

Connections



New BFAPA Executive Board

During the last business meeting we were reminded that the term for our current executive committee has come to a close. We have received self-nominations from interested and engaged faculty and academic professionals to serve a two-year term on the Executive Committee.

On Thursday, April 24th we will be holding a BFAPA Business Meeting to discuss upcoming BFAPA events, collect dues and vote in the incoming executive officers: Rory James (AP Co-Chair), Adrienne Dixson (Faculty Co-Chair), Candice Solomon-Strutz (Secretary) and Vaneitta Goines (Treasurer).

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Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
12:00PM ~ 1:30PM
General Lounge of
BNAACC
708 S. Mathews, Urbana,
IL 61801

Black Congratulatory Ceremony

The Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center hosts the 2012 Black Congratulatory Ceremony Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 6:30pm George Huff Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm.

We invite you to participate as faculty and staff in this festive occasion honoring our Black graduates. If you are interested in participating, please email Assistant Director Ashley M. Davis at adavis2@illinois.edu to be included in the celebration.



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Looking for BFAPA Committee Volunteers

The BFAPA committees are looking for members along with individuals to serve as a chair.

- Professional Development & Training – Chair VACANT and additional members welcome
- Recruitment & Retention – Chair VACANT and additional members welcome
- Social & Networking – Chair VACANT and additional members welcome

If you are interested in volunteering and filling any of the above committee chair positions contact Candice Solomon-Strutz BFAPA Secretary at csolomo@illinois.edu



Featured Faculty of the Month

Dr. Adrienne Dixon

Associate Professor in Education Policy,
Organization and Leadership at the University of
Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Ph.D. (Multicultural Education), M.S. (Educational
Studies), BS (Music Theory and Composition)

Adrienne Dixon is Associate Professor of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois College of Education. She recently joined the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in August 2011.

Some of Dr. Dixon's accomplishments include her publication with Celia K. Rousseau, *Critical Race Theory in Education: All God's Children Got a Song*, which examines educational equity issues using critical race theory as an analytical and theoretical framework. Also, Adrienne is an Editorial Board member for both Teachers College Record and National Education Policy Center.

Now, Adrienne's primary research interest focuses on educational equity in urban schooling contexts, applying a Critical Race Theory framework. She is interested in how educational equity is mediated by school reform policies in the urban south and is examining school reform in post-Katrina New Orleans, how local actors make sense of and experience those reform policies and how those policies become or are "racialized".

Know a wonderful African American faculty member and or Academic Professional everyone else should know more about?

Contact the BFAPA Communications Chair at cnsolomo@illinois.edu

Guiding Vision

The mission of Black Faculty Academic Professional Alliance (BFAPA) is to serve as advocates for equitable and accessible opportunities, programs, services, and governance for Black faculty, academic professionals, and students through connections with administration, internal and external partnerships, social networks, and by leveraging both financial and human capital resources to effect change.

Upcoming Events

Campus Connections

Inclusive Illinois Women's Leadership Program

This April, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at the University of Illinois is pleased to host the 6th Annual Inclusive Illinois Women's Leadership Program, as part of the Inclusive Illinois Roundtable Series. This is a free campus event, and is open to women faculty, staff, and students at Illinois.

Thursday, April 19th
10:00AM – 2:00PM
Illini Rooms A&B, Illini Union

Boxed lunches will be provided. RSVP by April 13, 2012 <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8897628>

UI Black Chorus Mom's Day Concert

The University of Illinois Black Chorus, Dr. Ollie Watts Davis conductor, present the Spring 2012 Mom's Day Concert "Jubilation"

Saturday, April 21st
7:30PM

Krannert Center, Foellinger Great Hall

Tickets prices are \$8 - \$11. Tickets are available for delivery. Please contact Ashley M. Davis at adavis2@illinois.edu for more information.

CAP – Council of Academic Professionals Meeting

Thursday, May 3rd 1PM – 2PM
Room 210 Illini Union

Community Connections

Paint the Town Purple

April 7, 2012 - April 14, 2012

Champaign, IL will be Painting the town Purple in support of Relay for Life. Check in to the Relay for Life of Champaign County, IL [facebook page](#) for more information and updates leading up to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/RFLChampaignCounty>



Illinois Marathon Volunteers Welcome – April 26-28, 2012



The 2012 Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon will require nearly 3,000 volunteer team members for a safe, fun event for the runners. In addition to some fun in the C-U community, each team member receives a Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon t-shirt and string bag!

The Course Team members are the beating heart of our volunteer team. These team members are posted at intersections along the course path to enhance the runners' race course experience and to ensure their safety. New this year, we are requiring a cell phone number for official marathon communication only.

The Volunteer Team consists of all non-Course Team jobs, including Expo and Race Day positions.

Visit: <http://www.illinoismarathon.com/volunteer.php> to join either team and volunteer

BFAPA Committee Chairs

Bylaws Chair: Adrienne Pickett

Communications Chair: Candice Solomon-Strutz

Professional Development & Training Chair: VACANT

Recruitment & Retention Chair:
VACANT

Social/Networking Chair: VACANT



BFAPA Executive Team

Dr. Christopher Span, Faculty Co-Chair Associate Professor
(Department of Educational Policy Studies)

Regina Stevenson, Academic Professional Co-Chair Manager
of Professional Training and Development (CITES)

Rebecca Kornegay, Secretary E-Commerce Coordinator
(OBFS-Treasury Operations)

Dr. Deidre Weathersby, Treasurer Clinical Counselor
(Counseling Center)