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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Spending cuts, tax increases, job creation, one percenters, pension liabilities – economic and fiscal issues dominated the headlines and public concern in 2011. The paralyzing aftereffects of the Great Recession, though softening, continued to be felt, fueling uncertainty and division and narrowing the scope for public action. Despite a climate of anxiety and hesitation, UIS' Center for State Policy and Leadership (the Center) found ways, as it has throughout its history, to make a meaningful contribution to public discourse and the capacity of governments in Illinois to solve problems.

The Center occupies a unique space between the university in its traditional role as a place of learning and research and the practical world of citizens and their government. The Center is neither exclusively academic, nor exclusively practical, but a hybrid designed to make each more useful to the other.

The first elements of what eventually became the Center emerged in the earliest years of UIS. The 1969 legislation establishing the university called on it to use its location in the state capital to emphasize public affairs. Almost immediately, faculty, staff, students, and administrators set to work creating opportunities to foster learning and engagement with public issues, typically looking to external sources for support. That spirit of innovation and external connections persisted over time, producing within the first 20 years of UIS most of the units that now constitute the Center. And those units have evolved, too, as changes both outside and inside the university have generated new opportunities to seize and new problems to solve.

Change, adaption, and innovation also marked the Center's work this past year. While the Center takes a broad view of public affairs, it cannot do all things that it might like to do. Priorities must be set in response to a changing environment. The priorities of 2011 still occurred, though, within the same framework of public concerns that has defined the Center's core agenda for several years running:

- Contending with disadvantages
- Responding to state and local economic and fiscal challenges
- Improving governmental performance
- Understanding and using new media
- Furthering public safety

During the past year, these topics supplied much of the focus for the three basic functions that define the Center's mission: to **conduct research to inform public decisions**; to **educate and engage citizens in public affairs**; and to **improve public leadership and service**. The topics do not encompass all that we did. For example, *WUIS*' and *Illinois Issues*' news coverage was not limited to particular policy issues; the Center's Office of Electronic Media provided services to the campus unrelated to public policy. But, the five areas of public concern gave the Center its main trajectory and supplied the common ground for the work of its various units.

Origins of UIS Public Affairs Units*

1974	Institute for Legal, Legislative & Policy Studies
1974	Illinois Issues
1974	Graduate Public Service Internship Program
1975	WUIS
1977	Survey Research Office
1985	The Papers of Abraham Lincoln
1985	Office of Electronic Media
1989	Center for State Policy and Leadership

*Dates indicate when the functions performed by the current units were first established. Names of most units have changed over time.



CONTENDING WITH DISADVANTAGES

Disadvantage shapes the path of a number of groups in society. Laws and programs have been created to ease the problem for some groups, but laws and programs sometimes fail or do not do enough. And laws alone, even when well-designed and implemented, may not be able to change the attitudes and practices that perpetuate disadvantages. Consequently, the problem posed by unfair disadvantages requires constant attention, particularly as our state and nation continue down a path of increasing diversity. To this end in 2011, the Center did its part in a number of ways.

Innocence Denied, Innocence Regained

People sometimes go to prison for crimes they did not commit. A wrongful conviction in a system of justice based on fairness and equal treatment may be the ultimate disadvantage. Until the 1990s, the problem rarely received any attention. However, with the first exoneration of an actually innocent person using DNA evidence in 1989, a slowly building nationwide effort has taken shape. UIS' **Downstate Illinois Innocence Project**, started in 2001, has been an important player in the movement. Its director, Larry Golden, emeritus professor of political science and legal studies, has been a presence on the national scene, serving for the past several years on the board of the National Innocence Network.

Last year saw the most significant changes in the Project's history. With a large grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Project was able to increase substantially its capacity for handling "innocence cases." John Hanlon, a well-known figure in the Illinois legal community and a former lawyer with the Illinois Appellate Defender's Office, where he handled the appeals of

death row inmates, joined the staff as legal director for cases in which DNA evidence might prove guilt or innocence. Previously, the Project avoided DNA cases because it lacked the resources to pay for DNA testing.

Grant funds also helped to fortify and expand the Project's young partnerships with the University of Illinois College of Law and Southern Illinois University School of Law to assist in legal review and representation of cases. Most of that work the past year was carried out by students in the two law programs. Their efforts were complemented by UIS student interns who did the lion's share of the initial screening of inquiries from inmates seeking the Project's help. The Project has always had strong student involvement but on a small scale of few students at a time. In 2011, a total of 66 students from the three universities investigated 208 new cases that came to the Project's attention.

The end of the year brought news of another grant from the Department of Justice that will allow the Project to hire a second full-time attorney to work mainly on cases not involving DNA evidence. Staffing will also be boosted by the addition of attorney Gwen Jordan, a new member of the UIS legal studies faculty, who will devote part of her time to the Project. The combination of federal funding and collaboration with the public law schools in Illinois puts the Project on track to have a considerably larger impact in the years ahead.

The problem of wrongful conviction got an additional boost of publicity in 2011 with the abolition of the death penalty. The momentum to eliminate capital punishment had been building for some time in Illinois, at least since George Ryan, during his stint as governor, halted executions and then in January 2003 commuted the sentences of 17 death row inmates he decided



Illinois Innocence Project students and volunteers with exoneree Julie Rea (fourth from left).

were innocent. In the days leading up to current Governor Pat Quinn's decision to sign legislation ending the death penalty for good, the Innocence Project's John Hanlon wrote a column in *The State Journal-Register* urging the Governor's approval. *WUIS* covered the story both before and after, including a nationally aired segment by the station's Statehouse bureau chief, Amanda Vinicky. Though abolition increased attention to the problem of wrongful convictions, it will likely have only a minimal effect on whether conviction of the innocent continues to happen, a point made persuasively in an article by Kurt Erickson in the October 2011 *Illinois Issues*.

Race Relations

Wrongful convictions hit racial minorities disproportionately. According to the New York Innocence Project in 2010, of the 254 people exonerated by DNA tests, 172 of them were black or Latino. Eyewitness misidentification is a key factor. A majority of misidentification cases overturned using DNA evidence have involved a witness of a different race than the perpetrator.

Racial disparities in the administration of justice are not limited to wrongful convictions. In an article that appeared in the March 2011 *Illinois Issues*, Jamey Dunn, the magazine's Statehouse bureau chief, reported on recent findings from Illinois' Disproportionate Justice Commission. Not only have arrests and incarceration for drug offenses increased, but "the rate of imprisonment... is substantially higher for African-Americans than whites," observed Dunn. Differences in criminal backgrounds do not seem to matter. As Dunn notes, "minorities with criminal records were more likely than whites with records to be arrested again," while first-time arrests of minorities and whites were about on par with their representation in the general population.

Race is one of the demographic categories affected by stereotyping. A robust finding in social psychology is something called stereotype threat. The basic idea is that when someone is identified as a member of a negatively stereotyped group, he or she often does not perform as well as other people of the same ability who are not stereotyped. John Transue, an associate professor of political science at UIS with a joint appointment in the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies, presented preliminary findings at an international conference in England in September from a study he is doing to test the impact of Barack Obama's election on stereotype threat among African-Americans. Previous research showed that Obama's good showing during the 2008 primaries and general election reduced the influence of stereotype threat, narrowing the performance gap between whites and blacks on the Graduate Record Exam. Using existing data from the American National Election Study (ANES), Transue was unable to find an "Obama" effect on differences between whites and blacks in political knowledge and efficacy. He is continuing to look at the issue using other data.

The growing Latina/o population was also on the Center's agenda in 2011. According to the 2010 census, Latinas/os are now the largest minority in Illinois, as well as in the United States. Daniel Vock, in an illuminating piece in the September *Illinois Issues*, described the growth of the Hispanic population throughout Illinois, but especially in suburban Chicago. About three-fifths of the state's Hispanic population now lives in the suburbs, rather than Chicago, reported Vock, creating challenges for communities that often lack the resources and services to accommodate a more socially and economically diverse population.

Looking at how Latina/o youth get drawn into community and civic life has been the focus of research by Hinda Seif, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology and women/gender studies at UIS. With a grant from the Center, Seif began working in 2011 with two undergraduate research assistants, Jasmine Torres-González and Ashundria Oliver, to study immigrant student and youth groups that include Latinos. Seif and her colleagues are finding that immigrant youth engage civically in different ways than older immigrants do or did and that they are using social media and other information technologies to organize politically and teach civic skills. Seif's project has already led to an article in a special issue on youth civic development in the journal *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*. She also has an article on youth politics, coauthored with UIS sociology professor Shoon Lio, that will appear in the 2012 edition of the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in Politics*.



Jasmine Torres-González (left), Ashundria Oliver and Professor Hinda Seif review a Web site in their research on immigrant youth civic engagement.

Teaching students about race and diversity is an important part of the curriculum at UIS. In 2011, the Office of Electronic Media did webcasts and recorded "video on demand" of eight Engaged Citizenship Common Experience speaker series events on topics related to race and ethnicity. Among these was the Center's popular annual Lincoln Legacy Lectures in October on Lincoln and the Civil War, attended by more than 400 students, faculty, staff, and members of the public. The lectures, delivered by Michael Burlingame, Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at UIS, and Lucas Morel, Lewis G.

John Term Professor of Politics at Washington and Lee University, spoke about Lincoln's extraordinary moral leadership that ensured the North's victory and set the path to Reconstruction. The Lincoln Legacy Lectures, moderated by emeritus history professor Cullom Davis and organized by the Center's associate director, Barbara Ferrara, D.P.A., have become one of UIS' signature events.



Professors Michael Burlingame, Cullom Davis, and Lucas Morel review their notes before the Lincoln Legacy Lectures begin.

Integrating Persons with Disabilities

Cutbacks in state social services spending drew a lot of media attention in 2011, just as they did in 2010. One dimension of retrenchment in particular attracted consistent public interest – plans to shutter facilities serving persons with mental and intellectual disabilities. Deinstitutionalization, as this is called, has been an off and on movement in Illinois for nearly 50 years. Recent budget pressures have driven state leaders to look at it again as a way to save money by having people cared for in the community. Throughout the year, *WUIS* provided extensive coverage of the debate, which often pitted the Quinn Administration against the families of disabled persons living in publicly funded residential facilities.

While facility closures grabbed the headlines, the Center worked quietly behind the scenes on projects aimed at integrating persons with disabilities into mainstream society. The Institute, under the leadership of its assistant director, David Gruenenfelder, M.A., partnered with the Hope Institute for Children and Families, headquartered in Springfield, on an evaluation of a pilot program funded by the Coleman Foundation to create employment opportunities in the Chicago area for persons with intellectual disabilities. The evaluation suggested that a bad job market combined with some limitations in the design of the program led to fewer job placements than anticipated. Work is under way to revise the program model to make it more effective.

In another project, the Institute developed detailed plans in conjunction with the Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois for a multi-year evaluation of a program in Springfield to improve the access children with social and emotional problems have to mental health and the other forms of care and support they need. The program, funded by a \$2 million grant from the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, will begin implementation in 2012 and continue through 2016. Also involved are, among others, the SIU School of Medicine, the Springfield Project (an eastside community development organization), and the Springfield public schools district.

Victims of Violence

Ensuring that victims of domestic violence and sexual assault receive the help they need is an important public objective, as is effective prosecution of the offenders who commit these crimes. To address this twin challenge, many Illinois communities operate multi-disciplinary teams that coordinate the efforts of police, prosecutors, victim service agencies, probation offices and others through the use of standard local protocols. In 2011, the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies received funding from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to do a study of multi-disciplinary teams in several central Illinois counties. The study is still under way, but preliminary findings indicate that the teams substantially smooth relations among the participating groups of professionals, especially between victim advocates and criminal justice personnel. The study, being conducted by David Gruenenfelder along with Institute staffers Peter Weitzel, M.Ed., and Jan Hill, Ph.D., hopes to determine whether the use of multi-disciplinary teams is associated with reductions in domestic violence and sexual assaults.



Jan Hill, Peter Weitzel, and Dave Gruenenfelder discussing victims of violence project.

STATE AND LOCAL ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

There is nothing like an ailing economy to make all issues seem like pocketbook issues. When people can't make a living or worry about losing the living they have, when businesses hesitate to invest because of uncertainties about consumer demand, economics in some form insinuates itself into almost all policy debates. The economy and its effects on state and local budgets would normally get the Center's attention. In 2011, they received more of that attention than usual, both as problems to understand and problems to try to solve.

Budget Politics

Efforts – sometimes successful, sometimes not – to bring state spending into line with revenues occupied the center of the political stage for most of the year. Through *WUIS* and *Illinois Issues*, the Center provided the public with a steady stream of news and analysis about policy makers' efforts to wrestle with the state budget.

The year began with a bang, as the Governor and the legislature agreed to a temporary hike in the personal and corporate income tax rates and caps on spending. As Sean Crawford, *WUIS*' news director, told Marketplace, the nationally syndicated business news program, "Lawmakers waited until after the [November] election to take such an important vote....Some flip-flopped and voted for it post-election." Then, in the spring, the partisan feuding that had characterized budget politics the year before gave way to a more productive approach. "In a rare show of unity, House Speaker Mike Madigan and House Republican Leader Tom Cross presented a joint budget plan," reported *WUIS*' Amanda Vinicky. The plan called upon the legislature as a whole to help figure out how much "each cause, university, and agency will get." As Vinicky noted, "Leaving it to the General Assembly's rank and file members is a break from the past. Budgets have recently been left to the Governor and legislative leaders to design."

Though a refreshing change, bipartisan agreement left some important budget problems unsolved. The state's backlog of unpaid bills continued throughout the year to number in the billions of dollars. As *Illinois Issues*' Jamey Dunn pointed out in April, quoting from a report by Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, "Despite the passage of an income tax increase, the backlog has remained 'near or above record highs.'" It was not much improved by the end of the year, leading Charles N. Wheeler III, director of *UIS*' Public Affairs Reporting program, to urge in his December *Illinois Issues* column a bipartisan agreement on a plan to borrow the money to pay down the backlog: "It's time for the GOP – and Democrats, too – to show the same concern – at least for the thousands of struggling small businesses, community organizations, and not-for-profit human service providers – that lawmakers of both parties offered the ComEds and the CMES

[recipients of recent tax breaks]. Borrow the money, and pay the private sector what it's owed."

No budget issue caused more consternation in 2011 than what to do about the massive unfunded liabilities in the state's five public pension programs. In April, the Pew Center on the States declared Illinois the worst in the nation, owing more than \$80 billion to its pension systems. The effort to find an answer got mired in contending interpretations of a provision in the Illinois Constitution. In his column in April, *Illinois Issues*' editor Dana Heupel explained the differences between those who argue the Constitution bars making changes that would reduce benefits to state employees hired before January 2, 2011, and those who argue the opposite. The intensity of the debate was clarified further in a point/counterpoint segment in the October *Illinois Issues*, argued by Cinda Klickna, president of the Illinois Education Association, and Marc Levine, a senior fellow with the Illinois Policy Institute.

In addition to unfinished business on state spending, the public labor unions went to battle over a piece of supposedly finished business: Governor Quinn's decision to reverse an earlier commitment and deny state employees a wage increase, contending that the legislature's budget failed to provide the funds. Quinn's fight with the unions, which continues, was thoroughly covered by both *WUIS* and in an article in the October *Illinois Issues* by Kevin McDermott of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes

Passing the corporate income tax increase in January became the catalyst for year-long complaints, and no small amount of histrionics, about Illinois' unfriendly business climate. Cutting through some of the rhetoric, Indiana reporter John Seidel showed factually in the April *Illinois Issues* how Illinois' taxation of businesses compares to the tax levels in neighboring states. Picking up on the theme, Charles N. Wheeler III devoted his March *Illinois Issues* column to a supportive look at an Illinois Chamber of Commerce report on ways the state can become more business friendly by helping promote job growth. Addressing the state's high jobless rate often got lost in the political preoccupation with the budget during 2011.

As the spring legislative session wound down, attention turned to worker's compensation, which imposes higher costs on employers in Illinois than in many other states. *WUIS* provided detailed coverage of deliberations that led to adoption of a package of worker's compensation reforms designed to lower the cost some. Then, in the fall, the pressure to moderate the seemingly adverse impact of the income tax increase got channeled into giving special tax breaks to a handful of important private employers in

the Chicago area, in the hope of convincing them to stay. Not everyone supported the deal. In a report picked up by National Public Radio, *WUIS*' Amanda Vinicky described how special breaks for a few businesses were not going down easily with the "Occupy" movement.

Despite the efforts of governors in other states to turn Illinois' level of business taxation into a reason to leave the state, the actual role that taxation plays in business location decisions is not as clear-cut as the policy debate in 2011 seemed to suggest. As the year ended, the Center was putting the finishing touches on a plan with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide the agency with ongoing research support. Among the first projects in 2012 will be a study of why businesses have left and moved to Illinois during the past decade.

During 2011 faculty associated with the Center also looked into the effects of more specific forms of taxation, particularly the use of tax credits to encourage behavior consistent with important public policy objectives. Donald Morris, an associate professor of accounting, and graduate student Pingjing Qiao, using a grant from the Center, compared states, including Illinois, on the effects of tax credits available to home owners for the use of renewable energy. The research led to an article published in the January 2, 2012, issue of *State Tax Notes*. Also, associate professor of economics Patty Byrnes began an economic impact analysis for Landmarks Illinois, a historic preservation advocacy organization based in Chicago, of a proposed tax credit to encourage historic preservation. The results will be available in early 2012.

Local Fallout

The state's efforts to cut spending and increase taxes put strains on municipal budgets as well. The effects on localities were summed up neatly in an article by Statehouse bureau chief Jamey Dunn in the September *Illinois Issues*: "After lawmakers trimmed the state budget this spring, local governments – many of which have seen their own budget shortfalls during the recent economic crisis – will feel an even greater pinch as the reductions trickle down." Dunn went on to describe the limited options municipalities have to absorb state revenue losses.

Keeping on top of the local economic situation in the Springfield area was also a priority for the Center. *WUIS* provided weekly interviews with Tim Landis, business editor of *The State Journal-Register*, on local economic developments, and produced regular reports on how the city was managing its own budget challenges. The Center's Survey Research Office, as it has for the past few years, conducted a survey in March to assess the economic outlook of Springfield area businesses and nonprofits. The survey, done in cooperation with the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and *UIS*' Center for Entrepreneurship, found a slightly positive outlook, which was up from a slightly negative view in surveys taken in 2009 and 2010. The medical/health care sector remained the most positive about the economy, while manufacturing assessed its prospects over the next year negatively.

IMPROVING GOVERNMENTAL PERFORMANCE

2011 saw former Governor Rod Blagojevich convicted of corruption and sentenced to prison, making him the fourth Illinois governor in modern memory to be sent to jail for his crimes. *WUIS* reported the story from beginning to end, as it did throughout Blagojevich's impeachment in 2009. This ignominious chapter in the often ignominious political history of the state once again raised doubts about Illinois' capacity for honest, effective government.

Though a pessimistic assessment might be the path of least resistance, the Center has always looked at state governance as a problem to be solved regardless of the circumstances. It is not a simple problem simply solved, but a complex one that must be addressed in a variety of ways, from research into how government works to improving the capabilities of the public workforce to a better informed public.

Political Performance

Campaign finance has long been an important focus of the Center. It plays a role in who gets elected and how they might act once in office.

The effect of money on politics was the subject of a new body of research by assistant professor of political science Michael Miller, who has a joint appointment in the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies. Drawing on elections data and survey responses from legislative candidates in several states, Miller found that acceptance of public campaign funds had a range of effects. Challengers who took the money greatly improved their financial position compared to incumbents. Candidates who accepted full public subsidies in states that offered them spent more of their time interacting with the public (rather than raising money); moreover, more people voted in those elections. Public subsidies also made it easier for less

experienced, lower “quality” candidates to run for office, appeared to benefit Democrats more than Republicans, and may have fostered a more positive attitude about campaigning among women candidates. Some of Miller’s findings from this line of inquiry were cited as empirical evidence by the petitioners in *McComish v. Bennett*, a first amendment challenge to Arizona’s public funding laws argued before the United States Supreme Court last March.

In related research using data over four presidential election cycles in all states, Miller found that ballot “roll-off” (when voters vote for the president and fail to cast votes for other offices further down the ticket) seemed to be less when Democratic women, especially incumbents, ran for office. In another study of gender and politics, the Center’s Barbara Ferrara, in research for her doctoral dissertation, found that men and women governors, at least based on their first state of the state addresses, did not differ in their policy agendas, contrary to predictions from the research literature on women and legislatures. Ferrara speculated that the reason may have something to do with how the roles and responsibilities unique to the governor’s office limit the expression of individual policy preferences.

With the decennial census completed in 2010, legislative redistricting was on the state’s agenda in 2011. Writing in the January 2011 *Illinois Issues*, political scientist Christopher Mooney, the W. Russell Arrington Professor in State Politics in the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at UIS, urged Illinois to learn from the different redistricting approaches in Iowa, Texas, and California. “While it’s too late to reform Illinois’ redistricting institutions for this year,” Mooney said, “advocates for change should strike now,” rather than wait until redistricting rolls around again in 10 years.

Legislative redistricting also brought into a relief a new political development, the emergence of the Tea Party. While the Tea Party movement has perhaps been more visible elsewhere in the country, it got its start on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in 2009, when CNBC commentator Rick Santelli ranted against the Obama Administration’s efforts to stimulate the flagging economy and asked viewers to join him at a Tea Party in the Windy City. As Daniel Vock reported in the November *Illinois Issues*, though some Tea Party backed candidates won legislative races in 2010, Democratic control of the redistricting process in Illinois may affect their chances in 2012.

Both local and national elections were on the Center’s docket in 2011. *WUIS* provided complete coverage of the Springfield mayoral race won by Mike Houston. Ken Rudin, National Public Radio’s official “political junkie,” came to town at *WUIS*’ invitation to speak to students and Springfieldians about the upcoming presidential election. The Survey Research Office (SRO) began work with the State Board of Elections, not on elections per se, but a related issue: how to validate signatures on petitions to put constitutional amendments on the ballot. SRO’s

director, Richard Schuldt, M.A., and associate professor of political science John Transue are helping the Board figure out a better way to sample the signatures on petitions.



NPR “Political Junkie” Ken Rudin at UIS’ annual Constitution Day speech giving a breezy discussion of politics, the constitution and even his collection of political buttons.

Changing Governance

A law passed in 2009 encourages state agencies to “develop a quality management, accountability, and performance system” to make their delivery of services more efficient and effective. In 2011, the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) took steps to apply this new expectation to all state agencies. An important part of the strategy was to develop a more systematic way for OMB examiners to analyze the programs and activities for which state agencies request funds. To help create this system, OMB asked Patrick Mullen, an assistant professor of public administration with an appointment in the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies, to train its budget examiners in a state version of the “performance assessment review technique” that had been used by the federal Office of Management and Budget. Mullen worked for many years in the U.S. Government Accountability Office before joining academia and has devoted his scholarship to program evaluation methods.

With the state hemorrhaging red ink, the topic of government restructuring made its way onto the agenda in 2011. Specifically, the possibility of merging the offices of the state Comptroller and Treasurer, given the similarity of the functions they perform, began to get some traction, especially since both incumbents in those positions expressed support for the change. Though mergers seem simple conceptually, in practice the devil is in the details. To get a better handle on the pros and cons of merging the two offices and how it might best be done, Beverly Bunch, associate professor of public administration with an appointment in the Institute, and Barbara Ferrara launched a study of how this combination of government functions has worked, or not, in other states. They will report their findings sometime in 2012.

In a related development, a paper Bunch has written on whether states need a treasurer was accepted by the Western Social Science Association for its conference in April 2012.

Restructuring is one way to improve governance. Reforming public policy is, of course, another. As a step in the latter direction, Gary Reinbold, an assistant professor of public administration, began a study, with funding from the Center, of the most significant federal and state antipoverty transfer and tax programs. The purpose is to see whether, when such programs are looked at together, there are “discontinuities” in benefits by household income and size. Reinbold expects that discontinuities which result in sharp declines in benefits might point to parts of the safety net that need shoring up, while discontinuities that produce sharp increases may reveal opportunities for trimming benefits without doing harm.

Tomorrow's Leaders

Among the most effective ways to improve how government performs is through the educational preparation of its workforce, which is, needless to say, the specialty of institutions of higher education. UIS offers many degree programs aimed at people seeking careers in public service. In addition, through the Center, it offers graduate students opportunities to gain first-hand experience in public work through internships. **The Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI)** and **Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Programs (ILSIP)** are two of the most prominent government oriented internship programs in Illinois, if not the country.

In 2011, the GPSI program, directed by Rance Carpenter, M.P.A., placed a total of 234 students in paid, half-time internships with twenty-two organizations, mostly state agencies but also some municipal and nonprofit groups. Students spent the other half of their time working on master's degrees in 17 different programs, from public administration to history. The internships gave students intensive experience in the real world of professional public sector work. Pramodh Rajalingari, a computer science major, was responsible for the functional design and user testing of five software projects in the Comptroller's Office. Nathan Albrecht, a public health student, worked at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, responding to inquiries about radon and radon mitigation and assisting in radon inspections and audits. Kathryn Engle, a public health student with a placement in the Illinois Department of Public Health, helped schools implement the Coordinated Approach to Child Health and early childhood motor development programs. Daniel Tozzi, majoring in public administration, served as an apprentice hearing officer in the Illinois Department of Human Services' Bureau of Labor Relations. Another public administration major, Amy Uden, was responsible for providing research support to the Citizens' Efficiency Commission for Sangamon County, and assisting in the development of

community and regional comprehensive plans at the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Looking ahead, creating more GPSI opportunities in agencies already involved and bringing new agencies into the picture is an important objective. Late in 2011, the Comptroller's Office took on its first four interns. And there are other state agencies where GPSI internships do not yet exist. 2012 will see a concerted push to increase placements, with the aim of accommodating all qualified UIS graduate students who want an opportunity for hands-on learning in a government organization.



GPSI Interns Angela George (L) and Marguerite Nelson (R) IDPH

The Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program, including the Zeke Giorgi internships, provides 24 highly talented individuals, usually recent college graduates, with full-time paid internships beginning in August and ending in June every year. Interns serve on the Democratic and Republican staffs in each chamber and with the General Assembly's Legislative Research Unit, which pays for the program. “Interns do work that is very much like the work done by regular staff,” explains Barbara Van Dyke-Brown,



ILSIP interns

M.S.S.W., ILSIP's director. As one intern put it upon leaving the program last year, "I was surprised by the amount of influence I had on how legislators vote." The internship can be a launching pad to a significant career in public service. Former Governor Jim Edgar, current Illinois Auditor General William Holland, and former federal judge Wayne Andersen also started out as ILSIP interns.

In 2011, ILSIP celebrated its 50th year with the biennial Samuel K. Gove Legislative Internship Hall of Fame at the Executive Mansion in Springfield. The Hall of Fame, sponsored by *Illinois Issues*, honors former ILSIP interns who have gone on to make significant contributions to public service. Inducted into the Hall in November were: David Kennedy, currently executive director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois; Bruce Kinnett, vice president at Cook-Witter, Inc., a Springfield lobbying firm; Michael Maibach, president and CEO of the European-American Business Council; Catherine Shannon, director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency; and Frank Straus, deputy director for revenue and public safety for the Illinois House Republican staff.

In addition to the two internship programs, the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program of Illinois, led by Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies staff member Lorena Johnson, M.A., M.P.A., supported the development of a variety of public and nonprofit professionals in 2011. For the past few years, several managers with the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies have been working through CPM's 300-hour

"effective management" series. Last year, eight of these managers graduated and received their CPM certification. CPM provided training in effective supervision, grant management, and leadership for managers with the Danville Area Community College. This work has also involved the development of training manuals and curricula for the college's TRIO program, which provides educational support for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. CPM also planned and delivered, in partnership with the Illinois Head Start Association (IHSA), a series of management training sessions for local Head Start agencies and the IHSA board of directors.



ILSIP Hall of Fame Recipients: (L to R) Kinnett, Kennedy, Shannon and Straus

NEW MEDIA

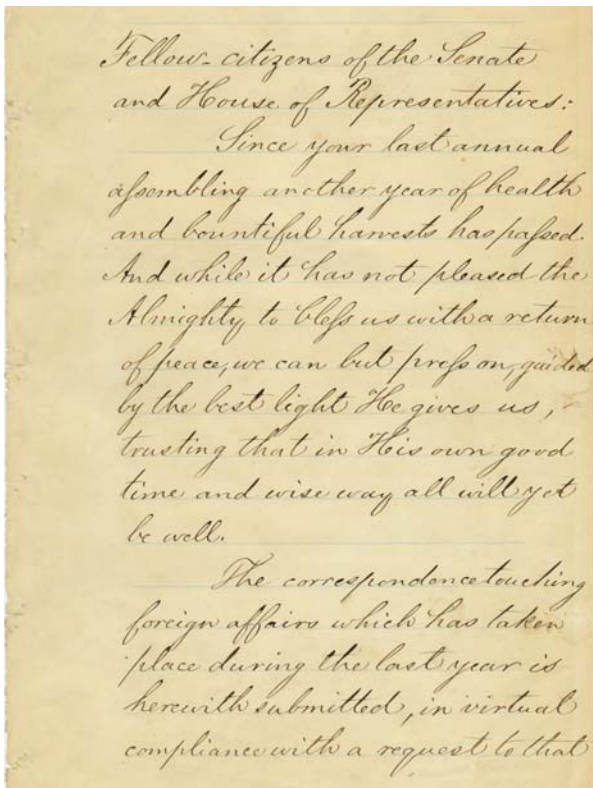
New forms of communication enabled by technological advances are changing society and culture. The Center has been taking advantage of its nexus between the academic and practical worlds both to apply these new forms in productive ways and to better understand how their evolution is reshaping public affairs in Illinois. This line of work in 2011 involved both continuity and change.

Advancing History Digitally

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term documentary editing project to identify, image, and publish digitally all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime. The Papers is a project of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, with co-sponsorships by the Center and the Abraham Lincoln Association. Most of the staff of the Project are employees of UIS. "The ultimate product of the Papers," says its director Daniel Stowell, Ph.D., "will be a freely accessible, comprehensive electronic repository of documents written by or

to Lincoln, as well as reports of his speeches and other writings." As of 2011, the Project had tracked down 187,723 documents, including 97,423 papers related to Lincoln's legal career, 20,000 papers from his years in Illinois, and 65,300 documents in his Presidential papers.

The Presidential papers have continued to grow dramatically. In April of last year, project staff based in Washington, D.C., completed their search of the National Archives in College Park, Maryland (known as Archives II). A task that was expected to take three years ended up lasting five years and unearthing a total of 29,217 documents. Late in the year at Archives I in Washington, D.C., staff found the first of the previously missing first two pages of Lincoln's Second Annual Message to Congress. The message is among the most famous of Lincoln's communications to Congress, and the pages had been missing for more than a century until Papers of Abraham Lincoln assistant editor Chandler Lighty, M.A., discovered the first page in files that he had not originally planned to search. The search also unearthed a complete second copy of the message that no one knew existed.



Missing page of Lincoln's Second Annual Message

Documents have been located all over the United States and some have even surfaced in other parts of the world. In 2011, an attorney from Perth, Western Australia, contacted the Project to make the Lincoln document he owned – a note from Lincoln discharging a private from the army in 1863 – available for imaging.

Tracking down and imaging documents is only the first part of the complex process the project goes through to make each paper available for public use. Each document has to be authenticated, transcribed, proofed, and then annotated with references that will allow readers to understand its historical context.

In another use of technology to bring history to the public, the Office of Electronic Media (OEM) in 2011 continued its work on an hour-long, high-definition documentary chronicling the role of Springfield's Old State Capitol in the history of the state. The landmark building has hosted many of Illinois' defining moments, from Lincoln's "house divided" speech in 1858 to the launch of Barack Obama's presidential campaign in 2007. The documentary, which OEM expects to have done in the first half of 2013, will be used to educate visitors to the Old State Capitol. Some 165,000 students and others visit the Old State Capitol every year.

Improving Public Engagement

Educating and engaging the public is one of the Center's primary functions. *Illinois Issues* expends most of its effort providing the public with in-depth information on state policy and politics, and *WUIS* plays the same role on a daily basis, focusing on the greater Springfield area as well as the state. In addition to these

regular forms of connecting with the public, the Center participates in special initiatives designed to improve public engagement. Five initiatives occupied the Center's attention in 2011.

Educating citizens for democracy has long been part of the *raison d'être* of libraries. Nothing reinforces the democratic spirit more than convenient access to knowledge. Today, though, libraries, especially public libraries, are being challenged to adapt, and do so rapidly, by online access to information and relationships. Recognizing this challenge, in 2009 the Illinois State Library applied for and received a three-year grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to train Illinois librarians in the methods of Web 2.0. Web 2.0 is essentially the evolution of the worldwide web into a mechanism for facilitating interaction, user-centered design, and the removal of technical barriers to communication and information sharing. The Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies and the Survey Research Office have served as the evaluators of the project, known as ILEAD U.

The first cohort of teams of librarians from throughout the state participated in ILEAD U in 2010. In 2011, a new cohort was engaged, and staff from state libraries in other states were given the opportunity to audit the training sessions. The evaluations of both cohorts, carried out by Richard Schuldt of the Survey Research Office, Institute staff Jeri Frederick, M.A., and Tom Ambrose, M.A., and Center executive director David Racine, Ph.D. showed that large majorities of participants found ILEAD U to be among the best learning experiences they have had. Also, surveys done of librarians several months after they left the first cohort showed high use of what they learned through ILEAD U about using Web 2.0 methods to relate more effectively to the users of their libraries. It is worth noting that the project has had success at a time when funding shortfalls have forced many libraries to curtail services.

This past year, the Office of Electronic Media, under the leadership of its director, Jerry Burkhart, M.S., has been involved in three projects that affect public engagement close to home. At the end of the year, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, recognizing OEM's significant technical capabilities, asked it to begin webcasting the Board's regular meetings, which occur on all three campuses during a year. The webcasts are available to anyone with an Internet connection. OEM also did webcasts of the Student Government Association meetings at UIS, so students unable to attend the meetings have a way to tune in and learn what's going on. Outside the university, the Office continued its project with the Springfield Park Board to produce a GPS video-guided tour of Springfield's new handicap-accessible Southwind Park.

Lastly, for the past year, the Center, through a committee chaired by *Illinois Issues* editor Dana Heupel, has been developing the prototype version of a new website designed to provide the public with access to a wide range of news, information, analysis,

scholarship and connections related to public affairs in Illinois. The intent is to create a site which can serve as the “go-to” source that interested people, from lobbyists to ordinary citizens, can access for information about state and local policy and politics. The site will provide access to university content as well as function as a portal to other sources. The hope is to have the site up and running, with at least a critical mass of its functions available, by the end of 2012.

Understanding New Media

While much of the Center’s work in 2011 involved using new media to foster public education and engagement, effort was also allocated to research and analysis aimed at understanding how these media are being used and why and with what consequences.

Michael Cheney, a professor of communication, received a grant from the Center to study the use of social media in communication by Illinois legislators. Cheney is collecting Twitter posts from legislators and party caucuses, coding them for the type of content they contain, and seeing how the different types of content stack up against each other over time. Cheney hopes to develop a social media index that can be used to track this form of communication by legislators. Preliminary results, shared with the UIS campus in the fall, indicate that 57 legislators had Twitter accounts and that three of the four caucuses used Twitter, too (Senate Democrats and Republicans and House Republicans). Use was highly concentrated: The top five “tweeters” during the first six month period covered by the study constituted 75 percent of the total tweets. Most tweets provided information to constituents or informed them about an activity or location of an

event. Only one percent related to fundraising. Cheney will be looking in 2012 at how campaign activity affects the use of Twitter by legislators.

The rapid rise of social media also drew the interest of *Illinois Issues* in 2011. Editor Dana Heupel shared with readers his thoughts on how social media are changing journalism. “For most of my life,” Heupel wrote in the October issue, “it was only a select group of news media that reported on the issues....Now, everyone with a social media account can be a reporter, with all of the good and bad implications that go along with it.” Heupel went on to say that social media may be best for breaking stories but not for helping people understand them. In his column the next month, Heupel took on the problem of the danger of cell phone use by drivers, a different kind of social media but still one made possible by technological advances that can have unintended consequences.

The magazine’s Statehouse bureau chief, Jamey Dunn, wrote a couple of articles during the year on new media topics getting the attention of state policymakers. In the April *Illinois Issues* Dunn examined a controversial new law that would base the collection of sales taxes on some Internet sales by Illinois companies which have marketing relationships with large Internet retailers, such as Amazon and Overstock. Last summer, she asked what it means for an electric grid to be “smart,” in reference to ongoing policy discussions in the state about its need to develop a “smart grid.” As Dunn explained, “Smart grid is essentially about communication, both allowing the grid to ‘tell’ the utility more about the transmission of electricity and when there may be a problem with the system, as well as bringing consumers more information about their power consumption.”

ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety has long been a priority for the Center. For more than three decades, the Center was the home for most of the training of probation officers in Illinois. Since the 1980s, we have been the orchestrators, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and other state agencies, of programs and activities in the state to improve traffic safety and reduce drunk driving. In these and other ways, protecting the public has been a focal point for the Center’s work. This continued in 2011.

Driving Safely

In 2011, the state of Illinois’ efforts to reduce drunk driving received a “five star” ranking, the highest possible, from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Over the past several years, Illinois has enacted laws and implemented a range of innovations that have fostered a strong anti-DUI climate and likely have contributed to

the gradual decline in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities. However, while improvements have occurred, the problem of impaired driving remains, as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently stated, “one of...the greatest and most persistent threats to public safety.” Consequently, the Center’s active role in Illinois’ strategy was as important in 2011 as in prior years.

In collaboration with IDOT’s Division of Traffic Safety, the Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies provided training, under the leadership of senior coordinator Tom Ambrose, M.A., to some 500 prosecutors, probation officers, police, and social service providers on advances in the detection, prosecution, supervision, and treatment of DUI offenders. According to the Institute’s Peter Weitzel, M.Ed., who oversees planning and evaluation for the training program, participants in these trainings reported learning gains of 40 to 75 percent based

on their perceptions of their knowledge and understanding before and after training. The Institute also further developed and added content to its increasingly popular DUI resources website, designed to provide prosecutors and others with access to a wide range of information and tools. Additionally, the Institute continued to provide the core training for the service providers in Illinois who are responsible, by law, for evaluating the risk posed by each DUI offender. This program, managed by the Institute's Jeri Frederick, M.A., operates with funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA). In the coming year, plans call for these training efforts to continue, but in addition, attention will be paid to understanding how and why the processing of DUI cases varies around the state and to refining and validating a tool developed by the Institute to help probation officers manage the cases of hardcore DUI offenders.

About 30 percent of a random sample of Illinois drivers who drink at all said they had recently driven a motor vehicle within two hours after consuming alcohol, according to a September survey conducted by the Center's Survey Research Office for

IDOT. This was up somewhat from a similar survey in June. More than a tenth of the September respondents reported driving after drinking three or more times in the previous thirty days. The September survey, as have earlier surveys, also asked people to register their awareness of slogans used in Illinois to promote traffic safety. Nearly everyone indicated being aware of "Click It or Ticket," and about three-fourths of those surveyed said they were aware of two prominent drunk driving slogans, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk" and "You drink and drive. You lose." Some 37 percent of respondents were aware of the newest slogan, "Drive sober or get pulled over," but this was more than double the percentage of people who said they knew about this slogan in the June survey.

Through its Institute, the Center also continued to work with IDOT on preparations for the statewide implementation of new traffic crash reporting technology, evaluation of traffic safety data, and management of the state agency's program of supporting the traffic safety initiatives of local law enforcement agencies.

Awareness of Traffic Safety Slogans in September 2011

Slogan	Sept level
Click It or Ticket.....	90.7%
Friends don't let friends drive drunk.....	79.7%
You drink and drive. You lose.....	74.1%
Drive smart. Drive sober.	54.0%
Police in Illinois arrest drunk drivers	47.8%
Start seeing motorcycles.....	47.3%
Buckle Up America	40.5%
Drive sober or get pulled over	36.7%
Drunk driving. Over the limit. Under arrest.....	32.7%
Cells phones save lives. Pull over and report a drunken driver	30.0%
Wanna drink and drive, police in Illinois will show you the bars.....	18.0%
Drink and drive? Police in Illinois have your number	17.9%
Children in back	17.2%
55 still the law for trucks in Chicago area	16.6%
Rest area = text area	16.2%
CSA 2010: Get the facts, know the law – what's your score?.....	7.7%

Gambling and Problem Gambling

A hot topic for political debate but no resolution during 2011 was the expansion of gambling in Illinois. As reported by *WUIS*, members of the legislature wanted to increase the availability and widen the kinds of gambling available in the state as a way to generate revenue during tough fiscal times. Governor Pat Quinn started the year showing little enthusiasm for more gambling, and moderated his tone as time went by, agreeing to some ideas for expansion and not others. By year's end, though, he and those supportive of expansion were unable to reach a deal and the issue was pushed into 2012.

While policymakers argued over whether to increase gambling, the Center continued to partner with DASA to provide training for the professionals who treat problem gamblers. Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Policy Studies staff member Jeri Frederick organized a special training session on the impact of problem gambling on families, as well as the intensive basic training for counselors interested in developing their abilities to evaluate and treat people who are problem or compulsive gamblers. At the same time, the Center's Office of Electronic Media continued to operate DASA's problem gambling website, which provides access to resources and treatment options.

Smoking Cessation

The Illinois Department of Public Health funds the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, which is managed by the American Lung Association in Illinois. Through the toll free line, Illinois residents have access to trained nurses, respiratory therapists, and tobacco addiction specialists who can help with smoking cessation. In 2011, the Association contracted with the Center's Survey Research Office to evaluate the Quitline through a survey of callers. The survey asked callers for their assessment of the value of the Quitline, how they learned about it, what smoking aids they used, and their current smoking status.

The survey, administered by SRO director Richard Schuldt with the assistance of the Office's interviewing lab manager, Mark Winland, M.A., found very high levels of satisfaction with the Quitline, and nearly all respondents said they were likely to refer others to the line. At the time of the survey, more than a fourth reported that they had gone seven or more days without smoking, and well more than half said they had either stopped smoking or were smoking less since calling the Quitline. Respondents who reported having quit at least seven months before the survey were more likely to have made one or two previous attempts to stop before they called. But, this was not true for those who had made no attempts to quit or who had made several attempts. The seven-month quit rate was highest among those 60 years of age or older and lowest among those in their 50s. There was almost no difference in the seven-month quit rate between those who had used something to help them quit and those who had not used anything. Respondents said they mostly learned about the Quitline from healthcare providers, local health departments, and television.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Undergraduate and graduates students were a vital part of the Center's accomplishments in 2011. Literally hundreds of graduate students gained professional work experience through the GPSI and ILSIP programs. Students made more than forty percent of the interview calls – some 52,000 – for surveys administered by the Survey Research Office, and their wages represented a fifth of SRO's budget. More than forty students spent more than 1200 hours helping the Office of Electronic Media produce videos and webcasts during the year. Thirty-six articles in *Illinois Issues* were written by students, and during the first half of the year, Luke Runyon, then a public affairs reporting intern and now with public radio in Colorado, became a familiar voice to listeners of *WUIS*. The Institute's graduate research assistants, Amanda Davis (human development counseling), Kathleen Burke (environmental studies), and Emily Staley (biology) did data analysis for the program evaluations carried

out by the Institute. Then, there were the hundreds of students who were taught by faculty with joint appointments in the Center or who attended or tuned into ECCE speaker series events webcast by the Office of Electronic Media.

List of students

Center-funded Faculty Research Projects

Cramer, Kendall
Fahl, Daniel
Hlaing, Naymyo
Llamas, Itzi
Luigs, Jessica
MacWilliams, Sean

Musgrave, Meagan
Oliver, Ashundria
Qiao, Pingjing
Schulz, Kyle
Scott, Ashley
Torres-González, Jasmine
Voloshin, Benjamin
Wajda, Kelly

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Altman, Amanda	Ferguson, Jacob	Knox, Kristin	Pasam, SriNagaSaiKalyan
Amling, Stacie	Ferrero, Paul	Kolli, Krishnaveni	Patangay, Abhishek
Andrew, Brie-Anna	Finder, Aaron	Korri, Ashwin	Pelc, Joseph
Arjuman, Farah	Fischer, Stephen	Kriz, Karen	Pendurthi, Vamsi
Asprec, Caryn Joy	Fox, Emily	Krug, Zachary	Perkins, Andrew
Assmus, Christina	Fretueg, Gregory	Krumreich, Samantha	Peterson, Andrew
Ataullah, Seham	Gangaraju, Soumya	Lafata, Jamie	Pipkin, Brittney
Bagareddygari, Vivekanandreddy	Garrison, Stephanie	Lambert, Elise	Pirtle, John
Barnard, Benjamin	Gee, Alexander	Lane, Anissa	Ponder, Evan
Bengtson, Blake	Genenbacher, Travis	Lange, Brockton	Probst, Tyler
Bennett, Andrea	Gentili, Susan	Large, Jennifer	Pugh, Christina
Bhailani, Nadiya	George , Angela	Layne, Benjamin	Puppala, Sanjay
Bikal, Krishti	Godman, Anne	Leischner, Burlie	Quimby, Casey
Birch, Stephanie	Golcher, Holly	Leitner, Nathaniel	Rajalingari, Pramodh
Black, Michael	Gordley, Cressa	Leonard, Kylie	Rangaraj, Vijay Hari Arvind Kumar
Bonner, Marie	Green, Kathryn	Luigs, Jessica	Rasche, Zachary
Boston, Emily	Grider, Nathan	Mai, Sinh	Ravi, Hari
Botkin, Max	Guljar, Shamima	Markway, Megan	Ray, Christopher
Bressan, Brianna	Gunnam, Srinivas	Masku, Geeta	Rayapureddi, Rama Krishna
Brown, Sean	Hahn, Alisha	Massie, Gina	Regul, Brad
Bukowski, Thomas	Hancock, Daniel	Mathur Subramaniam, Anusha	Richter, Michael
Burk, Melissa	Hannel, Kiersten	McAllister, Jennifer	Robert, Timothy
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Calandro, Meghan	Hayes, Bradley	McDale, Joshua	Robinson, Marchelle
Campbell, Olivia	Hembrough, Erin	McGuire, Mary	Rogers, Lauren
Caramagno, Ashley	Hiatt, Eric	McNeff, Hannah	Ross, April
Catlin, David	Hill, America	McPherson, Laurie	Samudovsky, Joseph
Charles, Philbert	Hoff, Jessica	Meek, Bailey	Samuel Raj, Joshah
Chilumbu, George	Hogan, Annie	Metzger, Brian	Sawanja, Grace
Colantino, Laura	Hoos, Cullen	Millan, Stephanie	Schaubhut, Lauren
Cole, Laron	Horn, Jared	Miller, Justyn	Schulz, Kyle
Cook, Rebecca	House, William	Miller, Toni	Schwass, Tara
Coultas, Ann	Hudelson, Julie	Mizuno, Satoko	Sekardi, Vanessa
Crackel, Seth	Jansen, Ryan	Montoya Picazo, Ricardo	Shaffer, Andrew
Crites, Brie	Jenkins, Jessica	Mood, Sanjay Kumar Naik	Shah, Reza
Cunningham, Sara	Johnson, Casey	Morgando, JoAnn	Sharma, Pritanshu
Daily, Megan	Johnson, Heidi	Moseley, Brian	Shea, Darren
Davenport, Katie	Joine, Melvin	Moser, Destiny	Sidam, Padma
Davis, Travis	Jones, Natalia	Motl, Kaitlyne	Sipes, Rachel
Davis, Erika	Jones, Logan	Murphy, Michelle	Smith, Victoria
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Dsouza, Clyde	Karl, Sunga	Nessa, Laurette	Stephens, Shane
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	Keshen, Philip	Noel, Lindan	Tayyab, Yomnha
	Kidambi, Sai Siddardha	Nuttall, Jonathan	Terchin, Tara
	Kilaru, Venkata	Olifiruk, Lyudmila	Thoom, Sweta Reddy
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 Townsend, Nathan
 Tozzi, Daniel
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 Uher, Michelle
 Vaiden, Aaron
 Vaughn, Peter
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 Vo, Tramy
 Volle, Meredith
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 Wellbaum, Joseph
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 Williams, Eric
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 Kulavic, Kevin M.
 Laird, Alexander “Alec” W.
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 MacWilliams, Sean M.
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 Pantone, Gina
 Patel, Komal K.
 Racine, Rebecca M.
 Sanders, J. David
 Sculley, Joseph “Joe” E.
 Simkins, Jacob R.
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 Tietz, Brad D.
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 Van Kampen, Meredith J.
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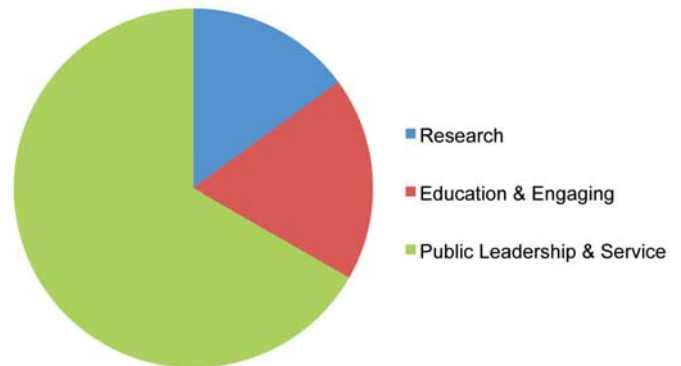
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FINANCIAL HEALTH

Despite the grim fiscal climate in the state, the Center continued to hold its own financially in 2011. Total income for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011, was \$9,500,614, compared to \$9,725,117 for the previous fiscal year. Eighty-five percent of the Center's income came from grants, contracts, contributions and fees, with the Center's share of the state appropriation to UIS accounting for the remaining fifteen percent. The modest decrease in total income from the year before was due to a reduction in state appropriations; income from other sources actually increased slightly.

Of the Center's three functions, public leadership and service, which is aligned with UIS' educational mission, attracted the most funding in FY 2011, accounting for almost 67 percent of the Center's budget, about the same as in FY 2010. Educating and engaging citizens represented another 18 percent, and research activities represented the remaining 15 percent.

Income by Priority FY 2011



(About \$4300 or 0.04% of the total income fell outside of these three functions.)

	Research	Education & Engaging	Public Leadership & Service	Undesignated	Total
Office of the Executive Director	54,361.45	82,591.38	162,333.86	4,300.21	303,586.90
Papers of Abraham Lincoln	564,012.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	564,012.78
Inst. for Legal, Legislative & Policy Studies	565,734.76	9,078.13	3,118,630.29	0.00	3,693,443.18
Office of Graduate Intern Programs	0.00	0.00	2,762,637.20	0.00	2,762,637.20
Center Publications	0.00	447,943.87	950.00	0.00	448,893.87
Survey Research	236,706.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	236,706.05
Office of Electronic Media	0.00	0.00	289,323.57	0.00	289,323.57
WUIS/WIPA	0.00	1,202,010.08	0.00	0.00	1,202,010.08
Total	1,420,815.04	1,741,623.46	6,333,874.92	4,300.21	9,500,613.63

FAREWELL



Karl Scroggin, the voice of classical music in central Illinois, will retire on March 30, 2012, after 28 years as music director and host of classical music on WUIS. Karl introduced listeners across central Illinois to a wide classical music repertoire, and to the local organizations and guest artists who perform it. He

leaves a remarkable legacy that includes a community of listeners and students educated about classical music, and strong relationships he built between WUIS, UIS, and performing arts organizations.

"It's been a dream job," says Scroggin, "a dream I didn't ever dream. Meeting all the wonderful music personalities, all the wonderful people who the Illinois Symphony Orchestra has brought in, all the people I've met at the Association of Music

Personnel in Public Radio conferences. I ran into Marilyn Horne at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. I met Yehudi Menuhin, PDQ Bach, and brilliant young musicians like Rachel Barton. Sitting and talking with so many musicians has been the most rewarding."

Bill Wheelhouse, general manager of WUIS, praised Karl for the deep-rooted relationships he developed in the community over nearly three decades. "The respect Karl garnered helped the station meet its fundraising goals year after year," said Wheelhouse. In 2006, Scroggin's lasting contributions to the cultural life of central Illinois were recognized with the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award presented by the Illinois Humanities Council. Scroggin's commitment to the university and community was also acknowledged with his selection to receive the 2011 Chancellor's Award to Recognize Excellence in Civil Service at UIS, presented by Chancellor Susan Koch.

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