

## Message from the CSC President



I have always considered it a great honor to be elected to represent you on the Civil Service Council. Since I was initially seated, I have tried to be aware of issues, concerns and suggestions for improvement that we as Civil Service employees have and to bring them to the attention of the Council.

As your President, I am dedicated to continuing to be your voice and to represent you in a manner that brings respect to all Civil Service employees on this campus. As always, I am available to you. Please feel free to contact me either by phone (453-5663), e-mail (charv@siu.edu) or drop by my office (Woody Hall A122).

I ask you to become familiar with the Civil Service Council and take advantage of the opportunity to serve on the Council or

on one of the committees. This is a great way to become involved and to get to know your fellow SIU employees, including Civil Service, AP and Faculty. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room. Feel free to join us.

As the holiday season approaches, I hope you all will spend time with friends and family, enjoy the time off and come back expecting great things to happen in the new year!

Together we can make great things happen at SIU.

Happy holidays!



2012-2013 Civil Service Council

## Meet Your Representatives



### Regina Brown

Regina began her career at SIU as a Physical Therapist Assistant in 1995. She currently

works as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the Student Health Center (SHC) Sports Medicine/Physical Therapy (SM/PT) department. In 1994, Regina received her AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant; in 1998, a BS in Health Education; and in 2001, an MS in Rehabilitation Administration, all from SIU. In her current position as a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA), she is responsible for carrying out physical therapy interventions for those patients who are referred to SM/PT by SHC physicians. She is a clinical instructor for the PTA program and is responsible for the supervision of PTA students while participating in their clinical practicum within the SM/PT Department.

Regina was elected to the Civil Service Council in April 2012 and considers it an honor to be a member of the Council.



### Patrick Brumleve

Patrick has been on the Civil Service Council since August 2004 and has served a term as Secretary. Committees he has served on include Education Assistance, Elections, and Bylaws. He has worked for University Housing since January 1986 and is currently in the Accounts Receivable department under the Fiscal division. Patrick received his undergraduate degree at SIUC in 1981 and also obtained a Masters degree here. He is proud that all of his work and education experience has been at SIUC and has appreciated the opportunities that working at SIUC and serving on the Civil Service Council has brought to

him. His main interest on the council is the promotion of the Education Assistance fund.



### Elizabeth Cheek

Elizabeth began her career at SIU working for Building Services in February 2001 as an extra-help clerical worker. In June 2001, she was promoted to a full-time Civil Service Clerical Assistant position with Building Services. Elizabeth has served on the Civil Service Council since 2002. She has served on nearly all Civil Service Council committees, and is presently serving as Secretary. She considers it an honor to be part of a wonderful group of individuals who strive to do their best to represent all civil service employees. In 2003, Elizabeth was promoted to a Statistical Clerk with Plant and Service Operations

(PSO). She is presently an Account Technician III for PSO.



### Mickel Cordes

Mick is currently a Building Services Sub Forman with the Physical Plant.



### Anita Eckhardt

Anita worked as a SIUC teaching assistant for over 5 years before she began working as an accountant in accounting services. She has been working there for 3 years and is currently in the grant and contract section.



### Loretta Diane Frew

Diane began her career with Southern Illinois University Carbondale in May 1994 with the University's Illinois Clean Coal Institute (ICCI) located at the Carterville campus.

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## CIVIL SERVICE NEWS

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Meetings of the Civil Service Council are open, and you are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are here to represent YOU!

The Council will meet next at **IPM on December 5** in the Illinois Room of the Student Center. Invited speakers are Chancellor Rita Cheng and Provost and Vice Chancellor John Nicklow.



*Melinda Yeomans, University Women's Professional Advancement Coordinator, addresses the Council*

Meeting dates for spring are as follows:

January 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

Meetings are held at IPM in the Balcony Conference Room of Anthony Hall.



For more information on the Council or to view meeting agendas and minutes, go to <http://cscouncil.siu.edu/>

### OLD MAIN LUNCHEON FUND RAISER A SUCCESS

The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Committee would like to thank our fellow employees for making our October 17, 2012, fund raiser luncheon to the Student Center's Old Main Restaurant a huge success! We were joined by more than 80 of our co-workers and friends who came out in support of our fund raising efforts, contributing over \$500 to benefit our Education Assistance Award Program.

As part of the event, we drew names from those who bought tickets and gave away five Visa gift cards worth a combined total of \$250. Congratulations to those five lucky winners! Because of the success of this event, the Education Assistance

Committee looks forward to holding another luncheon fundraiser in the near future.

-- Anthony Travelstead

Participating in fund raising activities such as the luncheon, raffle and flea market, as well as contributions made through payroll deduction, play a large part in determining how much of an award is allotted to each student in the fall and spring semesters. We hope you will consider completing and returning the **payroll deduction form** included on page 3; for less than \$3 a pay period, you can make a difference to a student in need.



*Education Assistance Committee Chair Anthony Travelstead outside of the Old Main Lounge selling tickets and collecting donations.*



*Drawing for the gift cards. From left to right: Vera Gibbs, Education Assistance Committee member; Justin Kozak, student in Rehabilitation Counseling; and Rev. Larry Rayford, donor.*

#### Upcoming CSC Events and Activities for Spring 2013

Civil Service Council Elections - February/March  
Open Forum with Chancellor Rita Cheng - March/April  
Education Assistance Committee Spring Flea Market - April

#### Holiday Schedule 2012-2013

Monday, December 24, 2012 .....Designated Holiday  
Tuesday, December 25, 2012 .....Christmas Holiday  
Wednesday, December 26, 2012 ....Designated Holiday  
Thursday, December 27, 2012 .....Admin Closure  
Friday, December 28, 2012 .....Admin Closure  
Monday, December 31, 2012 .....Designated Holiday  
Tuesday, January 1, 2013 ..... New Year's Holiday  
Monday, January 21, 2013 .....MLK Jr. Day  
Monday, May 27, 2013 .....Memorial Day



## EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE CONDUCTS FALL FUND RAISERS

The Civil Service Council Education Assistance Committee is currently conducting three fund raisers for Fall 2012. The first two fund raisers will be a **Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** from 6-8PM on Saturday, December 8, 2012. The dinner will be held at the Newman Center located at 715 South Washington Street in Carbondale. The cost for the meal, which will include breadsticks, salad, drink and dessert, is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and children under 10 years of age. Spaghetti dinner is being provided by Fazoli's.

Tickets for the dinner are available from any Civil Service Council Member (see membership on page 4) or by contacting the Constituencies Office at 618-453-5249.



In addition, the committee has collected several nice items for this year's silent auction. **Many thanks to Vera Gibbs** for her tireless efforts in collecting donations for the auction, in particular a **50" LG Flat Screen TV, valued at over \$900** donated by Murdale True Value.



Raffle tickets are also being sold for a 50/50 drawing, which will take place on **Wednesday, December 5**. Tickets can be purchased from any Civil Service Council member (see membership on page 4) or by calling the Constituencies Office at 453-5249. Tickets are 6 for \$5.

Proceeds from all fund raising activities go to the Education Assistance Program administered by the SIU Carbondale Civil Service Council. The Education Assistance Program provides monetary awards to any SIU Carbondale student whose sponsor is an SIU Carbondale Civil Service Employee (must meet eligibility criteria). For more information on the Education Assistance Program, call the Constituencies office at 453-5249 or go to [http://cscouncil.siu.edu/Educ\\_Assst/about\\_EAP.html](http://cscouncil.siu.edu/Educ_Assst/about_EAP.html).

### ***Congratulations to the Fall 2012 Award Recipients!***

Andrew Clark (Agribusiness Economics)  
Jessica Cludray (Fine Arts)  
Sarah Fields (Math Education)  
Richard Jaroski (English Education)

Brittany Jennings (Hospitality and Tourism)  
Jacob McClure (Mathematics)  
Grant O'Dell (Communication Design)  
Sarah O'Dell (Journalism)

Cammi Ruffino (Education)  
Austyn Sigler (Communication Design)  
Mackenzie Wicoff (Art Education)

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### **Southern Illinois University Carbondale Payroll Deduction Authorization Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI ID (Dawgtag)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Building/Room # Mailcode

I am paid ☐ Monthly ☐ Semi-Monthly ☐ Bi-weekly

I hereby authorize Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as an agent of the State of Illinois, to deduct from my earnings and deposit with the SIU Foundation each pay period, beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ the amount checked below:

☐ \$2.50 per pay period ☐ \$5.00 per pay period ☐ \$ per pay period. My gift is designated for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund. I reserve the right to change or revoke this authorization by submitting a written revocation card to the Southern Illinois University Foundation. This card is in addition to any payroll deduction already established.

**Please return to:**  
**SIU Foundation, MC 6805**  
**1235 Douglas Drive**  
**Southern Illinois University**  
**Carbondale, IL 62901**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES (CONT)**

Her admirable 17-year tenure with SIUC has accounted for a series of promotions beginning with early advancement to a permanent Office Systems Assistant II position from her initial role as a temporary extra-help receptionist at ICCI. Hard work, tenacity, and pursuit of her professional personal goals enabled her to climb the ranks within her classification to her current position of Administrative Aide with University Career Services. Prior to her employment with SIUC, Diane worked as an administrative assistant and cost/payroll accounting bookkeeper.

Diane's commitment to improving conditions for Civil Service staff is evident by her involvement in the Civil Service Council. She served (two) consecutive one-year terms from 2008 to 2010 and has been re-elected for a full three-year term. She has served on the Range Civil Service Employees Committee, the Education Assistance Committee, the Civil Service Benefits Committee, and the Outstanding Civil Service Employee Awards Committee. Diane also attended the 11th Annual Council of Councils event at the SIUE campus in 2009 to better serve constituents.

**Shari Garnett**

Shari Garnett has worked for SIU Carbondale since 1992. She currently serves as the Business Manager in the College of Business Dean's Office. Prior to this position, she has worked in University Risk Management, Internal Audit, Admissions, and the Departments of English, Speech Communication and Finance. Shari is a Saluki through and through, having earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from SIU Carbondale in 2004. She was elected to serve on the Civil Service Council in 2011.

Shari's favorite thing about working for the University is being able to meet and interact with diverse faculty, staff and students. In her current position at the College of Business, she mostly enjoys working with budgets and numbers, and collaborating with a team of supportive and fun people. Shari has been a Certified Risk Manager since October 2010.

**Tina Gerecke**

Tina has been employed on the SIUC campus since November 1997, most recently as an Administrative Assistant I in the Office of University College and Saluki First Year. Prior to working in Faner Hall, she spent eight years in the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor, preceded by four years working in the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Tina writes: "I attended SIUC immediately out of high school and later transferred to a small, private college in Michigan to attain my bachelor's degree. I had the opportunity to work outside the academic world for 16-years, primarily for a large insurance company, prior to my return to SIU's campus as an employee. Over the past ten years, I have held several Civil Service positions on campus. I feel that my diverse experiences, both as a student and an employee, will enable me to provide a positive contribution as the Civil Service Council addresses many significant issues in the upcoming years. I look forward to learning more about the services provided by the CSC, in addition to representing the CSC to various committees and groups across campus and our community."

**Vera Gibbs**

Vera began working at SIUC in August 1997 as Extra Help of Grinnell Hall Dining Services. She then joined the Student Center staff in June 1998 as a building service worker and later transferred to PSO. Vera was elected to the Civil Service Council in April 2009 and was honored to chair the Education Assistance and Election Committees and to serve on several other committees. She is a member of SEIU Local 316 and was the past Assistant Business Representative, Vice President and Trustee.

**Carolyn Harvey**

Carolyn was born in Birmingham, Alabama and moved to Carbondale in 1971. She worked for a local bank for several years before coming to SIU. She began her SIU career in August 1978 as a Cashier in the Bursar's Office. Carolyn moved to the Division of Continuing Education in February 1979, and in June 2011, she moved to the newly-formed Distance Education and Off Campus Programs office. She is currently serving students in the Registrar's Office in Woody Hall. Carolyn considers it an honor to be elected to the Civil Service Council. She was originally elected in 1992 and has served as Treasurer, Vice President and currently President. Carolyn has been on most, if not all, of the Council and Constituency committees and on several search committees.

## MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES (CONT)



### **Randy Lowe**

Randy has been working at SIU for 14 years as building services worker. He also worked at Spartan Printing for 18 years. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is trying together to help make SIU a better place to work and get a better education.



### **Karin McClure**

Karin's 20-plus years at SIU began in 1991 as a student worker in the Acquisitions Department of Morris Library. Soon after graduating with a BA in Psychology in 1994, Karin was hired as a Library Assistant in Acquisitions in Oct. 1994 and was later promoted to Library Specialist. In 2000, she moved to the Cataloging Department as a Senior Library Specialist, her current position. In addition to cataloging books and other library materials, she has cataloged the library's entire DVD collection.

Karin was elected to serve on the Civil Service Council in 2009. She has served on the Civil Service Benefits Committee and the Education Assistance Committee and has chaired the Bylaws Committee for the last three years. Karin was recently appointed to her second term on the University Joint Benefits Committee. Karin's interest in helping her fellow Civil Service employees previously led her to serve several terms on the Library Affairs Civil Service Staff Executive Council (CSSEC), and twice served as chair of that council. She is also a steward for her union, Laborers Local 773, and she served a 4-year stint as Chief Steward. In 2003, Karin was honored by her peers as the Library Affairs Outstanding Civil Service Staff member.. For the last several years, Karin has focused her attention on potential changes to university employee benefits, and she keeps a sharp eye on Springfield and any upcoming legislative bills that could impact SIU employees.



### **Jason Phillips**

Jason began his career at SIU as a student worker for the Student Health Services (SHS) in 1991. In 1996 he received his BS in computer science from SIU. After graduation he became a full time employee at the SHS where he has held several positions. In his current position as Senior Applications Analyst, he is responsible for the supervision of the Information Technology department and the management of the Budget and Finance at the SHS.

Jason has been a member of the Civil Service Council since 2007. During that time, he has served on numerous Council committees, as well as several constituency and search committees.



### **Jesus Rosado**

Jesus was born in Puerto Rico and came to this country in 1954 at the tender age of 3 1/2 years old. He is the oldest of eight kids that his parents raised in New York City. He attended SIU from August of 1968 to May of 1970. He served as a trustee for the Village of Elkhville for six years, and currently serves as a trustee for the Jackson County Mass Transit District. He retired from GTE/Verizon after 30 plus years.



### **Anthony Travelstead**

Anthony came to SIUC as an area transfer student in the fall of 1997. He began working for the University as a student employee at Campus Mail Service in fall of 1998. On Graduating from SIUC in 2001 with a Bachelors degree in Anthropology, he began to work full time for the University. For the next 11 years, he has held a number of positions at Campus Mail Service and is currently the Mail Services Supervisor in charge of overseeing all outgoing United States Postal Service mail processing for the entire University.

Anthony was first nominated to the Civil Service Council in 2008-2009, and for most of the next 4 years, he has served on a number of Council committees, including Public Affairs, Staff Excellence Award, and the Education Assistance. Anthony will be starting his second term as the Education Assistance Committee Chairman and works hard alongside the other committee members to fund raise for the Civil Service Council's educational scholarships, which they award every semester to dependents of SIUC Civil Service Employees. He really enjoys being able to give back to the University, its students and its employees.



### **Julie Virgo**

Julie is a Business Manager II in the College of Science.



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The purpose of the newsletter is to keep civil service employees informed of the activities of the Civil Service Council, to relay work-related items of interest and to acknowledge and recognize the civil service workforce for its service to SIU Carbondale.

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