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# Newsletter

## ICCHE 2022 Annual Conference Held Virtually April 5—6

**Illinois Council on  
Continuing  
Higher Education**

**2022  
Annual  
Conference**

The pandemic has altered our society and how we navigate and move forward. Join us as we discuss these changes and what the "new normal" means to continuing adult higher education.

For more information  
<https://www.icche.org>

**CONFERENCE TITLE:**

RE-ENGAGING  
ADULT LEARNERS IN  
TODAY'S EVOLVING  
LANDSCAPE

**Save  
the  
Date**

April 5-6,  
2022

### This year's keynote speaker—Dr. Jason Klein

Dr. Jason Klein is the director of P-20 Initiatives with Northern Illinois University. His responsibilities include facilitating the P-20 Network, collaborating with the Illinois Interactive Report Cards Office and steering the P-20 Research Collaborative. Jason brings to this position nearly 25 years of experience in demographically diverse public school districts as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. His instructional focus has been on transforming learning opportunities for all students so that they benefit from differentiated and challenging problem-based learning. Jason has focused on implementing democratic models of school improvement informed by modern principles of project management and he has been a leader in using technology to innovate assessment and instruction.



**Registration will be opening soon!**

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ruben Howard II, Ph.D.

Greetings ICCHE Colleagues,

The ICCHE conference planning committee selected Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (SIUE) as our conference vendor for 2022 and 2023. After pivoting to a virtual conference in 2021 due to safety precautions amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we were hoping that this year's conference could be held in person at SIUE. However, due to the explosion of COVID-19 case counts, we decided that gathering in person during an ongoing pandemic wasn't worth the risk to our members and decided that we would have this year's conference virtually. Many thanks to this year's conference planning committee as they work hard to bring you an exciting virtual conference on April 5th and 6th. This year's theme "Re-Engaging Adult Learners in Today's Evolving Landscape" will focus on how adult learners continue to navigate and pivot during this time. We are delighted to have Dr. Jason Klein, Director of P-20 Initiatives, with Northern Illinois University, as our keynote speaker.

We are accepting [proposals](#) for the conference and registration will be open soon. Although connecting virtually is not the way that many of us thought we would be meeting together for this year's conference, please continue to stay involved with ICCHE. You can do this by attending or presenting during our annual conference or consider being a part of our board of directors. As members, please feel free to share any ideas that you may have to myself or any board member on how to make this organization thrive and stay relevant. We welcome your ideas and need your help in moving ICCHE forward!

Stay safe and take care.

Ruben Howard II, Ph.D.  
ICCHE President



# ICCHE SPOTLIGHT

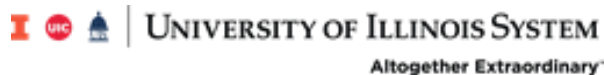
## University of Illinois System—New Transfer Program

The University of Illinois System is excited to announce a new [transfer-focused initiative](#), which includes a guaranteed transfer admissions program into any of the three campuses – Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana-Champaign. Effective the 2022-2023 academic year, qualified students will be guaranteed admission into UIC, UIS, or UIUC through ‘**The U of I Transfer Guarantee**’ if they meet all following requirements:

- have enrolled only at an Illinois community college after graduating from an Illinois high school
- and have earned a minimum of 36 graded, transferable semester hours at the time of application to the university
- and have attained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all transferable course work completed at the time of application to the university and have satisfied the university's English language proficiency requirement.

Several majors have specific requirements for admission beyond what is outlined in the requirements above and are also subject to enrollment constraints. Applicants may be admitted to alternative programs due to these limitations. Explore each university’s transfer admissions websites ([UIC](#), [UIS](#), [UIUC](#)) for specific program requirements. This admissions program does not supplant or preclude existing transfer programs and partnerships but adds yet another exciting option for transfers into any of the University of Illinois campuses.

Any questions about **The U of I Transfer Guarantee** can be directed to Holly Pflum, Transfer Initiative Coordinator for the University of Illinois System, at [hpflum@uillinois.edu](mailto:hpflum@uillinois.edu).



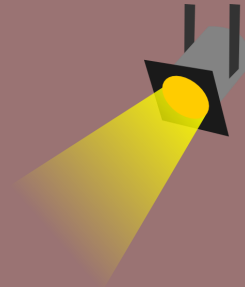
## ICCHE Board Member Recognitions

The ICCHE Board would also like to shine the spotlight on a few of our ICCHE members to recognize their past service on the board.

In appreciation for their service to the ICCHE Board, we would like to say thank you to the following current and former members:

Vicki Cooke, University of Illinois Springfield  
Kay Wilson, Northern Illinois University  
Teri Karpman, University of Illinois System

Thank you and best of luck on your future endeavors!



Shining a spotlight on ICCHE members and programs.



Pictured: Holly Pflum  
Transfer Initiative Coordinator



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE



### Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

#### SIUE Wins International Award

The continuing education unit at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in Edwardsville has won an International Award in lifelong learning for Best Brochure by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), the largest association in continuing education in the world.

The award for 2022 was only one of seventeen given at LERN's big annual conference this year, attended by 1,755 professionals in lifelong learning from all over the United States and Canada.

"The award is for innovation in the field of continuing education and serving communities," stated LERN President William A. Draves. "These awards enhance the quality and involvement in continuing education, an absolutely critical component to individual and community quality of life and prosperity, especially now."

"With more than 100 award nominations every year, gaining an International Award is an outstanding achievement," Draves said.

In announcing the award, Draves noted: "The SIU brochure was excellent. They used a LERN brochure critique to rework their entire catalog. They revised the table of contents, course descriptions, and created highly visual and engaging interior pages. They increased their distribution radius and saw fall 2021 registrations increase 17% over the pre-pandemic fall 2019 term."

LERN serves over 800 organizations throughout the United States and Canada that are engaged in providing continuing education to their communities.

For more information, feel free to contact:

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Pictured: Leslie Brock  
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**EDWARDSVILLE**



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### University of Illinois Springfield

#### The Karen Swan Research Symposium

UIS is planning a free, virtual research symposium to honor the research contributions of Dr. Karen Swan, the James J. Stukel Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership, to the field of online learning. The Karen Swan Research Symposium will be held on April 1, 2022 from 11 am-2 pm. Expert panels are being planned on the topics that were of interest to Dr. Swan, including the Community of Inquiry, Data Analytics & Predictive Modeling, and Technology-Enhanced Learning. Dr. Swan, who passed away September 5, 2021, was a plenary speaker at the 2016 ICCHE Annual Conference.



#### UIS ION Professional eLearning Programs honored with the 2021 UPCEA Outstanding Program Award

The University of Illinois Springfield's [ION Professional eLearning Programs have been honored with the 2021 University Professional and Continuing Education Association \(UPCEA\) Outstanding Program Award](#). ION supports the practice and innovation of online learning for faculty, staff and administrators in K-12 and higher education. More than 300 schools, colleges and universities across the country and world have utilized ION to stay current on emerging best practices in online learning. The UPCEA award, in part, honors ION's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as overall enrollment in ION courses increased 260% between 2019 and 2020 as more schools embraced online and hybrid programs. The number of K-12 educations participating in ION programs increased 190% from 2018 to 2020.

ION adapted to offer courses during the first wave of the pandemic in condensed 4-week sections for individual colleges and universities, so instructors could explore specific issues affecting their institutions. ION program content was also updated in 2020 to provide K-12 specific information to meet the different needs and concerns for this group of educators and students. ION currently provides efficient, low-cost, and effective certifications for educators in three critical areas: 1) Master Online Teacher; 2) Master Online Leader and Administrator; and 3) Digital Accessibility. ION certificates are based on the idea that in order to be a quality online instructor, it is important to know the fundamental elements of instruction, assessment and instructional design and have practical experience teaching others through discussion boards, interactive activities and experience designing course elements.





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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### University of Illinois Springfield

#### Office of Engaged Learning

The Office of Engaged Learning at UIS has an open position for: Advisor for Engaged Learning and Partner Initiatives.

#### Functional Summary:

Under general supervision of the Director of the Office of Engaged Learning (OEL), the Advising and Engagement Coordinator manages OEL advising and engagement programs in areas related to professional experiences, community and civic leadership experiences, and prior learning assessment. Administer and manage the day-to-day functions for student academic advising and enrollment approvals, processing, assessment, and reporting protocols and industry and community partner engagement strategy/execution, policies/procedures, assessment, and reporting. Accountable for using data to support increased student engagement and persistence, and identify student behavioral patterns pertaining to academic advising and learning processes that will inform development of action steps supporting student preparedness and success. Serve as OEL consultant, liaison, and advocate by cultivating relationships and collaborating with staff, faculty, industry, and community stakeholders in order to expand and diversify the scope of academic engagement activities and partnerships.

The closing date for this position is February 14th, 2022.

For more information on this position and to apply, please follow the link below:

[Advisor for Engaged Learning and Partner Initiatives](#)



## ICCHE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS for 2022 ICCHE Virtual Annual Conference

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) is excited to host our annual conference **VIRTUALLY** this year on April 5-6, 2022. This year's conference theme is "**Re-Engaging Adult Learners in Today's Evolving Landscape.**"

[Click Here to Review our Conference Stands and to Submit a Proposal for the Conference](#)

The submission deadline to submit a proposal for the conference is **February 14, 2022, at 5 pm.**

Registration for the conference will open up soon!





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<https://www.icche.org/about/standing-committee-chairs>

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**icchemembers**  
**@googlegroups.com**

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

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/icche/about/>

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## COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/IDEAS?

Please let us know your thoughts about the ICCHE e-newsletter! Suggestions for changes? 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 Becky White at the address below.

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