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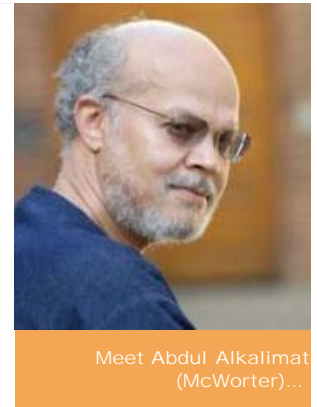
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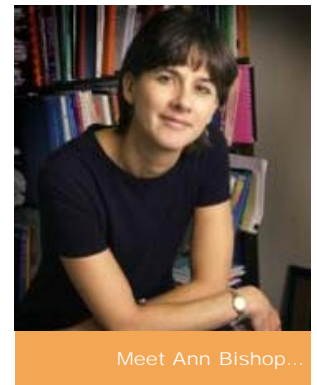
Congratulations to Community Informatics Initiative (CII) faculty, staff, and affiliates who received public engagement grants from the University of Illinois Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement (OVCPE). Funded proposals include:

- Building Youth to Transcend and Examine Social Trends (BYTES) is a collaborative project proposed by Associate Professor Ann Bishop to strengthen ties between Youth Community Informatics (YCI) and TAP In Leadership Academy, an afterschool program that focuses on getting University departments and students involved with marginalized community youth. This project will support the creation of new youth technology programs at TAP In.
- eBlackChampaign-Urbana: Using Spiders to Build Webs of Digital Memory is a project aimed at comprehensively digitizing African American history in Champaign-Urbana through partnerships with local libraries, archives, museums, and community groups. Proposed by Professor Abdul Alkalimat with GSLIS student Noah Lenstra, this project will specifically establish chapters of youth-community leaders interested in working with technology to digitize school yearbooks from the 1960s.
- Equipping Citizen Journalists: Establishing Community Newsrooms in North Champaign and East St. Louis is a project proposed by [CII Senior Research Scientist Martin Wolske](#). Building on previous work from the Youth Community Informatics and C-U Citizen Access projects, this grant will be used to encourage citizen journalism through the creation of community newsrooms in North Champaign and East St. Louis.

These and 25 other proposals were judged to have a sustainable, positive, community impact. [Click here to learn more about the other OVCPE grant recipients.](#)

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