



Campus-Community Symposium Newsletter

Newsletter of the eBlackChampaign-Urbana Project:
<http://www.eBlackCU.net/portal/symposium>

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Greetings!

The eBlackChampaign-Urbana Campus-Community Symposium is fast approaching. **November 5-6, 2010**, will feature discussion and information on digital technology and campus-community interactions in our community.

All are invited to participate! We need your feedback and your voice to make digital technology and the University of Illinois beneficial to everyone. To register for this event visit <http://www.eBlackCU.net/>, call 244-8204 or 815-275-0268, or e-mail nlenstr2@illinois.edu.

This is a free event and food will be provided!

Volunteer to make this program a success!

We need your help to make this event a success this year and beyond. On **Thursday, October 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library, room 215**, will be a public meeting for individuals interested in volunteering before, during and after the symposium.

Church groups, school groups, University of Illinois student groups, community groups and individuals of all ages are all invited to participate on hospitality, technical and advertising committees. All are invited!

Free t-shirts for volunteers.

Symposium Schedule

As we receive more commitments of intent to participate we will update this schedule. Our goals are to get people thinking and talking together about how they are using digital technology and what resources exist to enable more people in our community to use technology and the resources of the University to better their lives and the lives of all members of our local community.

Friday, November 5:

Location: Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 501 E. Daniel, Champaign, IL 61820
Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

9 - 9:15 - Introduction

9:15 - 9:45 - Opening Remarks by Steve Sonka, Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement, University of Illinois

9:45 - 10:15 - Community Respondents and Discussion

10:15 - 10:30 - Break, with refreshments provided

10:30 - Noon - Public Engagement Roundtable featuring University of Illinois Public Engagement Projects.

Who Will be There (as of Oct. 13) - Dr. William Patterson, Nesbitt Afro Am Cultural Center; Ruby Mendenhall, Sociology/Afro-Am Studies; Lila Moore - SOAR, Center for Education in Small Urban Communities; Samuel Smith - Krannert Center for Performing Arts; Kimberlie Kranich - WILL Illinois Public Media; Ken Salo - Urban and Regional Planning.

Noon - One - Lunch provided for all attendees

One - Two - Presentation of Awards and commemorative booklets to recent Difference Makers in the lives of local African-Americans.

35 Difference Makers have RSVPed and Counting! - Attendees will receive a commemorative booklet honoring these individuals.

Two - Four - Graduate Student workshop - Roundtable discussion on recent graduate student research and engagement projects involving local African-Americans

Four - Five - Public Release of "Community Engagement and the University of Illinois" book, which brings together documentation of over 40 recent University of Illinois engagement/research projects involving local African-Americans. *Free print copies for Difference Makers. Free electronic copies for everyone!*

Saturday, November 6:

Location: Douglas Annex, Douglas Park, 804 N 5th St, Champaign, IL

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

9 -9:15 a.m. - Opening Address by Abdul Alkalimat and Noah Lenstra

9:15-10:30 - Roundtable discussion on Social Service Agencies using Digital Technology

Current RSVPs include representatives from Community Elements (formerly Mental Health Center) and Regional Planning Commission (**Participate!**)

10:30-10:45 - Break, with refreshments

10:45 - noon - Roundtable discussion on Community Technology Centers, Education and Youth, Current RSVPs include Brian Bell, Parkland Work Center **(Participate!)**

Noon - 1 - Free lunch for all participants

1 - 2:30 p.m. - Roundtable discussion on Religious Groups using Digital Technology. Current RSVPs include representatives from Canaan Baptist Church and Salem Baptist Church. **(Participate!)**

2:30 - 2:45 - Break, with refreshments

2:45 - 4 p.m. - Roundtable discussion on Community Groups, Community Media and Community Memory using Digital Technology

Current RSVPs include National Council of Negro Women and Early American Museum **(Participate!)**

4 - 5 - Summation of Symposium, Finalizing Manifesto for Digital Technology and Community Life and Discussion of Next Steps

Draft Manifesto

This statement is offered as a draft statement to get you thinking. We need your feedback so that it reflects all voices in Champaign-Urbana. E-mail, call or use our digital feedback form at <http://eblackcu.net/> to offer suggestions or critiques.

This manifesto will be updated and revised for subsequent issues of this newsletter based on your suggestions:

"We are witnessing an information revolution – a revolution that is leading global transformation. Yet today, our communities have been digitally divided. But we are dedicating ourselves to come together as a community to create bridges across these divides. Our social values are cyberdemocracy, collective intelligence, and information freedom.



Les Femmes, a woman's social group active in the 1940s and 1950s in Champaign-Urbana. All are welcome to add their photographs, texts and memories so we can collectively share and celebrate our past. Digital image at <http://eblackcu.net/portal/items/show/621>. Courtesy Doris K. Wylie Hoskins Archive for Cultral Diversity, Early American Museum.

Principle One: Cyberdemocracy. eBlackChampaign-Urbana depends upon everyone having access and becoming active users of cyber technology.

Principle Two: Collective Intelligence. eBlackChampaign-Urbana depends upon all intellectual production being collected, analyzed, and utilized.

Principle Three: Information Freedom. eBlackChampaign-Urbana depends upon intellectual production being freely available to everyone.

We as a community will work together to develop the capacity to enable our community and our community organizations to represent themselves online and use digital technology to better our community as a whole.

About us

This program is supported by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement, University of Illinois; Community Informatics Research Labs, Graduate School of Library and Information Science; and Department of African-American Studies.

Don't Miss Out! November 5-6

FREE public symposium with FREE food, FREE books and enlightening conversation on digital technology and the future of OUR community!

We need your voice to be heard! Join in a roundtable and make a difference!

Our next issue will feature names of individuals and institutions who have committed to participate.