



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 less than a week away. We need you to participate in this discussion and in those to follow to ensure all sectors of our local society can take advantage of digital tools for community-building! **November 5-6, 2010, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, will feature discussion and information on digital technology and campus-community interactions in our community. **All are invited to participate!** Drop-ins are welcome for any portion of this symposium. To register for this event, or for more information, visit <http://www.eBlackCU.net/>, call 244-8203 or 815-275-0268, or e-mail nlenstr2@illinois.edu.

This is a free event and food will be provided!

Event Background

For the past year the eBlack Champaign-Urbana project has worked with local youth and community institutions to digitize local African-American history and make it accessible online. In doing this work we discovered that technological barriers prevented full use of this free resource. At this free Symposium, November 5-6, the project will attempt to connect together the many individuals and institutions making differences in the lives of local African-Americans to build networks that can be used to enable our community to take full advantage of the technological resources that already exist, and will be built in the future through the \$30 million dollar Urbana Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) project.



Sherodyn Bolden and Deidre Murphy, two eBlackChampaign-Urbana Summer Interns, speak at the closing ceremony for the internship August 13. Photo by Patricia Rosario

John Kersh of UC2B said, "UC2B supports the dialogue that eBlackCU is fostering through its 2-day, community-university symposium. This two-day event will allow community members to see what exists now and what is yet to come in the C-U digital community. By attending the event, participants will be taking an important step towards bridging the digital divide by highlighting and encouraging the adoption of digital technologies into the daily lives of members of the Champaign-Urbana community. This is what ultimately make this community more vibrant and ready for the future."

Symposium Schedule

FRIDAY, November 5, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 501 E. Daniel, Champaign
8:30-9 - Coffee and registration
9:00-10:00 - Opening: Greetings by Noah Lenstra, project director. Introduction to Symposium

by Dr. Abdul Alkalimat. Opening remarks by Steve Sonka, Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement. Community Response by Zernial Bogan, Rev., Salem Baptist Church.

FREE SHUTTLE TO CAMPUS!

A Free shuttle is offered on Friday to enable off-campus visitors to easily attend. The shuttle leaves to and from Salem Baptist Church's parking lot [Fifth Street between Park and Church] throughout the day. Shuttle leaves the Church at: 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 11:45, 12, 12:15, 12:30, 12:45, 1, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45, 2. The shuttle returns to the Church from the Symposium at the following times: 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:40, 11:55, 12:10, 12:25, 12:40, 12:55, 1:25, 1:40, 1:55, 2:15, 2:30, [on-call after 2:30 p.m.]. This shuttle is free and completely open to all.

10-10:15 - Coffee-break

10:15-Noon - Community Engagement Roundtable. Chair, Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke, Office of Equal Opportunity and Access

- Dr. William Patterson, Afro-American Cultural Center
- Dr. Ruby Mendenhall, Asst. Professor, Afro-Am. Studies
- Samuel Smith - Krannert Center for Performing Arts
- Kimberlie Kranich - WILL Illinois Public Media
- Dr. Ken Salo - Urban and Regional Planning
- Michelle Cruz-Santiago - SOAR After-School Program

Noon - 1 - Lunch

1-2 - Difference Makers Awards Ceremony, Chair: Noah Lenstra

2-4 – Graduate Student research panel, Chair: Melissa Pognon, Human and Community Development.

- Chaebong Nam, Education
- Michael Burns, English/Writing Studies
- Kerry Pimblott, History;
- Sydney Stoudmire, Art History;
- Vanesas Rouillon, English/Writing Studies
- Ronald Threadgill, Educational Policy Studies
- Yolanda Richards, Urban and Regional Planning

4-5 - Book release of *Community Engagement @ Illinois: Connecting Research and Service at the University of Illinois* and discussion of next steps in our project.

SATURDAY, November 6, Douglass Annex, 804 N. Fifth Street, C. (NOTE: More groups/institutions welcome to participate in ALL these roundtables – the more voices contributed the better!)

8:30 – Coffee and registration

9-9:15 - Opening remarks by Abdul Alkalimat and Noah Lenstra

9:15-10:30 - Social Services and Digital Technology

- Beverly Baker, United Way of Champaign County
- John Roska, Land of Lincoln

Legal Assistance Fund

- Kevin Jackson, Neighborhood Services, City of Champaign
- Kristina Hoerner, Champaign Public Library
- Jennifer Allen, Center for Women in Transition

10:30 – 10:45 - Coffee break

10:45-noon - Education, Youth and Technology. Chair: Connie Dillard, UC2B Technical Committee

- Sally Carter, Tap-In Academy
- Matthew Murrey, Librarian, Urbana High School
- Vickie Richardson, Franklin Middle School
- Jason Liggett, Urbana Public Television
- David Adcock, Urbana Adult Education
- Brian Bell, Parkland College

Noon-1 - Lunch

1 - 2:30 - Religious institutions and technology. Chair, Chris Hamb, Canaan Baptist Church.

- Salem Baptist Church
- Bethel A.M.E.
- Canaan Baptist
- Liberty Temple Ministries
- New Free Will Baptist
- Church of the Living God

2:30-2:45 - Tea-break

2:45-4:15 - Community Memory, Groups, Media and Technology. Chair, Tanya Parker, Unity in Action Magazine.

- NAACP, Champaign County
- Lynn Randall, National Council of Negro Women
- Joel Gillespie, Smile Politely
- Brian Dolinar, IMC/CU-CPJ
- Eugene Barnes, Metanoia Center
- Rebecca Vaughn, Early American Museum

4:15 – 5:00 – Signing of eBlackChampaign-Urbana Manifesto and Discussion of Next Steps. Chair, Abdul Alkalimat.

We will ask everyone to sign this manifesto so we can work together.

Draft Manifesto

This manifesto is offered as a statement to get you thinking. We need your feedback so that it reflects all voices in Champaign-Urbana.

"We are witnessing an information revolution – a revolution that is leading global transformation. Yet today, not everyone in our community is fully utilizing the available resources. But we are dedicating ourselves to come together as a community to connect our community to the potentials of digital transformation.

Our social values are **cyberdemocracy**, **collective intelligence**, and **information freedom**.

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 everyone's voice being heard online - not just downloading information, but uploading as well.

Principle Three: Information Freedom. eBlackChampaign-Urbana depends upon the free flow of information.

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

The eBlackChampaign-Urbana program is supported by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement; Department of African-American Studies; Graduate School of Library and Information Science and Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, Illinois.