

William Luther White Forum Presentation

The 3rd annual William L. White International Forum will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 25 at the Bone Student Center Old Main Room, Illinois State University, Normal. Because our Sister City Association is also a co-sponsor of the event, sister city members are invited to join a private reception with the speaker from 5:30–6:45. Indicate your interest by contacting Sharon Foiles as indicated. Hope you can join us on this occasion. Bill was a pioneer and mentor for our Association. He led 4 trips to the Soviet Union before the Association was organized in 1986. He continuously served on our board and on numerous committees until his death in 2015.



You are invited to join us for the
2018 Fall Speaker Series

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Bone Student Center Old Main Room

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5:30-6:45 p.m.

Private Reception with

Mark D. Steinberg

Professor of History

7 p.m.

"The Russian Revolution as Utopian Leap"

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Mark D. Steinberg is a professor of history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A leading expert on the Russian Revolution, he specializes in the cultural, intellectual, and social history of Russia and the Soviet Union in the 19th and 20th centuries. Professor Steinberg has published 13 books, most recently *The Russian Revolution, 1905-1921* (Oxford UP, 2017), as well as dozens of articles, and he has delivered countless talks in the United States and abroad. This past year alone, in commemoration of its centenary, Professor Steinberg had 11 speaking engagements and gave numerous media interviews on the revolution. His various research projects have been awarded funding from a range of sources, including the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. His current work focuses on revolutions, urban history, emotions, religion, violence, and utopias.
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Please reply to Sharon Foiles, 438-5689, or slfoile@IllinoisState.edu by Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Please indicate any special accommodations when replying.

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MCLP Partners with Vladimir Canterbury Sister City Association Bloomington/Normal



Beth Bradford



Nayoka Griffis



Court Hruska

We are excited to announce The Multicultural Leadership Program (MCLP) Class of 2019 has selected the Vladimir Canterbury Sister City Association of Bloomington-Normal as one of their four team projects. MCLP is an intense professional leadership development curriculum which provides a framework for current and potential leaders to improve their leadership skills.

The core components of the MCLP curriculum are to develop servant leadership skills (enabling participants to become capable, wise, and better leaders), to become more self-aware and grow as a leader, to develop authentic relationships, and to foster diversity inclusion (welcoming, engaging, and including diverse perspectives).

The 2019 class is composed of 15 individuals who will meet bi-weekly during a nine month period. (July through March every year)

Class participants are chosen on the basis of their leadership potential, desire for self-improvement, and dedication to making a positive impact.

Meet our Project Team

Beth Bradford, Nayoka Griffis and Court Hruska

Their project goal is to assist us with developing a fundraising strategy and plan to carry out a goal of increasing international exchanges.

Beth Bradford has been in the Bloomington-Normal area for many decades. She is family-oriented and very close to her three adult children and one grandson (AJ). Yes, she is that grandparent who always has a new picture or story to tell. Passionate about teaching financial literacy to adolescents, she'll complete her degree in 2019 and continue to work with this population. She is enthusiastic about working with young people, noted by her 20+ year career at Illinois State University. When she's not working or attending class, Beth can be found outside gardening, hiking, playing with AJ, and watching NFL during the season – Go Packers! Beth is always positive, looks for the silver lining, and truly believes that even a step back gives you a new perspective.

Nayoka Griffis is a powerhouse of positivity determined to live a life of peace, purpose, and passion! She gives herself permission to grab fear in one hand and faith in the other to play full-out! As an educator, trainer and coach, she motivates, inspires and encourages others to do the same. Her energy is contagious! She finds pleasure in turning strangers into friends and obstacles into opportunities. She's a bridge-builder with a servant's heart. She prefers "big talk" over "small talk" and values connecting by getting to know people on a deeper level. Nayoka whole heartily believes the best of her is designed to bring out the best in others.

Court Hruska is from Normal, Illinois and is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Court works in the agricultural field and strives to make a difference in agriculture by promoting diversity and inclusion within the industry. Court and her husband Brandon Schaub live on a family farm, where they enjoy farming with the whole family. Court is also a very active volunteer with the American Red Cross, by working at special events and fundraisers and by being part of the American Red Cross PRIDE group. In her spare time, she likes fitness, nutrition, and traveling the world with her family.