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The Friday Memo

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Harry J. Berman named Interim Executive Director at IBHE



Harry J. Berman was appointed to serve as Illinois Board of Higher Education's (IBHE) Interim Executive Director on November 1. Dr. Berman served as Provost and as Interim Chancellor at the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS). He joins IBHE upon the departure of Dr. George W. Reid, who announced his decision to step down on October 31.

"Dr. Berman is an excellent choice to serve as the Interim Executive Director of IBHE while the Board searches for a new director," stated Governor Pat Quinn. He has a strong commitment to the *Illinois Public Agenda* and many years of experience in higher education in our State."

Most recently Dr. Berman served as Interim Vice President and Chancellor of UIS, where he oversaw all campus operations. He previously served UIS as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, where he played a central role in the development of the UIS Strategic Plan. As Associate Chancellor he chaired the development planning committee following Sangamon State University's merger with the University of Illinois. Dr. Berman is a widely-published scholar in the field of gerontology and human development. He holds degrees in psychology, including a BA from the University of Chicago a Ph.D. from Washington University. He is active in numerous community organizations in Central Illinois, including serving as Steering Committee Chair of the Continuum of Learning of Sangamon County, a partnership of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Central Illinois, setting a new vision for college and career readiness for Sangamon County citizens.

"The opportunity to join with the Board members and staff of IBHE to plan ahead and coordinate the extraordinarily important work of Illinois' renowned system of colleges and universities is an honor," Berman stated. "I hope my experiences in Illinois higher education over the past 35 years will positively contribute to the implementation of the *Illinois Public Agenda*, the State's blueprint to guide education policy – from preschool to graduate school – so that all Illinoisans have affordable access to high quality educational opportunities to prepare them for the jobs of the present and future."

Carrie J. Hightman, IBHE Chairwoman, welcomed Dr. Berman, stating, "The Board is looking forward to working with a seasoned higher education professional like Dr. Berman, who will ensure that our work moves forward to achieve the goals of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*."

[Education Secretary urges colleges to adjust application deadlines for students impacted by Hurricane Sandy](#)

Education Secretary Arne Duncan has encouraged colleges, universities, and scholarship programs across the Country to consider extending their early November application deadlines to accommodate students who were impacted by

UPCOMING

NOVEMBER

16 **[ICCB Board Meeting](#)**,
Crisp Community College
Center, Springfield

[ISAC Commission Meeting](#), Harold
Washington College,
Chicago

[IBHE Faculty Advisory Council](#), Lewis
University, Romeoville

16-17 **[IBHE Student Advisory Committee](#)**, Eastern
Illinois University,
Charleston

DECEMBER

4 **[IBHE Board Meeting](#)**,
Adler School of
Professional Psychology,
Chicago

Hurricane Sandy and who may be experiencing unexpected hardships. The National Association for College Admissions Counseling is maintaining a list of colleges with extended deadlines at <http://www.nacacnet.org/media-center/Documents/HurricaneSandy.pdf>.



The first regional [College Changes Everything conference took place Friday, October 5, in Peoria](#). Nearly 100 education stakeholders attended the conference to cultivate a college-going culture and help put central Illinois on a path towards higher education completion in support of Goal 2025. Lt. Governor Sheila Simon welcomed the audience and stressed the importance of a college education to the individual as well as to society. Attendees also heard a presentation from Dr. Grenita Lathan, Superintendent of Peoria Public Schools, on the district's vision, goals, and call to action. Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis spoke during lunch promoting the value of education and continuing education for all Peoria students, of any age, for the economic wellbeing of the community. Representatives from Lumina Foundation and ACT both provided presentations that highlighted data illustrating how college really does change everything.

The conference also included interest sessions on: Job Skills for the 21st Century and the Illinois Pathways Initiative; Common Core Standards' Impact on College Access and Success; College and Career Readiness; and Retention Success Efforts. Putting a personal face to the issue of college access and success, three Peoria area students shared their stories of struggles and opportunities in pursuing education after high school.

The next regional [College Changes Everything conference is scheduled for November 6 in the Quad Cities at Black Hawk College](#).

[Illinois Dream Fund offers scholarships](#)

The Illinois Dream Fund Commission has raised \$500,000, which will be used to fund scholarships to eligible undocumented students. Applicants who are in their senior year of high school must have a GPA of 2.50 and an ACT of 17. Current college students should have a 2.50 GPA in their field of study. Students attending a 2-yr or 4-yr college will be eligible to apply for \$2,000 or \$6,000 scholarships, respectively. The [scholarship application](#) is now available.

[The FY2013 Illinois Cooperative Work Study Program request for proposals now available](#)

The IBHE is seeking new applications for its Illinois Cooperative Work Study (ICWS) Program to support student cooperative work study programs. Eligible institutions to receive grants are approved public and private, associate- and baccalaureate-degree granting Illinois colleges and universities. Application deadline is November 16.



[Registration for the 8th Annual INTC Induction and Mentoring Conference is now open](#)

The Illinois New Teacher Collaborative (INTC) Induction and Mentoring Conference is being held February 26-27, 2013, at the Hilton Springfield. The conference will offer suggestions on how induction programs can prepare new teachers and their mentors for Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) evaluations. It will also offer ways to support new teachers using various frameworks of teacher development, including Danielson and the Illinois Continuum of Teacher Development. As usual, the conference will feature time to network and dedicated work time for programs, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions that provide insight into the various aspects of induction and mentoring. Along with

standard conference strands, this conference will offer two special strands: one for districts that are starting new programs or are enhancing the current “buddy” mentoring process and another for small and rural districts.

Eleventh

Focus on Illinois Education Research Symposium

Illinois Education Research Council

Researchers, practitioners and policy makers come together to share and learn about research being done to improve Illinois education from pre-K through higher education (P-20).



Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14, 2013

I-Hotel and Conference Center

Champaign, Illinois

Room Rates: \$130/night plus tax

Call for proposals and posters will be issued in mid-January 2013.

Visit our website at <http://siue.edu/ierc> for upcoming information.

People in the News

[SPOTLIGHT: 2012 - 13 DFI Fellows](#)

Thirty-nine new Diversifying Higher Education Faculty (DFI) in Illinois Program Fellows were recently awarded a Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year. The purpose of the DFI program is to increase the number of underrepresented faculty and staff in Illinois institutions of higher education. The complete list of new and renewal Fellows by institution and program major can be viewed on the IBHE website at <http://www.ibhe.org/DFI/fellows.asp>. **The Friday Memo** will feature DFI Fellows throughout the year.



Amaziah Zuri Finley is a doctoral student in Legal Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research looks at Post-Katrina, New Orleans, as a State of Exception (Agamben 2005), and the ways in which the State produces vulnerable subjects, specifically low-income Black women. She maintains dedication to students, previously serving as a graduate counselor for the Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA), and teaches for both the Summer Research Opportunity Program and the McNair Summer Research Program. Extending her dedication, this past summer she coordinated the OMSA Leadership Ambassadors Program. She is finishing her prelims and will be a doctoral candidate at the beginning of November. She plans to enter the field in New Orleans in the fall of 2013.

Campus News

[University Center of Lake County wins excellence award](#)

The University Center of Lake County received a *Reflejos* Reflecting Excellence Award in a ceremony held by Reflejos Publications, LLC on October 24. The award recognizes service to the Latino community and was bestowed in the Education category, which also went to: Elgin Community College, Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin, Harper College, and McHenry County College.

University Center reaches out to the Latino community in various ways. It has taken the lead in coordinating a series of free financial aid workshops across Lake County each spring, in collaboration with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the College of Lake County, CLULC, and numerous high schools. At these events, bilingual volunteers trained by ISAC assist students and families to complete and submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically. The Center also hosted a recent Deferred Action workshop. In addition, member institution Illinois State University is currently running two grant-funded programs through the University Center that provide bilingual paraprofessionals with full scholarship support to become fully-certified elementary education teachers with bilingual approvals in high need school districts.

[Mixed race issues to be examined at DePaul University Forum](#)

As Americans of mixed racial ancestry continue to grow in number and diversity, the demographic, social, political, and cultural implications for the Country become more complex. These issues will be examined from a variety of perspectives at a groundbreaking conference that will bring scholars and artists from around the United States and the World to DePaul University November 1-4. The conference will include 50 programs featuring research presentations, panel discussions, and performances that explore various aspects of the emerging field of Critical Mixed Race Studies. More than 150 presenters from the U.S. and other countries, including the Philippines and the United Kingdom, are expected to attend.

News from Higher Education

[STEM pathways](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

The idea that the Country needs more graduates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields is not new, but several universities are now increasing their focus on finding those potential graduates, turning specifically to community colleges.

[Colleges must help prepare students for higher education, report says](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education)

If colleges want more of their students to be ready for the academic challenges of higher education, then those institutions must take a more direct role in elementary and secondary education, recommends a new report from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

[For-profit colleges get schooled](#) (The Wall Street Journal)

As consumers wise up about education spending, for-profit colleges are getting schooled.

[Taiwan tries to recruit California students to its universities](#) (Los Angeles Times)

Taiwan's Minister of Education, Wei-Ling Chiang, traveled to California last week to address a rarely discussed trade imbalance with the United States.

[NJ lawmakers to form committee on high cost of college](#) (nj.com)

Legislators plan to form a commission to study why New Jersey's public college tuition is among the highest in the nation and to look for solutions in keeping costs down.

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