



Campus-Community Symposium Newsletter

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

Symposium Edition
November 5-6, 2010

Greetings!

Thank you for coming to the **eBlackChampaign-Urbana Campus-Community Symposium!** We need you to participate in the discussions that will take place this weekend and in those to follow to ensure all sectors of our local society can take advantage of digital tools *and* the many resources of the University of Illinois for community building and quality of life!

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, our goal is 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.

John Kersh of UC2B said, "UC2B supports the dialogue that eBlackCU is fostering through its two-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, Dr. Abdul Alkalimat.
- Opening remarks by Steve Sonka, Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement.
- Community Response by Will Kyles, District 1 Councilman, Champaign; and Rev. Zernial Bogan, Salem Baptist Church.
- University Response by Kate Williams, Asst. Professor, Library and Information Science

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.

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] 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 : 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.]

- 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
- Brenda Davis Koester, Coordinator, Family Resiliency Center
- Otis Noble, III - Office of Equal Opportunity and Access

Noon - 1 - Lunch

1-2 - Difference Makers Awards Ceremony, Chair: Noah Lenstra. Release of *Difference Makers 2010* to honor those who make a difference in the lives of local African-Americans.

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 future of community engagement.

SATURDAY, November 6, Douglass Annex, 804 N. 5th Street, Champaign

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
- Will Kyles, C. City Council

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.

- Carol Lewis, Salem Baptist Church
- Polly Washington, Bethel A.M.E.
- Camilla Fulton, Canaan Baptist
- Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, Liberty Temple Ministries
- Bishop and Dr. Underwood, New Free Will Baptist
- Mr. and Mrs. Poe, Church of the Living God
- Jericho Missionary Baptist

2:30-2:45 - Tea-break

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, 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 – Discussion of eBlackChampaign-Urbana Manifesto and of Next Steps. Chair, Abdul Alkalimat.

Manifesto

We need everyone to be on the same page around the **necessity** of fully utilizing technology for the future of our community.

Please sign a manifesto so we can pool our voices to make change - copies of this manifesto are available to sign at the registration desk. Grab copies to take to people who were not able to make it to the symposium as well.

"We dedicate ourselves to become difference makers!

An information revolution is under-

way, leading global transformation in health, education, business, culture and in the diverse activities of our daily lives. This revolution cannot and will not bypass any underserved or low income community. Every person and every neighborhood is impacted and therefore challenged to act.

We rely on: **cyber-democracy, collective intelligence, and information freedom.**

Cyber-Democracy means universal access: every person and every community organization able to make full use of new technologies.

Collective Intelligence means hearing all voices: all of us uploading as well as downloading.

Information Freedom means on-line information is findable, costs nothing and requires no special permission to access.

With these values, we will work together so all our communities and community organizations can communicate, represent themselves on-line, and use digital technology to create cyber-power for social change!"

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. Community partners include Women of Prestige, National Council of Negro Women, Early American Museum, Champaign County Historical Archives and the American History Teachers Collaborative.