Welcome to SIUE!

Welcome to all new and returning students, faculty and staff!

This year promises to be an exciting time for all of us here at SIUE.

The SIUE Statement on Diversity reflects SIUE’s commitment to recognizing and valuing the contributions of the breadth of humankind. All societies and peoples have contributed to the rich mix of contemporary humanity. In order to achieve domestic and international peace, social justice and the development of full human potential, we must build on this diversity and inclusion.

- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville nurtures an open, respectful, and welcoming climate that facilitates learning and work. Each member of the University is responsible for contributing to such a campus environment.
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is committed to education that explores the historic significance of diversity in order to understand the present and to better enable our community to engage the future.
- Integral to this commitment, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville strives for a student body and a workforce that is both diverse and inclusive.

Plan to participate in campus activities, and especially our Diversity and Inclusion activities. Check out our website at www.siue.edu/institutionaldiversityandinclusion for a list of activities every month, observances of heritage months, and announcements about diversity and inclusion programming and collaborations all over campus.

Please visit the SIUE Multicultural Center (MCC) on the 2nd floor of the Morris University Center. It is a comfortable place to study, meet with a friend, or meet someone new, as well as a place where your campus organization can schedule a meeting. Contact the MCC at extension 3651 to schedule time, or just drop by and check it out!

Dr. Venessa A. Brown, Associate Chancellor
Welcome New Faculty!

SIUE New Faculty—Fall 2015

We want to take this opportunity to welcome you to a campus committed to diversity and inclusion and to a community of scholars committed to ensuring that our students are ready for the world.

We are pleased to see the diversity among your group; different races, ethnicities, ages, gender identities, physical capabilities and beliefs are all represented in your cohort. Your diversity is an asset that supports our academic goals and prepares our students to be successful in a future where converging ethnicities can foster innovation and quality of life for the communities we serve.

You are strongly encouraged to share your diversity with your students, colleagues, and the community so that we enhance our learning, understanding of differences and ultimately celebrate our similarities.

Have a fantastic year!

Dr. Rachel Beard
Assistant Professor
School of Nursing

Dr. Andrea Bell
Assistant Professor
Dental Medicine

Dr. Greg Budzban
Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
“We live now in a global village and we are in one single family. It’s our responsibility to bring friendship and love from all different places around the world and to live together in peace.” --Jackie Chan (Chinese Actor, Philanthropist, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; b. 1954)
Latin American Film Festival to be Held Oct. 1-28

Five award-winning films will be shown Oct. 1-28 as part of the Latin American Film Festival at SIUE. In Spanish with English subtitles, the films will interest a wide audience.

The festival is part of a Spanish Film Club series made possible with the support of Pragda, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, and SPAIN Arts and Culture. The festival is hosted by SIUE’s Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences, SIUE Housing, and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

The public is invited to attend the following films:

*Aqui y Alla (Here and There)* will open the Festival at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Morris University Center. The film is an unexpected take on the traditional Mexican immigrant story as it captures the complex homecoming of a loving father.

*Mr. Kaplan* will be shown at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Friday, Oct. 16 in Woodland Hall.

Jacob Kaplan fled Europe for South America because of World War II. Now at the age of 76, he recruits a former police officer to investigate an elderly German, whom he suspects is a runaway Nazi.

Simon Bolivar (who led Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Peru and Ecuador toward independence) is the subject of *El Libertador (The Liberator).* This epic film, with breathtaking landscapes, will be aired at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 in Woodland Hall.

The viewing of *7 Cajas (7 Boxes)* will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Woodland Hall. It is the story of a Paraguayan delivery boy who is offered a seemingly easy job that proves to be complicated.

*Infancia Clandestina (Clandestine Childhood)* is an Argentinian story of militancy, undercover life and love set in the late 1970s. It will be shown at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 in Woodland Hall.

Parking is available in the Visitors Lot (B). Visitors must pay to park for the Wednesday and Thursday films, but parking is free for the Friday film. The Morris University Center is next to the Visitors Lot (B), and Woodland Hall is a dormitory within walking distance. A map of SIUE is available at siue.edu/maps.

For more information and to see film trailers, call 618-650-3510 or visit siue.edu/artsandsciences/fll.

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Tell Us a Story

By Shirley Motley Portwood

“Supplemented by recollections from the present era, *Tell Us a Story* is a colorful mosaic of African American autobiography and family history set in Springfield, Illinois, and in rural southern Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas from the 1920s through the 1950s.”

Facilitator: Dr. Venessa Brown (vbrown@siue.edu, Associate Chancellor)

The Harm in Hate Speech

By Jeremy Waldron

Every liberal democracy has laws or codes against hate speech—except the United States. For constitutionalists, regulation of hate speech violates the First Amendment and damages a free society. Against this absolutist view, Jeremy Waldron argues powerfully that hate speech should be regulated as part of our commitment to human dignity and to inclusion and respect for members of vulnerable minorities.

Facilitators: Dr. Nancy Lutz, (nlutz@siue.edu, Associate Professor, Anthropology) and Dr. Venessa Brown (vbrown@siue.edu, Associate Chancellor)

Everyone is welcome to join us for casual discussions

Book Club will meet monthly in the Provost Conference Room (Rendleman Hall, Room 3102)

For more information go to: www.siue.edu/institutionaldiversityandinclusion/fallbookclub2015.htm
Faculty Mentoring Students with Disabilities

A collaboration between the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion and Disability Support Services, the program enhances the learning experience for students with disabilities. This is an opportunity for faculty to engage in the lives of students and assist them in their journey through higher education.

*A Meet and Greet is scheduled for September 9, 2015 from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Student Success Center, Room 1203.*

To enroll, students please call Disability Support Services at 650-3726 or go to DSS in the Student Success Center, Room 1270, and faculty please contact Dr. Venessa Brown, vbrown@siue.edu, 650-5867.

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Faculty Mentoring Student Athletes

Is a collaboration between SIUE Department of Intercollegiate Athletes and the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, this program provides academic and personal support for student athletes.

For more information on mentoring a student athlete contact Dr. Venessa Brown, vbrown@siue.edu, 650-5867.

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Welcome to our new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dr. Jeffrey Waple

Dr. Waple has over 20 years of professional service in student affairs. Look for him as he travels around campus.

*Welcome, Dr. Waple!!!
Welcome to the SIUE Diversity and Inclusion ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Available to all Students, Faculty and Staff
24 hours a day

This Community is intended to promote diversity and inclusion at SIUE, and to educate the Faculty, Staff, and Students about the history and heritage of our community members as well as raise awareness on diverse issues. How you make your way through this community is up to you, but to help you decide where to go first, take a look at what each area has to offer:

COMMUNITY: This area contains Community topics on a variety of Diversity & Inclusion subjects, such as:
- African American History
- Asian Pacific American Heritage
- Caribbean American Heritage
- Disability Awareness
- Foster Care Awareness
- International Awareness
- Latino/Hispanic Heritage
- LGBT Pride
- Native American Heritage
- Older Americans
- Religion and Spirituality
- Veteran Awareness
- Women's Rights
- World AIDS Day

You will also find links to the discussion board where you can start or continue a conversation related to the topic, or share your thoughts in the Open Mic forum.

TRAINING: Anyone can take part in the online training modules in this community. Learn how to identify and reduce bias and more with these self-paced trainings. You will receive a certificate of completion when you complete the module, which you can add to your personal or professional portfolio. Modules include:
- Reducing Bias
- Suicide Prevention
- On-Campus Training

A Certificate of Completion is provided at the completion of each training module.

To Access the Diversity and Inclusion Online Learning Community:
Go to www.siue.edu/blackboard — Click the Logon Button — Enter your SIUE E-ID and password as prompted. Click on the Diversity and Inclusion Online Learning Community link under My Communities.

Also, be sure to evaluate the community and tell us how we can improve......See you in the community!
Faculty and Staff Champion for Diversity Award

The award is presented to faculty and staff members who have demonstrated an exemplary level of dedication to SIUE’s mission of fostering equal opportunity, positive interactions with students, staff and faculty, and who respects and values differing backgrounds and points of view within SIUE. The Champion for Diversity Awards will be recognized annually during the Chancellor’s State of the University Address and will consist of a plaque and $500 donated to a University diversity project of the recipient’s choice or to his/her departmental unit.

Check out the 2015 issue of ¡en Contacto!

the official magazine of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. SIUE Marketing and Communication graciously submitted an article for our campus. Thank you to Heather Kniffel and her staff for doing such a great job of expressing the importance of diversity here at SIUE! The article can be found at:
http://issuu.com/hccmetrostl/docs/2015_magazine_spring_web

SIUE Celebrates Caribbean and Latino Heritage

August is Caribbean-American Heritage Month and Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15—October 15

Keep an eye out for our banners in the MUC, and watch the E-Today for activities centered around these observances.

To contribute to this newsletter, send your articles to:
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