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 rabbryant@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
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=nl
- 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 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/