



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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ICCHE Fall Conference

to be held

September 22–23 at UIS

ICCHE's fall conference will enable members to sample a varied selection of what Springfield has to offer. This includes a report from agency heads, research-based presentations by ICCHE colleagues, state-of-the-art teaching resources, plus cultural and dining attractions.

Thursday morning will begin with an Executive Board meeting. The conference itself will begin over lunch. Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and Dr. James Applegate, Executive Director of Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) will provide their perspectives on the issues facing higher education in Illinois today.

The afternoon will be devoted to an Emerging Technology workshop. As its conference proposal notes: "Every day a steady stream of exciting new hardware, cloud-based tools, wearable devices, and apps emerge to entice educators. Busy educators often do not have the time or opportunity to try out new technologies or to read the research behind good decision-making in technology adoption. This workshop will include discussion, hands on, active learning where participants will engage with the presenters, each other, and technologies and techniques. " The session will be team-led by Ray Schroeder, Vickie Cook, Michele Gribbin, Carrie Levin, and John Freml, and will reflect their belief "that

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Greeting colleagues,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer. Time is flying by! The fall semester has started at most of our campuses and the return of students brings great excitement and energy to our efforts.



Beth Craig, ICCHE Co-President

We have been very busy preparing for the Fall 2016 ICCHE Conference that will be held on September 22 and 23 at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS). In our preparations for the fall conference, we have secured engaging speakers to present and facilitate conversations regarding relevant topics within our institutions. Our speakers include Dr. James Applegate, IBHE, and Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, ICCB who will share updates from their agencies.



Gayla Stoner, ICCHE Co-President

Please know that we have been very cost conscious throughout the planning process for our fall conference. The registration fee includes your lunch on Thursday and breakfast on Friday. Additionally, we have made arrangements for our group to tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum on Friday afternoon. Read more about the conference in our cover story and visit [ICCHE's web-site](#) to register.

We hope that you are able to join us for this informative and engaging annual event.

Most sincerely,

Beth Craig & Gayla Stoner



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Elmhurst College

Only July 1st, the Elmhurst College community welcomed Dr. Troy VanAken as the 14th president of the College. Dr. VanAken was most recently president of Thiel College in Greenville, PA. His career in higher education includes a wide range of experiences, including years as a senior administrator, a mathematics professor, a business entrepreneur, athletic director and football coach. A Michigan native, Troy and wife Annette are parents of two, Trey and Gabriella.

Effective August 1st, William "Bill" Smith II has been promoted from student services manager to associate director of admission and advising for the School for Professional Studies. Bill is a 2004 graduate of Elmhurst College and began work at Elmhurst as a student services representative in October, 2013.



North Park University

North Park University is celebrating its 125th anniversary this fall. Visit <http://www.northpark.edu/Events/125th-Anniversary> to see the array of special events and to read a variety of stories about NPU students past and present.

The School of Adult Learning at North Park University is changing its name to the **School of Professional Studies**. This new name reflects broader engagement with a wider variety of students. Increasingly, post-traditional learners make up the majority of college students in the country, and the School of Professional Studies is ready to serve these students in all their diversity of experience. And while the name is new, the program is celebrating a silver anniversary. A quarter-century ago, the GOAL Program began with a single major offered to degree-completion students, and since then, it has grown, first into the School of Adult Learning, and now into the School of Professional Studies.

The most recent program addition to the School of Professional Studies is the Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, developed and inaugurated by Dr. Paul Priester. Now, as the MA in Counseling Psychology enters its third year and prepares to graduate its first students, the School of Professional Studies is pleased to introduce the new Director of the MACP program, Dr. Michael DeVries.

Michael DeVries completed his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at Duquesne University in 1986, and he is a licensed clinical psychologist in Illinois. Prior to accepting his position at North Park University he taught psychology at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL. And he most recently served as Director of the Counseling Psychology program at Trinity.

In addition to his teaching, Dr. DeVries maintains a clinical practice in which he utilizes person-centered, cognitive-behavioral, and mindfulness based approaches to counseling. His scholarly interests include phenomenological approaches to research and therapy, the dialogical philosophy of Martin Buber, psychoanalytic thought, empirical research on prospective memory, and the integration of spirituality and counseling.

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Northwestern University

The Office of Distance Learning at the School of Professional Studies (SPS), Northwestern University has brought on two new Learning Designers: [Jacob Guerra-Martinez](#) and [Brian Runo](#). Jacob previously worked in the Texas community system, while Brian previously worked as an instructional designer at the University of Illinois Chicago. Both bring considerable experience in instructional design and faculty support to their positions, and SPS is excited to have them aboard.

SPS is proud to share their [Studio Production Examples](#) page, which includes many examples of the kind of videos that can be produced in the Northwestern University Chicago campus based video studio. Video types include faculty lectures, hands-on demonstrations, handwriting captures, screen-casts, and [Lightboard](#) presentations. .

SPS would also welcome visitors to their Distance Learning blog, aimed at faculty teaching online in any capacity, whether their class is fully online, hybrid, or blended. Some recent topics have included information on [copyright and fair use in the online classroom](#); [how to design and teach a learner-centered course](#); and guidance on [how to choose the best screencast software](#). .

University Center of Lake County

University Center of Lake County has added a 21st member institution. Trinity International University has joined the University Center and will begin offering a Certificate in Christian Ministries at the University Center's Waukegan site.

University of St. Francis

In October, the USF *Business Incubator for Entrepreneurs*, located in its Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center, enters its third year of operations. The incubator supports the economic development of the university's region by fostering new business development and providing students with entrepreneurial education in a lab setting. Since opening, the university has accepted nine small businesses (including a student-run business) to participate in the program. Several of these businesses have expanded and experienced revenue growth. The businesses are provided with a co-working office space, relevant workshops and educational programming, access to mentors and university resources.

Job Openings

Northwestern University's School of Professional Studies seeks a new [Director of Online Learning Technologies](#). The Director will plan and perform needs assessment, research, and selection of new and emerging learning technologies for SPS online programs. Click link above for a full description of the job and the minimum and preferred qualifications and competencies.

University Center of Lake County seeks a new [Recruitment Specialist/Advisor](#) to provide pre-admission advising for prospective students of any of the 130+ programs offered by the 21 colleges and universities that make up the University Center. Click link above for a full description of the job and the minimum and preferred education and experience. **Review of candidates will begin on September 12, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.**

Lots to Celebrate at UIS

Written by John Freml & Emily Boles

The University of Illinois Springfield has been honored as a national leader in online education. The University Professional & Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) presented UIS with its award for Strategic Innovation in Online Education during its annual conference on April 8, 2016 in San Diego, CA.

The award recognizes an institution of higher education that has set and met innovative goals focused on online education and been strategic in the planning, development, implementation and sustainability in the line with the institutional mission.



In addition to this collective recognition, they have also celebrated some individual awards.

Ray Schroeder [center] holding the Mildred B. and Charles A. Wedemeyer Excellence in Distance Education Award.

Flanking Ray on the left is Les Howles, Director of the Wisconsin Annual Teaching and Learning conference. On the right is Professor Curt Bonk of Indiana University who received the award when it was last given two years ago.

The COLRS staff at UIS is quite proud of Ray Schroeder, the associate vice chancellor for online learning, who was honored by the United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) with their Hall of Fame Award during the association's conference in St. Louis on May 10, 2016. In a letter announcing the award, USDLA Chief Executive Officer John Flores praised Schroeder for his commitment to the field of distance learning, adding he has "contributed immeasurably in laying the successful foundation for distance learning and its application within the educational community."

Ray also recently took home the Mildred B. and Charles A. Wedemeyer Excellence in Distance Education Award, at the Distance Teaching and Learning Conference at the University of Wisconsin Madison, on August 10, 2016. This award has been presented biennially since 1987 for distinguished contributions to the scholarship and practice of distance education.

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engaged teaching is the best teaching strategy in online and blended learning, “ as Vickie Cook summed it up. “Some of the technologies that we will explore include Virtual and Augmented Reality, Foreign Language translation technology, and many, many apps for learning. Engaged, connected, and learning together is our framework to explore teaching and learning with technologies in a fun and creative way.”

The evening will provide the opportunity to relax with colleagues and to dine at the restaurant of your choosing. [Visit Springfield Illinois](#) can help you research some choices or ask a local ICCHE member for recommendations.



After breakfast on Friday you will have the opportunity to tour the UIS Center for Online Learning, Research and Service (COLRS) space. This includes the opportunity to see the Lightboard they built with a very limited budget and their own ingenuity. “The master-mind behind the design work and creation of the Lightboard are Emily Boles (COLRS) and Nevil Patkis (Carpenter),” credits Vickie Cook. You will learn how to use it for recording video lecture topics with clear sketches of equations or charts and how to replicate it at your institution with minimal funding.

Then UIUC’s Adam Fein, Director of Online Strategy, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, will present a session on about Illinois’ massive open online course (MOOC) initiatives and their partnership with Coursera.

“Stress and Change Management” is the topic of the final presentation. It will be made by Marissa Happ, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Aurora University. It seems particularly timely, given the challenges facing higher education in Illinois today.

Lunch will be on your own in the UIS Cafeteria (and members are encouraged to pay with cash if possible.)

The conference will conclude with a tour of the [Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum](#).

We hope to see you at the fall conference! Register via [ICCHE’s website](#).



ICCHE Career News



ICCHE Past President (2008) Richard Carter has retired from Western Illinois University after 27 years. He served as the executive director of WIU's School of Distance Learning, International Studies and Outreach. He began work at WIU in 1989 as a member of the engineering technology faculty. Ten years later he became the director of non-traditional programs and he undertook his most recent position in 2010, when WIU renamed the school.

He received several awards, including the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) William E. Kennedy Award in 2010, reflecting his dedication and leadership in delivering quality programs at military installations. In 2012, he received ICCHE's Past Presidents' Award for Service in recognition of his exemplary and long-term contributions to our organization.

Rick is not planning a quiet retirement. Instead he is headed south for a new adventure as the dean of the School of Continuing Education and Special Programs at University of South Alabama. Read more about his service to WIU [here](#) and about his new role [here](#). We send him forth with gratitude for all his service to ICCHE and with warm wishes for continued success in his new job.

While **ICCHE Past President (2014) Bonnie Covelli** has not left the University of St. Francis (Joliet), she has moved into a new role effective with the Fall 2016 term. She is now assistant professor in the College of Business & Health Administration and the chair for the School of Professional Studies. We extend gratitude and warm wishes to her, too, for her dedicated service to ICCHE.



ICCHE members in the Center for Online Learning, Research and Service (COLRS) at the University of Illinois Springfield welcome **Tammy Craig** to their team. Tammy joined COLRS in May 2016 after serving as the Director of the UIS Career Development Center for twelve years, leading the effort as the first department in Student Affairs to adapt all services, programs and resources to online delivery in 2006. Now, as a Career and Online Learning Specialist, Tammy provides expert consultation and direction to online students seeking career services through professional interaction with faculty members teaching upper division and graduate courses. She also conducts research and publishes career services areas for online students, and facilitates online university service to the broader community. Her diverse background includes over 16 years devoted to higher education, 17 years of mental health and career counseling, and an additional seven years of experience in advertising and management. She looks forward to meeting new ICCHE friends and colleagues at upcoming conferences and meetings. Welcome aboard!

Anani Moy has left the University Center of Lake County and returned to Loyola University Chicago where she earned her graduate degree. She now serves as an advisor to 1st & 2nd year students.

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

*Waiting for Godot's
"I can't go on. I'll go on."
Higher ed's tagline?*

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 22-23, 2016	ICCHE Fall Conference University of Illinois Springfield
September 22, 2016, 9:30 am	ICCHE Executive Board meeting
October 17-19, 2016	ACHE 78th Annual Meeting, New Orleans
December, 2016 (specifics TBD)	ICCHE Executive Board meeting
February 8–10, 2017	42nd Annual ICCHE Conference



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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