



Summer 2013 UIS Speaker Series Event Schedule*

All Events are Free & Open to the Public

June 6
Thursday
7:00PM
Brookens Auditorium

***The Two States of Illinois:
A Panel Discussion
Featuring Former Governor Jim Edgar***



*Former Governor Jim Edgar
38th Governor of the State of Illinois*

Sponsored by Central Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration

The economic, social and political differences between Chicago and the rest of the state present challenges for the governance of Illinois. This session will explore how the perceived division of Illinois is affecting state leadership and decision making, public perceptions of governmental effectiveness, and political and social operations. Former Governor Jim Edgar will offer his perspectives as to the problem and its solutions, along with columnist Mr. Rich Miller, UIS political scientist Dr. Chris Mooney, and Mr. Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Event Panelists:

Jim Edgar, a distinguished fellow with the University of Illinois Institute for Government and Public Affairs (IGPA), was the 38th governor of Illinois. As governor, he made fiscal discipline and children the cornerstones of his two terms. First elected in 1990, Governor Edgar won re-election in 1994 by the largest margin ever for a governor. Four years later Governor Edgar left office with the highest approval rating in state history. At the end of his tenure as governor, the Chicago Tribune stated that Governor Edgar's "instincts and motives were as sound as those of any governor the state has had." Edgar has served in a variety of leadership roles, including president of the Council of State Governments, as a member of the executive committee of the National Governors' Association and as chairman of the Midwest Governors' Association. He has also been a Resident Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Governor Edgar serves on a variety of civic and corporate boards of directors. Before becoming governor, Edgar served as secretary of state for 10 years and was elected to the Illinois House from Charleston in 1976. He received a B.S. in history from Eastern Illinois University in 1968. <http://igpa.uillinois.edu/person/jim-edgar>

Rich Miller, columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, has been writing about Illinois politics since 1990. He began publishing *Capitol Fax*, a daily political newsletter, in 1993. Capitol Fax and its on-line counterpart, CapitolFax.com, have become required reading in the halls of Illinois politics and government. He is recognized as a leading authority on Illinois campaigns and government.

Dr. Chris Mooney is a professor of political science with a joint appointment in the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois Springfield. He studies U.S. state politics and policy, with special focus on legislative decision making, morality policy and legislative term limits. He is the founding editor of the journal *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, and co-author of one of the leading undergraduate textbooks in his field.

Randy Blankenhorn is executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Under his leadership, CMAP is now guiding the implementation of metropolitan Chicago's first comprehensive regional plan in more than 100 years. In 2013, the American Planning Association selected CMAP as its first-ever recipient of the National Planning Excellence Award. Blankenhorn worked most of his career in Springfield with the Illinois Department of Transportation, but grew up in suburban Chicago and now lives in that city's downtown.

June 20
Thursday
6:00PM
Brookens Auditorium

**Thomas Jefferson, Gardener:
A Discussion of Thomas Jefferson's
Revolutionary Garden at Monticello**



Peter Hatch, Former Director
of Gardens & Grounds at Monticello

Co-Sponsored by the Illinois Executive Mansion,
University of Illinois Extension Office

The greatest service which can be rendered to any country is to add a useful plant to its culture.

-Thomas Jefferson

Peter J. Hatch is a professional gardener and historian with decades of experience in the restoration, care, and interpretation of historic landscapes. A celebrated author of four books on the gardens of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Peter will discuss the various themes that defined Jefferson's passion for gardening and the natural world: Monticello was an experimental garden laboratory. He will also review the restorations of Monticello's flower, fruit, and vegetable gardens, as well as the Grove or ornamental forest, over the last 50 years. Peter will show how the fruits, flowers, and vegetables Jefferson grew at Monticello have evolved over the last two centuries.

Hatch was Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello from 1977-2012 where he was responsible for the maintenance, interpretation and restoration of the 2,400 acre landscape at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. He is the author of "*A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*". Mr. Hatch is a consultant and supplier of plants for Michelle Obama's White House Kitchen Garden and is a recipient of the *Garden Club of America's Historic Preservation Award*.

<http://www.monticello.org/site/house-and-gardens/rich-spot-earth-author-peter-hatch>

The UIS Bookstore will have copies of Peter's book for sale at the event and a book signing will follow the event.

7/2/13: Note new venue – Cloud Atlas will be shown in PAC F

July 9
Tuesday
5:30PM - @ 9PM
UHB 2034
PAC Conference Room F

Cloud Atlas



Film Screening and Discussion

Led by Edward Beekman-Myers

Everything is connected: an 1849 diary of an ocean voyage across the Pacific; letters from a composer to his friend; a thriller about a murder at a nuclear power plant; a farce about a publisher in a nursing home; a rebellious clone in futuristic Korea; and the tale of a tribe living in post-apocalyptic Hawaii, far in the future.

The reincarnation of a soul travels through time beginning with the diary of a potential slave-owner voyaging across the Pacific in 1849, then a talented composer writing letters to a lover in the Britain's 1930s, followed by a reporter investigating a corrupt case about a US nuclear power-plant in the 1970s, succeeded by a publisher's comical entrapment in a nursing home in 2012, followed by a clone's thrilling escape and rebellion in 2144's Korea, and finally a tribesman fighting cannibals in Hawaii in a post-apocalyptic world past 2300. Each story challenges the corrupt norms of the time, changing the course of history, and shaping the future through acts of kindness, big and small.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1371111/>

Edward Beekman-Myers is an English professor for Lincoln Land Community College and the University of Illinois Springfield, as well as a science-fiction writer and authority. He is the author of *The Totally Gnarly Adventures of the Galactically Bitchin' Comet Sweat!*, a sci-fi/comedy novel that was published in 2009.

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