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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

It would be an understatement to say that 2009-2010 has been a notable time in Illinois. The state and national economy continued in the doldrums. The state budget swam in a sea of red ink, as deficits rose to record levels and the state fell woefully behind in its payments to public universities and colleges, not to mention thousands of nonprofit and private contractors. Illinois’ pension liability was rated the worst in the nation. And, as if all of this were not enough, a sitting and corrupt governor was impeached and removed from office for the first time in state history.

From its vantage point in the state capital, the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois Springfield carefully tracked these and other developments, shared its observations with the public, and worked to make a difference where and when possible. The Center kept the citizens of Illinois informed, translating the complexity of the state's policymaking and politicking into understandable terms. In timely and practical ways, it brought the unique intellectual resources of a public university to bear on specific problems and challenges facing government. The Center’s multiple engagements with the world outside the university created myriad opportunities for student, faculty, staff, and public learning.

Consider just one example: a languishing state economy made worse by the “great recession.” The Center’s work spoke to this problem in several ways. Its Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies and Survey Research Office studied the effects of the rising tide of retail chains on the state and local economies for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Survey Research Office...
Conducting Research to Inform Public Decisions

Legislatures, administrative agencies, courts, and nonprofit organizations all make decisions that can profoundly affect people’s lives. While personal values, politics, and interpersonal relationships play a role in these choices, decision makers are also expected to consider the “evidence” – what analysis and study may reveal about an issue or a problem. The Center’s research and evaluation work represents an important contribution that UIS, its faculty, staff, and students make to public discourse on important issues.

During 2009-2010, the Center conducted much of its research and evaluation activities through the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies and Survey Research Office (SRO). Their principal focus was the basic challenges to human well-being that concern public policy. Their approach was practical and collaborative, working actively with public agencies and others to help solve problems.

In addition, The Papers of Abraham Lincoln continued its award-winning research project to document the life and career of the nation’s 16th president, whose words and experiences remain relevant to public policy today.

Economic Well-Being

Chains Changing Communities

In the past few decades, retail chains have penetrated nearly every corner of the marketplace. To get a handle on how chains, especially “big box” stores, have affected communities, the state’s Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity asked the Center to examine changes in Illinois’ retail sector since 1990. For this study, the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies and SRO were joined by economic geographers from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana...
Extension Office and researchers at its School of Social Work.

The study team found that retail grew in Illinois during the 1990s but began contracting around 2002. The contraction was due to declines on most indicators – such as sales and jobs – in Chicago and small towns located outside the state’s metro areas. Everywhere else, retail continued to expand, especially in the “collar” counties near Chicago.

Large retail stores grew everywhere in Illinois during these 18 years, except in small communities within the collar counties and in Chicago. Rural areas experienced the largest impact, with the number of “big box” general merchandise and home improvement stores increasing nearly 200 percent. Although there is worry that “big box” stores kill off locally owned businesses – and this does happen, data collected for this study indicate that, for the most part, the presence of large stores appears to be associated with an overall increase in the entry of new businesses and an overall decrease in the exit of existing ones.

The study also surveyed the general public and employers in seven communities representative of the geographic and economic diversity of Illinois. Most public respondents expressed a positive view of retail chains, identifying as key advantages their lower prices, product variety, and convenience. But they also pointed to the harm chains seem to do to local businesses and downtowns. When asked where they do their shopping, majorities said that, for most kinds of products, they buy at retail chains rather than at locally owned businesses. Employers, on the whole, also expressed a positive attitude toward chains, although not as strongly as the general public.

**Assessing the Local Economic Outlook**

Sangamon County, where UIS is located, has not been immune to the economic downturn. Every six months since March
2008, about the time when the national economy began to sour, the Survey Research Office has carried out a biannual survey for the greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce to assess the economic outlook of businesses and nonprofit organizations. The survey asks local employers to project how the local economy and their own firm will fare over the next 12 months.

The most recent survey in September 2010 reflected a slightly negative outlook for the local economy overall. This was down a bit from the previous survey in March 2010 but up a bit from the survey a year earlier. The most favorable outlooks were for the health care, information and communications, and education sectors, and the most negative for construction and manufacturing. When asked to choose the three biggest challenges facing them, survey respondents most often mentioned employee compensation/benefits, consumer confidence/spending, and government regulations/taxes.

Civic Well-Being

Measuring Civic Engagement in Illinois

During the past year, the Center – primarily through SRO – completed a comprehensive survey of civic engagement in Illinois. This was a follow-up to the Illinois Civic Engagement Benchmark Survey conducted in 2001. Preliminary results from the survey were summarized and reported in the National Conference on Citizenship’s Illinois Civic Health Index 2009.

The survey found that although regular volunteering with secular community groups, projects, or causes was on par with that in 2001, volunteering on an occasional basis had declined by half. When the number of people who said they did informal volunteering is counted, however, the overall estimate of those who do any kind of volunteering increased significantly between 2001 and 2009.

The survey also pointed to a decline in the Illinois public’s religious activities from 2001 to 2009. Active membership, frequency of attendance at religious services, proportion contributing to a place of worship, and volunteering to religious organizations all showed decreases from eight years earlier.

By comparison, political engagement was relatively stable. Proportions of respondents who reported doing a variety of political activities in the previous year – including some election related activities – were about the same as in 2001. Interestingly, about a third of the 2009 respondents said that the Internet increased their participation in the 2008 elections.

“Intersecting for Ability”

Assuring that persons with disabilities are able to participate fully in the life of their communities is an important public objective. This objective may be more effectively achieved when organizations that serve persons with disabilities work together rather than apart.

In 2009 the Hope Institute for Children and Families, headquartered in Springfield, received funding from the Coleman Foundation to support development of a network of Chicago-area disability service providers. The purpose of the network is to share information, resources, and issues to increase the efficiency of services and
produce results that providers cannot accomplish individually. The Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies was engaged to evaluate the development of the network, known as Intersect for Ability.

The Institute’s evaluation found that collaborative projects undertaken by network members were generally successful, although it was too soon to assess the ultimate impact on people served by the participating providers. The skills and job satisfaction of staff employed by providers increased, and a sizeable number of clients received enhanced services. The evaluation also found that the network itself was stable and evolving in a sustainable way.

**Intergenerational Living**

Most people would agree that the civic health of a community depends on engagement across generations. In particular, children and families with serious vulnerabilities might benefit from living in an environment with support and guidance from older generations. To find out if this is true, an intergenerational community, called Hope Meadows, was created about 15 years ago in Rantoul, Illinois for children adopted out of foster care.

Because of the success of the community, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation gave Generations of Hope, the organization that created the community, substantial funding beginning in 2006 to help other places develop similar intergenerational communities. As part of the grant, Generations of Hope agreed to have its efforts evaluated by the Institute.

The Institute found that interest in learning from or replicating the Hope Meadows model is high, but that the cost and complexity of developing communities of this type has been a significant barrier. The evaluation concluded that Generations of Hope needed a more focused strategy on supporting the development of two or three of the most promising new communities.

**Developing the Library of Tomorrow Today**

Libraries have long been central to civic life, playing a special role as a meeting ground and means of access to the wider world of knowledge. However, with tightening public budgets and the dramatic movement of information to online environments, libraries have been challenged to maintain their relevance.

To address this challenge, the Illinois State Library received a multi-year grant in 2008 from the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services to train librarians in the use of Web 2.0 technologies. The purpose of the grant to Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply, and Discover – ILEAD U for short – is to help teams of librarians use Web 2.0 technologies to address a specific problem, need, or opportunity in their communities. The Institute is evaluating the program in partnership with the Survey Research Office.

So far, the evaluation has found Web 2.0 training of teams to be effective when focused on technologies that are relatively easy for team members to learn and apply to their community projects. The teams making the most progress have been ones that started with clear, specific plans and early on made clear decisions about roles and responsibilities among their members. The State Library’s hope is that ILEAD U will become a replicable model for use in other states.
Well-Being on the Roads

Buckling Up

Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury for Americans between the ages of 4 and 34. When used properly, seat belts have been shown to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by almost half. While Illinois has one of the highest seat belt compliance rates in the country at just under 93 percent in 2010, research shows that compliance depends on regularly reminding the public of the need to buckle up.

For the past nine years, SRO has conducted telephone surveys of the public before and after seat belt enforcement and media campaigns for the Division of Traffic Safety in the Illinois Department of Transportation. Since the summer of 2003, public awareness of the state’s “Click It or Ticket” campaign has been consistently high, with 8 to 9 out of 10 people saying they have seen or heard something about it. Awareness of the slogan “You Drink and drive. You lose.” has been slightly lower at between 7 to 8 of every 10 respondents surveyed. Generally, findings have shown awareness increasing after a campaign and then declining a bit before increasing again following the next campaign.

Identifying the Hard Core Drunk Driver

Of those arrested for driving while intoxicated, a third are repeat offenders and a majority have blood alcohol levels nearly twice the allowable limit. These hard core offenders represent among the greatest threats to lives and safety on the roads. Probation officers have the responsibility for evaluating DUI offenders and using that information to design appropriate case management plans. However, the available tools do not make it easy to identify hard core drunk drivers specifically. To help remedy this gap, the Institute in 2006 created a “hard core DUI offender checklist.” The checklist asks questions about behaviors and past experiences that research suggests may predict chronic drunk driving.

Probation officers have found the checklist to be a useful supplement to the other tools they use for offender evaluation. And, preliminary evidence indicates that the checklist may be somewhat predictive of re-offending in the future.

Documenting Lincoln

Public leaders and citizens need to understand the nation’s past in order to make informed decisions in the present. To this end, there is no more central person in American history than Abraham Lincoln.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term documentary editing project to identify, image, and publish all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime. It is a project of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, with co-sponsorship by the Center at UIS and the Abraham Lincoln Association. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is assembling an unprecedented collection of images of more than 100,000 documents.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln consists of three series. The Legal Papers, covering Lincoln’s quarter century legal career, are
complete and available. *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, Second Edition*, an award-winning electronic publication with images of more than 96,000 documents arranged in more than 5,100 cases, can be accessed for free online at http://www.lawpracticeofabrahamlincoln.org/. A more selective collection, *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases*, was published in 2008 by the University of Virginia Press and contains complete transcriptions of more than 750 documents from 50 of Lincoln’s most important and representative cases. The Illinois State Historical Society selected this collection for its Book of the Year Award in 2009.

Researchers continue to locate and scan documents for the second and third series, Illinois Papers and Presidential Papers. They have so far identified more than 73,000 documents in hundreds of repositories and private collections around the country. In particular, research and imaging efforts at the National Archives, Library of Congress, and Illinois State Archives have identified more than 6,000 documents related to Lincoln’s understudied legislative career.
In a democratic republic, the legitimacy of government depends on the support of the governed. As government deals with more complex challenges, citizens can become disengaged owing to a lack of understanding or because they feel public officials are not really interested in their views. From its start, the Center has felt an obligation to educate Illinoisans about challenges facing the state and to improve their capacity to engage with these issues in a meaningful way. A good part of this responsibility has been borne by UIS’s National Public Radio (NPR) station, WUIS, and by Illinois Issues, the Center’s monthly public affairs magazine.

Tracking the Weakened Economy

The pace of recovery from the recession has been slow and uncertain. Both WUIS and Illinois Issues kept close tabs in 2009-2010 on economic conditions, each in its distinctive way.

On a daily basis, WUIS gave its 30,000 central Illinois listeners in-depth reporting on how the economy is doing both nationally and locally, emphasizing the impact on individual lives. The NPR news programs on WUIS not only reported the economic headlines but sought to explain them in ways that non-economists can understand. WUIS reporters stayed on top of what the changing fortunes of the national economy meant locally. Regular on-air interviews with the business page editor of the State Journal-Register compared economic conditions in the Springfield area with conditions at the state and national levels. Specific news reports focused on steps to strengthen the local economy, from controversy surrounding the development of high-speed rail lines to housing development on Springfield’s east side to the building activities and plans of the capital city’s two hospitals.

While WUIS provided a steady stream of daily economic news, Illinois Issues stepped back from the news of the moment to put the changing tides of the state’s economy in perspective for its 15,000 readers. Investment in state infrastructure received particular attention, with articles on the challenges facing the fledgling Illinois Power Agency and the uncertain fate of high-speed rail. The changing economic landscape for consumers was also a consistent theme. One story examined how the trajectories for spending, savings, and job...
opportunities have been markedly altered by the recession. Effects of new pro-
consumer federal and state laws on access to and use of credit cards was also the
subject of an article. Another Illinois Issues story delved into how federal stimulus
funds are being used to create jobs in the state’s smaller, rural towns. And, there was
an article on how the lack of government interest in promoting the state’s economic
interests abroad may hurt exports and discourage foreign companies from
locating in Illinois.

Making Sense of Politics

Penetrating the complexities and personalities of Illinois politics is at the heart of the
Center’s efforts to educate and engage the public. The worst state budget crisis in 80
years, the most contentious politics in a long while, including the downfall of a
governor, and statewide elections provided a lot to talk about and analyze.

As they have in the past, WUIS and Illinois Issues produced award-winning coverage of
state politics and policy. Capitolbeat, the national association of capitol reporters
and editors, provided several awards to both media groups in 2009 and 2010.
Charlie Wheeler, UIS’ Public Affairs Reporting program director, won first place, in both 2009 and 2010, for his Ends &
Means columns in Illinois Issues. Dave McKinney, a Chicago Sun-Times reporter,
won a third place in the same category in 2009 for his Illinois Issues piece comparing
the reputations of newly elected President Barack Obama and then-Gov. Rod
Blagojevich, who was impeached and removed from office shortly afterward. And, Dana Heupel, Illinois Issues executive editor,
won second place in the columns category in 2010 for his regular monthly column,
Editor’s Note.

Wheeler received a third place award for in-depth reporting in 2010 for his Illinois Issues article examining the state’s pension
problem. The story also was incorporated into a Wall Street Journal opinion column on pension problems in the states. Jamey
Dunn, the magazine’s Statehouse bureau chief, grabbed two third place awards in
2010: one in the online beat reporting category for her blog and the other in the
single-report category for her story on the state’s backlog of unpaid bills.

The travails of erstwhile Gov. Blagojevich garnered multiple honors for WUIS reporters. WUIS/Illinois Public Radio
Statehouse bureau chief Sean Crawford and reporter Amanda Vinicky won first place for in-depth reporting in 2009 for their series
on “The Fall of Governor Rod Blagojevich.” Crawford also picked up third place awards in 2009 in the beat reporting and single
report categories, the latter for his story on “The Arrest of Rod Blagojevich.” And, Vinicky took second place in the single-report
category in 2009 for her story on “Republican Minority Recruitment,” and a
third place in 2010 for beat reporting. Between the summer of 2009 and fall of
2010, 25 stories by WUIS reporters on Illinois issues were aired by National Public
Radio for its nationwide audience.

WUIS’ popular weekly recap of state political news, State Week in Review was heard not just by listeners in central Illinois, but by
public radio listeners in many other parts of the state. In addition to UIS faculty and journalists, the program’s weekly panel
included reporters from the Chicago
Reforming Education

*Illinois Issues* keyed into education reform in 2009-2010 with stories on the views of Illinois stakeholders about steps being taken to reauthorize No Child Left Behind law in Congress and the state’s possible adoption of new national standards in math and English for all public school students. *WUIS* trained its education coverage on the funding challenges facing schools at all levels of learning and the politics of local school boards. In the next year, as the ideals of reform meet the reality of paying for it, *WUIS* hopes to increase its education reporting.

Improving Health and Health Care

No area of public policy is more complex than health and health care, and no area so directly and intimately affects all people. *Illinois Issues* jumped out early in 2010 with
a cover story deciphering some of the key challenges involved with implementing in Illinois the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the massive federal health care reform law. *WUIS* delved into topics underplayed in the new law but of obvious significance in Illinois: the decision by the state Supreme Court to strike down a state law capping jury awards in medical malpractice cases and the challenges of improving the quality of care and safety available in nursing homes. In addition, the magazine examined the legal battle being waged over how much charity care nonprofit hospitals in Illinois have to provide in order to qualify for exemption from local property taxes.

Promoting healthy behavior was also on the agenda for both news outlets. *WUIS* ran a story on Illinois’ middle ranking among states on the percentage of the population that is obese or overweight. Efforts to improve nutritional standards in the schools – a primary target for fighting childhood obesity – were the subject of an article in *Illinois Issues*. Smoking has been a hot-button issue ever since the U.S. surgeon general declared it to be a health hazard nearly half a century ago. The past two years have been no exception. *WUIS’* segments focused on public support for increasing taxes on cigarettes and how the state has used its share of monies from tobacco settlement lawsuits to pay off state bills rather than deal with tobacco-related issues.

### Protecting the Environment

In the past couple of years, the rising costs of oil and gasoline spurred greater interest in finding alternative, renewable or at least less environmentally damaging energy sources. Long-standing challenges in trying to keep the environment clean and protecting habitats were also the subject of policy debates.

*WUIS* maintained a thread on the seemingly never-ending political machinations surrounding plans to build, somewhere in Illinois, a coal-fueled power plant known as FutureGen that would eliminate emissions by capturing them in underground storage. The growing use of wind power in Illinois and the lifting of a two-decades moratorium on building nuclear power plants were featured articles in *Illinois Issues*.

*Illinois Issues* published articles on volunteer efforts to clean the trash from the state’s main waterways, the financial and environmental challenges of contending with the pollution from rain runoff in urban areas, the effects on water quality from modifying the components of lawn fertilizers, and what it means for the water reclamation district in the Chicago area to be the only major treatment agency in the country not to disinfect most of its wastewater. A two-part story ran on *WUIS* on the effects of a new law intended to protect drinking water from contamination.

### Illuminating Lincoln’s Legacy

It is an important tradition at UIS, through the Center, to show how what Abraham Lincoln said and did still speaks to us today.

In 2009, the Center and the UIS Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) Speaker Series cosponsored a *U.S. Constitution Day* panel on “Lincoln and the Constitution.” Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Illinois
state historian and director of research at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Dr. Daniel Stowell, editor of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, and John Lupton, at the time associate editor of the Papers, discussed Lincoln's politics, his war powers, state secession, and the Constitution.

In celebration of the Lincoln Bicentennial, the Center partnered with the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in presenting the Seventh Annual Lincoln Legacy Lecture. The subject was “Lincoln and the Environment” and featured a presentation by Dr. Mark Fiege, associate professor of history and William E. Morgan Chair of Liberal Arts at Colorado State University, on Lincoln and environmental history. The lecture opened with remarks from renowned Lincoln scholar Dr. Michael Burlingame, Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at UIS.

And this past fall, the Eighth Annual Lincoln Legacy Lectures on “Lincoln and Race” attracted nearly 500 people, the most ever for this event. The speakers were Burlingame and Matthew Holden, Margaret L. Wepner Distinguished Professor of Political Science at UIS. Burlingame contrasted Frederick Douglass’ views of Lincoln in 1865 and 1876 and argued that Lincoln was an early champion of black civil rights. Holden described how black civil rights were thwarted in the period after Lincoln's assassination.

John Lupton (left), Daniel Stowell, and Thomas Schwartz discussed “Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution” at the 2009 U.S. Constitution Day event.
Improving Public Leadership and Service

Educating and training those who serve the public is perhaps the most “natural” thing the Center does, given UIS’ primary commitment to teaching and learning. The Center accomplishes this end through three complementary strategies: creating active learning opportunities for state, local, and nonprofit staff and scholars; engaging directly in service projects that meet important public needs; and highlighting outstanding examples of public affairs leadership and service.

Creating Active Learning Opportunities

Gaining Firsthand Experience in Public Agencies

For over 36 years, the Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) program has provided opportunities for young professionals to gain paid, practical experience working in state agencies, local government, and nonprofit organizations. The internships run for up to 21 months and involve both challenging on-the-job tasks as well as academic work toward a master’s degree. GPSI is regarded as one of the best internship programs in Illinois, and is the largest public service internship program in the state.

In fiscal year 2010, GPSI placed 190 graduate students in internships with 19 different agencies, bringing the total number of interns since the program’s start in 1974 to more than 3,000. The 2010 group represented 15 of UIS’ 20 master’s degree programs.

The Graduate Public Service Internship program also continued to serve as the main arm for recruiting students for all of UIS’ master’s degree programs, as well as for the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship program, the UIS Graduate Assistantship program, and the Whitney M. Young Fellowship program.
Learning in the Legislature

The Institute and its predecessors have overseen the **Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program (ILSIP)**, including the Zeke Giorgi Internships, since its beginning in the early 1960s. The program, funded by the Illinois General Assembly through its Legislative Research Unit, provides highly talented individuals – mostly recent college graduates – with a 10 1/2-month paid internship with the legislature. Interns serve on the Democratic and Republican staffs in each chamber and with the Legislative Research Unit. Like GPSI, ILSIP interns earn master’s degree credit. Some of the most prominent people in Illinois politics, government service, and civic life, such as former Gov. Jim Edgar, Illinois Auditor General William Holland, and former federal judge Wayne Andersen, started their careers as ILSIP interns.

A total of 871 interns have come through ILSIP, including the current class of 24. After their internship, interns often remain in state employment, enter politics, or pursue additional graduate studies. Of those in last year’s class who stayed for the full term, 11 were hired onto campaign staffs or into regular staff positions with the legislature. Four interns continued graduate studies, including two at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and one at Northern Illinois University. Another chose to run for local office, and three others obtained other employment, including one with the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget.

Engaging Scholars in State Politics and Policy

In June, 2010, UIS hosted the **10th Annual State Politics and Policy Conference**. UIS was chosen for this honor because of its key role in bringing about the renaissance of the state politics and policy field within political science with the founding of *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 10 years ago by UIS professor Christopher Mooney. The
Center was the lead host for the conference, and cosponsors included the UIS College of Public Affairs and Administration, the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the American Political Science Association (APSA), Cengage Publishing, and Sage Publishing. More than 200 faculty and graduate students from all parts of the country participated.

The conference featured a special roundtable of former governors who spoke on the topic of how political scientists “can make a practical contribution to good government and politics.” They included Madeleine Kunin (D-VT), Jim Edgar (R-IL), Parris Glendening (D-MD), and Bob Taft (R-OH). In a first for UIS, the national public affairs television network C-SPAN taped the roundtable and aired it in July.

It was announced at the conference that Nicole Kazee of the University of Illinois Chicago was the winner of the first annual Christopher Z. Mooney Dissertation Award of APSA’s State Politics and Policy section. Justin Kirkland of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill received the Best Graduate Student Poster Award. During the conference, UIS Provost Harry Berman announced that Mooney had been selected to receive the prestigious University Scholar Award for 2010, and he presented Mooney with a resolution passed by the Illinois House of Representatives commending him for his service and achievements.

Burnishing the Skills of Public and Nonprofit Managers

Managers in the business sector often have access to a wide variety of opportunities to enhance their skills. For public and nonprofit managers, those opportunities are not nearly as plentiful. To help narrow this gap, the Center established the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program of Illinois in 2007. CPM is a nationally accredited 300-hour professional development program specifically designed for public managers. Through short courses and practical experiences, participants build their skills in areas that are particular to success in the public sector, including...
leadership, supervision, cultural competency, program and project management, organizational management, human resources, partnerships, and public policy. Instructors come from the ranks of UIS faculty and staff and skilled professionals outside the university. CPM graduated its first cohort in 2009, and took on its second cohort in the fall of 2009. Graduates of the program are currently working to establish the Illinois Society of Certified Public Managers.

CPM also delivers special training to organizations and networks in the public and nonprofit arenas. This effort draws on the larger CPM curriculum to provide training customized to the needs of particular agencies or groups of organizations. This past year, CPM conducted training programs in effective management for managers affiliated with the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies, in succession planning, community engagement, strategic management, and data management for the Illinois Head Start Association, in team development and management for the Illinois Early Childhood Network, and in effective supervision for both the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Office of the General Counsel to Gov. Pat Quinn.

Training for Public Safety

Promoting public safety has been a long-standing interest of the Center, a fact reflected in the array of safety training programs overseen by the Institute. These programs have trained more than 2000 individuals since the fall of 2009.

In 2008, UIS, through the Institute, assumed responsibility from Eastern Illinois University for the Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) program of the Division of Traffic Safety in the Illinois Department of Transportation. The program had been in operation since 1992. Liaisons monitor funds that IDOT gives to state and local law enforcement agencies to enhance traffic safety. The program is one of the principal means in Illinois for encouraging enforcement of laws on impaired driving, speeding, and occupant protection. During the year that ended September 30th, LEL staff oversaw 243 year-long highway safety projects, conducted 273 safety belt surveys, and managed 106 mini-grants that focused on specific traffic safety campaigns.

Every year in Illinois, law enforcement personnel record more 400,000 vehicle crashes. Since it costs nearly twice as much to record crash data on written forms than to enter it electronically, IDOT’s Division of Traffic Safety and the Institute rolled out the Mobile Crash Reporting project in 2004 to help law enforcement agencies switch to electronic crash reporting. Between 2004 and 2010, the project trained 7,350 law enforcement staff in electronic crash reporting, representing at the high point about a third of all police departments in the state. In the coming year, IDOT will replace the existing crash reporting system with a new one with more of the features that police departments want. To prepare the way, Institute staff in the spring of 2010 conducted a statewide survey of law enforcement agencies to learn more about their crash reporting needs.

Needless to say, vehicle crashes are often caused by drunk drivers. In addition to its research on drunk driving, the Institute has partnered with IDOT’s Division of Traffic Safety to train prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, and social
service staff in the latest methods for combating drunk driving. During the past year, the IDOT Court Project, as this partnership is called, carried out a series of 11 trainings around the state for about 700 officials. The Project also established the Prosecutor Resource Network to help prosecutors and police access materials and other information on DUI issues when they need it.

The Institute also partners with the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Division to train throughout Illinois service providers who are responsible for evaluating the risk posed by each DUI offender. By law, risk must be assessed as part of each offender’s adjudication, and all evaluators must be trained within six months after they start working. During the past year, the Institute trained 273 evaluators.

One of the Institute’s most durable partnerships, with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, provides training to probation officers throughout the state. The curriculum teaches officers the latest in evidence-based methods of offender management. In 2010, the Institute implemented a basic five-day training for officers supervising mostly adult offenders, and also conducted a train-the-trainers session to help seasoned probation officers provide ongoing training to the staff of the agencies where they work. During the past year, the Institute conducted a two-day conference on sex offender management in the fall of 2008 attended by 134 Illinois probation and parole officers. The conference was held in cooperation with the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board. The Institute requested and secured a second grant from USDOJ in 2009 to hold another conference with the Sex Offender Management Board and engage in other activities to improve sex offender management practices. The 180 people in the audience at that conference in November 2010 included police officers and sexual abuse treatment providers, as well as probation and parole officers. In 2011, the Institute will assess whether knowledge shared at the conference is being incorporated into day to day practice.

In 2009-2010, the Institute also continued to organize training for the Illinois Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) for professionals who treat problem gamblers. The program covers clinical assessment, case planning, case management, monitoring, counseling, and advocacy. Additionally, the Center’s Office of Electronic Media (OEM) continued to operate DASA’s problem gambling website.

Witnessing History

This past year, the Office of Electronic Media and staff at the Old State Capitol in Springfield began to write the script for a 60-minute high-definition documentary chronicling the history of the Old State Capitol from its planning stages in the 1800s. The landmark building has hosted many of Illinois’ defining moments, from Abraham Lincoln’s “house divided” speech in 1858 on slavery’s threat to the union to the launch of Barack Obama’s presidential
campaign 150 years later. Photography will begin this coming spring, with completion set for the fall of 2011. The documentary will be used at the Old State Capitol to educate visitors and will be available on the historic site’s website and through DVD sales. More than 165,000 students and others visit the Old State Capitol every year.

Engaging in Service

Defending the Innocent

One of the unfortunate consequences of the justice system is that sometimes innocent people are convicted and put in prison. To address the problem, a group of UIS faculty and staff established the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project in 2001. Since then, the Project has played critical roles in three exonerations and helped to make Illinois policy makers and citizens more aware of the challenges of assuring that innocent people are not falsely convicted and imprisoned.

The past year has been one of the most important in life of the Project. In September 2010, the Project was awarded a $687,448 18-month grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to pursue cases in which DNA evidence might determine guilt or innocence. The grant, one of the largest ever for UIS, is being administered in cooperation with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, and is intended to expand the use of DNA evidence in cases where doubt has been raised about the innocence of imprisoned felons.

Earlier in the year, the Project entered into first-time partnerships with the University of Illinois College of Law and Southern Illinois University School of Law to assist in legal review and representation of potential “innocence” cases. These partnerships expand the Project’s capacity to handle the large number of cases that have come to its attention over the years but which it has not had the staffing to address adequately.

DNA testing emerged as potentially critical in one of the two cases on which the Project worked most intensively the past couple of years. Thomas McMillen was convicted of murder in 1991 based on the testimony of someone who said they witnessed the crime. Nearly three years ago, the Project obtained a video-taped recantation from this witness, but it was not enough to overturn McMillen’s conviction. The hope for establishing McMillen’s innocence has since turned to DNA testing using advanced methods able to develop a DNA profile from minute amounts of hair and skin cells.

These advanced testing methods were also the subject of a major workshop held by the Project in November 2009. The “Touch DNA Symposium” brought in experts from the first exoneration in the United States.
based on touch DNA analysis to introduce the Illinois legal community to the technique. The symposium received wide publicity and was also made available on DVD to attorneys and investigators unable to attend.

In another first, the Project brought to campus in November 2010 Kirk Bloodsworth, the first post-conviction DNA death row exoneree in the United States. The occasion was to highlight the new DNA work the Project will be doing with the grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Bloodsworth spoke at UIS and then keynoted a symposium at the College of Law in Champaign-Urbana.

Connecting Those with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities often have difficulty participating in public affairs. In 2009-2010, the Center used some of its technological resources to help lower this barrier.

The Center’s Office of Electronic Media and the UIS campus hosted the quarterly meetings of the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission in OEM’s studio, making it possible for the Commission to webcast the sessions. Live captioning and signing, as well as audio, were used to make the meetings accessible to those who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Illinois Commission is among the first in the country to reach out to the deaf and hard of hearing community in this way.

Springfield’s Southwind Park designed to accommodate those with disabilities opened October 17, 2010. Built as a destination park with many sustainable and universally accessible features, Southwind is expected to host thousands of visitors a year from the Midwest and beyond. Visitors will be able to learn about the park’s unique infrastructure using handheld GPS-based video units, with content produced by OEM. The electronic media unit is also working with the park and the Springfield Park District to produce three documentaries highlighting key aspects of the park.

WUIS continued to operate the Radio Information Service for the visually impaired. More than 30 community members of the station volunteered to read publications to those who are unable to read on their own. Some 400 visually impaired listeners were served through the program in 2009-2010, which allowed them to hear the service through special radios.

Integrating Local Services for Children

The Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois received a grant from the Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation in July 2010 to develop a plan to integrate services for children with mental health needs. The effort involves representatives from three local service networks in devising an approach to make it easier for children to
access effective services in a 20-block neighborhood on Springfield’s east side. Once the plan is done, it is expected that the Foundation will provide 2-3 years of funding to implement it. The Institute is developing the evaluation component of the plan and anticipates serving as the evaluator during implementation.

Highlighting Leadership and Service

The Center administers four programs that honor people for their outstanding contributions to public affairs in Illinois and beyond.

*Illinois Issues* sponsors the Samuel K. Gove Illinois Legislative Internship Hall of Fame and co-sponsors with *WUIS* the Bill Miller Public Affairs Reporting Hall of Fame.

The *Public Affairs Reporting Hall of Fame* recognizes graduates of UIS’ Public Affairs Reporting (PAR) program who have gone on to significant careers in journalism.

Three graduates were named to the Hall of Fame in fall 2010. Susan Cornwell, who graduated from the PAR program in 1979, has been a working journalist for more than three decades in several countries. Barbara Hipsman, a 1978 PAR graduate, has been an associate professor of journalism and mass communication at Kent State University in Ohio since 1987. She previously was statehouse bureau chief for the *Belleville New Democrat* for six years. John O’Connor, who received his master’s from the PAR program in 1986, has been a statehouse reporter for the Associated Press since 1998.

The *Legislative Intern Hall of Fame* recognizes former legislative interns who have gone on to make important contributions to public service. The most recent class was inducted in the fall of 2009. John Day, a 1970-71 intern, retired in 2003 as assistant executive director of the Illinois’ Teachers Retirement System and had previously served as the executive director of the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission. Claire B. Eberle, who was an intern in 1975, is...
deputy director of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for the Illinois General Assembly. Lee J. Schwartz was a Chicago attorney at the time of his death in 2002. A member of the legislative intern class of 1966, he was an expert on the state Constitution and served as legal counsel to Rep. Jack Touhy when he was speaker of the House and to former state Senate Minority Leader Thomas Arthur “Art” McGloon. A member of the 1970 legislative intern class, Stephen R. Pacey has been the resident circuit court judge in Ford County since 1996. Gretchen A. Winter, who was an intern in 1979, is the executive director of the Chicago-based Center for Professional Responsibility in Business and Society at the University of Illinois.

Every year since 2006, the Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) program has presented the Brian T. Milbrandt Memorial Award for Excellence to an intern for outstanding performance and leadership. Milbrandt, a GPSI intern with the Illinois Department of Transportation, died in November 2006. The winner in 2010 was Shwetankh Ruia, an intern with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2008, UIS also established an award to honor the people in participating agencies who supervise GPSI interns. The Sagarika Madala Memorial Award for Excellence every year honors an intern supervisor for exemplary leadership as a GPSI mentor. Madala was a GPSI intern with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency who died in March 2007. The most recent award in 2010 went to Jean Becker, Program and Policy Section supervisor in the Illinois Department of Public Health.
Educating Students

Although the Center is not a degree-granting part of UIS, it plays a significant role in student education and learning. Every year, the Center directly affects the lives of a substantial portion of the UIS student body.

Yearly, roughly 10 percent of UIS graduate students enroll in the university through the Graduate Public Service Internship and Legislative Staff Internship programs and start down the path of receiving a master’s education that combines academic work with real world job experience.

During the past year and a half, some 400 students have earned course credits through Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) events organized by the Center. This included 279 who attended the Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series the past two years and 86 who attended the 2009 U.S. Constitution Day event.

Another 22 ECCE programs, as well as the three just noted, were videotaped for wider distribution to UIS students and the public by the Office of Electronic Media (OEM). The electronic media unit also conducted 40 live webcasts of academic programs, guest lectures, and student events. It operated the Campus Channel, the university’s 24/7 closed circuit television station, and did webcasts of most important university events, such as commencement and investitures. In total, OEM produced and disseminated more than 170 hours of programming for students.

Annually, the Center also provides jobs to scores of students needing some extra income to meet their expenses. In 2009-2010, most Center units had at least one paid graduate assistant or graduate research assistant who performed work directly related to his or her field of study. Several units also hired student workers to provide support. In addition, OEM provided practical learning opportunities for dozens of UIS students who gained real world experience in media production as they helped to produce more than 80 programs for distribution over the Campus Channel, the web and on DVD.

Financing

Because of its diverse capabilities, the Center relies on a wide variety of sources to finance its activities. State appropriations, though constituting a relatively modest share of total income, play an important role in leveraging the other funding needed to fulfill the Center’s priorities.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010, total Center revenues reached $9,725,117. This amount represented an increase of 6.4 percent over the previous year, and continued the pattern of gradually rising income during most of the past decade to support the Center’s work. Estimated income from all sources for the current fiscal year, FY 2011, is $9,783,668. State appropriations were about 17 percent of Center income in FY 2010, and have declined to 14% in FY 2011. The Center derives the largest share
of its income from state grants and contracts, which have risen steadily during the past seven years. In FY 2010, state grants and contracts provided more than $6 million in income for the Center and its units.

Among the Center’s three priorities, improving public leadership and service attracted the most funding in FY 2010, which is consistent with prior years. Slightly more than two-thirds of all income received by the Center was for activities in public leadership and service. Research and educating and engaging citizens comprised about equal shares of the remaining third.
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