



# HESA CYBER BRIEFS

## News from the Higher Education & Student Affairs & Student Personnel Assistantship Programs



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### NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR OF SPA...

May, 2007

Dear Friends of HESA/SPA,

Greetings! It's hard to believe we're only weeks away from another hooding ceremony where we will celebrate the accomplishments of our outstanding 2007 graduating cohort. Another exciting academic year filled with promising new developments is coming to a close. Allow me to share a few highlights...

The newly merged College of Education and Human Ecology is thriving with new initiatives and partnerships. We have a new School of Educational Policy and Leadership Director arriving this summer, Dr. Bruce Kimball from the University of Rochester. Before his tenure at Rochester, he served as a dean at Dartmouth College, Tenri University in Japan, and Yale University. Numerous searches are being conducted across the College, and HESA will be benefiting from additional support in the coming months as well. Given these changes, we are devising a strategic plan to continue our program's national reputation for excellence and consider how we can build on its strong tradition, capitalizing on the resources and opportunities for collaboration that a context only like OSU and the merged College can provide. We're proud that we're one of the six programs from our College ranked in the top 10 in the *U.S. News & World Report* guide, *America's Best Graduate Schools*. Three specialties are in the top five, including Counseling/Personnel Services (which is now fourth—rising four positions from last year). Of course we won't be satisfied until we're number one!

Students and faculty alike were delighted to have Vice President for Student Affairs Richard Hollingsworth continue to teach our *Introduction to Student Affairs* course despite his busy administrative schedule. Tammy Maltzan (PhD '06) joined us in a visiting faculty role this year, providing valuable support for some of the courses formerly taught by Dr. Rodgers. HESA/SPA's partnership with Student Affairs is still robust—we greatly value the relationship we have between the academic program and the many offices across OSU, Capital, Otterbein, and now the Columbus College Art and Design that provide approximately 70 GA positions in which our students gain professional experience.

Our student profile remains quite competitive—we are fortunate to have another exceptional incoming student group. Twenty-nine new MA students and five new PhD students will be joining us in the Fall. Our legacy of excellence is due to the many dedicated alumni, faculty, students and staff who support the program in various ways. Please know that we appreciate your involvement and communications! It was a pleasure to meet and greet so many of you at the joint conference of ACPA/NASPA where the theme was "our power and responsibility for shaping education." Indeed we can accomplish this only through our powerful network of colleagues around the globe.

We hope you'll continue your involvement with the program and keep us posted on your personal and professional news. You can contact us via email ([spa@osu.edu](mailto:spa@osu.edu)), U.S. mail (325 Ramseyer Hall, 29 W. Woodruff Ave., Columbus, OH 43210), or phone (614-292-4322). Have a great summer!

Best,

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## Presenting the Class of 2009

The Higher Education & Student Affairs program consistently attracts a number of talented individuals. This year is no exception, with 29 new students in the MA cohort and 5 new students in the Ph.D. cohort enrolling for Autumn 2007. The new students come from all over the country and quite a few are here 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, their institutional affiliations, and where they are working in SPA assistantships.

### MA Class of 2009

### Undergraduate Institution

### Assistantship Placement

Peter Anzollitto	Baylor University	UG Admissions & First Year Experience
Laura Arthur	Xavier University	University Housing
Robin Banks	Indiana State University	
Katherine Beaumont	Ohio State University	Academic Advising: Fisher Coll. Of Business
Megan Campbell	Bowling Green State University	Career Services: Fisher College of Business
Megan Clawson	Texas Christian University	Otterbein College Residence Life
Meghan Davis	Miami University	International Affairs Scholars Program
Kavitha Dharmalingam	Ohio State University	University Housing
Robert Dunlap	Miami University	Honors and Scholars Program
Andrea Evans	University of California: L. A.	Academic Advising: Fisher Coll. of Business
Tiffany Favers	Ohio State University	Office of Minority Affairs: Tutoring Program
Kate Giardello	Ohio State University	FT Employee (Undergraduate Admissions)
Jason Gloe	Franklin and Marshall College	Student Wellness Center
Kate Guiler	Miami University	University Housing
Savannah Heilman	Miami University	University Fellowship
Sarah Hoffarth	SUNY at Buffalo	University Housing
Charee Holloway	University of Notre Dame	CCAD: Student Activities
Adrian Huerta	University of Nevada: Las Vegas	Undergraduate Admissions: Telecounseling
Kristine Koehler	University of Iowa	Ohio Union and Student Activities
Clara Lau	Ohio State University	Humanities Scholars Program
Lisa Mowery	Kent State University	Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
Jennifer Nailos	University of Mass. : Amherst	University Housing
Nathan Parsell	New York University	Capital University Residence Life
Jamie Paulson	Ohio State University	
Nathaniel Peterson	University of St. Thomas	University Housing
Julia Prince	Ohio Wesleyan University	University Fellowship
Ashley Rutledge	University of Georgia	Ohio Union and Student Activities
Erin Thomas	Grand Valley State University	Office of Minority Affairs: Advising Program
Heather Trulock	Indiana Univ. : Bloomington	University Housing

### Ph.D. Cohort beginning Autumn 2007

#### Name

#### Undergraduate Institution

#### Graduate Institution

Kerra Carson	Our Lady of the Lake University	Ohio State University
Seth Gordon	Antioch College	Antioch University
Judy Guion-Utsler	Bowling Green State University	Boston College
Cynthia Vardhan	College of William and Mary	Rochester Institute of Technology
Tricia Zelaya	Ohio University	Ohio University

# SERVICE-LEARNING INITIATIVE UPDATE

By Jess Bennett, Amanda Fojtik, Beth Halpern &  
Valentine Mukuria

## Educational Policy and Leadership Service-Learning Update

Our new community partners have worked out wonderfully this year! We have sent 10 students to the Somali Women and Children's Alliance to help with their job readiness program. Our students have tutored Somali women aged 18-69 in basic English from learning their ABCs through computer skills. The students' support has greatly assisted their sparse teaching staff of one for over 30 students. The Northside Public Library has a flourishing Homework Help Center thanks to the students that have volunteered there this year. New at the start of the year, the program now has a list of regular children and volunteers. The two sections of the undergraduate service learning course have collectively sent over 30 volunteers to the various homework help centers at public libraries across Columbus. Students volunteering at The Short Stop have helped out with children's plays throughout the year as well as tutoring and creating art. Over 25 students have spent their time at the Short Stop this year with many continuing to volunteer there after the Ed P&L 271 course ended. The students in the service-learning course continue to learn valuable life lessons about what it means to be part of a community. Many students reported on their evaluations that they learned to question assumptions, biases, and stereotypes throughout the quarter. The students have learned about cultural, religious, socioeconomic, and racial difference through their work in the classroom and on site.

This year's TAs have thoroughly enjoyed learning along with the students. Each quarter a new group of students has challenged the instructors to think and plan in new and different ways. We thank the College of Education and Human Ecology and the School of Educational Policy and Leadership for the opportunity to engage our students in the community.



**Shakeer Abdullah, MA 04, and Davida H. Haywood, MA 04 & 3rd year PhD,** presented Theme Parties on Campuses: Their Impact on a Progressive Campus Social Agenda on May 1, 2007 at the 13<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Diversity, Race, & Learning at Ohio State University.

**Barbara Allen, 4th year PhD,** recently became engaged to Kevin Cordi, a Ph.D. student in the College of Education and Human Ecology, Department of Teaching and Learning. They are thrilled and are planning a fall wedding date.

**Adam Burden, MA 2007,** is a member of the newly elected Board of Trustees for ACUI (Association of College Unions-International) as of the Conference in Atlanta this March. He is the only student member and is also a fully fledged voting member. After graduation he will be taking a full-time position with the Ohio Union at OSU in the Student Activities Office.

**Kimberly Knowles DeRoche, MA 2007; Mitsu Narui, 1st year PhD; and Lisa Weiss, MA 2006;** co-presented Finding our center: Reaching the Majority from the Minority Perspective at the 2007 conference of the Ohio College Personnel Association / Ohio Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

**Seth Fishman, 1st year PhD,** completed his term as Vice Chair of Research for the ACPA Commission of Student Involvement. He also presented a round table discussion at the 2007 Joint ACPA & NASPA Convention on Student Organization Trends.

**Jen Klosterman-Lando, 1st year PhD,** and her significant other, Melissa, welcomed a new baby girl into their family. Alessia Avaleiss Klosterman-Lando was born on April 2, 2007 at 6:48 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Brian Orefice, MA 99, PhD 07 (anticipated), and Cheria V. Dial, MA 99,** had the following presentations at the 2007 Joint Meeting of ACPA/NASPA:

Approaching and Engaging Faculty: Successful Academic and Student Affairs Collaborations

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Short-term Study Abroad Programs: Shaping Students for our Global Community

**Ekroop Singh, first year MA,** is getting married on June 17, 2007 in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Tara Spalla, 1st year PhD,** had her first article published in Nurse Educator:

<http://www.nurseeducatoronline.com/pt/re/nurseeducator/abstract.00006223-200703000-00002.htm;jsessionid=Gn0TmhV8B9MnvjdqGYvhgTn9lJr1yJv9dwTC4DQpWQXbZydyCNGw!-1905490407!-949856144!8091!-1>

<http://www.nurseeducatoronline.com/pt/re/nurseeducator/currenttoc.htm;jsessionid=Gn0TmhV8B9MnvjdqGYvhgTn9lJr1yJv9dwTC4DQpWQXbZydyCNGw!-1905490407!-949856144!8091!-1>

Additionally, Tara has been working on a project with a nurse educator colleague at The University of Central Lancashire that has just been accepted as a paper presentation at a Nursing Education Conference at the University of Cambridge in the U.K. during September 2007. The project is a collaborative web/video-conference during the seminar portion of a nursing leadership course at both universities. The students learn leadership concepts as they apply to the practice of nursing, along with diversity and technologic competence.

<http://www.nursingsociety.org/research/conferences.html>

<http://www.jillrogersassociates.co.uk/conferences/netinternational.htm>

**Rob Aaron, MA 1996**, will start a new position on July 1 as Director of Assessment and Planning in the Division of Student Life and Diversity at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). He remains a Ph.D. candidate in the higher education program at Indiana University Bloomington. He recently defended his dissertation proposal and plans to finish the degree during the 2007-2008 academic year. Rob and his wife, Suzanne, and their son, Thomas, will move to Indianapolis in late June. His email address is [rvaaron@indiana.edu](mailto:rvaaron@indiana.edu)

**Shakeer Abdullah, MA 2004**, Presented 'The Game of Oppression twice, first at the 2007 ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting Pre-conference and also at the Alliance For Graduate Education in Mississippi 2007 Symposium.

**Elizabeth Allan, PhD 1999**, had her fourth child, Ella in 2004. Additionally she has received the Outstanding Publication Award from Division J of AERA (2005) for her article published in *Harvard Educational Review*. She has received tenure and promotion at the University of Maine (2006) and is currently serving as a Visiting Professor of Education at Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico while on sabbatical from UMaine.

**Ginger Ambler, MA 1990**, is happy to share that she is the recipient of NASPA's 2007 Melvane D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award which was presented to her at the joint conference in Orlando earlier this month. She completed her Ph.D. at the College of William and Mary in May 2006. The results of her dissertation, *Who Flourished in College? Using Positive Psychology and Student Involvement Theory to Explore Mental Health Among Traditionally Aged Undergraduates*, were presented at the NASPA/ACPA Joint Conference.

**Rayna Quickel Anderson, MA 1992**, was a co-presenter at the Oct. 2006 Michigan College Personnel Association Conference (MCPA) for the session titled - "Columbus Was Wrong! The World Is Flat - Globalization of Technology and Its Effect on Higher Education."

**Elizabeth Rice Bernard, MA 1991**, was married last November (2006) to Robert Bernard. Both of them work at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Elizabeth is currently Director of The Freshman Center and University Transition Programs, and Associate Director of Student Academic Affairs. Robert is a faculty member and academic advisor in New Century College. They live in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Pam Cranston, MS 1978**, as of January 1st, was named Interim Dean of Johns Hopkins University's new Carey Business School until the inaugural dean can be selected and installed.

**Robert Jaymes Domingo, MA 2000**, was recently elected to a three-year term on the Directorate of the ACPA Commission for Assessment for Student Development. He and **Andrea L. Dowhower, PhD 2000**, also presented a session at the 2007 ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting in Orlando titled, "Understanding the First-Year Experience through Learning Outcomes and Assessment."

**Laurel Draudt, MA 2006**, is now an Academic Counselor and Scholars Coordinator in the College of Pharmacy at The Ohio State University.

**Doug Eck, MA 2004**, will be serving in the position of Resident Director with the Semester at Sea program for the 2007 summer voyage to Central and South America.

**Sandi Hall, MA 2004**, will be presenting at the upcoming ACUHO-I Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. Their session is titled: "Traversing the Millennial Gateway: Moving from Undergraduate to Professional and Graduate," and will present with a fellow former SPA, **Laura Giles, MA 1992**.

**Willow King, MA 2005**, has accepted a new position as the Assistant Director of the Career Center at Ball State University and will be starting this new position on May 29th. She is currently a Residence Life Coordinator at DePauw University.

**Jacqueline Berger LaGuardia, MA 1993**, is currently the Director of Communications and Special Programs at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Policy Studies and is currently ABD. She and her husband Marc have one son, Owen, who is ten months old.

**Rebecca Lane, MA 2006**, was recently engaged to Mark Sandidge who is a current 1st year PhD student in Educational Administration at The Ohio State University.

**Donn Marshall, MA 1980, Student Personnel Work in Higher Ed; Ph.D. 1988, Counseling Psychology**. After nearly twenty years of serving as a psychologist, chief psychologist and Director of Counseling, Health & Wellness Services (CHWS) at the University of Puget Sound, was adjusted into the position of Associate Dean of Students. In this new post Donn provides leadership for several departments in Student Affairs at Puget Sound: CHWS, Multicultural Student Services, Off Campus Student Services, and Spirituality, Service & Social Justice. Donn also serves as an authorized trainer for the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and for the American Association of Suicidology, bringing suicide assessment and clinical management training to mental health providers nationally.

**Kathleen McLaren-Hawking, MA 2000**, is now officially a Study Abroad Advisor at UC, San Diego. Kathleen and her husband (Mark Hawking, 1999 Ohio State graduate) will celebrate 3 years of marriage on May 1, 2007.

**Laurie Neff, MA 1984**, will be moving from the Dean of Students position at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA to the Dean of Students at Denison University in Granville, Ohio this summer.

**Peter Paquette, MA 2006**, was recently elected Treasurer of the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA).

**Cory Shapiro, MA 2004**, accepted a new position at Arizona State University in June 2006. He is currently Assistant Director for Residential Education.

**Sarah Shilling, MA 2006**, was elected President-Elect for the Ohio Career Development Association at the 2007 Spring Conference, <http://www.ocdaonline.org>.

**Sean Simone, MA 1999**, finished coursework toward his doctorate at the University of Maryland and is now writing his dissertation proposal. After completing an internship at the American Council on Education, he was hired by the Maryland Independent College and University Association as a Research Policy Analyst. In addition to the new job, he also recently moved to a single family house in Columbia, Maryland.

## HESA Doctoral Potluck Celebration

On April 29th, Dr. Demb and faculty hosted a potluck for PhD students to celebrate their recent achievements. The PhD students have been busy this past year with several anticipated graduations in June and August, dissertation proposals, general exams, and surviving the transition to being PhD students (for the newest cohort). Thirty individuals were present for the potluck including Dr. Bruce Kimball (the new director for Ed P&L starting July 1st), and one of the youngest members of the HESA extended family, Amy Wade's new baby.



Students, Faculty and other guests at the Potluck



Dr. Demb recognizing Xueli Wang for her recent accomplishments.



More students and faculty at the potluck

## Congratulations to our students!

This year the Higher Education and Student Affairs program is proud to announce the graduation of 33 students from the MA program this spring and 4 students from the PhD program.

### MA Class of 2007

Erin Anthony	Kristen Fischer	Jennifer Moning
Philip Badaszewski	Amanda Fojtik	Justin Moses
Vanidy Bailey	Beth Halpern	John Prescott
Jessica Bennett	Armada Henderson	Kelli Raker
Katie Beres	Blair Hedges	Candice Reder
Robyn Bowers	A.J. Lapan	Ginny Rowe
Adam Burden	Kristin Layous	Kelly Schoellman
William Chen	Colette Masterson	Julie Schultz
Suzanne Dantuono	Brian McGowan	Amber Waters
Tracie Davis	Mary Kate Meincke	Paul Young
Kimberly Knowles Deroche	Meredith Mickaliger	Marcus Williams

### PhD graduates for 2007

Jaime Deafenbaugh - Spring Quarter	Katherine Titus-Becker - Spring Quarter
D'Andra Mull - Spring Quarter	Jie Yao - Winter Quarter

### Lancaster Program

This year the HESA program has a large number of students that will be participating in the Study-abroad program in conjunction with Lancaster University. The following students will be in the program this year:

Lexie Beer - 1st year MA student	Seth Fishman - 1st year PhD student
Katy Higbee - 1st year MA student	Renee Kopczewski - 4th year PhD student
Ama Koram - 1st year MA student	Michele Lee - 1st year MA student
Marissa Lin - 1st year MA student	Holly Meyer - 1st year MA student
Jen Nelson - 1st year MA student	Mary Butler Stone - 1st year MA student
Brian Wagner - 1st year MA student	

For more information on the Lancaster program: <http://hespa.org.ohio-state.edu/lancaster.html>