

**Research Communications Council
Minutes
12 February 2016**

New RCC Members

Welcome Vanessa Faurie, who will be working to “connect the dots” between the campus research institutes and the advancement community!

Reminder – Awards

Remember, when you have faculty members who win awards, let the provost’s office know. Kim Green tracks them for the campus, and that info is used in a number of different places. Use this email address: provostawards@illinois.edu

Calendar Project – Game On!

Web Services is again working on enhancements to the calendar. Take their survey:

<https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/9286650>

And remember, for now, you can click the “research box” when you have a research-related event to share with the campus research calendar.

150 Years of Health Innovation

Sue Johnson in IHSI is working on a timeline of health innovations at Illinois. She will be accepting submissions through June 30. Innovations can be in a range of fields, and if you have an accompanying photo, so much the better! Submit here: <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8681587>

Illinois Research Connections

Rebecca Bryant shared an update on Illinois Research Connections, the new faculty profiles software that allows people to access more than 1,700 STEM and social science faculty profiles through an online, searchable database, updated weekly from the Scopus abstract and citation database. Visit <http://experts.illinois.edu>

This is very much a work in progress, but Rebecca would be delighted to do a presentation to your group to explain what IRC is – and how it may be useful to you. Email her at rabryant@illinois.edu

Chancellor’s Presentation to Community Business Leaders

See link on RCC website for a presentation that the chancellor recently made to business leaders in our community. <http://www.research.illinois.edu/about-ovcr/research-communications-council>

Beckman has a New Initiative

The Cognition, Lifespan Engagement, Aging, and Resilience (CLEAR) initiative promotes scientific research on the nature of aging and successful cognitive development during adulthood, with a focal interest in how engagement—a sustained investment in physical, mentally stimulating, and/or social activities—contributes to cognitive health and well-being with aging. See the events section of these minutes for the kickoff event information!

IGB has a New Theme

The Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology has launched a new theme, “Anticancer Discovery: From Pets to People.” http://www.igb.illinois.edu/misc_news/cancer-and-companion-animals-focusnew-igb-theme

WILL has a New Talk Show (The 21st), and a New Tech Program (SciTechNow)

- The 21st is hosted by Nila Boodhoo. Here's the show's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/The21stShow/?fref=nf> Heather Tucker reports that the show is particularly interested in interviewing people who will be speaking at events around campus.
- SciTechNow is hosted by the IGB's Kathryn Faith, and features stories of Illinois innovation: <http://video.will.illinois.edu/show/will-scitech-now/>

Social Work has a New Unit

CPRD (which is currently part of the Institute for Government and Public Affairs) will become part of the School of Social Work. CPRD stands for Center for Prevention Research and Development

SEED FUNDING: Call for Proposals from the Family Resiliency Center

The Family Resiliency Center has announced faculty seed grant funding through the Christopher Family Foundation Food and Family Program. The Food and Family Program is designed to support innovative interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research that can unravel the complex connections between the family environment and healthy active lifestyles for all. Funding of up to \$50,000 is available.

<http://familyresiliency.illinois.edu/FoodandFamilyHome.htm>

LIGO

Diana Yates shared an interesting link about the detection of gravitational waves via the LIGO project. This video from the New York Times provides an excellent explanation:

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/12/science/ligo-gravitational-waves-black-holes-einstein.html?emc=eta1&_r=0

INTERESTING UPCOMING EVENTS:

New Lecture Series

IHSI has launched a new lecture series, in collaboration with Carle: "The Health innovations Lecture Series" The next event (March 4) focuses on Rural Health:

<http://www.healthinitiative.illinois.edu/resources-training/health-innovations-lecture-series>

Ariel Waldman: Hacker's Guide to the Galaxy

March 1, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom

4-5 Lecture and Questions

5-6 Reception

<http://go.library.illinois.edu/arielwaldman>

Pitchapalooza

February 26, 4 – 6 p.m.

Lincoln Hall Theater

Pitch your book ideas in **one minute** to a panel of publishing experts for a chance to win a meeting with an agent or publisher! Come away with advice on how to improve your pitch and a greater understanding of the publishing industry.

<https://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/Pitchapalooza>

A Celebration of Aging Research at Illinois

1:30 pm Friday, February 19, 2016

The launch of the Beckman initiative: Cognition, Lifespan Engagement, Aging, and Resilience (CLEAR)

<http://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/4595?eventId=33076010&calMin=201602&cal=20160215&skinId=6965>

Cell Phone Slam: What do you see when you see a cell phone?

A dozen presenters each have six minutes to tell us what they see when they see a cell phone. The event is part of the Part of IPRH's NEH 50–Questions in Common@Illinois event series.

Wednesday, February 24

4:00 p.m.

<http://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/4639/33077202>

IPRH Lecture Hall, Levis Faculty Center, Fourth Floor (919 West Illinois Street, Urbana, IL)

Entrepreneurship Forum

Save the date: April 28, 2016

The Provost's Roundtable on Entrepreneurship annually holds a campus-wide Entrepreneurship Forum, highlighting the breadth of entrepreneurial activities across campus for faculty, students, and academic professionals.

<http://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/1064?eventId=33072396&calMin=201601&cal=20160131&skinId=297>

Year of Cyberinfrastructure Roadshows

February 26, 2016

11am-12pm: NCSA Auditorium/1122

Come discuss the Year of CI report with John Towns, Deputy CIO for Research IT. Learn how campus plans to enhance research and how your department will be affected.

<http://cyberinfrastructure.illinois.edu/roadshows/>