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NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR OF SPA...

It's been another exciting start to the year. Evidence that Fall quarter is coming to a close is everywhere. Ramseyer Hall is bustling with activity. Students can be found conducting impromptu meetings in the corridors, working on completing group assignments. Faculty scurry into their offices looking a bit more tired than usual, carrying armloads of papers to grade. The SPA staff is busily responding to inquiries from prospective students who want to talk about plans for next year. While this vignette seems pretty typical, the last few months of Buckeye life have been far from ordinary—there's a lot happening here!

As of summer, our college officially became the College of Education and Human Ecology. The vision of this new community of scholars is "inspiring innovation in learning and living." I can't think of a better description of what Higher Education and Student Affairs programs should be modeling and preparing students to do. Dr. David Andrews is now serving as Dean and has been welcomed with campus-wide support.

Dr. Tammy Maltzan (Ph.D., '06) joined our faculty as a Visiting Assistant Professor this year, and Mike Brockfield (M.A., '06) became Assistant Coordinator of SPA. Their efforts have been (and will continue to be) invaluable in helping us continue the program's forward momentum. In addition, we're delighted to share with you that we are seeking to expand our HESA faculty—watch for advertisements!

We're also quite pleased to report that The Board of Trustees has recently named Richard Hollingsworth as Vice President for Student Affairs. He is guiding an exciting undergraduate leadership initiative with the support of faculty, students, and staff. Celebrations to commemorate the Ohio Union building's history are under way and Student Affairs offices are beginning to move to their temporary campus homes to allow the new Union's construction to begin.

We've instituted a new professional development program for SPA students that is being implemented by HESPA (our very motivated and active graduate student organization), and have coordinated a series of meetings to facilitate communication and idea sharing among SPA supervisors.

Like I said, it's been an exciting start to the academic year—I'm anxious to see what's next as these (and likely more) positive developments unfold throughout 2007. Oh yes, perhaps you've heard that our football team has had a pretty good year too. Go Bucks!

Wishing you a joyous Holiday season. We're looking forward to seeing you in 2007,

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Presenting the Class of 2008

As always, the Higher Education & Student Affairs program attracts a number of talented individuals into the M.A. and Ph.D. programs. This year was no exception with 32 students in the 2008 MA cohort and 5 students in the Ph.D. cohort. The new students come from all over the country and quite a few are here at Ohio State due in no small part to guidance from SPA alumni at their undergraduate institutions. Below is a listing of the new MA and Ph.D students, which institutions they have come from and where they are working in SPA assis-

MA Class of 2008

Undergraduate Institution

Assistantship Placement

Chris Anderson	Penn State University	OSU Housing
Lexie Beer	Bradley University	Women Student Services
Brieanne Billman	Ohio State University	Student Wellness Center
Amy Carey	Ohio State University	FT OSU Employee
Michael Chapman	Miami University	Student Judicial Affairs
Clayton Gibson	Eastern Washington University	Financial Aid
Susan Heimbarger	Furman University	Student Activities
Lauren Hensley	University of Richmond	Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
Katy Higbee	University of Miami	Capital University Housing
Roseann Holmes	University of Akron	Student Activities
Ama Koram	Michigan State University	Fisher Career Services
Kelly Koren	Ohio State University	(FT) Ag. School Admissions
Gina Kozlowski	Ohio State University	OSU University Housing
Michelle Lee	Ohio State University	Fellowship
Kate Leishman	Kent State University	Student Activities
Shalun Lewis	Philander Smith College	Office of Minority Affairs
Marissa Lin	University of Cincinnati	Asian American Student Services
Katie McAteer	Western New England College	OSU University Housing
Sean McKinniss	Wittenberg University	Student Advocacy
Holly Meyer	Ohio State University	Engineering Co-op
Jennifer Nelson	University of California - LA	OSU Housing
Alexis Olson	Iowa State University	OSU Housing
Jessica Santaguida	Ohio University	Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
Ekroop Singh	University of Alabama	
Mary Butler Stone	Washington & Lee University	OSU Housing
Tim Valentine	West Virginia University	Honors & Scholars
Janaki Vijayaraghavan	University of Notre Dame	Fellowship
Brian Wagner	Ohio State University	Otterbein College Housing
Joy Walker	Capital University	Off Campus Student Services
La'Nita Ward	Spelman College	African American Student Ser
Patience Whitworth	Ohio State University	(FT) Undergraduate Admissions
Jacob Wilk	University of Hartford	OSU Housing

Ph.D. Cohort beginning Autumn 2006

Seth Fishman
Jen Klosterman-Lando
Sean McLaughlin
Mitsu Narui
Tara Spalla

Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
College of Arts and Sciences (FT)
Off-Campus Student Services (FT)
OSU Multicultural Center
College of Nursing (FT)

SERVICE-LEARNING INITIATIVE UPDATE

By Jess Bennet, Beth Halpern & Valentine Mukuria

Education Policy and Leadership Service-Learning Update

The Service-Learning Initiative through the school of Educational Policy and Leadership completed a successful quarter this fall with three new community partners. Fifty-five students enrolled in the fall sections of *Leadership in Community Service* serving over 1600 hours at: Life Care Alliance (Project Open Hand), the After School Academic Program (ASAP) and Food Pantry at East Broad Presbyterian Church, The Boys and Girls Club, the YWCA Family Center, the Northside Public Library Homework Help Center, the Short-stop, and Somali Women and Children's Alliance.



Students enjoyed working at their service sites and some plan to continue volunteering/working in the future. Coursework further engaged students in their community efforts. Students commented:

"The most important thing I learned is that there are people struggling in all areas of the U.S... poverty doesn't only exist in the inner city."

I learned "what an impact people can leave on others when they put in consistent time with them."

I learned "to take a risk and step out of my comfort zone- to help someone who is different from me."

I learned "different methods about improving social situations and problems. Some of the classes were very empowering and encouraging."

Fall quarter, the course was instructed by three graduate teaching associates: Valentine Mukuria, Jess Bennett, and Beth Halpern and overseen by Dr. Helen Marks. Jess and Beth, two Master's students, co-instructed the Friday morning section and Valentine instructed Wednesday's section. Next quarter we look forward to Amanda Fojtik joining Beth to instruct while we are sad to say goodbye to Jess. Winter quarter will also see a concentrated effort to re-evaluate the course readings and activities. We look forward to building upon a solid academic foundation and past relationships, and working to establish new connections in the community.



**M.A. Class of 2006
Where are they now?**

Adam Andolina
Finishing Dual-Degree in
Management & Labor: Human Resources

Lexi Balidisseri
University of Miami
Asst. Dir. of Orientation & Off-Campus Services

Scott Blevins
University of Las Vegas
Program Coordinator for Leadership Development

Maria (Bootwala) Bibler
The Ohio State University
Coordinator of International Students

Bryan Bowen
Finishing Dual-Degree in
Management & Labor: Human Resources

Kristy Brischke
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Director of Student Organizations

Mike Brockfield
Ohio State University
Assistant Coordinator, SPA Program

Danielle Brown
Ohio State University
Academic Advisor

Kendra Bumpus
Arizona State University
Community Coordinator

Corbin Campbell
George Washington University
Asst. Dir. - First Year Houses & Faculty Guides

Jamie Depelteau
University of New Hampshire
Hall Director

Laurel Draudt
Ohio State University
Graduate Admissions Counselor

Adam Duberstein
Ohio State University
Hall Director

Jennifer Gough
Ohio State University
Engineering Career Services

Kristin Hunger
Emmanuel College
Assistant Director of Residence Life

Trinity Jeter
Baldwin Wallace College
Area Coordinator

Rebecca Lane
Ohio State University
Hall Director

Collier Lumpkin
Ohio State University
Coordinator of Community Service

Megan McGough
Mortar Board National Office
Assistant Executive Director

Daniel Newhart
Ohio State University
Ph.D. student in Social & Cultural Foundations

Renata Opoczynski
Seattle University
Assistant Director of Student Activities

Peter Paquette
Loyola College in Maryland
Assistant Director of Student Life

Cristen Porter
Ohio State University
Coordinator—Explore Columbus

Jared Schwartz
San Jose State University
Coordinator of Student Organization Development

Laura Slocum
Ohio State University
Academic Advisor

Sarah Shilling
Ohio State University
Academic Advisor

Tom Taranto
American Diabetes Association - Central Ohio
Associate Manager for Development

Lisa Weiss
Ohio State University
Interim Coordinator for New Diversity Initiatives

News from current students:

David Haywood (MA '04, Ph.D. year three) recently participated in a roundtable discussion at the Research on Women in Education (RWE) 32nd Annual Fall Conference in Detroit, MI on Friday, Oct. 27th. The theme of the conference was "Women Transforming Communities through Pedagogy, Critical Scholarship and Activism." She shared a modified version of a paper presented on last year at the College of Education's Annual Diversity Forum entitled, "Using Critical Race Feminism to Analyze the 'Dark Testaments' of African American Women Educators."

Anne Krabacher (fourth year Ph.D.) and her husband Greg welcomed their son, Aaron Joseph Krabacher, on July 8, 2006. Aaron weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 22 inches long.

Ryan Porrier (MA '00) passed his candidacy exams for his doctoral program in October and is getting ready to start collecting data for his dissertation. His research pertains to how social class background influences identity development during the transition from high school to college. He currently teaches Ed P&L 309 - Introduction to Educational Psychology and also is conducting some research with a local school district related to student motivation and achievement.



Ben Williams (M.A. '00, Ph.D. 2006) will be graduating from the Higher Education Administration Ph.D. program at Ohio State on December 10, 2006. His dissertation is entitled "Expanding perceptions of self and other through study abroad." Ben would like to say a special thank you to his advisor, Dr. Ada Demb, who has been a phenomenal advisor throughout his doctoral studies. He would also like to say thank you to his cohort, Christina (Ph.D. 2004), Tammy (Ph.D. 2006), Cricket (J.D. 2006), Kathy and Dwayne for their support and encouragement throughout. After completing his Ph.D. Ben will continue his work as Director of Advising & Counseling Services at Columbus State Community College. He looks forward to having more time with his wife, Marla, son, Colin (3 years) and daughter, Elyse (1 year). Ben sends his very best to his fellow alum from 2000, and he wishes all the current graduate students the best of luck in their studies.

Alumni Updates

Karen Parrish Baker (Ph.D. '04) has several updates: **1.** After a national competitive application process, she was selected and participated in the Pedagogy and Student Services for Institutional Transformation (PASS IT): "Implementing Universal Design by Training Professionals to Train Others" Summer Institute on Universal Instructional Design (UID) held August 2-4, 2006 at the University of Minnesota. **2.** Last month, she received a research seed grant from the Morehead State University (MoSU) Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) to complete a study entitled, "MoSU Multicultural Awareness Project for Institutional Transformation (MAP-IT) Study" to assess the perceptions of the status quo at MoSU from multiple perspectives: (1) students, (2) faculty and instructional staff, (3) student development and support services staff, and (4) administrators during Spring 2007. **3.** She assumed the presidency of the Optimist Club of Huntington (WV) on Oct 1, making her the first African-American female president in the history of the KY/WV District of Optimists International, a community-based club organization dedicated to bringing out the best in kids in communities around the world.

Mike Brockfield, Adam Duberstein, Sarah Shilling, and Lisa Weiss (all MA '06), presented "The Real World Higher Ed: Season 1" focusing on their experiences in graduate school and as new professionals at the Careers in Student Affairs OCPA conference, Saturday, October 21, 2006, Columbus College of Art and Design.

Dr. Joanne Burrows (Ph.D. '98) will be inaugurated as the 15th President of Clarke College on October 8th, 2006. Dr. Mary Ann Sagaria was her advisor and Chair.

More Updates from Alumni & Friends:

Pamela (Plummer) Cranston (MA '78) was promoted to Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and International Programs at John Hopkins University effective July 1, 2006.

Alan Goodman (PhD '84) Director of Career Services at The Catholic University of America, was elected to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Academy of Fellows. The Academy of Fellows was created by NACE in 1994 to recognize individuals who have contributed to the career services and human resources/staffing profession through the advancement of knowledge, leadership, or excellence in professional practice. Election to the NACE Academy of Fellows is one of the highest honors that can be achieved by a professional in the field. Goodman was honored during the NACE National Meeting, which was held May 30 to June 2, in Anaheim, California.

Eunice Hornsby, Ph.D., (M.A. '82), completed her Masters in the Study of Law from Ohio State's Moritz College of Law in December, 2006, with a focus in employment discrimination. She is the first graduate from the new degree program.

Kelly (Kovicak) Kowatch (MA '05) as of December 4, will be a Student Career Counselor at the University of Michigan's School of Information.

Kim Orndorff (MA '05) recently accepted a position at Case Western Reserve University. Kim is a Career Development Manager at the Weatherhead School of Management.

Dr. Polly Owen (Ph.D. '01) accepted an appointment as Dean of the Division of Career and Technical Programs, at Columbus State Community College on September 20th, 2006. Dr. Ada Demb was her advisor and Chair.

Ankita Rahke (MA 2005) was named the Outstanding New Professional of the Year by the Texas Association of College and University Personnel Administrators.

Sean Simone (MA 99) is advancing to candidacy for a doctoral degree in the Higher Education program at the University of Maryland this fall. While working on his dissertation, he will be interning at ACE in Washington DC. His son Jonah (2 yrs) and wife Kelly are doing well.

Steve Sutton (MA '87) was recently elected the president-elect for the Texas Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA) the organization taking the role of an ACPA state division for Texas.

Don Stenta (Ph.D. '01) is now serving as the Associate Director of Student Affairs & Administration for the newly formed John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State. Don was previously the Associate Director of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service & Public Policy, which merged on July 1, 2006 with Ohio State's School of Public Policy and Management. In this new role, Don supervises all of the student affairs functions for the Glenn School including admissions, recruitment, student programs, and advising, along with administrative functions including lectures and public events, budget, human resources, facility, and information technology.

Katie Thompson (MA '02) is currently working as a Senior Communications Coordinator at Nationwide Insurance Company in Columbus, Ohio. In her position, Katie manages daily content on the intranet, which reaches over 30,000 Nationwide Associates, and serves as a project manager for new web site development. She is reachable by thompson.734@osu.edu

ACPA/NASPA

Join the Higher Education and Student Affairs and the SPA Program at the joint ACPA / NASPA Conference! We will be looking forward to seeing everyone all in one place for the joint reception in Orlando. Mark your calendars for March 31-April 4th, 2007 in Orlando, FL for the joint annual confer-

More Updates from Alumni & Friends:

Weddings and Engagements

Greg Bader (MA '03) and Kim Copeland (MA '03) were married in Columbus on April 29, 2006. Greg also has been promoted to the Director of the Annual Fund at Denison University.

Jen Bossard (MA '02) and Jeff Pelletier (MA '04) were married July 21, 2006. Jeff and Jen both work at the OSU Ohio Union, which is also where they met. Jeff works with event and building operations, and Jen works with student leadership programs. True to form, there was a Dr. Bob detailed-design plan for the wedding, from hair appointments to first toasts, although we decided to forgo goals and norms. Jeff had hoped to administer the MBTI to all guests, but they opted for a fun reception with friends from high school, college, and OSU all in the same room! They are both busy getting ready for the new Ohio Union move-out and construction, which begins this winter quarter!

Robert Jaymes Domingo (MA '00) got engaged to his partner of two years, Michael C. Rider, on November 21, 2006. Robert is a PhD candidate in Higher Education at Penn State and the Research Associate / Data Analyst at Penn State's Office of Student Affairs Research and Assessment.

Kelly Lid (MA '02) married Clint Stephens, "not an OSU alumni or anything fun like that--just a nice guy that I've turned into a Buckeye fan." Their wedding was on October 7, 2006 in Las Vegas. They're living near Cedar City, Utah, where she works at Southern Utah University as the Academic College Advisor for Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dell Hagan Rhodes (MA '99) is now the Coordinator for Service-Learning at Carroll Community College in Westminster, MD. Additionally, she is part of the English faculty. Last October, she married Timothy Rhodes and they reside in Baltimore City with their five greyhounds and two cats. She's pleased to report that SPA's most outrageous alumna, Jenn Gray, was in attendance at her wedding, as was Dell's other favorite SPA, Mariam El-Shamaa. Finally, this ENFJ became a certified MBTI trainer last May and feels like her life is finally complete.

Elizabeth Ann Rice (MA '91) and Robert Bernard were married November 4, 2006. They both work at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, where Elizabeth is Director of The Freshman Center and University Transition Programs, and Associate Director of Student Academic Affairs.

Christina Solis (MA '05) was married this past summer, June 17, 2006. Her name is now Christina Gray, but everyone still can call her Chrissy.

Lisa Weiss (MA '06) was engaged to her partner, Sarah Kozel this spring. They are planning for a 2007 wedding. Lisa is the Interim Coordinator for New Diversity Initiatives in the OSU Multicultural Center. Sarah is pursuing a Ph.D. in Social & Cultural Foundations at OSU.

Retirements

Dr. Alexander (Lex) Smith (Ph.D. '78) has announced his plans to retire as Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Lex was a doctoral student in the program from 1970-77 and served in several student services leadership roles at Ohio State during this time including Area Coordinator, Assistant Dean of Students and Assistant to the Vice President for Student Services. When he retires this summer, Lex will have served 42 years in higher education, the last 15 years in his position at Wartburg, and previous to his current position for 12 years as Dean of Students at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Please let us know of your news, accomplishments, comings and goings by e-mailing spa@osu.edu!