UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS at SPRINGFIELD



2003 Annual Report

Our Vision

The UIS **Center for State Policy and Leadership** is an active, nonpartisan, research and educational center devoted to public policy and leadership excellence. The Center seeks new answers to public policy questions, furthers the development of ethical and competent leaders, fosters civic engagement and promotes citizen awareness of public policy issues.

> The UIS Center serves as an independent resource for decision-makers, opinion leaders, students and citizens working to find solutions to public policy issues, and offers a forum for new thinking and innovation in the development of current and emerging public policy.

Our Mission

Given the unique public affairs focus and location of the UIS campus in the Illinois state capital, the **Center for State Policy and Leadership** identifies and addresses issues of public policy, promotes governmental effectiveness, engages in citizen education, and contributes to the dialogue on matters of significant public concern with an emphasis on state government. The Center works in partnership with government, local communities, citizens, and the nonprofit sector to mobilize the expertise of faculty, staff, and students for public-sector research and service.

Message from the Executive Director



Fiscal year 2003 was an unusual one for our Center for State Policy and Leadership. Formerly the Institute for Public Affairs (1989-2002), it was renamed the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies (2002-2003) and received additional funds to develop programs in anticipation of the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. Nevertheless, the Center kept its focus on its ongoing agenda of policy research, media, public education and public service programs.

As the Presidential Center in FY 03, and before the state's change in commitment in FY 04, we accomplished several new initiatives. We held our inaugural Lincoln Legacy Lecture, "Lincoln and Race," drawing a large audience to campus in November 2002 following the dedication of the Presidential Library; organized a June conference on Society, Slavery and the Civil War especially for teachers; offered a summer institute, Lincoln and Leadership, for high school students, and published *Mr. Lincoln and the Time Train*, a book written by children for children.

Besides the new initiatives in FY 03, the Center added to its accomplishments by continuing programs for which it is known. The 2003 Public Policy Summit focused on "Politics and Ethics in Illinois," and featured findings of a survey conducted by the Survey Research Office on public perception of Illinois' political culture. The Institute for Legislative Studies published the *Lobbying Illinois* book and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Political Science Association. The Institute also presented the UIS Politics and Policy Series — forums on state issues broadcast live on WUIS public radio.

Also in FY 03, the Graduate Public Service Internship Program coordinated 116 interns in state agencies. The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies completed data dictionaries and an implementation plan for the statewide probation offender automated information system. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln continued working on a book highlighting Lincoln's legal cases and surveyed 5,000 manuscript repositories for its database of all documents written by or to Lincoln.

Illinois Issues magazine covered the 2002 gubernatorial election. WUIS opened its Pittsfield bureau (WIPA) and brought the national radio show, Michael Feldman's *Whad'Ya Know?*, to Springfield. The Office of Electronic Media coordinated a statewide public information campaign on problem gambling.

Regardless of our name, whether the Institute for Public Affairs under Dr. Nancy Ford's leadership, the Presidential Center under Dr. Ernest Cowles' leadership, or now the Center for State Policy and Leadership, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide the highest quality research and information, contribute to reasoned public debate on policy issues, and educate our students and citizens.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Ferrara

Barbara E. Ferrara Interim Executive Director

Units of the Center



Office of the Executive Director

Coordinates requests for Center consultation and services, provides administrative leadership for new initiatives, grant development and fundraising, and coordinates policy summits and lecture series.

Center Publications/Illinois Issues

Publishes *Illinois Issues*, the leading public affairs magazine in the state; books such as the biennial *Almanac of Illinois Politics*, a highly popular reference guide of state officials, *Governing Illinois*, a primer on state government for schoolchildren, and other publications such as the annual *Roster of State Government Officials*.

Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

Undertakes projects that add to the understanding and improvement of the legal system and executive branch of government through research, training, technical assistance, public service and education. The Institute informs scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and the general public. In 2002, the Institute expanded its original focus on legal issues to include administrative and policy studies.

Institute for Legislative Studies

Conducts research projects on the legislative process and state politics. Presents the research results to policymakers, political scientists, and the public through training seminars and public forums, informs the media, and produces books, including the *Almanac of Illinois Politics*, and periodicals, such as the *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* journal. Research topics include political campaign finance, lobbying, voter turnout, legislative redistricting, and morality policymaking. Administers the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program.

Office of Electronic Media

Produces public service, educational, public affairs, and informational programs on video, audio, DVD, CD, and the Internet to support university academic and public affairs projects. The office also covers live events, operates a public access channel and maintains complete television and multi-media studios in the university's Public Affairs Center.

Office of Graduate Intern Programs

Coordinates the Graduate Public Service Internship Program (GPSI) and other scholarship opportunities available for graduate students. Through GPSI, graduate students begin a career in state government while earning a master's degree from the university.

Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Researches the life of Abraham Lincoln by identifying, imaging and publishing all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln. The project consists of three series: Lincoln's legal papers, his Illinois papers, and his presidential papers. The project is sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and co-sponsored by the University of Illinois at Springfield and the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Public Policy High School Initiatives

Focuses on increasing civic involvement of Illinois secondary students in the classroom and the community through research, curriculum grants to schools, student summer residential programs, professional development for Illinois teachers, and public policy seminars.

Survey Research Office

Offers survey services to state and local government agencies and to non-profit organizations. The office regularly conducts statewide public opinion polls in which organizations can buy space for their questions.

WUIS/WIPA Public Radio

Provides a public radio service for central Illinois listeners from studios on campus. WUIS 91.9 FM offers a mix of local, state, national and international news, music, and weekend information-entertainment programs. Its repeater station, WIPA 89.3, serves Western Illinois listeners.

Major Center Accomplishments in 2003

Three public policy forums in the UIS Politics and Policy Series
Statewide research project to improve probation system
Inaugural Lincoln Legacy Lecture — "Lincoln and Race"
116 Graduate Public Service Interns placed with 12 state agencies
Public Policy Summit on governmental ethics
Surveys of welfare and childcare to assess program success
Monthly *Illinois Issues* magazine to inform the general public
Lincoln and Leadership Summer Institutes for high school students
Michael Feldman's live national public radio show in Springfield



Christopher Z. Mooney of the Institute for Legislative Studies organized the UIS Politics and Policy Series that aired on WUIS.



Dr. Phillip S. Paludan (above) and Dr. Mary Frances Berry addressed the controversial subject of Lincoln and race at the Center's first Lincoln Legacy series.



Judge Abner Mikva was the keynote speaker at the Public Policy Summit 2003, "Politics and Ethics in Illinois: Past, Present, and Future."

Other notable accomplishments of the Center in 2003:

- Evaluated the free school lunch program certification process to improve approval rate;
- Provided training for counselors treating problem gamblers and conducted statewide media campaign to inform gamblers on how to seek help;
- Promoted public awareness of campaign financing in Illinois through the Sunshine Project;
- Edited and published the national *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* journal, and
- Continued preparing database of all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln.

Office of the Executive Director

The Office of the Executive Director is the central point of contact for the units and programs of the Center. The Office provides leadership for interdisciplinary initiatives, fosters collaboration with state and local organizations, coordinates policy summits and lecture series, and oversees the financial development and management of the Center.



Center Publications/Illinois Issues

Center Publications publishes scholarly resources and journalistic information on state government and policy for use by opinion leaders, citizens and educators.

Since 1975, *Illinois Issues* has provided analysis of state government and politics. The magazine reports on trends, legislative issues and the state's quality of life in a balanced, fair and journalistic style. Among other print and electronic resources, Center Publications publishes the annual *Roster of State Government Officials*, an annual supplement to *Illinois Issues*, and the biennial *Almanac of Illinois Politics*, produced in cooperation with the Institute for Legislative Studies.

Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

The Institute for Legal and Policy Studies conducts projects and programs that contribute to the understanding and improvement of the legal system and executive branch of government in ways accessible to scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and the general public. Faculty and professional staff direct a variety of activities, including research, training, technical assistance, public service and education. Originally developed as the Center for Legal Studies in 1977, the Institute broadened its focus to include administrative and policy studies in 2002. Over those years, the Institute has become known for its applied research work, including program evaluation and policy impact assessment in the justice, human services delivery and community development areas. Its long-standing training programs in the adult and juvenile probation fields and with DUI assessment demonstrate the Institute's commitment to connecting scholarly research with informed decision-making by community and governmental leaders.

Institute for Legislative Studies

The Institute for Legislative Studies generates and disseminates information on the legislative process and state politics to policymakers, political scientists, and the public. The Institute accomplishes this through a variety of applied and academic research projects, by presenting training seminars and public forums, and by contact with the media. While the primary focus is on the Illinois General Assembly, its attention also extends to the U.S. Congress, other aspects of state politics in Illinois, and other state legislatures across the country. In cooperation with Center Publications, the institute publishes biennially the Almanac of Illinois Politics, an essential reference source for those interested in the General Assembly. It also publishes State Politics and Policy Quarterly, a peer-reviewed, international academic journal. Faculty and staff conduct research of statewide and national importance on political campaign finance, lobbying, voter turnout, legislative redistricting, and morality policymaking, among other subjects.

Office of Electronic Media

The Office of Electronic Media produces public service, educational, public affairs, and informational programs on video, audio, DVD, CD, and the Internet to support the university's academic and public affairs missions. Live event coverage, satellite programming and multi-media programs are produced for the Center, the university, state government, public television, Illinois educators, and community non-profit agencies. From statewide public service media campaigns to interactive DVDs, the office uses contemporary communication technologies to inform, educate and enlighten.

Since 1985, the office has operated ACCESS 4, Springfield's award-winning public access cable channel. This public service gives the community a professionally managed forum for public discussions and community involvement. In addition, ACCESS 4 provides valuable experience to UIS students and community producers who, under the guidance of the office's professional staff, produce hundreds of local programs each year. The office maintains television and multi-media studios in the university's Public Affairs Center.

Office of Graduate Intern Programs

The Office of Graduate Intern Programs coordinates the Graduate Public Service Internship Program and other scholarship opportunities available for graduate students. For 30 years the program has been ranked as one of Illinois' premier governmental internships. As the focal point of policy development, Illinois state government has become an exciting arena in which students gain first-hand experience. Through the internship, graduate students begin a career in state government while earning a master's degree from the university. The program is open to students with all academic backgrounds. After completing program requirements, many interns continue working in state government, while others work for other levels of government or pursue employment in the business sector.

Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term documentary editing project dedicated to identifying, imaging, and publishing, comprehensively in electronic form and selectively in printed volumes, all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime (1809-1865). The project is composed of three series: Series I — Legal Papers consists of documents from Lincoln's quarter-century legal career; Series II — Illinois Papers consists of correspondence and all other non-legal documents prior to Lincoln's inauguration as president in March 1861; and Series III — Presidential Papers consists of correspondence and other records from Lincoln's presidency. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a project of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, co-sponsored by the University of Illinois at Springfield. Series I, Legal Papers is also co-sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Public Policy High School Initiatives

The Public Policy High School Initiatives program, funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, focuses on increasing civic involvement of Illinois secondary students in the classroom and the community with research and curriculum grants to schools. Students explore career interests in public service and their future as involved citizens by creating policymaking solutions to issues affecting Illinois communities.

The program also offers leadership summer residential education programs, professional development for Illinois teachers with the summer Society, Slavery, and Civil War seminar series, develops curriculum materials, and sponsors a Public Policymaking Curriculum Conference in the fall and a Public Policy Student Conference in the spring.

Survey Research Office

The Survey Research Office specializes in offering services to state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations. Offering a full range of survey and selected data management services, the office can design and conduct an entire survey project, or tailor these services to meet the needs, resources, and capabilities of clients. The office conducts surveys involving diverse subjects and populations, including the general public, program clients, welfare recipients, as well as businesses and professionals.

The office regularly conducts statewide public opinion polls that offer an opportunity for organizations to "buy" a limited number of questions. On a cost-per-question basis, organizations can get advice on wording and obtain statewide and regional results.

WUIS/WIPA Public Radio

WUIS 91.9 FM, a service of UIS, is a listener-supported public radio station that will celebrate its 30th broadcast year in 2005. It satisfies a curious, engaged audience through programming and community outreach. WUIS offers a mix of local, state, national and international news, music unavailable anywhere else on radio, and weekend "infotainment." WUIS supplements the university's public affairs offerings through its governmental coverage by the Statehouse News Bureau, analyses from journalists and UIS political scientists in State Week in Review, and training of Public Affairs Reporting interns. The station builds a bridge to the local community through cultural events and locally originated programming. Through repeater station WIPA 89.3, WUIS serves communities in western Illinois that have historically been unable to benefit from public radio.

Center Projects 2003

Illinois Issues Magazine

Unit: Center Publications/Illinois Issues

During its 28th year, Center Publications published 11 monthly *Illinois Issues* magazines, including several that covered the 2002 gubernatorial election of Rod Blagojevich. The magazine, which has an estimated 20,000 readers, provides in-depth reporting and analysis of state government and politics. Editorial offices are located on the UIS campus, and the magazine has a reporter at the Statehouse. An advisory board of distinguished state leaders provides strategic guidance.

Alternative, Flexible Systems for Sustainable Fruit Production

Unit: Institute for Legal and Policy Studies *Principal Investigator*: Stu Jacobson

The project tests and evaluates alternative management strategies to increase the availability of pollinating bee colonies in Illinois. The loss of more than 50 percent of honeybee colonies during the past decade threatens the production of fruits and vegetables in the state. Honeybee colonies are vital to the successful pollination of these crops.

Beekeepers typically increase the number of colonies by buying "package bees" from the Sunbelt states or dividing colonies in the spring. The project demonstrated that dividing them in the summer or early fall into two or more small colonies that can survive the winter, which saves money for the beekeepers, could increase the number of colonies. With late winter supplemental feeding, the populations grow large enough for effective pollination of most crops. As a result, beekeepers have more flexibility in responding to increased demands for pollinating colonies.

To provide guidance to the bee industry, the project devised three case studies of alternative systems used by beekeeping operations in the Midwest, representing a range of sizes of operations. In addition, the project developed a *Beekeeping Business Plan Workbook* in cooperation with a team of business development specialists from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. No other business plan for beekeepers of comparable detail has been developed in the United States.

Phase I Evaluation Report: The New Direct Certification Process for the Free School Lunch Program

Unit: Institute for Legal and Policy Studies

Principal Investigators: Beverly A. Bunch and Ernest L. Cowles

Senior Researcher: Richard Schuldt

In 2002, the Illinois State Board of Education contracted with the Institute for Legal and Policy Studies to evaluate the board's new procedure to qualify eligible students for the free school lunch program. The board implemented the new direct certification procedure at the start of the 2002-03 school year primarily to increase the free school lunch approval rates for children who receive Temporary Aid to Needy Families and/or Food Stamps.

During 2003, the Institute's research team visited 27 school districts to collect data on school lunch approvals and interview school officials who oversee the approval process. The team found that sending a letter notifying the parents that their students were eligible resulted in a significantly improved approval rate compared to the electronic matching process used previously.

The research team prepared a report on the project's results and presented the findings to U.S. Department of Agriculture officials in Washington, D.C.

The DUI Training Program

Unit: **Institute for Legal and Policy Studies** *Project Director*: Carol Esarey

The DUI Service Provider Orientation Program is a mandated, fee-based training program administered and coordinated by the Institute since 1991 through an agreement with the Department of Human Services' Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. All new service providers who offer DUI evaluation and risk education services in Illinois are required to attend the three-day program.

The program also offers an advanced series of workshops to all substance abuse professionals who have completed the orientation program and meet an annual continuing education requirement.

Participants completing the program requirements are eligible to receive continuing education credits for the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association and Social Work and Licensed Professional Counselor/Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor CEU's.

Participants must complete the program within the first six months of employment to be qualified as service providers, which is required by state law.



Political scientist Kent Redfield instructs students on the finer points of campaign finance. Redfield heads the Illinois Sunshine Project, a research and outreach project that promotes public awareness and understanding of the role of money in Illinois politics.

POLARIS – Statewide *Probation On-Line Automated Reporting Information System* **project**

Unit: Institute for Legal and Policy Studies Principal Investigator: Ernest L. Cowles Project Manager: Lou Ann McGahey Senior Researcher: James Hall

Beginning in FY 2002 and completed in FY 2003, the Institute coordinated a statewide partnership effort with probation officials and the courts to improve case management of juvenile and adult offenders by studying how data is collected and recommending changes to the system.

The project had three major components: 1) assess the case management systems used by local probation offices throughout the state; 2) develop data dictionaries for juveniles and adult data systems, identifying key data elements needed to assess probation outcomes and promote effective supervision strategies, and 3) develop an implementation plan to create a statewide data collection system using a data "warehouse" developed by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

Products developed during the project included an Adult Data Dictionary, a Juvenile Data Dictionary, and a POLARIS Implementation Guide. These are being used by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts as the building blocks for the statewide system as it moves forward with the purchase of hardware and software to create a data warehouse.

Problem Gambling – Counselor training and statewide media campaign

Units: Institute for Legal and Policy Studies/ Office of Electronic Media

Funder: Illinois Department of Human Services The project involves a comprehensive program for training treatment providers dealing with gambling addictions and public education about problem gambling. Legal and Policy Studies provided training for counselors and program evaluation, while Electronic Media produced, for the third consecutive year, radio and television public service announcements for a statewide media campaign. Electronic Media also coordinated the production of mass transit and billboard signs in 2003. The campaign was designed not only to inform the public about problem gambling but also to advertise a toll-free number for confidential help with gambling problems. Electronic Media also maintains a Web site with resources for problem gamblers and their families.

The Sunshine Project

Unit: **Institute for Legislative Studies** *Funder*: The Joyce Foundation *Project Director*: Kent Redfield

The Sunshine Project is a research and outreach project that promotes public awareness and understanding of the role of money in Illinois politics. It produces searchable campaign finance databases and reports that can be accessed through the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform Web site — www.ilcampaign.org. Campaign finance data and reports produced by the Sunshine Project are frequently cited in news stories in the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times, Crain's Chicago Business*, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and the (Arlington Heights-based) *Daily Herald*, among other publications.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly

Unit: **Institute for Legislative Studies** *Funder*: Subscriber-supported

Project Director: Christopher Z. Mooney

State Politics and Policy Quarterly is the official journal of the State Politics and Policy section of the American Political Science Association. It is a peer-reviewed academic journal devoted to the dissemination of the highest quality research on state politics and policy, and is published by the Institute and the University of Illinois Press. In FY2003, the subscriber base increased to 254, including 73 institutional subscribers, and 71 manuscripts were submitted to the journal for review. Issues 2:3 to 3:2 were published in FY2003 with articles by scholars from such institutions as the University of Florida, Kent State University, Rice University, Texas A&M University, and the University of Kansas. In the fall of 2002, the journal published its first special issue, entitled "Approval Ratings of Public Officials in the American States: Causes and Effects," with guest editors Richard Niemi (University of Rochester), Thad Beyle (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and Lee Sigelman (The George Washington University).

Lobbying Illinois: How You Can Make a Difference in Public Policy

Unit: **Institute for Legislative Studies** *Funder:* Supported by book sales *Project Directors*: Christopher Z. Mooney and Barbara Van Dyke-Brown

In January 2003, the Institute for Legislative Studies published Lobbying Illinois. The 144-page book, written by Mooney and Van Dyke-Brown, is a primer on how to lobby state government in Illinois. It was written especially for individuals and groups with public policy goals but little or no experience as players in the policymaking arena. It explains the basics of the legislative process and the rules and ethics of lobbying. The book also shows how to gain access to policymakers, work strategically with legislative and administrative rules, and build coalitions and grassroots organizations. Lobbying Illinois was marketed by the Institute and received favorable reviews from seasoned lobbyists, educators, and association executives. A total of 3,144 copies were sold as of June 30, 2003.

The Third House: Workshop on Legislative Lobbying

Unit: **Institute for Legislative Studies** *Funder:* Supported by conference registration fees *Project Director:* Barbara Van Dyke-Brown

"The Third House: Workshop on Legislative Lobbying" was a daylong series of training workshops and lectures held at the university on Dec. 6, 2002, on how to lobby the Illinois General Assembly effectively. Participants heard presentations and received materials on lobbying ethics, strategy, tactics, and resources from various experienced and successful lobbyists. Forty-six lobbyists, state agency liaisons, and interest group leaders attended seven workshop sessions and lectures, and the 14 speakers at the event included veteran lobbyists and academics.

The UIS Politics and Policy Series Units: Institute for Legislative Studies/WUIS-FM Public Radio

Funder: Internally funded, plus a grant from the UIS Academic Affairs Speakers Committee *Project Director:* Christopher Z. Mooney

The UIS Politics and Policy Series entailed three public forums on important issues facing Illinois policymakers and citizens. These forums were broadcast live on WUIS-FM, a Center unit, and taped for broadcast on WSEC-TV, Illinois Public Radio, and Illinois Public Broadcasting. The series brought together public officials, journalists, and academics to analyze events and share insights and perspectives with more depth and reflection than is sometimes possible. The topics included "The Illinois General Election 2002: What Happened, Why, and What It All Means" (November 11, 2002), "The Illinois State Budget FY2004: New Governor, Old Problems" (February 13, 2003), and "Capital Punishment in Illinois after George Ryan" (March 13, 2003). The nine speakers on the three forums included nationally recognized experts in these fields, journalists, lobbyists, and current and former elected officials.



Local arts are showcased on ACCESS 4, the public access channel operated by the Office of Electronic Media. From the arts to discussions of topical issues, ACCESS 4 provides members of the community with access to the media.

There Ought To Be A Law Unit: Office of Electronic Media

In cooperation with the Center's Institute for Legislative

Studies, the office produced a 15-minute DVD called "There Ought To Be A Law" that urges civic participation in government. Shot in various locations in Springfield, including the State Capitol Building, the DVD takes viewers through the process of how a good idea becomes a bill and eventually a law through the eyes of an active grandmother and her somewhat reluctant grandson. The DVD educates in an entertaining way as it encourages citizen participation in the legislative process. This program was designed to be the first in a series on Illinois state government.

Live Remote Telecasts

Unit: Office of Electronic Media

The unit produced live multi-camera television coverage throughout the year of various events that were distributed on the Web, cable TV and DVDs. Events included the inaugural Lincoln Legacy Lecture, Springfield's mayoral inauguration, a UIS distinguished alumni forum, the Public Policy Summit on ethics in government, and UIS graduation ceremonies.



The Office of Electronic Media produced educational, public affairs and informational programming. The office also covered the Lincoln Legacy Lecture and the Public Policy Summit on ethics in government.

Public ACCESS 4

Unit: Office of Electronic Media

Funder: Insight Communications

In FY03, 67 community producers and 147 groups and organizations produced more than 650 new programs and delivered more than 1,500 community service messages. Members of the community produce talk, informational, educational, religious, entertainment, and other programs.

Lincoln Legacy Lecture

Unit: **Office of the Executive Director** *Funder*: Center

Project Directors: Barbara Ferrara and Steve Schwark

The Center held the inaugural Lincoln Legacy Lecture, "Lincoln and Race," on campus November 19, 2002, in conjunction with the dedication of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield. Featured speakers were Mary Frances Berry, chairperson of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and Professor of American Social Thought, University of Pennsylvania; and Phillip Shaw Paludan, Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies at UIS. More than 300 persons attended the event that was also Web cast live and broadcast later on both the Illinois Channel and Springfield ACCESS 4.

Public Policy Summit on Politics and Ethics *Unit:* Office of the Executive Director

Funder: Center

Project Directors: Barbara Ferrara and Charles Wheeler

The Public Policy Summit on "Politics and Ethics in Illinois: Past, Present and Future" brought together a diverse group of former elected officials and others with state government leadership experience, public policy activists, and scholars to share their expertise in a round-

> table discussion and to develop options for change. Former U. S. Appellate Judge Abner J. Mikva delivered the keynote address. Richard Schuldt, director of the Center's Survey Research Office, presented findings of a survey conducted for the Summit on perceptions of the state's political culture and corruption. The Summit drew an audience of more than 350 to campus. The program was Web cast live and broadcast later on both the Illinois Channel and Springfield ACCESS 4. The edited proceedings are available at the center's Web site: cspl.uis.edu.

The Illinois Channel

Unit: **Office of the Executive Director** *Funder*: The Joyce Foundation *Project Directors*: Terrence Martin and Barbara Ferrara

The Illinois Channel was launched in FY03 as an independent, not-for-profit corporation following its three-year incubation in the Center supported by a planning grant from the Joyce

Foundation. Modeled after C-SPAN, the Illinois Channel provides unedited coverage of state government proceedings and public affairs events around the state. Illinois Channel programming is currently aired in 38 communities, reaching 855,000 homes statewide through local government cable channels.

Geriatric Education Project

Unit: Office of the Executive Director

Funder: Gateway Geriatric Education Center of Missouri and Illinois

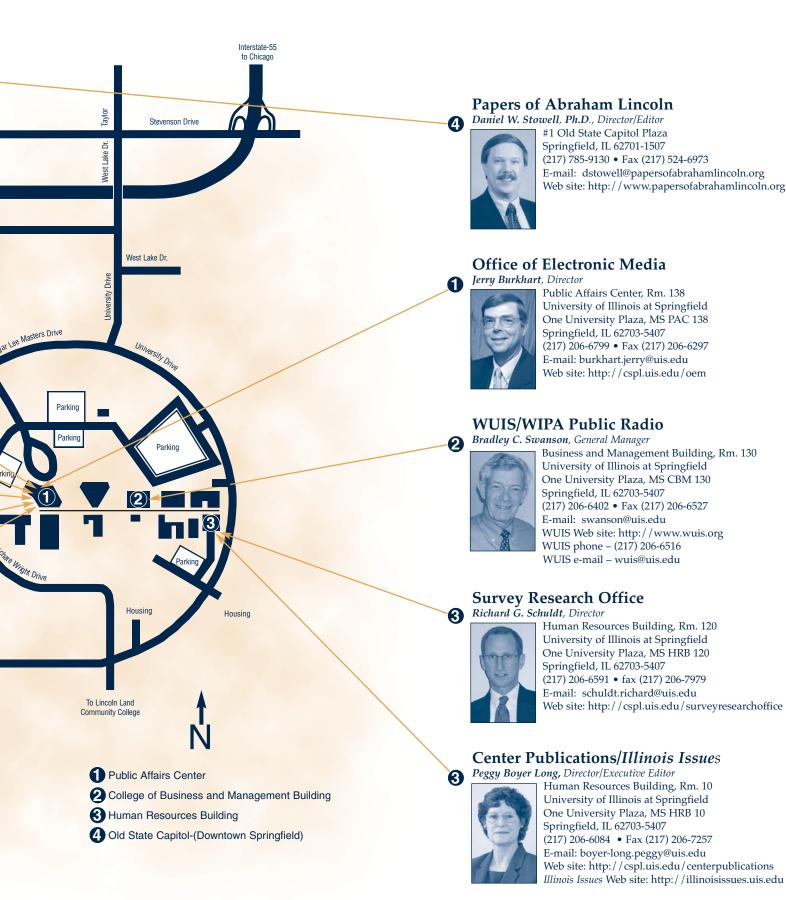
Project Director: Jeffrey Chesky

The UIS Geriatric Education Project provided in-service training programs at no charge in nursing homes and other health care facilities in rural areas and medium-sized cities in downstate Illinois. In FY03 nearly 500 certified nurse aides and other nursing staff attended programs on such topics as "Depression in the Elderly Resident," "Management of Behavioral Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease," and "Death, Grief, and Loss."

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The Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Series I: Legal Papers

Unit: Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The unit continued working on a four-volume edition highlighting more than 50 of Lincoln's most famous, representative, and important legal cases. The edition, to be published by the University of Illinois Press in 2007, is a complementary edition to the path-breaking DVD-ROM publication of *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition* in 2000.

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln, Series II and III: Lincoln Papers

Unit: Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The unit continued preparing a database of all documents written by or to Lincoln during his lifetime. Also, the project mailed out surveys to 5,258 manuscript repositories inquiring about their Lincoln holdings. With the assistance of the Center's Survey Research Office, the project received more than 3,300 responses.

Public Policy High School Grant Program

Unit: **Public Policy High School Initiatives** *Funder:* Illinois State Board of Education

Twelve schools from across Illinois received first-year public policy high school grants. Program students developed innovative public policymaking initiatives. Their civic engagement activities included taking trips to the legislature and meeting with their representatives and senators to inform them about public policy solutions; learning the curriculum on local and state government and lobbying skills; building civic leadership in their community by engaging citizens in problem solving; identifying local concerns and writing newspaper articles, and gaining a fuller understanding of the political process and their part in it. The Web sites developed by each of the schools shared their progress in policymaking for their communities and the state. The unit also presented educational programs for teachers and a two-day student conference.

Abraham Lincoln and Leadership Summer Institutes

Unit: **Public Policy High School Initiatives** *Funder*: Illinois State Board of Education

Fifty-eight high school students from throughout the state participated in two institutes. A four-week program was conducted for high school juniors that included college credit courses, historic field trips, leadership building, improvement in technology skills, and a new understanding of Abraham Lincoln and his legacy. High school sophomores attended a similar but shortened version with no college credit.

Society, Slavery, and Civil War Seminar

Unit: **Public Policy High School Initiatives** *Funder*: Illinois State Board of Education

A total of 125 participants in a one-day seminar heard nationally recognized researchers, authors, and professors share their historical and literary perspectives on the background of the American Civil War and its impact on the country. Illinois teachers attending the seminar received professional development credit. An Illinois author on the Underground Railroad in Illinois, Glennette Tilley Turner, spoke at the luncheon. The seminar also developed a DVD that featured the seminar presenters.

The Spring 2003 Illinois Motorist Survey Unit: Survey Research Office

Funder: Illinois Department of Transportation *Project Director*: Richard G. Schuldt

The office sent a mail-out questionnaire to 3,500 randomly selected households throughout the state. Major topics addressed were licensed drivers' satisfaction with aspects of Illinois state roads and interstates and opinions regarding selected highway work zone traffic safety issues. The annual Illinois Motorist Survey is used by the department to inform aspects of their strategic planning, decision-making and assessment activities.

Seat Belt Initiative Surveys

Unit: Survey Research

Funder: Illinois Department of Transportation

The office conducted a telephone survey of Illinois licensed drivers for the department's Division of Traffic Safety before and after seat belt media and enforcement campaigns to assess awareness of these campaigns and subsequent changes in motorist opinions and behaviors.

Illinois Energy Usage and Opinion Survey Unit: Survey Research Office

Funder: Illinois Propane Gas Association *Project Director*: Richard G. Schuldt

The office conducted a telephone survey of the Illinois public outside of the City of Chicago for the association, a non-profit trade group, to gather information about energy usage, opinions of energy sources, and awareness of selected communications.

Low-Income and Childcare-related Surveys work

Unit: Survey Research Office

Partners: University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign School of Social Work; UIUC Child Care Resource Service

The office continued its worked on welfare and childcare issues with faculty and professional staff of UIUC. In one project, the office surveyed low-income participants in a financial management program to assess opinion and behavioral change after their participation.

Another project involved studying "informal" childcare — the care provided by unlicensed friends and relatives. The office surveyed program staff that implement the "informal" childcare subsidy program and began surveying parents and their respective "informal" childcare providers. In the latter, the office worked with the Metro Chicago Information Center, which organized and conducts telephone interviews.

Michael Feldman's Whad'Ya Know? Show Unit: WUIS/WIPA Public Radio

WUIS brought the nationally aired Michael Feldman's *Whad'Ya Know?* Show to Springfield for a live performance on September 28, 2002. Public radio is one of the few places left on the dial that still broadcasts live performance radio shows. The energetic, sold-out crowd enjoyed Michael's interviews with local notables and the music of local band Mr. Opporknockity. WUIS sold special *Whad'Ya Know?-*WUIS T-shirts and books by Michael Feldman in the lobby and hosted a reception afterward for major donors.

WIPA-Pittsfield bureau Unit: WUIS/WIPA Public Radio

Funder/Partner: Corporation for Public Broadcasting and John Wood Community College

Local dignitaries, community leaders and public radio enthusiasts gathered on Oct. 30, 2002, to open the WIPA-Pittsfield bureau of the station, which is now offering service to an underserved area. Pittsfield Bureau Chief Shawn Johnson writes and produces stories about the rural landscape and unique viewpoint of west central Illinois, including his award-winning *Flood After 10* reports. The bureau's production studio, in space donated by John Wood Community College, is equipped with digital equipment. Audio is sent to WUIS through a high-speed Internet connection, where it is incorporated into WUIS/WIPA's regular *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered* newscasts. The Pittsfield bureau was made possible by a rural affairs reporting grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and partnership with the college.

Young Musician's Classical Music Contest/Concert

Unit: WUIS/WIPA Public Radio

In November 2002, WUIS created an avenue for youthful talent by sponsoring its first-ever Young Musician's Classical Music Contest/Concert attended by about 200 people. Twenty talented musicians, ranging in age from 9 to 17, performed works by Schumann, Bach and Telemann on piano, flute, violin, viola and oboe. During the concert, judges determined the best performance in these categories: Best Senior Soloist, Best Ensemble, and Best Junior Soloist. The best performers were awarded \$300 each, and the runners-up were awarded \$100. Segments of the concert were re-broadcast on WUIS/WIPA during *Classics with Karl Scroggin* on December 30 and 31, and the winning soloists played at First Night, Springfield's New Year's Eve celebration for families.

Serving More Listeners Every Day

WUIS' audience numbers grew exponentially through this period, making WUIS a staple in more homes than ever. According to the Radio Research Consortium, WUIS ranked 15th among the more than 600 public radio stations nationwide in the percentage of radio listeners in each market who tuned to public radio.



WUIS news director Richard Bradley (standing) prepares to tape Lincoln scholar Dr. Phillip S. Paludan and Dr. Cullom Davis, former head of the Lincoln Legal Papers.

Center Programs for Students

Programs for High School Students

hrough the Center's Public Policy High School Initiatives programs, students become hands-on participants in civic life. Here are just a few examples:

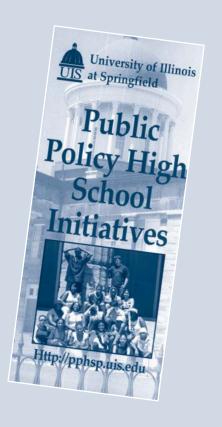
 Heyworth — Surveyed, using Geographic Information Systems technology, an area designated for a new Tax Increment Financing district. Students then educated the community with a video presentation about the tax income that could be generated from this area. The community then voted for a modified district, saving them precious tax income for their schools.

Pleasant Plains — Educated their community about the value of a bond referendum to support their school, which was on its third and final vote. Students involved citizens in focus groups on the issues and helped convince the community to approve the referendum.

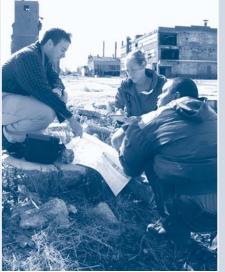
Anna Jonesboro — Started an oral history project on World War II veterans who were prisoners of war, creating digitized interviews to capture an aging generation's war stories. The students first interviewed men in the Illinois Veteran's Home in Anna and are now reaching out to southern Illinois.

Eisenhower Decatur — Secured a \$52,000 tourism grant to create a walking tour of the historic sites in Decatur related to the speeches of Lincoln during his legislative and presidential races.

Riverton — Working with the village board, created an ongoing project to turn 14 acres into a "field of dreams" by developing a soccer field, ball fields, and a community park that will be used by their school, local recreational teams, and community children and families.



Internships for University Students



EPA. Interns Jared Kauffman, Hillary Croxton, and Darien Siddall are studying the International Harvester land reclamation site in Canton.

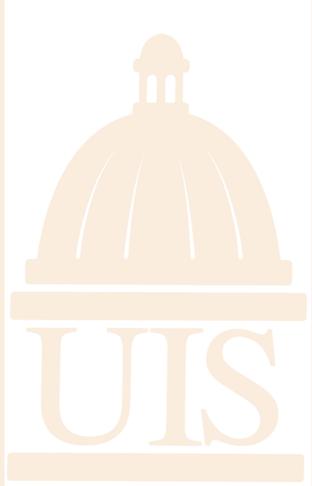


Graduate interns have placements with the Illinois Illinois legislative interns appear with former Gov. Jim Edgar, who was a participant of that program.

FY 2003 Center Faculty

Faculty with Joint Appointments

Ethan Bernick, Assistant Professor, Public Administration Patricia Byrnes, Associate Professor, Public Administration Beverly Bunch, Associate Professor, Public Administration Ernest Cowles, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice Nancy Ford, Professor, Legal Studies Lee Frost-Kumpf, Associate Professor, Political Studies Frank Kopecky, Professor Emeritus, Legal Studies Sharron La Follette, Associate Professor, Environmental Studies Seok Hwan Lee, Assistant Professor, Public Administration Christopher Mooney, Professor, Political Studies Kent Redfield, Professor, Political Studies Hammed Shahidian, Associate Professor, Sociology / Anthropology Peter Wenz, Professor, Philosophy and Legal Studies Charles Wheeler III, Associate Professor, Public Affairs Reporting



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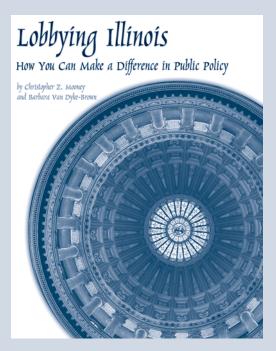
Faculty on Center-Supported Activities

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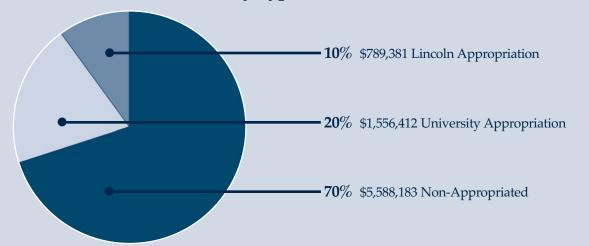
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Finances: Fiscal Year 2003

FY 2003 was an unusual one for the Center's finances. The Center received a special appropriation of \$789,000 to develop programs in anticipation of the opening of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Excluding this one-year special appropriation, the Center's appropriated funds decreased by about 9 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Overall, the Center's non-appropriated funds decreased by about 15 percent. This was due primarily to a decrease of \$945,000 in state government grants and contracts, reflecting the decline in the state's budget during this period. However, the Institute for Legislative Studies, the Survey Research Office, Center Publications, the Graduate Public Service Internship Program, and the Papers of Abraham Lincoln all generated increased external funding from fiscal year 2002 to 2003. Gifts and contributions to the Center from individuals increased by 46 percent, while private sector and foundation support increased by 8 percent.



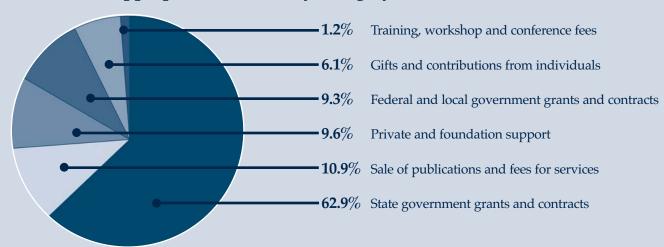
Income By Type Fiscal Year 2003

During FY 2003, the Center's total budget was \$7,144,596. This included \$1,556,412 in state appropriated funds and \$5,588,183 in funds from external sources and fees for services. By comparison, during FY 2002, the Center's total budget was \$8,253,755. Of this, \$1,705,843 was appropriated support and \$6,547,912 was derived from

non-appropriated funds.

In FY 2003 the Center had a ratio of \$3.59 of outside support for every appropriated dollar it received. As seen in the following chart, of the nearly \$5.6 million in non-appropriated revenue, the majority (63%) was generated by grants and contracts from state government.

Non-Appropriated Income By Category Fiscal Year 2003



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