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Newsletter



ICCHE 45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the ICCHE Annual Conference on March 4-5, 2020, on the beautiful campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. As always, the conference is a great opportunity to share ideas, network and commiserate with colleagues from throughout the state. This year's conference theme is "**Equity In Continuing Higher Education**".

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Lorenzo Baber (see photo on page 3) has accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address. Dr. Baber is an associate professor in the School of Education at Loyola University and is a research affiliate at the Office of Community College Research and Leadership. His primary research agenda focuses on the impact of socioeconomic background and ethnicity on identity development and academic outcomes for postsecondary students. He is particularly interested in investigating the persistent educational achievement gap between minority and majority students at predominately white institutions (PWI). Additional research interests include examination of university-neighborhood partnership initiatives in urban communities and international comparative education. Conference attendees are in for an engaging and thought-provoking conversation.

The deadline for proposals has been extended to January 31. We welcome presentations that address the conference theme, as well as any other topic of interest to community educators in Illinois. Please submit your proposals at https://eiu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnfHnSVOTDNd1oV (more on proposals on page 3).

Registration for the conference is now open. To register, please visit

<https://sce.eiu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp&course=20ICCHE&Publish=ANYWAY>.

See you in Charleston!

Matt Hlinak

ICCHE Vice-President and Conference Committee Chair

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C. Myra Gaytan-Morales, Ph.D.

Dear ICCHE Members:

It has been a great honor to serve as President of the ICCHE Executive Committee for the 2019-2020 year. As I write my last newsletter as President of ICCHE, I find it hard to believe how fast time has gone by. Together, during this year we were able to reopen the Charles V. Evans Research Grant. Thanks to your support and understanding, we maintained a healthy and sustainable budget by changing our annual conference venue. Despite these accomplishments we still have more goals to achieve. Some of these goals are to define our ICCHE mission, establish a clear vision, maximize the ICCHE membership potential and increase the number of ICCHE memberships. However, I am confident my successor, Matt Hlinak will continue this important work.

The date of our 45th annual conference, March 4th and 5th at Eastern Illinois University, is rapidly approaching and I hope you will be able to join us. Presently, we are still accepting presentation proposals and please consider submitting one, so you can share with our ICCHE members the important work you and your colleagues are doing in your institution.

I also want to thank all of the ICCHE members who have renewed their membership and for those who have not renewed their membership, please consider doing so. Some of the benefits are being part of a selected listserv of Higher Ed professionals, present or facilitate a workshop during the ICCHE annual conference, serve on different leadership committees, apply for the Innovative Initiative award, Charles V. Evans Research Grant and have exclusive access to ICCHE conference presentations information.

Please feel free to contact our Membership Director John Freml at jfrem2@uis.edu if you have any additional questions, please visit our website at www.icche.org. I hope to see you at the ICCHE annual conference and thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION



2020 ICCHE Call for Proposals

Recommended Topic Areas Include:

- Culturally responsive education practices
- Minority-serving institutions in Illinois
- Developing special emphasis programs – moving beyond “history month” celebrations
- Technical and career connected learning
- Financial aid programs to bridge the equity gap
- Racial justice
- Unconscious bias
- Accessibility
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Supporting first-generation students
- Supporting low-income students
- Support services for adult learners
- Addressing equity gaps in higher education
- Increasing equity through academic practices

To submit your proposal, click the following link: https://eiu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnfHnSVOTDND1oV

2020 ICCHE Innovative Initiative Award!

The Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) will once again recognize innovative initiatives, both credit and non-credit, which relate directly to and advance the purpose and mission of ICCHE.

The ICCHE Innovative Initiative Awards present an excellent opportunity to ***showcase*** your innovative programming success, ***gain recognition*** for your unit and institution, and ***learn more*** about successful initiatives at other institutions.

Please consider nominating an innovative initiative from your unit or institution!

Submit your innovative initiative application today. Apply online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ICCHE-IIAapply>

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2020

(Application information must be submitted electronically via the ICCHE website.)

The award winner will be invited to make a presentation about their initiative at the 2020 ICCHE Conference on March 4th-5th at Eastern Illinois University. The award recipient is required to register for the conference.

Questions? Contact Dr. Kimberly Harrison at Aurora University at

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**2020
ICCHE CONFERENCE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

Prairie State College Offering Innovative Ways to Train and Retain Workers and Minimize Workplace Interruptions

Prairie State College (PSC) in Chicago Heights, Ill. recently received an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to create a Mobile Training Center (MTC) program. With that grant in hand, and using matching college funds, PSC built two training centers that can be moved at will, bringing uniform training directly to employers at their sites. By using the MTCs, employers save the time and expense of sending employees off site to locations for industrial skills training. Especially in today's uncertain economic and political world, fabricators and manufacturing environments require new ways of enhancing skills and retaining their workers in order to become competitive. Mobile training can provide some of those ways.

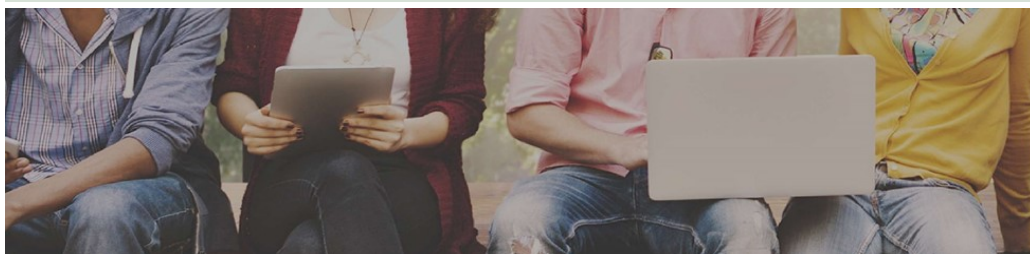
PSC built two 53' highway truck trailers, furnishing one with arc and gas welding equipment, and the other with CNC-controlled and manual milling equipment, 3D printing equipment and a robotic arm. The training centers are temperature controlled, Wi-Fi enabled, and handicap accessible.

Employers can work with the college to design a training curriculum that meets their needs, while minimizing production downtime while the training takes place. As an added benefit, the curriculum can be designed to fit within educational degree requirements that can be applied towards college credit.

To learn more about the PSC Mobile Training Center program, visit prairiestate.edu/MTC, call (708) 709-7722, or email mtc@prairiestate.edu.



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Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE) at the University of Illinois Springfield develops and delivers innovative programs through a demand-driven approach to address the education needs of professionals across a variety of businesses and industries.

Certification, Career, and Professional Development

Provided in partnership with **ed2go**, these advanced career training courses offer a flexible way to learn with 18 months to access and complete the courses. View our [entire catalog](https://careertraining.ed2go.com/uiss/) of certification, career, and professional development self-paced courses (<https://careertraining.ed2go.com/uiss/>).

Topics Include:

Project Management, Cyber Security, Process Improvement/Six Sigma, Hospitality, Catering and Events, Computer Science Programs, Medical Billing, Coding and Healthcare, Industry Certifications and Credentials, Legal Programs, Cloud Computing, Marketing and Sales.

Personal Enrichment, Hobbies and Skills

Provided in partnership with **ed2go**, this catalog includes nearly 500 skills training and personal enrichment courses where you study and interact with a cohort over a six-week schedule. View the [complete catalog](https://www.ed2go.com/uiss/) of personal enrichment, hobby, and skills courses (<https://www.ed2go.com/uiss/>).

Topics Include:

Explore a Career, Soft Skills, Computer Programming, Health and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Computer Applications Courses, Accounting, Information Technology, Arts & Design, Leadership.

ION Professional eLearning Programs

The [ION Professional eLearning Programs](https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/) provides professional development programs and support to advance practice and innovation in online learning for faculty, staff and online leaders. Online courses and certificates are offered on the continuously evolving practices, technologies and pedagogies in online teaching and online program administration.

[Master Online Teacher Professional Certificate](https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/master-online-teacher/) (<https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/master-online-teacher/>)

[Master Online Learning Administrator Professional Certificate](https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/master-online-teacher/) (<https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/master-online-teacher/>)

[Digital Accessibility for Educators Professional Certificate](https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/digital-accessibility-certificate/) (<https://www.uis.edu/ion/certificates/digital-accessibility-certificate/>)

[Register for ION online courses](https://www.uis.edu/ion/registration/schedule/) (<https://www.uis.edu/ion/registration/schedule/>)



**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN FOR
THE 2020
ICCHE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE!**

Go to:

[https://sce.eiu.edu/wconnect/
CourseStatus.awp?
&course=20ICCHE&Publish=
ANYWAY](https://sce.eiu.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=20ICCHE&Publish=ANYWAY)



March 4-5, 2020

Charleston, IL



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!



MEMBER NEWS



BRADLEY University

Continuing Education Executive Director **Janet Lange** has retired in January 2020 after 30 years at Bradley University. Janet joined the staff in August 1989 as Director of Non-Credit Programs. She has served as the Executive Director of the Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development since 1993, and has held interim roles in the Graduate School, Enrollment Management, Information Resources and Technology, and Marketing and Publications.

Michelle Riggio has accepted an appointment as Interim Executive Director. Michelle has worked for Bradley University since 2008, when she joined the university as a program director.

Catherine Lawless has accepted an appointment as Interim Associate Director. Catherine joined Bradley University in 2013 as a program coordinator.

Christy Haeffele has accepted an appointment as Interim Program Director. Christy has been in the Continuing Education and Professional Development Division at Bradley University since August 2015.



Governors State University School of Extended Learning Welcomes New Director of Community & Corporate Education, Ms. Cynthia Staples

Before joining the **School of Extended Learning (SXL)** as the Director of Corporate

and Community Education, Cynthia worked in a variety of roles for the Office of Career Services. Cynthia joined Career Services in 2003 and has over sixteen years of experience working with students, faculty and employers in a higher education setting. Cynthia also enjoys her role as an adjunct instructor in the Psychology department in the College of Education and has also served in this role for several years. Ms. Staples holds Master's degrees in both Counseling and Communication and Training, and maintains licenses as both a professional counselor in Illinois (LPC) as well as a teaching certification in English and Social Studies for K-12 students. Previously, she had worked in the private banking sector for Wachovia Services (now Wells Fargo) and believes that all we do goes into shaping the careers that we hold today.



SXL Team Member Joins WIOA Youth Council

Director of Academic Partnerships, **Michelle Sebasco** will lend her experience advising youth towards a new effort to shape workforce development policies that benefit all youth. The Youth Council will help enhance and guide a comprehensive community workforce development system that is responsible for recommending policy direction to the Board regarding the design, development, and implementation of programs that benefit all youth. It also supports the coordination of youth services and recommendation of youth service providers. Co-chaired by Susan Flessner (Workforce Services Division of Will County) and Michele Stipe (Nustream Enterprises), Sebasco is one of eight community members to serve on the Youth Council.



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Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice Chancellor of Online Learning at The University of Illinois Springfield will be presenting at the UPCEA Summit on Online Learning + Roundtable, New Orleans, LA:

“Open Educational Resources (OER) and Its Impact on the Higher Education Landscape” and

“Keeping Up: Tracking and Integrating Emerging Technologies in Your Online Enterprise”.



NIU's **Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education** dedicated a new and renovated lab in October, thanks to the generosity of a late, longtime faculty member. [The M. Joan Popp Motor Behavior Laboratory](#) hosts classes in areas such as biomechanics, kinesiology and motor control. It also provides robust hands-on

learning and faculty research opportunities through its state-of-the-art equipment, including a motion capture, gait analysis and force plate technology.

NIU's **M.S.Ed. in Special Education** has earned [high kudos from Teacher.org](#), a national website “for teachers by teachers.” Following a review of “every single accredited ITP master’s program available,” the site’s editors “hand-selected the ones we could confidently recommend as the very best” in their 2019/2020 Best Initial Teacher Certification Master’s Program List. Only 24 programs – NIU’s included – made the honor roll.



Northern Illinois University

The **NIU Department of Curriculum and Instruction** is celebrating its first cohort of [Elementary Education majors who will complete their B.S.Ed. degrees at Elgin Community College](#) through a new 2+2 program. NIU professors are traveling to Elgin to teach courses from the professional semesters and supervise the licensure candidates in their field experiences in U-46. Others are delivering the curriculum in a hybrid format. Scheduling of the courses and clinicals also respects that the ECC cohort members all are employed at part-time jobs on top of their school and family responsibilities.

Jenn Jacobs, an assistant professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, has received a \$10,000 Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund grant from the U.S. Department of State. [The federal money will help to create and finance March 2020's inaugural national women's sports summit in Belize](#). The event also provides an engaged learning opportunity for select NIU students.

John M. Dunn, interim chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the NIU College of Education's Fall 2019 Educator in Residence, [visited his alma mater Oct. 9](#) to tell students about his long journey in higher education and to urge them to do good in the world: “You can be the agent of change.” Dunn, the former president of Western Michigan University, holds NIU bachelor's (1967) and master's (1969) degrees in physical education.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University of Illinois Springfield, Center for State Policy & Leadership
Executive Director (Beginning June 16, 2020)

Link to complete job posting and application instructions:

<https://go.uis.edu/CSPL-Executive-Director>

The Pennsylvania State University College of Education Department of Learning and Performance Systems: Assistant/Associate Rank Professor of Education (Lifelong Learning and Adult Education) Beginning Fall Semester 2020

Full Job Description: (<https://psu.jobs/job/92595>)

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CHARLES V. EVANS RESEARCH GRANT

Each year the Illinois Council on Continuing Higher Education (ICCHE) accepts proposals for the **Charles V. Evans Research Grant of up to \$2,000** to support the organization's purpose of "arranging for information gathering and research related to continuing higher education."

ICCHE welcomes the opportunity to support research that you may have already begun in your institution, or research that you would like to begin. Keep in mind that it should be of benefit to continuing education, credit or non-credit, in higher education.

Applicants are encouraged to submit grant proposals for the award that will be announced at the ICCHE conference in March. The deadline for submission is February 15.

For more information see the ICCHE website or contact Anne Rapp at rappan@lewisu.edu



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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SAVE THE DATE!

February 4-6 2020 UPCEA SOLA+R (Summit for Online Leadership and Administration + Roundtable, New Orleans, LA)

March 3-4 2020 ICCHE Annual Conference Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL



Amy Lamb and Teri Karpman

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