

Connections



Upcoming Council of Academic Professionals Meeting

You may have heard that UIC has been undergoing an audit of civil service positions and, as a result, numerous AP positions have been converted to civil service. The audit is now moving to the Urbana campus and we know APs have questions. As a result, the first hour or so of the regular meeting of the Council of Academic Professionals on Thursday, March 3, will be devoted to the topic of the civil service audit and possible reclassification. This is a rapidly developing situation. We encourage APs with an interest to attend the **CAP meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, in room 114 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana.**

We hope to see you there.

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Monthly Lunch Connection

Thursday, March 17, 2011
11:30AM ~ 1:30PM
General Lounge of
BNACC
708 S. Matthews, Urbana,
IL 61801
Discussion begins at 12 PM



Student Recruitment Call-a-thon

BFAPA members have been asked on behalf of the President and Chancellor to participate in a Student Recruitment Call-A-Thon to students currently admitted to the University but have yet to accept. The BFAPA Executive team is asking Faculty and Academic Professionals who interact with students in their respective Colleges to request participation in the call-a-thon. Our goal is to impact Fall 2011 enrollment of underrepresented students on the Urbana campus.

For more information, please contact Regina Stevenson rmstvnsn@illinois.edu



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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 Rebecca Kornegay, BFAPA Secretary at kornegay@illinois.edu



Featured Faculty of the Month

Dr. Lynford L. Goddard

Assistant Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Ph.D. (Physics), M.S. (Electrical Engineering), BS (with distinction Math and Physics) Stanford University

career scientist eager to share his excitement about science while simultaneously pursuing a competitive research career." The award was presented at the 177th AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. this February. He was recognized for designing and implementing the Girls Learning Electrical Engineering (GLEE) summer camp, which seeks to make the field of electrical engineering more accessible to high-school students. He also serves as a mentor to students from underrepresented groups at Illinois.

Goddard joined the University of Illinois faculty in 2007. His academic research focuses on fabricating, characterizing, and modeling individual lasers and photonics-based sensors, instrumentation and integrated circuits, as well as developing new processing techniques and testing novel semiconductor materials and devices. Applications include hydrogen detection for fuel cells, optical spectrum analysis and low noise lasers for metrology and next generation fiber optic communication systems, and optical logic and memory for high speed data processing.

He serves as an associate editor of the *IEEE Photonics Journal* and an assistant topical editor of the *Journal of the Optical Society of America B*. He is author or co-author of over 70 publications and was awarded a 2008 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

Most recently, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has recognized Lynford L. Goddard as the first recipient of the newly established AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science. The AAAS commended Goddard "for exemplifying an early

GLEE camp organizers recruit female students from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds to experience electrical engineering through research facility tours, classroom instruction, and mentorship programs. The campers also work with Goddard and his graduate students on interactive and immersive activities that supplement the concepts covered in the program's curriculum.

Reflecting on his passion for public engagement, Goddard noted that he has always had an innate motivation to teach and interact with students. He learned from his experiences as a tutor in high school and college that "getting [students] excited was a driving force."

Obtained from Engineering at Illinois
<https://engineering.illinois.edu/news/2011/02/17/goddard-honored-with-first-aaas-early-career-award-public-engagement-with-science>

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

CAP – Council of Academic Professionals Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2011
1PM – 2PM
Room 114 David Kinley Hall

SPEAK Café - Man Up!

SPEAK (Song, Poetry, Expression, Art, and Knowledge) Café is an open-mic public space for hip-hop, activism, and Black Power expression. Co-sponsored by African American Studies, Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center, and 40 North/88 West, and Krannert Art Museum

Thursday, March 3, 2011
7PM – 9PM
Krannert Art Museum - Palette Café
500 East Peabody Drive
Champaign, IL 61820

Inclusive Illinois Diversity Roundtable: Mix It Up Day

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Access and the Illinois Student Senate present 'Mix It Up Day,' an event to deepen racial and cultural understanding by the way focused dialogues. Faculty are encouraged to invite students to attend.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
11:30AM – 1:30PM
Illini Rooms A&B, Illini Union

Boxed lunches will be provided. RSVP by March 4 to inclusiveillinois@illinois.edu

Community Connections

Mother and Son Bash

Saturday, March 12, 2011
6PM – 9PM
CRCE – Campus Recreation Center East
1102 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL

The Champaign Park District invites you to our 3rd Annual Mother & Son Bash. Don't miss the fun at the University of Illinois' Campus Recreation Center. Enjoy dinner, inflatables and the pool with water slide.

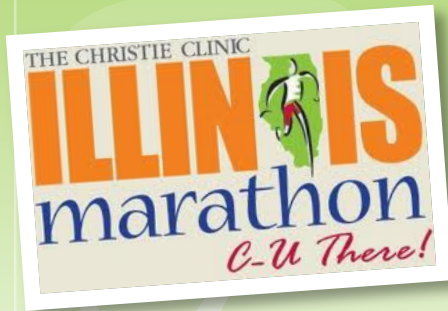
Cost: \$10
Entry Age: All

For ticket information, go to
<http://www.champaignparkdistrict.com/events/index.html>

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Illinois Marathon Volunteers Welcome – April 29-30, 2011



The 2011 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)