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A Taste of Research at Hamburger U.

Laura Crane has been working feverishly, nailing down the final details for IAIR's Annual Conference on November 4th and 5th. She has announced that the deadline to register has been extended, and there is still time to save a seat and—even—to book a room at the conference hotel. (If you act now, you can download a [registration form](#) from the IAIR website and get in on this exciting program.)

I've listed below the workshop, papers, panel, and reports that you can look forward to seeing during our two days at Hamburger U.

IPEDS Workshop

Changes to the PEER Analysis System, Carol Yoakum, IBHE

Luncheon Speaker

Carol Youkum, The IPEDS Student Unit Record Feasibility Study.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Steering Committee and I look forward to seeing you at the 34th IAIR forum, November 4 and 5, in Oak Brook, Illinois. Laura Crane, Harper College, has put together a dynamic program focusing on issues of access, affordability and accountability, featuring a keynote address by Victor Borden, past-president of AIR. The IPEDS Student Unit Record Feasibility Study, an issue of great interest to all IAIR members, is a late addition to the program. At lunch on Friday, Carol Yokum, IBHE, will report on an NCES information and feedback session she is attending in DC at the end of October. (See page 2 of this newsletter for details on NCES plan.) If you haven't yet registered for the forum, it is not too late!

It's been a quiet year for the organization following the revision of the IAIR Constitution and By-Laws in 2003. We had a great turn-out for the IAIR get together at an Irish pub in Boston's Back Bay during the AIR forum in last Spring: next year – Margaritas in San Diego.

Robin Gould, Illinois State University, is our new web master, taking over from Bill Cummins who stepped down after serving as IAIR's founding web master since 1996. Robin hit the ground running and has given the site a face-lift and new logo. If you haven't visited the IAIR web site recently, check it out at <http://www.pir.ilstu.edu/iair/>.

As Laura is wrapping up the last minute details for this year's forum, planning for next year's meeting is underway. Yun Kim, Columbia College Chicago, and Linda Thomas, Illinois State University, are co-chairing the 35th forum which will be held at the Pere Marquette in Peoria on November 3 and 4, 2005. I encourage all of you to start thinking now about presenting a paper at next year's forum. There is a lot of exciting and interesting work going on in Illinois, and we are all facing more than a few challenges. The IAIR forum is a unique opportunity to present and discuss your work with colleagues from across the state.

Next stop, Hamburger University – see you there.

Anne Foley, IAIR President



NCES Considering Massive IPEDS Changes

The NCES is considering the possibility of redesigning IPEDS to collect IPEDS student data through individual student unit records, in place of the current institutional aggregate reports (enrollment, completions, graduation rates, and student financial aid). That is, if implemented, the IPEDS unit record collection system would completely replace the submission of institution-level data for the enrollment, completions, graduation rates, and student financial aid components; and it would replace parts of the institutional characteristics component related to price of attendance. NCES would use the unit record data to generate the existing IPEDS institutional data that make up the Peer Analysis System and the IPEDS College Opportunities On-Line Website (IPEDS COOL). Collecting unit records would allow for more information about graduation rates and other policy variables. The redesigned IPEDS offers the potential of providing aggregate reports on transfers across states or sectors, as well as more detailed data on retention. It has been suggested that it could reduce institutional burden by using the data to generate the 1098-T tax forms required by the IRS.

The above suggestion would remove some of the complications and inefficiencies of reporting to IPEDS as well as make it possible to measure things such as student transfers across systems and states. However, there are important privacy implications, technical issues, and very real consequences for higher education professionals that must be considered. As a consequence, NCES has announced three technical review panels where these issues and others will be considered. The dates for the panels are:

- October 28-29, 2004 -- State-level panel
- November 3-4, 2004 -- Institutional level panel
- November 9-10, 2004 -- Associations, interested groups, and other stakeholders panel

The first two panels will be held at the Hyatt Arlington near Washington, D.C., and the location of the third will be announced shortly. Travel and lodging expenses must be paid for by the attendee. If you are able to attend please contact HigherEd.org via email at ipeds@highered.org or by phone at (540) 722-6060.

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A Word from NCCCRP

NCCCRP (pronounced *N-triple-C-R-P*) is the sole national organization created specifically to support community college research and planning professionals. By working closely with AACC and AIR, the 11 regional directors and members, the board collects issues and trends and advises national organizations on all aspects of our profession.

In 2004-2005 year, the board and I have chosen two major goals: to increase our membership and to widen the circulation of our proud publication, JARCC (*Journal of Applied Research in Community Colleges*). Please help your organization by becoming an active member, participating in professional development opportunities, sharing knowledge on our listserv, promoting our organization, and contributing to our website and publications of JARCC and eParameters.

For those of you who have already renewed your membership, I express my gratitude and urge you to spread the word about NCCCRP. If you haven't already joined or renewed, you will find details and membership forms on the website at <http://www.ncccrp.org>

Jing Luan, Ph.D.
NCCCRP President



IAIR to Elect New Officer, Committee and Chair

This year IAIR members will be asked to vote to elect candidates for Vice President/President-Elect, for 3 Nominating Committee members and for Associate Program Chair. The slate of officers that will be presented at this year's IAIR meeting has been announced by this year's nominating committee (Rhonda Kline, Chair, Susan Doyle, Nancy Kinsey and Michael O'Donnell). The slate includes the following recommendations:

For Vice President/President Elect:

Joseph Rives, Illinois State University

For the Nominating Committee:

Raquel Duszynski, Moraine Valley College

Susan Srbljan, Lincoln Land Community College

Linda Thomas, Illinois State University

For Associate Program Chair:

Bobette Henry, Lincoln Land Community College

We hope to have no dimpled, pregnant or hanging chads, no blatant pandering to regional blocks, and no vitriolic *ad hominem* attacks.

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Keynote Address

Victor Borden, Director of Information Management and Institutional Research, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Contributed Papers

Urban Community College Students' Responses to Institutional Information Sources: A Qualitative Look at How Transfer-Track Students Navigate Higher Education, Daniel Cullen, U. of I.

A Report on the National Community College Benchmarking Project, Nancy McNerney, CLC and Harlan Schweer, COD.

Needs Assessment for Targeted Four-Year Options at Community Colleges, Andrew Mellman and Sheila Quirk, Harper College.

Streamlining and Enhancing Program Review, Joe Rives and Robin Gould, ISU.

Adequacy of school funding and its relationship to access to higher education, Andrew F. Wall, U. of I., and Ryan Smith, Joliet JC

GIS Applications in Institutional Research, Joe Baumann and Thomas Schultz, Harper College

Following the Illinois High School Class of 2002, Bradford White, Illinois Research Council, and Yuqin Gong, U. of I. and IRC.

Increasing Productivity, Efficiency, and Accountability by Developing an Administrative Review Process, Joe Rives, ISU.

Demographic, Graduation, and Time to Degree Information of Students with Disabilities at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: A Report on Both the Findings and the Challenges in Approaching this Statewide

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Priority, Marilyn Marshall and Daniel Cullen, U. of I.

Using Causal Models to Understand Students' Satisfaction, Eduardo A. Molina, Argosy University.

Differential Campus and Delivery Format Effects of an On-Line Health Education Curriculum Among College Students, Andrew F. Wall, U. of I., and Ryan Smith, Joliet JC.

Panel

The ICCB Community College Program Review Project: Information and Feedback, Sharon Kristovich, Parkland College, Kathleen F. Kelly, Higher Education Consultant, Ivan J. Lach, IVC, Tricia Broughton, ICCB, and Lisa Hood, U. of I.

Research Presentations and Reports

I knew them when . . . Where are they now?, Donald G. Gwinn, National Student Clearinghouse

Analysis and Projection of Enrollment and Graduation Rates by Major in a Junior College, Antonio E. Morales-Pita and Amarilys Rosa, St. Augustine College

An Examination of Tenure Rates from 1991-1992 and from 1997-1998 for Institution Codes Available in IPEDS, Kevin Hynes, Midwestern University


Retention and Bachelor's Degree Attainment Process of Students with Disabilities in a Four-Year Public University, Beiling Xiao and J. Daniel House, NIU.

Tracking High School Graduates through Their College Careers Using the National Student Clearinghouse Successful Outcomes Program, Steve Cordogan and Julie Kim, Township High School District 214.



Comings and Goings

We're very happy to announce that Karen Schwaab from McHenry County College had a beautiful baby girl, Natalie, a little after 6 PM on Thursday, October 14th.

Mother and daughter are doing well. The Faculty-Staff Salary Report that Karen had been editing—well, that's another story. 

Community College Strategic Planner Update

(Editor's Note: CcBenefits' Community College Strategic Planner (CCSP), is a forecasting and planning tool purchased through the ICCB-system and available without charge to all Illinois community colleges. Andrew Crapuchettes from ccbenefits has provided information for the following update.)

New things to look for:

- For users who feel under prepared to tackle the CCSP, ccbenefits now offers free training sessions. To schedule training, please contact Jamin Wight at jamin@ccbenefits.com
- For all of you concerned about the credit hour equivalent (CHE/credit hours) data profiles, please take note that we now have the corrected credit hour data for each Illinois college from the ICCB and have it uploaded onto our server, and it is now ready for your use. This minimizes data entry for college officials.
- Ccbenefits can now give administrative privileges to CCSP users. This would allow that user to add and remove users from their college and change the permissions for any user on the fly. If you don't want everyone to edit your CHE data or to change your default counties, you can now restrict access. Please send an e-mail to webguy@ccbenefits.com if you would like to be the administrator for your college.
- Within a few weeks, ccbenefits will add a new set of industry and occupation data that takes into account more local sources and is in NAICS codes (North American Industry Classification System). The previous SIC (Standard Industry Classification) coded data will continue to be available for the next 6 months or as long as is necessary. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the change of classification systems or the new data.

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