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Friends of IPCE,



We have jumped headfirst into a new UIC academic year, and IPCE is already making waves in and around the University. We have plenty of exciting programs, events, and activities to look forward to this fall, but I also want to take a moment and acknowledge the busy summer we experienced full of wonderful learning opportunities for staff, students, and community members alike. Earlier in the summer, IPCE staff attended the American Democracy Project National Meeting in Denver and the Frontiers of Democracy Conference in Boston and had the chance to interact with leading practitioners and scholars from across the country on themes of citizenship and civic vitality.

In July, IPCE hosted a town hall with youth participating in UIC's summer jazz camp in which students discussed the power of music to address community issues. IPCE made significant progress in its dialogue and deliberation efforts over the summer, with its affiliated Community of Practice Working Group holding monthly meetings, arranging networking events, and participating in a Collective Story Harvest on dialogue and deliberation projects throughout Chicago.

With a few weeks of the fall semester already behind us, we are well into the swing of things. We are happy to announce the launch of a new program of dialogue and deliberation at IPCE this fall, and already one of our many planned events in this program area is complete. "A Community Talk on Child Well-Being in North Lawndale" was held on Tuesday, September 10. Using the process of dialogue and deliberation, this forum offered North Lawndale residents an opportunity to discuss and address the difficult issues affecting child well-being in their community. As always, our leadership development training and research program areas are underway. A new cohort of 25 UPPF Fellows is already hard at work at their internship sites. We have also announced the five recipients of our 2014 Civic Engagement Research Awards and are looking forward to research products focused on 1) empowering parents of students with disabilities to affect policy, 2) enabling citizen participation through big data integration, 3) addressing social disparities in disability community living and participation, 4) improving individual and community health through urban park revitalization efforts, and 5) understanding the effects of social media on civic engagement. In the coming months we will also be sharing research reports from last year's research awardees. Stay tuned.

Our fall calendar is quickly filling with important events and activities, and we hope you make special note of the dates. Our Civic Engagement Discourse Award is now open for applications from UIC faculty and staff; applications are due by September 30. I also invite you to attend a special lecture event hosted in partnership with the Great Cities Institute, "The Arc that Bends Toward Justice Requires an Accelerator: Engaged Learning as the Bridge to Civic Engagement," from Troy Duster, PhD, Chancellor's Professor at the Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy, University of California, Berkeley, on Thursday, October 10. Please watch our website for more updates, including dates and information for our ongoing Brown Bag Series and other IPCE or IPCE-sponsored events.

Sincerely,

Joseph K. Hoereth, PhD

Putting Our Children First: A Community Dialogue on Child Well-Being in North Lawndale

On **Tuesday, September 10** IPCE hosted, "Putting Our Children First: A Community Dialogue on Child Well-Being in North Lawndale" with our community partners. This community forum offered residents and social service providers the opportunity to come together to reason and talk - to build a shared understanding and search for common ground on what we can do to help our youngest children thrive.

Using the National Issues Forum method, the dialogue offered participants the opportunity to consider the costs, benefits, and trade offs of three different approaches to the development and well-being of our youngest children. The following questions provided a local framework for the event's presentation and discussions: In the midst of massive school closings, violence, and other social ills, how can North Lawndale residents put the well being of their children first—now and in the future? How can they transform their community into a safe and stable environment where their children can learn and be healthy? How can they get them ready for school and equipped to learn? How can we all (IPCE, our partners, and residents) highlight the great work already being done in North Lawndale?

Approximately 40 participants discussed these questions and much more through the process of dialogue and deliberation at the new **Lawndale Christian Health Center (3860 W Ogden Ave.)**. IPCE is writing a report that will share the major points of discussion, participant comments, and the results of the evaluation.

Planning Advisory Committee and Community Partners

include: Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Family Focus Lawndale, I AM ABLE Center for Family Development, Inc., Illinois Action for Children, Sinai Community Institute and Valerie Leonard, Community Development Consultant.



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The Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE) focuses on transforming democracy by creating a more fully engaged citizenry with more effective leaders. As a catalyst for learning and action, the Institute creates opportunities for scholars, concerned citizens, students, and government officials to actively participate in social discourse, research, and educational programs on policy issues and social trends.

Find out more about the Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement at www.ipce.uic.edu or call **312-355-0088**.

IPCE Awards Funding to UIC Faculty for Civic Engagement Projects

IPCE is proud to announce the recipients of the 2013-2014 Civic Engagement Research Fund Award. Five UIC faculty members have been chosen by the Institute to be funded for their work that either furthers our understanding of civic engagement theory and the practice of facilitating engagement or provides tools that enhance the efforts of civic engagement in community change initiatives. Each recipient is awarded up to \$20,000 and must submit a report of their work to the Institute for online publication.

The five faculty winners include:

Meghan Burke, Department of Disability and Human Studies/College of Applied Health Sciences, "Training Parents of Students with Disabilities: Using Technology to Enhance Civic Engagement"

Isabel Cruz, Department of Computer Science/College of Engineering, "Big Data Integration to Enable Citizen Participation in Smart Cities"

Joy Hammel, Occupational Therapy/College of Applied Health Sciences, "Participatory Action Research in the Disability Community to Address Societal Disparities in Community Living and Participation"

Sandy Slater, Institute for Health Research and Policy/School of Public Health, "Playground Renovations and Social Capital on Youth Park Use and Physical Activity"

Elaine Yuan, Department of Communication/College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, "The Effects of Social Media Networks on Civic Participation"

IPCE works to enhance civic engagement through research, public discourse, and education while promoting the use of technology to enhance civic engagement and strengthen the democratic fabric of our city, state and nation.

IPCE Inducts 25 Undergrads into UPPF Program

IPCE in partnership with the African American Academic Network (AAAN) and the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) are pleased to welcome the 2013-2014 Urban Public Policy Fellows to the Urban Public Policy Fellowship program (UPPF).

From August to April, the cohort of 25 will work at internship sites fielded in civic and policy organizations, nonprofit groups, and government offices that suit their individual interests; the cohort will also participate in weekly seminars and workshops that will expose them to the theory and practice of public policy-making, advocacy, community development and service provision. By the end of spring semester, the Fellows will give public presentations on public policy research conducted throughout the academic year.

The UPPF program is a leadership development program designed to expose historically underrepresented minority undergraduate students at UIC to key public policy issues.

For more information visit www.uic.edu/cuppa/ipce/interior/uppf.html or follow us on Facebook: UIC UPPF.

The following students were accepted as Fellows for the 2013-2014 academic year:

Jameel Ahmed	Lucero Gonzalez	Aminat Pedro
Maheen Ahmed	Andrea Gonzalez	Abrianna Phelps
Azeez Alimi	Andrea Hernandez	Nathaly Ramirez
Karina Garcia Alvarez	Myron Laban	Elisa Tenorio
Polo Briones	Michelle Llerena	Elizabeth Velazquez
Paola Chavez	Rebecca Medina	Raven Wells
Valeria Esparza	Ryan Mitchell	Carla Wilson
Carlos Espin	NaShara Neal	
Suzana Estrada	Ciera Patrick	

COMING UP

Watch your email and the IPCE website for notice of the following events/activities and more.

For All/Public Event: **Constitution Day: Guantanamo, Torture, and the Constitution**, with guest speaker Mahmoud Cherif Bassiouni, Professor Emeritus, DePaul University, College of Law. **Tuesday, September 17, 2013** at 12:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Services Building, **1007 West Harrison Street**.

For All/Public Event: **Participatory urban planning: How can we get real engagement to build a future we all want?** with Tim Merry, co founder of Art of Hosting, a powerful blend of conversational processes. The combination of participatory events, online platforms and arts-based street engagement have created a multidisciplinary model that has the potential to surface the collective opinion of citizens across cities, regions and nations. **Thursday, October 3, 2013** at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Great Cities Institute Conference Room 418, **412 South Peoria Street**.

For All/Public Event: **'The Arc that Bends Toward Justice' Requires an Accelerator: Engaged Learning as the Bridge to Civic Engagement** with guest speaker Troy Duster, PhD, Chancellor's Professor University of California, Berkeley; Emeritus Silver Professor, New York University. **Thursday, October 10, 2013** at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Chicago, Student Center East, Room 302, **750 South Halsted Street**.

For All/Public Event: **Leadership and Civic Engagement: Reflections on 40 years of Public Service** with Emil Jones, Jr., Distinguished Public Servant. **Wednesday, October 16, 2013** at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois Chicago, Student Center East, Room 302, **750 South Halsted Street**.

Summer Highlights

Youth Jazz Camp Town Hall

IPCE had a great discussion on the power of music in the community with students in the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic/UIC Jazz Academy and special guest speaker Jeanne Warsaw-Gazga of MEMA Music.

American Democracy Project/The Democracy Commitment Conference

IPCE staff attended the American Democracy Project/The Democracy Commitment Annual Meeting—"21st Century Citizens: Building Bridges, Solving Problems."

Frontiers of Democracy Conference

IPCE staff attended and presented at "Frontiers of Democracy: Innovations in Civic Practice, Theory, and Education," a conference on the state of democracy, civic life, and public engagement in the U.S. and around the world. Conference was sponsored by the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice Networking Reception

The Chicago D&D Community of Practice held its first networking event for the Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice group at Zapatista's in June. Great conversation, amazing people, and good food and drinks! It was great to continue to meet and get to know Chicagoland dialogue and deliberation practitioners.

For All/Public Event: **Civic Engagement Lunch Talk Series**. Learn more about how civic engagement can transform democracy. CUPPA Conference Room 418, noon. to 1:00 p.m. Light lunch will also be served.

Wednesday, November 13, 2013: "New African Diasporas" with Lynette Jackson, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Wednesday, February 12, 2013: "Civic Engagement and Food Justice" with Angela Odoms-Young, Kinesiology and Nutrition, College of Applied Health Sciences.

Wednesday, March 19, 2013: "Nonprofit Organizations and Voter Mobilization in the U.S. & Chicago: Findings from the 2012 Election" with Kelly LeRoux, Department of Public Administration, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.

For All/Public Event: UIC Urban Forum—**Technology and the Resilience of Metropolitan Regions. December 5, 2013** at the UIC Forum. Visit www.uicurbanforum.org/ for more information.



Youth Jazz Camp Town Hall. IPCE Director talks with youth about civic engagement, music and the community.



American Democracy Project/The Democracy Commitment Conference. IPCE staff members: Catalina Nava, Norma Ramos, and Katie James.



Teresa Younger, Connecticut general assembly member, talks about women and civic engagement at the Frontiers of Democracy Conference.



Dialogue and Deliberation Community of Practice Networking Reception. IPCE staff members: Director, Joe Hoereth; Katie James and Thea Crum.

Call for applications—Civic Engagement Discourse Fund Grants

IPCE announces the availability of funding to support events that facilitate public discourse on policy issues or the policy implications of university research.

Eligible events include public forums, dialogues, town hall meetings, and small conferences or workshops that are either open to the public or that target a specific audience such as policy advocates, residents of specific neighborhoods, or a subpopulation such as seniors or youth. All UIC faculty and staff of research institutes or centers are eligible to apply. IPCE Discourse Fund Awards are a maximum of \$4,000 each. Events must be held by May 31, 2014.

Applications must be submitted electronically by September 30, 2013. More details including a full announcement, selection criteria, and application are available at www.ipce.uic.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact Norma Ramos at (312) 355-0095.

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