Student Access, Success & Diversity Initiatives (SASDI)

Welcomes Fellows: Fabian Elliott, Billy Branch, Shala and Dr. Joseph Thomas

These four fellows will serve as professional advisors this fall 2018 for IPRO 497-335: Elevate Bronzeville

We know that creativity is naturally good for us and our creative passion makes us happy. Whether we pursue creative activities as a hobby or for a living it typically provides an enjoyable experience. No matter what path we take to release our imagination and self-expression it all supports our human nature. IPRO 497-335 will explore how technology can be used to support health and wellness through creative art engagement and elevate a healthy lifestyle. The Fellows will serve as professional advisors representing the areas of technology, music, art and wellness. In addition to their support, we will be working closely with the Bronzeville community.

Lisa Montgomery, Director of Inclusion, Diversity & Employer Engagement, will be the instructor for this class and you can reach her at lisa.montgomery@iit.edu for more information.

Fabian Elliott - Technology
Black Tech Mecca

Fabian, is an advertising technology consultant for Google and the founder of Black Tech Mecca, an organization aiming to turn Chicago into a hub for technology professionals of color.

Billy Branch - Music
Billy Branch & the Sons of Blues

Billy is an authentic blues musician and blues education pioneer. In addition to his recording and performing, he's taught literally thousands of children around the world.

Olusola "Shala" Akintunde - Art
Shala

Shala is a Nigerian American contemporary artist, multimedia producer and pioneer in the medium of Solar Art.

Joseph S Thomas, M.D. - Wellness
Advocate Health Care

Dr. Thomas is dedicated in providing a high level of customer service, medical experience, and commitment to health and wellness to all patients. He specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.