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## From the Co-Directors

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The month of May brought sadness and reflection. Governor Bowen's passing has reminded all of us of the immense contributions he made to our state and nation. Here at the Bowen Center we have always sought to develop programs and projects that honor his public service.

Our efforts will continue and our plans remain on track. This month we want to highlight the sites selected for the 2013 Community Conversation series, a new location for the Certified Public Manager Program,<sup>®</sup> and our reminder to submit a nomination to the 2014 Bowen Institute on Political Participation.

We hope you will have an enjoyable summer and please share your thoughts with us.

*Raymond H. Scheele*

*Sally Jo Vasicko*

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## Bowen Institute on Political Participation 2014

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### It's Not Too Early to Plan for the 2014 Bowen Institute on Political Participation!

The 33rd annual Bowen Institute on Political Participation will be held at the law offices of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, Indianapolis on March 29 & 30, 2014. [Nomination forms](#) are available on our [website](#). If you



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have any questions, please contact Dr. Raymond H. Scheele at [rscheele@bsu.edu](mailto:rscheele@bsu.edu) or Dr. Sally Jo Vasicko at [svasicko@bsu.edu](mailto:svasicko@bsu.edu).

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## Acquire New Management Skills by Becoming a Certified Public Manager®

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### Indiana CPM Program Coming to Southern Indiana in September

The Indiana Certified Public Manager Program is a rigorous and comprehensive [course of study](#) in the practical application of recognized public management theories and best practices. It provides public managers with tools and techniques for enhancing their individual performance and the performance of their organizations.



To make the Indiana CPM Program available to public managers throughout the state, we offer it at locations in northern, southern, and central Indiana on a rotating basis. The program is coming to southern Indiana this fall. On September 19, 2013 we will begin a new series of [CPM sessions](#) at the Hampton Inn in historic Corydon, Indiana. After this opportunity, the program won't return to southern Indiana before March 2015.

This is a great time for public managers in southern Indiana to enroll in the CPM Program. Because of generous funding provided by the Ball Brothers Foundation we are able to offer scholarships that will allow organizations to enroll two managers for the cost of one. The number of scholarships is limited and they will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply now. Additional details about the scholarships are described in our [information packet](#).

Are you wondering what you will gain by participating? Christa Coffey, Tippecanoe County Clerk, told us, "The CPM Program is the best leadership training available for a public servant. There are so many demands on my time as a County Clerk, it is critical that I operate at the highest level. The focus on first developing myself and then implementing the techniques and tools in my office has been invaluable. Because the CPM Program is targeted to the public sector, applying what I learn each month allows me to continually improve how I serve my constituents." Learn what other participants have to [share](#) about their experiences in the CPM Program.

For more info contact Dr. Charles Taylor at Ball State University 765-285-8794, [cdtaylor@bsu.edu](mailto:cdtaylor@bsu.edu). Information about the Indiana CPM Program is available at the Bowen Center [website](#) .

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## Community Conversations

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### 2014 Lineup Announced!

Four Indiana communities have been selected to host a [Community Conversation](#) that will help them better



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understand their past and prepare for a monumental event in their future – Indiana's Bicentennial. This is the fifth year for the series, convened by [Indiana Humanities](#) and the [Bowen Center for Public Affairs](#) at Ball State University. The focus of the Community Conversation series for the next three years will be *Bicentennial 2016: The Next Indiana*.



Selected regions, lead partners and topics include:

### **Evansville**

Historic Southern Indiana, a heritage-based program out of the University of Southern Indiana, will examine the city's history and work with cross-disciplinary groups to revitalize center city neighborhoods.

### **Hamilton County**

The Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau seeks to lead a meaningful cross-county conversation about how Hamilton County's heritage can be preserved and presented for the future.

### **La Porte**

The La Porte Historic Preservation Commission will use this opportunity to discuss best practices for historic towns to revitalize in the 21st century.

### **Lawrence County**

The Lawrence County Economic Growth Council will lead a conversation to celebrate its past and present and identify its path to the future.

[The Bowen Center for Public Affairs](#) and [Indiana Humanities](#) will work with local partners to convene a regional conversation among community leaders and citizens from public, private and non-profit sectors; evaluate possible solutions for addressing community challenges and discuss best practices; provide regions with access to resources, technology, and expertise in the creation of solutions to regional problems; and provide ongoing consultation.

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## **Social Media Update**

### **Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!**

Our Facebook has been given a visual update! Check out our new look and see the latest news, video, and photography from the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at [BowenCenterforPublicAffairs](#). The Bowen Center for Public Affairs can now be found on Twitter! Follow [BowenCenterBSU](#) for weekly updates.



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