



# HESA CYBER BRIEFS

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### NEWS FROM THE (SPECIAL GUEST) COORDINATOR OF SPA...

December, 2007

Dear Friends,

Hello once again. Circumstances sometimes bring back old roles with new content. It happened to me for the academic year of 2007-2008. Yes, I retired in December of 2005. However, our academic program's two assistant professors, Michele Welkener and Tatiana Suspitsyna, each have one quarter off this year in order to support their research and writing. So, in July the phone rang. Would I be interested in coming back for one year? A new search will take a year and I said yes. This has brought me back to my old position.

During Autumn quarter I've been pinch hitting for Michele as SPA Coordinator and teaching her autumn course. Michele will return in January to both her teaching and administrative roles. During Winter quarter, I will teach one of Tatiana's courses and the doctoral core course I created in 1990, entitled "Leadership from the Inside Out." In the Spring, Tatiana will return and I'll be teaching my old friend, "Personality Type: Implications for Education."

Throughout the 2007-2008 academic year, I'll be working to solidify Ohio State's new comprehensive leadership program. I worked half-time on this project last year, and am pleased to report that a collaborative Leadership Program has been initiated among Student Affairs and various academic departments and other OSU units. The Leadership Program and Center will be coordinated by Jen Pelletier and it will be comprehensive in scope. There will be classroom and out-of-class components. The out-of-class efforts will include an on-line clearing house with campus-wide information on leadership classes, workshops, institutes, and short mini-workshops, celebrations, service and service-learning opportunities being offered at OSU. It will launch in the early part of 2008. The program will also have a center in the new Student Union with resources, marketing efforts and sponsorship of workshops, institutes, retreats and some leadership classes.

The School of Educational Policy and Leadership's HESA program has three new classes in process for approval, along with a repeatable internship and seminar classes. Other classes will be offered by Public Policy, Business, Agriculture, ROTC, Political Science and Communications. A special in-depth leadership program, the Ellenswood Leadership Fellows, has been conceptualized, funded by Matt Desch and other alumni and is planned to launch later in 2008. I have asked Kurt Foriska to detail more information about this program and that should be forthcoming in a later newsletter.

Last year we surveyed all of Ohio State's academic colleges and other units for leadership classes taught, workshops, institutes, retreats, and internships offered. These will be available on the clearinghouse website. We also conducted an ecosystem needs assessment (during Spring quarter 2007) on beginning, intermediate, and advanced leadership skills for OSU students. Results are available for students in general by organizational type, gender, class rank, and other demographic characteristics.

Finally, Recreation Sports has approval for "A Challenge Campus," which will include an on-campus ropes course, repelling tower, and various ground-level and other obstacle courses.

We are set to go.

Best wishes,

Robert F. "Bob" Rodgers  
Emeritus Professor of Education  
Acting Coordinator, SPA Program for Autumn Quarter 2007

**Chris Anderson, Gina Kozlowski, and Alexis Olson, 2nd year MAs,** presented at GLACUHO's annual conference in November 2007.

**Chris Anderson, Gina Kozlowski, and Alexis Olson, 2nd year MAs,** will also be presenting a program entitled "Making Meaning and Finding Purpose: Supporting Student's Spiritual Development in Housing contexts" at the 2008 OCPA conference in January.

**Laura Arthur, Sarah Hoffarth, Adrian Huerta, 1st year MAs and Mike Brockfield, MA 2006,** presented a program entitled "Choosing the 'Right' Graduate program for you" at the OCPA Careers in Student Affairs Conference in October 2007.

**Lexie Beer and Joy Walker, 2nd year MAs,** will be presenting a program entitled "The 'F' Word: Feminism and Student Identity" at the 2008 OCPA conference in January.

**Seth Fishman and Mitsu Narui, 2nd year doctoral students,** will be presenting a program entitled "Riding off into the sunset: How to leave your first job" at the 2008 OCPA conference.

**Seth Fishman, 2nd year doctoral student,** will also be presenting a second program entitled "Mindfulness: Creative thinking concepts and strategies" at the 2008 OCPA conference in January.

**Katy Higbee, 2nd year MA, Adrian Huerta, 1st year MA, and Shalun Lewis, 2nd year MA,** presented at the MMOGSISP conference in November 2007.

## NASPA

Join the Higher Education and Student Affairs / SPA Program at the 2008 NASPA Conference! We will be looking forward to seeing everyone for the reception in Boston.

Mark your calendars! The OSU reception will be on Monday, March 10th from 9:30-11:30pm @ Regis-Marriott.

## ACPA

Join the Higher Education and Student Affairs / SPA Program at the 2008 ACPA Conference in Atlanta! We will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the reception in Orlando. Mark your calendars for March 29-April 2, 2008 for the conference and reception! More information coming soon.

**Erin Anthony, MA 2007**, accepted a position as a Human Resources Associate for the Department of Microbiology at Ohio State University.

**Katybeth Dreisbach, MA 2005**, was promoted to Assistant Director of the Career Development Center at the University of Richmond in 2007.

**Dr. Kerry Ann O'Meara, MA 1995**, was appointed Associate Professor in Higher Education at the University of Maryland starting in Autumn 2007.

**Dr. Christina Rivera, PhD 2000**, accepted a new job at UCLA as the Assistant Athletic Director for Academic and Student Services in September 2007.

**Dr. Penny Rue, MA 1977**, was appointed the new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of California San Diego on September 10, 2007.

**Julie Schultz, MA 2007**, will be co-presenting with Nicole Craven at the 2008 OCPA conference in January. Their presentation is entitled "Freshman vs. Wild: Pre-enrollment adventure programs for new students."

**Elizabeth Warren, MA 2001**, will be co-presenting with Nicole Neito and Tuesday Ryan-Hart at the 2008 OCPA conference in January. Their presentation is entitled "Art of Hosting: Conversations that matter."

### 2008 Admissions Dates

The HESA and SPA programs will be hosting prospective students on the following dates:

MA visits: February 14-15 and February 28-29

PhD visits: February 1, February 22, March 14, April 11 and April 18.

We will report on the incoming MA and PhD cohorts in the next newsletter!

Send your announcements and updates to [spa@osu.edu](mailto:spa@osu.edu) for inclusion in the next newsletter!