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President Robbins, Steve Patterson to take part in open forum

University President Robert C. Robbins will join Steve Patterson, interim chief security officer, and Jeffrey Jones, chair of the University of Arizona Staff Council, at an open forum on May 4 from noon-1 p.m. in Crowder Hall in the Fred Fox School of Music.

Attendees can join in person or via Zoom [1]. Those who attend in person will have the opportunity to ask questions but online viewers will not.


Staff Council to host the Crossroads Conference in June

The 2023 Crossroads Conference, a full-day professional development event for University staff members featuring speakers and interactive workshops, takes place June 2 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort and Spa.

The conference, held by the University of Arizona Staff Council, will include an opening talk from Celina Ramirez, vice president for University initiatives, and a closing keynote presentation from Barry Brumund, chief information officer. The day will also feature training sessions and presentations on topics including stress management, flexible work and information security.

"University Staff and Classified Staff, as per University policy, are entitled to 16 hours annually of professional development. The Crossroads Conference is an opportunity for that," said Christina Rocha, supervisor of the Research, Innovation and Impact Business Center Transaction Team and chair of the Crossroads Conference planning committee.

"Additionally, staff will have the opportunity to network with other University staff from all over campus."

Find more information and register online [3] on the Staff Council website.

Classifying Santa Claus? Learn more in this article on The Conversation

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March 2, 2023
Overclassification overkill: The US government is drowning in a sea of secrets.

The U.S. has an overclassification problem, which includes classifying documents about Santa Claus.

David Cuillier [5]
Associate Professor, School of Journalism

Another article posted on The Conversation, "The Colorado River drought crisis: 5 essential reads," summarized five previous articles on the issue, including "What is dead pool? A water expert explains" from May 12, 2022, by Robert Glennon, Regents Professor Emeritus in the James E. Rogers College of Law.

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