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CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN ICCHE

One hallmark of a continuing education unit is how it adeptly changes in response to the changing environment while retaining allegiance to the values and mission of its institution. That's true for ICCHE, too. In this issue, we highlight change and continuity of various kinds.

Allow us to be among the first to congratulate *Hilary Ward Schnadt* on the announcement of her retirement! Please see our "ICCHE Spotlight" article on page 3 for an interview with Hilary and to find out her plans for the future.

You may also have noticed the new updated format for the newsletter. Communications Co-Chair Teri Karpman is now getting assistance with editing the ICCHE newsletter. Amy Lamb from the University of Illinois System has graciously agreed to help. Teri will maintain her role as "Publisher" while Amy joins as "Editor". Amy's expertise with the Publisher software will be invaluable. Welcome Amy!

THE ICCHE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The 2020 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following open positions:

Secretary: The Secretary plays an important role in the documentation of ICCHE business and as part of the leadership succession plan for the organization. The person coming into this role will make a four-year commitment to the organization and will transition from Secretary to Vice President to President to Immediate Past-President assuming responsibilities in each of these roles. To conform with the ICCHE by-laws, we are looking for someone who is currently working with a four-year public institution.

Upstate Regional Committee Chair: This role is responsible for reporting on activities taking place at institutions or organizations upstate, and, where possible, coordinating opportunities for ICCHE members to gather locally. Any ICCHE member working in upstate Illinois may take on this committee role. Nomination information is listed on page 4.

ICCHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eastern Illinois University (EIU) is proud to announce that we will, again, be facilitating and hosting the ICCHE Annual Conference. We look forward to having everyone attend and visit our beautiful campus in Charleston, Illinois. Please make note of the new date (see President's Corner on page 2).

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



C. Myra Gaytan-Morales, Ph.D.

Dear ICCHE Members,

I am deeply honored to serve as your President of the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE). My experience as the ICCHE President has been very positive and inspiring. I have learned so much from our Executive Committee members and I am very thankful to all of you for being part of my leadership journey.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for renewing your ICCHE membership. Your membership is so important to the existence of our organization and we are so grateful for your partnerships and contributions. If you have any questions regarding your membership status, please contact John Freml, Membership Committee Chair at jfrem2@uis.edu.

We also, want to thank you for providing us with your feedback regarding the relevancy of our organization, ICCHE. Our Executive Committee is currently working on your recommendations and we will keep you posted on our progress. **In addition, we have moved the annual conference date to a later date, March 3rd and March 4th, 2020.** We also decided to keep our annual conference at the same venue, Eastern Illinois University (EIU), where we held it last year. Matt Hlinak, ICCHE Vice President and Conference Committee Chair will be sending you more details about the ICCHE's 46th annual conference. Please plan to attend, and if possible, consider in submitting a presentation proposal. Stay tuned and save the date!

Furthermore, it is with great pleasure that I announce we are re-opening the Charles V. Evans Research Grant for \$2,000. This research grant will be awarded at the ICCHE 46th Annual conference, Anne Rapp, ICCHE Research Committee Chair, will be sending the application and additional details, soon.

We are also looking for ICCHE members who may be interested in serving on our ICCHE Executive Committee. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Dr. Donna Gardner Liljegren, Past President and Nomination Committee Chair at dliljegren@aurora.edu.

Last but not least, I want to congratulate Dr. Hilary Ward Schnadt on her retirement! We want to thank her for everything she has done to transform the lives of many of our adult students. Dr. Ward Schnadt has been an inspirational leader not only to the ICCHE Executive Committee, but also at the University Center of Lake County. She has guided and mentored many of us and for that, we are forever thankful to all of her support and all of the time that she have given us. Dr. Hilary Ward Schnadt, we wish you and a happy retirement and please know that you will always have a special place in our hearts. Thank you!

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any additional recommendations or feedback. We look forward to continue working with each of you throughout the rest of the year.

Sincerely,

C. Myra Gaytan-Morales, Ph.D.

President, ICCHE



ICCHE SPOTLIGHT

HILARY WARD SCHNADT

AN INTERVIEW BY TERI KARPMAN

You have been involved in ICCHE for some time, what do you see as the greatest strength of this organization?

I see ICCHE's greatest strength as having people who are genuinely willing to share ideas with one another and to encourage collaboration among institutions or between an institution and the community it serves.

As Communications Chair of ICCHE, you have seen/written many stories over the years, are there any that stand out to you as extremely memorable? Any you can share with us?

The one that comes to mind is a 2012 profile of Valerie Thaxton who was then VP for Community Services & Campus Operations for Southwestern Illinois College. She had chaired ICCHE's membership committee for about 20 years at that point, and was a Past President, so she was an ICCHE stalwart. I had seen her offer a salute, "Hats off to Charlie Evans," at an ICCHE conference which made use of a number of hats as props. She collected hats as she traveled—and had visited more than 50 countries—and then regularly used them in speeches to grade schools and civic organizations as part of SWIC's speaker bureau. It was fun to see her playfully use them to great effect and then fun for me to write about her and incorporate as many hat puns as I could into that SPOTLIGHT article.

Tell us a bit about your work as Associate Dean for Academic Services and Programs at the University Center of Lake County.

I joined the University Center in 2002, so this is now the longest posting in my career. UC has grown in scope and staffing level over the years and in 2005 moved into a facility that was designed for us, so my role has evolved over the years. Our founding executive director used to kid that "Other duties as assigned" was the first bullet point in my job description. In a small organization, it's helpful to be a good generalist.

I'm one-third of our student services team, which involves helping adult students find the bachelor's completion or graduate program that will help them realize their goals. I oversee the marketing of our academic programs. I work with our Council of Member Institutions to help them determine the programs that will meet the needs of this region. I do whatever writing tasks (press releases, grants, case statements, reports) need to be done. I direct our Educators' Center of Lake County, a group that addresses the workforce development needs of the PK-12 districts in Lake County via a collaboration among our member universities offering teacher preparation programs or advanced degrees or endorsements, along with the Regional Office of Education, the College of Lake County, and local school districts. I also serve as our webmaster.

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Hilary Ward Schnadt



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE



Laurie Elish-Piper, dean of the NIU College of Education, has been named a Deans for Impact member dean. The current roster of 22 member deans hails from 14 states, and represents a diverse mix of public, private, rural, urban, small and large universities. Members gather twice each year to advise and design the programming of Deans for Impact; to share their own stories of leadership and struggle; and to work with other deans on the unique challenges of teacher preparation.

Classes begin next summer for the **NIU Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education's** new master's degree in Athletic Training. The new graduate program will replace the department's longtime bachelor's degree, a move precipitated by actions taken by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education. Students interested in careers as athletic trainers now can enroll in an accelerated 3+2 structure that allows them to earn NIU bachelor's degrees in Kinesiology and the M.S. in Athletic Training in just five years.



Northern Illinois University

The college's experiential [Educate and Engage Program](#) continues to grow and transform the lives of participants. Destinations in the last year included domestic trips to Colorado, Indiana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Texas, and international journeys to Belize, Finland, Mexico and Taiwan. Student travelers on the inaugural [Educate Global](#) trip to Ojanperä School in Finland this May immersed themselves in the innovative Finnish Comprehensive School Curriculum, Content and Language Integrated Learning Method of classroom management, lesson planning and project work guidance. Students designed and delivered lessons during their second week based on their first-week observations.

NIU's newly renamed Department of Counseling and Higher Education is launching a new minor in Counseling this fall. The curriculum allows students in any major to learn about the kinds of listening skills and helping skills they would need to work as counselors.

Denise Bunning, a nationally acclaimed advocate for food allergy awareness, became the NIU College of Education's first Educator in Residence this spring. Bunning, who earned an M.S.Ed. in Special Education in 1989 from NIU, returned to her alma mater April 11 with a clear message for future teachers: Children will come to your classrooms with life-threatening food allergies – and you must know how to keep them safe and included.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Please join us in welcoming our new administrators:

Dr. Ken Wetstein; Vice President of University Advancement; a Panther alum eager to enhance EIU's legacy of excellence;

Dr. Ozlem Ersin; Dean, College of Health and Human Services; brings a cornucopia of experience and expertise to our university; and

Dr. Austin Cheney; Dean, Lumpkin College of Business and Technology; a Panther alum with a passion for the College's outstanding programs.



BUILDING AN ACCESSIBLE FUTURE FOR ALL LEARNERS



Some ICCHE members had the opportunity to learn about the services provided by the UIS Digital Accessibility Remediation Team (DART)

when Dr. Vance Martin presented on them at the 2019 annual conference in a session entitled, "[Building an accessible future for all learners.](#)" Those who envied UIS for having those services can take heart since the UIS team can now make their services available to other institutions.

Let the **UIS Digital Accessibility Remediation Team (DART)** take the work out of accessibility. Over the last two years, the DART team has remediated thousands of files for the University of Illinois Springfield. Now we can offer our services to you!

- Word, PDF (no forms) & PowerPoint remediation services which will comply with Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 guidelines.
- Captions & transcripts for videos complying with the legal requirement of 99% accuracy or above.
- Audio descriptions embedded in the captions & transcripts (not as separate file).



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ILLINOIS NEWS

Illinois House Bill HB2719

Illinois High School Students are now required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the US Department of Education as a prerequisite for graduation.

Learn More: [Illinois General Assembly Website](#)

Midstate College

On July 22, 2019, Midstate College, located in Peoria, Illinois, officially announced a closing date of August 16, 2019 (after the summer term).

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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. Or, for an annual institutional fee of \$200, 11—20 professional staff from the institution can be members and enjoy all the benefits!

ICCHE Spotlight continued...

What is your best advice for people looking to enter the field of higher education today?

“Higher education” is a really broad term. People looking to enter higher education should make sure that they understand the differences in culture and mission among community colleges, small liberal arts institutions, public universities, major research universities, for-profit institutions, etc. I didn’t understand those differences immediately. I graduated from a small liberal arts residential college and then entered a doctoral program at a major research university with the intention of becoming an English professor. As I worked with various faculty members, I perceived that the department included a lot of unhappy people and I began to think that the faculty life was not for me. At the time, I assumed that as a graduate student I was getting a more accurate look “behind the curtain” at faculty life. I later came to realize that the duties and stresses of a faculty member would vary greatly depending on the institution at which she taught and that faculty life at my graduate institution was likely very different from that at my undergraduate institution. My more accurate realization was that I was not primarily drawn to the creation and dissemination of new ideas. Instead, my undergraduate experiences working in the residence halls, organizing student orientation, editing the underground literary magazine, etc., better suited me for life as an administrator. So it all worked out in the end.

What is your favorite way to spend a day off?

On an ideal day, I’d have a relaxing breakfast with my husband and then head out to a rummage sale or thrift shop (or two or three). A late lunch with old friends and some time to read would round it out. Dark chocolate would appear magically at each location.

Please join us in extending our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to Hilary as she will be retiring this October. We wish to thank Hilary for her years of devotion in the field of Higher Education and wish her happiness in her retirement!

Hilary’s HAIKU:

***I studied Shakespeare
But found advising adults
More rewarding work.***



COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/IDEAS?

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 Teri Karpman at the address below.

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October 14-16,
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ACHE 2019 Denver, Colorado

March 3-4 2020

ICCHE Annual Conference

Eastern Illinois University

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

