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Limit of 40 participants. Only the first 40 paid registrations will be accepted. A waiting list will be maintained after the limit has been reached.

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Date and time: Friday, January 25, 2008, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Public Affairs Center, Conference Room C/D, First Floor, University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

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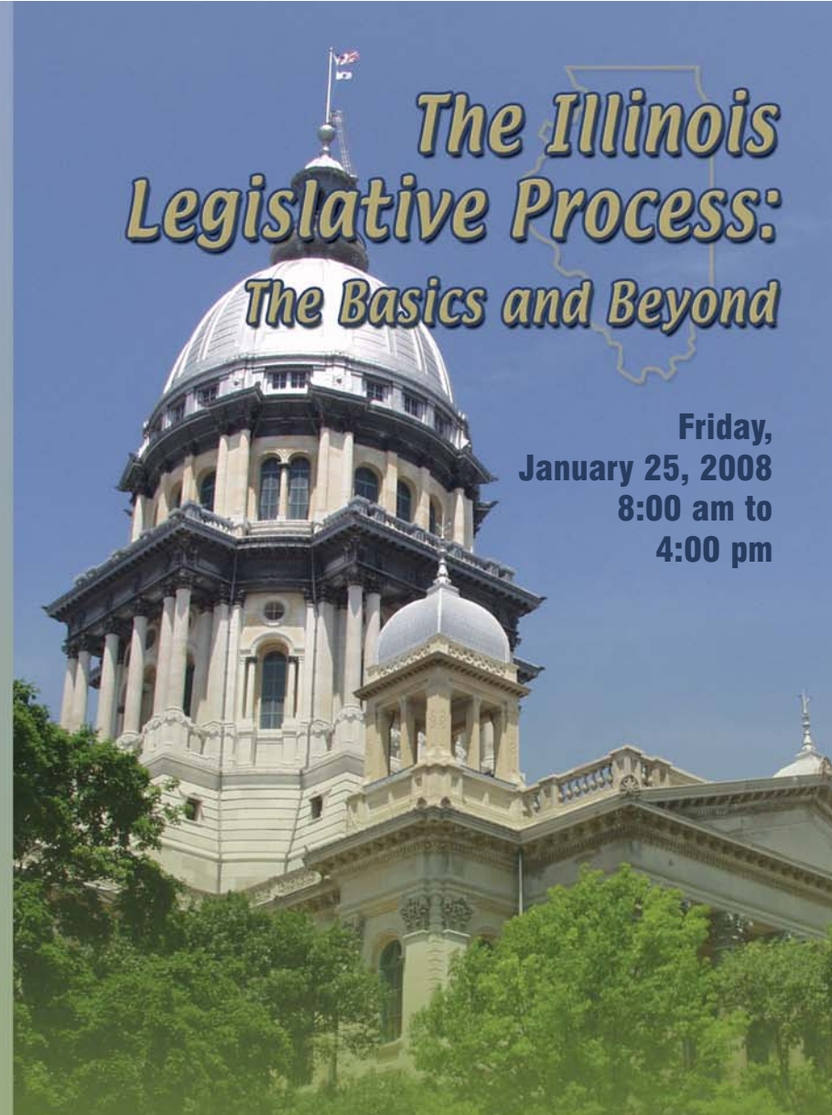

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Christopher Z. Mooney, Professor of Political Studies, Institute for Government and Public Affairs at UIS (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1990). He is the founding editor of *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* and has published dozens of articles and books, including *Lobbying Illinois: How You can Make a Difference in Public Policy*. Prior to arriving at UIS in 1999, he taught at West Virginia University and the University of Essex in the United Kingdom.

Kent D. Redfield, Professor of Political Studies and Research Fellow in the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies at UIS (Ph.D., University of Washington, 1975). He is the director of the Sunshine Project and is the foremost expert on Illinois campaign finance. He has written three books on Illinois politics, including *Lawmaking in Illinois, Cash Clout* and *Money Counts*. From 1975 to 1979, he was a legislative analyst on the staff of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Barbara Van Dyke-Brown, Director, Legislative Internships and Advocacy Programs in the Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies at UIS (M.S.S.W., University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 1987). She is the editor of the Almanac of Illinois Politics 2002 and 2004, and co-author of *Lobbying Illinois – How You Can Make a Difference in Public Policy*. She has more than ten years of legislative experience, including two years as a lobbyist and five years as a senior research associate for the Citizens Assembly, a former legislative support agency.

Charles N. Wheeler III, Director of the Public Affairs Reporting Program at UIS (M.S. J., Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, 1965). He covered state government and politics for the Chicago Sun-Times for 24 years, beginning with the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1970. He served as president of the Illinois Legislative Correspondents Association for 16 years. Since 1984, he has written a monthly column on Illinois politics for *Illinois Issues*.

Who Should Attend?

- Those who need to know how the Illinois General Assembly works and how to make the legislative process work you
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- Interested citizens

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Agenda

8:00 a.m. **Registration & Refreshments**
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8:30 a.m. **Introductory Remarks**
Barbara Van Dyke-Brown, Director
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8:45 a.m. **The Setting - Illinois Government and Politics**
Christopher Z. Mooney, Professor of Political Studies
Institute for Government and Public Affairs

9:45 a.m. **The Legislative Process: Step-by-Step**
Barbara Van Dyke-Brown, Director
Legislative Internships and Advocacy Programs
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10:45 a.m. **Dollars and Details: The Legislative Budget Process**
Charles N. Wheeler III, Director
Public Affairs Reporting Program

12:00 p.m. **Lunch, PAC Restaurant**
Speaker: Tom Ryder, Former State Representative and Contract Lobbyist
"An Insider's Perspective on the Legislative Process"

1:30 p.m. **Passing Good Bills and Killing Bad Ones: The Secrets to Success**
Kent D. Redfield, Professor, Political Studies/Research Fellow
Ron Michaelson, Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Studies/Research Fellow
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3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Putting It All Together: Question & Answer**
Moderator: Barbara Van Dyke-Brown
Panelists: Ron Michaelson, Christopher Z. Mooney, Kent D. Redfield, and Charles N. Wheeler III

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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