield, who will set the stage for the conference by reviewing the past year's changes in continuing higher education and by forecasting the issues that will be prominent in year ahead.

The conference itself will run for a full-day on Thursday, February 11 and will conclude by noon on Friday. The first day will include both full-group presentations and break-out sessions. Prairie State College President Terri L. Winfree will give the morning keynote address.

Breakout sessions will bracket the lunchtime business meeting and will cover a wide range of practical and theoretical concerns. If you can't currently define "heutagogy," colleagues from UIS will ensure that you can do so before the conference is over. If you plan to introduce more social communication tools into your classroom, come learn from colleagues at University of St. Francis who will share their trials, tribulations and success. If you've been wondering how corporate training programs could contribute both to business and to higher education, colleagues from University of Phoenix will share two practical applications. If you'd like to reflect more deeply on our profession, you'll have the opportunity to review the original meaning of "to profess" as well as to hear a panel of colleagues from a community college and from public and private four-year institutions share their thoughts about interdisciplinary leadership.

A 4:30 – 6 pm poster session will run in the exhibition area, concurrent with a reception hosted by the exhibitors and featuring door prizes.

Friday morning will include the bestowal of the Innovative Initiative Award as well as roundtable discussions and other presentations. The longstanding ICCHE tradition of concluding the conference with a drawing for "ICCHE baskets" for those who have stayed until the end and completed a conference evaluation form remains unchanged.

For more details or to register for the conference, visit [the conference webpage](#).

For hotel information, visit its [DoubleTree by Hilton](#) webpage.

Come for the conference; stay for the ICCHE baskets.



ICCHE Career News

- ◆ Paul Crawford has left Northern Illinois University, where he served as Director of Community College Relations. He began 2016 as the Director of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach—Linn County and is now working in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- ◆ Regis Gilman, Dean of the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University has concluded her term as the President of the Association of Continuing Higher Education.
- ◆ Janet Lange, a past president of ICCHE, was named Interim Associate Vice President for Marketing and Publications at Bradley University in August 2015. She continues her work as Executive Director of Continuing Education and Summer and Interim Sessions at Bradley.
- ◆ Donna Gardner Liljegren has left Elmhurst College, where she was Director of the Elmhurst College Online Center, to join Aurora University as Dean of Online Enrollment & Continuing Education. She began that new role in October.

New Illinois Laws

New laws that took effect in Illinois on 1/1/16 may suggest opportunities for continuing educators. Visit <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/default.asp> for details.

PA 99-0468	Requires community colleges to accept credit hour from private vocational working hours in certain fields
PA 99-0316	Makes it easier for students who achieve associate's degrees at Illinois community colleges to transfer to Illinois public universities
PA 99-0225	Allows podiatrists to receive three-year temporary licenses while taking post-graduate programs
PA 99-0278	Requires colleges and universities to give new students the opportunity to give parents or others access to their mental health records if they become a threat to themselves or others
PA 99-0261	Requires Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to develop a curriculum for a mental illness crisis intervention training Program
PA 99-0199	Creates ISAC grants for people exonerated and released from prison to use at public universities for undergraduate, graduate or GED studies
PA 99-0144	Requires DHS and ISBE to develop a training program for case workers in every public school to register students who are developmentally disabled and qualify for services (under the PUNS list)
PA 99-0408	Creates the Coroner Training Board, which will establish mandatory standards relating to the training of coroners
PA 99-0185	Requires high schools to give students a college readiness exam that is accepted by Illinois' public universities

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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.

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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](#), this new feature encourages ICCHE members to tap their creativity while reflecting on continuing education.

Chicago beckons
And the cold and snow outside
Can't tamp ICCHE's warmth

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 10, 2016

ICCHE Executive Board Meeting
Doubletree Hotel, Chicago

February 10-12, 2016

ICCHE 41st Annual Conference in tandem with
ACHE Great Lakes Conference

June 2, 2016

ICCHE Northern Region Symposium in tandem
with REACh annual conference
Benedictine University



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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