

spa newsletter

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It is good to be back in full swing this autumn quarter with midterms finishing up, the Buckeyes marching toward a Michigan victory, and SPA recruitment well underway. We have already heard from many prospective students this year, and we look forward to greeting another extraordinary pool of applicants as they come through our doors early in 2009. So far, the '08 – '09 academic year has seen some exciting changes...

The HESA program welcomes Dr. Don Stenta (Ph.D. '01), our newest Visiting Assistant Professor, who will be developing courses in the areas of student leadership and public policy. I am returning for my third year as Visiting Assistant Professor and newly appointed Coordinator of the Student Personnel Assistantship Program, and Professor Emeritus Bob Rodgers joins us for another year to teach our core student development courses. All of this, along with the contributions of our adjunct faculty, supplements the work of our permanent faculty members, Dr. Baird, Dr. Demb, and Dr. Suspitsyna.

The College of Education and Human Ecology has welcomed a new Dean, Cheryl Achterberg, who hails from Iowa State University and about whom you will read in the coming pages. The Office of Student Life (formerly Student Affairs) has named its newest Vice President. Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston will join us from the University of Maryland in January following the December retirement of Rich Hollingsworth. While the oval was abuzz with political interest and activism as the nation took to the polls last week to elect our forty fourth President, the construction of the Ohio Union and the Thompson (Main) Library at either end appeared to be progressing according to plan. OSU once again ranks as the largest school in the country with record enrollments of 61,568 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Adding to the excitement, President Gordon Gee announced that the university will implement the semester system come the winter quarter of 2012, which will inevitably bring change to the curriculum and structure of HESA and SPA.

Through these times of change and transition, the SPA legacy continues with its unique philosophy of theory to practice, with a commitment to educating across boundaries, and with a network of students and alumni unparalleled in its ability to help transform the field of Higher Education and Student Affairs. As always, we hope to hear from you about the changes and developments of your own life, both personal and professional. Let us know of your good fortune, and we would be happy to pass it along to the SPA community!

With Warm Regards,

Dr. Tammy L. Maltzan (Ph.D. '06)

Incorporating Public Policy and Leadership into the HESA Curriculum

Dr. Don Stenta



Dr. Don Stenta (Ph.D. '01) has joined the Higher Education and Student Affairs faculty this year as a Visiting Assistant Professor, developing and teaching leadership courses, managing the practicum program, and assisting with M.A student advising. Dr. Don's position is funded jointly by the College of Education and Human Ecology, the Office of Student Life, and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Also supporting this position is the Ohio Union, which is interested in leadership courses that can be offered as part of the Center for Leadership and Service that is being developed in the new Ohio Union.

Dr. Don's charge is to develop undergraduate and graduate courses in leadership and to represent EPL, the Office of Student Life and the Glenn School in a work group, chaired by Vice Provosts Randy Smith and Martha Garland, that is examining the development of a campus-wide undergraduate

minor or major in leadership as well as to foster other curricular and co-curricular leadership activities across campus.

As part of that work, Dr. Don is developing two new courses that he will teach this academic year. One course is focused on concepts and strategies necessary to be an effective leader. Through a variety of leadership assessments, students will learn about their leadership styles and preferences. The course is designed to develop analytical and interpersonal skills needed to lead organizations. The other course will explore leadership theories from different cultural and global perspectives. The course will allow students to develop an understanding the evolution of leadership theory by exploring the social influences that have impacted leadership theories over time. The discussion takes place in the context of a global, diverse society.

In addition, there are already two EPL courses (EDU P&L 270.04 and 271) that have annually enrolled some 350 undergraduates. Dr. Don is teaching one of the 270.04 courses this year and will guide instructors for 270.04 in Winter and Spring. He will also offer the practicum course in Winter Quarter and a newly developed summer elective focused on education policy.

Please send any news, updates and other information to the SPA Office at spa@osu.edu or call Lexie at 614-292-4322! We will include personal and professional updates and job announcements, in our monthly cyberbriefs. We look forward to hearing from you!

Cheryl Achterberg
Dean, College of Education
and Human Ecology

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Cheryl Achterberg, one of today's outstanding scholars in nutritional development, is the dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology. She was appointed July 1, 2008.

"We are in the business of developing people: all races, all ethnicities, all across the lifespan," Achterberg said. "We achieve our goal by harnessing the power of education and human ecology.

"Education advances learning for the mind and body for everyone from infants to elders. Human ecology supports healthy development and relationships, healthy nutrition, and positive decisions and choices in a consumer world. Together, the two solve complex problems of learning and living to transform our world."

Achterberg also is a tenured professor in the Department of Human Nutrition. She previously was at Iowa State University, where she was the inaugural dean of the College of Human Sciences. Prior to joining the Iowa State faculty in 2005, Achterberg was on the faculty of The Pennsylvania State University, where she rose through the professional ranks, attaining tenure in 1991 and the rank of full professor in 1996. At Penn State, she also directed the Nutrition Center from 1992 to 1996 and, in 1997, became the founding dean of the Schreyer Honors College.

The author or co-author of numerous monographs, book chapters, and articles in the field of nutrition, Achterberg has also published widely in the area of higher education and research methodol-

ogy and has delivered scores of invited lectures.

Her research has received significant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the March of Dimes, the National Dairy Council, the H. J. Heinz Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and Kraft-General Foods.

An award-winning teacher, she has taught nutrition at all levels of the university curriculum.

Achterberg has been an active program evaluator, both in the U.S. and abroad, and has served as a consultant to USAID/UNESCO, the National Dairy Council, and the Dairy Promotion Board of New Zealand, among others. She also has done considerable service as a member of national boards and committees of such groups as NASULGC, the Dannon Institute, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

She earned her bachelor's degree in biological sciences at California Polytechnic State University, her master's in human development at the University of Maine, and a Ph.D. in nutrition at Cornell University.

The College of Education and Human Ecology is ranked 10th among public universities and 16th among public and private institutions in the current US News & World Report graduate program guide. Approximately 190 fulltime faculty teach 3,600 undergraduates and 1,700 graduate students enrolled in six academic units. The college and its six research centers received \$27 million in external funding in 2008-2009. The 350 staff members include non-tenured researchers and instructors.



Reflections from Lancaster

Savannah Heilman (MA '09)

The Lancaster British Research Internship Program was one of the main reasons that I chose to pursue my M.A. in HESA at OSU. The six-week program gives lucky students the opportunity to work directly with an office at Lancaster University to complete a research project. Students experience living in British residence halls (no RAs!), relaxing in on-campus pubs, and struggling to reconcile British English with American English.

The projects that the six interns took on this summer varied as widely as the strange food selection at the on-campus market. Lisa Kirchner and Erin Thomas tackled creating a handbook for the college tutor program, the British innovation of faculty-led academic and social advising during a students' university career. Their extensive research revealed a lack of information from the departments about the role of a tutor and their clear, informative handbook filled these information gaps.

Katherine Beaumont and Kristine Koehler conducted research on alumni associations of British universities. Their site visits to nearby institutions and comprehensive document analysis yielded clear and promising results and recommendations for the Lancaster University Management School's alumni association.

Jason Taylor and I worked with the International Office's Exchange Programme to research the needs of students going on study abroad programs outside of Europe. Their student handbook provided resources to ease the planning and transition process for students spending a year in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

The interns, led by Resident Director Dr. Tammy Maltzan, also travelled to schools around Lancaster to gain a better understanding of the educational system in Great Britain. At the end of the experience, the group travelled together to historic Cambridge University and London for a long weekend to see one of the birthplaces of higher education and to experience Big Ben, Parliament, and *Wicked*.

On top of these exciting and fulfilling projects and field trips, most research interns spend weekends traveling anywhere and everywhere from London to Edinburgh to Madrid and Barcelona. Some of my favorite memories are watching the sunset in Paris and taking a nap on a mountain hillside in Wales. Several of us even stayed after to backpack around Europe or visit friends.

While the allure of travel is romantic and sounds much more fun than a sweltering summer in Columbus, the reality is that most of the interns wanted to blend a fun and intellectually stimulating experience. Lancaster provides not only that, but promotes great personal growth. Sure, it cost me extra money (especially with the abysmal exchange rate), but I would not trade my summer in England for anything, and I am sure that my fellow interns would agree. Cheers!



Welcoming a New Generation of SPAs

Its that time again! Applications are already rolling in for the 2009 incoming class of SPAs! We are working diligently to have another great application season, but can not do this work alone! As alumni, students and friends of the SPA program, we ask you to please forward information about the HESA and SPA program to prospective students you work with.

On this page you will find links to information about the SPA Program and application materials for the 2009-2010 academic year. Admission to the academic program in Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) requires completion of the OSU graduate admissions application and is available at <http://gradadmissions.osu.edu/>.

Graduate Admissions may also be reached at (614) 292-9444.

Priority consideration for SPA assistantships is given to students in the HESA program. Students applying to the HESA program may also receive academic program information from the Office of Student Services and Graduate Studies in the School of EdP&L at edplssgs@osu.edu or (614) 688-4007.

All information and links to the SPA application process can be found on our website: <http://ehe.osu.edu/epl/academics/hesa/>.

Those who are admitted or invited to interview for the academic program *and* who have completed a SPA application submitted by January 1, 2009 are most likely to be invited for assistantship interviews. If you or your students have any questions, please contact the SPA office at spa@osu.edu or (614) 292-4322. We thank you for all of the effort you make on behalf of the SPA Program and look forward to another great cohort!

Calendar of Events/Reminders

11/3	OSU Grad/Prof Visit Days
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11/5	Professional Development 11:30am, Ramseyer 245
11/5	Annual ASHE Conference Jacksonville, Florida
11/8	OCPA Careers in Student Affairs Conference
11/10	Professional Development 4:30pm, Ramseyer 245
11/11	Offices Closed
11/14	Supervisor Meeting 11:00am, Ramseyer 136
11/20	Professional Development 11:00am, 33 W. 11th
11/27	Offices Closed
11/28	Offices Closed
12/4	Professional Development 11:30am, 33 W. 11th
12/5	Last day of Classes
12/14	Autumn Commencement
12/25	Offices Closed
12/26	Offices Closed
1/1	Application Deadline
1/23	Ph.D. Interview Day
1/30	Ph.D. Interview Day
2/12-2/13	MA Interview Days
2/26-2/27	MA Interview Days

Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates!

Chris Anderson	Community Director, University of Arizona
Lexie Beer	Assistant SPA Coordinator, Ohio State University
Brieanne Billman	Traveling Abroad
Mike Chapman	PhD Student in EDPL, Ohio State University
Clayton Gibson	Work Study Coordinator, Columbus State Community College
Susan Heimbürger	Traveling Abroad
Lauren Hensley	Coordinator of Learning Services, Ohio State University
Katy Higbee	Residence Coordinator, University of Cincinnati
Gina Kozlowski	Hall Director, Ohio State University
Kate Leishman	Asst Director of Student Activities, Kalamazoo College
Shalun Lewis	PhD Student in EDPL, Ohio State University
Marissa Lin	DARS Program Coordinator, Ohio State University
Bob Lutz	Associate Dean for Students, Cedarville University
Katie McAteer	Hall Director, Ohio State University
Sean McKinnis	Academic Counselor for Exploration, Ohio State University
Holly Meyer	Career Advisor for MBA, Case Western Reserve University
Jen Nelson	Hall Director, Ohio State University
Alexis Olson	Residence Life Coordinator, University of Northern Iowa
Mary Butler Stone	Hall Director, Ohio State University
Tim Valentine	Assistant Director of Career Services, Columbus College of Art & Design
Brian Wagner	Residence Coordinator, Cleveland State University
Joy Walker	Area Coordinator, Wittenberg University
Patience Whitworth	Program Coordinator, Ohio State University
Jacob Wilk	Admissions Counselor, Capital University



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