



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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Join Colleagues in “Learning to Change”

Thoughts of change are almost universal in January, but the timing has added applicability for ICCHE members. Registration is well underway for the annual conference which will be held in Chicago from February 7 – 9, 2018. “Learning to Change” is this year’s conference theme.

“The 43rd annual ICCHE-ACHE Great Lakes conference will offer attendees an exciting array of pre-conference, keynote, and breakout presentations related to the conference theme,” reports ICCHE Vice-President Donna Gardner Liljegren, who has chaired the planning committee. “Topics cover personal and organizational change, improved program planning, student learning, and technology - all with a focus on adult and continuing higher

education. Participants will leave the conference with information for actionable plans to help their organizations.”

A pre-conference workshop on “Understanding Personal Change,” presented by Shannon Brown, Assistant Professor of Management for the College of Business & Health Administration, University of St. Francis will set the stage by outlining how change is experienced in our personal and professional lives.

Thursday’s keynote, “Why Change in Higher Education is so Hard and What to Do About It” will broaden the focus. Presenter Carolyn Nordstrom, Vice President of Faculty

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ICCHE Members,

At the start of a new year comes an opportunity to embrace change. Centering on the theme (“Learning to Change”) of this year’s annual ICCHE/ACHE-Great Lakes collaborative conference, it’s important to take stock of the ever-changing landscape in higher education.

Higher education is immersed in a changing world with professors and administrators responding to shifts in demographics, workplace skills and technology. As we consider these changes, what can you do to help address them? Join us on February 7- 9 to consider how change—both positive and negative—can be a launching pad for success at your institution in 2018. For more information, see our cover story or visit <https://www.icche.org/conference> .



Kelly Lapetino, ICCHE President

Some changes touch ICCHE directly. On behalf of ICCHE, I would like to wish Tim Panfil continued success at Elmhurst College as he assumes new responsibilities. Tim served as chair of the Innovative Initiative Committee as well as in other leadership roles over the years. We are sorry to lose his good counsel and hard work.

If you are interested in learning more about the Innovative Initiative Committee and in helping to ensure its continuity, please reach out to me via klapetino@prairiestate.edu

Sincerely,

Kelly Lapetino
Prairie State College
2017 ICCHE President



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE



Aurora University

Aurora was approved by the Higher Learning Commission to offer a [B.S. in Cybersecurity](#) program. It will be offered online starting in Spring 2018. The curriculum is aligned with the ten domains of the [Certified Information Systems Security Professional \(CISSP\) certification](#), and graduates will be prepared to sit for the CISSP exam.

Eastern Illinois University

EIU's School of Continuing Education has expanded its footprint in the Chicagoland area. They have partnered with District 214 to offer their Bachelor of General Studies program at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Heights as of January 2018 "We are now offering classes and have an office at the District 214 site. We couldn't be more excited," said Jackie Janesku, Academic Advisor for the Chicagoland area.

Governors State University

Felicia L. Townsend is the director of corporate and community education at Governors State University (GSU) School of Extended Learning. Dr. Townsend previously served as the School of Extended Learning's External Programs Manager. Earlier in her career, she served as the Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions, and Marketing at Dominican University Graduate School of Social Work and as the Director of Business and Industry Services at Kennedy King College. She has an Ed.D in Adult and Continuing Education from National Louis University, an MBA in Marketing from Illinois Institute of Technology, an M.Ed in Instructional Leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from DePaul University.



Dr. Felicia Townsend

Michelle Sebasco is the Director of Extended Learning Academic Partnerships at Governors State University School of Extended Learning. Michelle previously served as the GSU's School of Extended Learning's External Programs Manager, and Academic Advisor at Governors State University. Michelle has an MA in Communication & Training from Governors State University and a BA in Communication from Eastern Illinois University.

Lewis University

Dr. Anne Rapp has been appointed Interim Dean of the newly formed School of Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Education at Lewis University. This follows the merger of Lewis's Office of Graduate Studies with the School for Professional and Continuing Education and the retirement of the previous dean.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

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Loyola University Chicago

December graduates of Loyola's School of Continuing and Professional Studies celebrated their degree and certificate completion on Friday, Dec 15, 2017. The students also participated in a Transformation campaign, where they documented their "transforming" moment at Loyola.



To see more pictures of the ceremony and more happy and transformed graduates, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/loyolascps/albums/72157667591458679>



University of Illinois Springfield



Dr. Vance Martin

Dr. Vance Martin began his position as the Campus Accessibility Specialist in the Center of Online Learning, Research & Service in October 2017. Vance's job responsibilities are to work with faculty across campus teaching in all modalities to assist them with understanding how to make their course materials ADA compliant. He brings over 11 years experience working with accessibility in online education and faculty professional development.

Dr. Martin will be teaching three new classes on accessibility in the Illinois Online Network. Illinois Online Network will soon be offering a certificate in accessibility through Dr. Martin's leadership in this area. If you would like to contact Vance, his email is vmart02s@uis.edu and phone is 217-206-8188.

ICCHE/ACHE Conference—cont'd

and Academic Resources, Kaplan University is quite familiar with change. Kaplan's acquisition by Purdue University to create an online university has received widespread attention. On January 11, Purdue announced that the new university, which they describe as a "public university for working adults," would be named Purdue University Global, once the acquisition is approved by the Higher Learning Commission, which will review the proposal in late February.

A series of breakout sessions will allow attendees to contemplate change from a variety of perspectives. "Understanding Adult Learner Anxiety in a Flipped Environment," by Amy Jordan and Dianne Dawson-Daniels of Loyola University Chicago, addresses classroom instruction from one side of the desk. "Revitalizing Mature Online Courses," presented by a team from University of Illinois Springfield (Michele Gribbins, Emily Boles, Tammy Craig, and John FremI) will help invigorate curriculum from the other.

The changes inherent in administering continuing education will also be addressed. Bonnie Covelli of University of St. Francis will present "Changing Direction: Case Study about Reorganization and Centralized vs. De-centralized Continuing Education" Anne Rapp and Lesley Page of Lewis University will present "The Market and the Mission: Making the Case for Organizational Change in Adult and Graduate Education."

Workforce education is also undergoing change. Alisha Clark of Prairie State College will acquaint participants with the "Industrial Readiness Certification Program (IRCP) Pre-apprenticeship program training in partnership with United Auto Workers (UAW)-Ford Motor Company."

Myra Gaytan-Morales and Nora Mena will describe the work that earned the University Center of Lake County ICCHE's 2017 Innovative Initiative Award in their session, "Engaging First Generation College Students and Their Families in the Higher Education System." Layne Morsch of University of Illinois Springfield will present "Collaborative Learning Across Borders," describing work that ICCHE funded with a Charles V. Evans Research Grant.

These are but a few of the many sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Business meetings for both ICCHE and ACHE-Great Lakes will be held during the conference. New recipients of the award and the grant will be announced.

As ever, there will be numerous opportunities to network with other attendees. And this year the hotel itself will serve as a sort of lab session for "Learning to Change." The Doubletree by Hilton Chicago-Magnificent Mile, longtime site of the conference, is undergoing significant renovation. Regular attendees of the conference may find themselves enjoying sessions in unfamiliar corners of the hotel.

To register, visit <https://www.icche.org/conference> For questions about the program, contact Donna Gardner Liljegren at dliljegren@aurora.edu or (630) 947-8914.

See you in Chicago!

Online Programs in Illinois

Ranked Among the Best

U.S. News & World Report released its 2018 rankings of online programs on January 9, and programs offered by Illinois institutions are among the best. The magazine examined almost 1,500 online programs and then issued rankings for online bachelor's programs and for online graduate programs in seven individual fields of study. Illinois was represented among the top 25 in four of those eight categories.

Best Online Bachelor's Degrees

#14 *Loyola University Chicago*

For Loyola, this represents a rise from #25. "We are very pleased with this new ranking. This is an affirmation of our goals to help adult learners to lead, succeed, and create more meaning" said Walter Pearson, Dean of the School for Continuing and Professional Studies.

#15 *University of Illinois at Chicago*

Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs

#1 *St. Xavier University*

This is the second consecutive year that St. Xavier University has achieved this honor.

#14 *Rush University*

Best Online Graduate Education Programs

#5 *Northern Illinois University.*

This is the 6th consecutive year that Northern Illinois University has placed among the top five.

#25 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* (tied with Pittsburg State University and University of Nebraska-Kearney)

Best Online Graduate Engineering Programs

#13 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Congratulations to all those institutions and to the ICCHE members involved in developing such highly-ranked online programs.

News from the Agencies

Illinois Board of Higher Education (taken from the *IBHE Bulletin* of January 12, 2018):

Stephanie Bernoteit has been named the Illinois Board of Higher Education's new Deputy Director for Academic Affairs by IBHE Executive Director Al Bowman. "I am pleased to announce Dr. Bernoteit's new position," stated Bowman. "Stephanie has already shown her strong leadership and contributions in the Academic Affairs unit, and I look forward to working with her in her new role."

Bernoteit served as senior associate director for Academic Affairs and she represents IBHE on state-level work related to improving educator preparation, early childhood education, and P-20 student success, and manages partnership initiatives with the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development to support the preparation and educational attainment of the State's early childhood workforce.



Administrative Rules for the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Division of Academic Affairs have been updated, effective December 19, 2017. These rules include changes in fees and authorizations for private institutions to operate and grant degrees in Illinois, changes in review of programs from Illinois public universities, as well as changes to fees and approvals for Private Business and Vocational Schools (PBVS) approvals.

Updates were also made to dual credit course approvals for public and private institutions (does not apply to Illinois community colleges). Visit the [IBHE website](#) for copies of the updated rules and information about the IBHE approval and review procedures.

Illinois Community College Board

A Statewide Task Force on the Future of Adult Education and Literacy has drafted the Illinois Adult Education Strategic plan, "[Expanding Career Pathway Opportunities in Adult Education: Strategic Directions for Illinois 2018-2023.](#)"

Several information meetings were scheduled around the State and via the internet in early January and written comments were accepted through January 12. The task force plans to submit the strategic plan to the governor and the General Assembly by the end of this month.

Questions about the task force and its draft may be directed to Jennifer K. Foster, Deputy Director of Adult Education and Workforce via Jennifer.Foster@illinois.gov or (217) 785-0171

ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION

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!

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ICCHE Listserv

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

icchemembers@googlegroups.com

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.

Hail, 2018!

Let's renew higher ed through
Collaboration.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 7–9,
2018

ICCHE's 43rd Annual Conference in
Chicago

June 20-22,
2018

ACHE Emerging Leaders Institute

[See application materials & details](#)



December 3,
2018

Illinois Bicentennial

See events throughout the year leading up to it at

<https://illinois200.com/>

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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