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NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR OF SPA...

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You can tell it's Summer at OSU when you see loaded backpacks, flip-flops, and students playing frisbee on the lawn of the Oval between classes. It's difficult to believe that the academic year is over. Time flew as we made our way through admissions, SPA matching, and conference seasons—however, we're delighted with the results. We have 29 M.A. and 10 Ph.D. students joining our HESA community in the Fall. You'll get to hear about these talented new folks and where they're coming from in this newsletter. We were able to match most students with an assistantship, thanks to our SPA partners at OSU, Capital University, Otterbein College, and Columbus College of Art and Design. We're fortunate to have such support from Student and Academic Affairs colleagues who contribute to shape the experience of higher education's (current and future) leaders.

NASPA and ACPA brought opportunities for connection and renewal. It's always awe-inspiring to meet and visit with so many HESA/SPA alumni who are making a difference in higher education. We were proud to announce at the reception that the program retains its top 5 ranking in Counseling/Personnel Services and top 20 ranking in Higher Education Administration.

In a dynamic field like ours, change inevitably comes with time. I have announced that I will be leaving OSU this summer and starting as a faculty member in the Department of Counselor Education and Human Services and Coordinator of the PhD program in Higher Education Administration at the University of Dayton as of August. We are very pleased that Dr. Tammy Maltzan, a graduate of our Ph.D. program and Visiting Assistant Professor of HESA for two years now, has agreed to accept the role of Interim SPA Coordinator beginning in mid-August. During the month of July, while Dr. Maltzan is in Europe with the Lancaster (England) Internship Program, Dr. Bob Rodgers will serve as the Interim Coordinator and will return as a Visiting Professor starting Autumn quarter. Lexie Beer has accepted the position of Assistant SPA Coordinator, following Mike Brockfield's departure for an academic advising position in OSU's School of Allied Medical Professions. Lexie is a 2008 graduate of our MA program; her SPA placement was in the Multicultural Center. Finally, Don Stenta, (HESA PhD class of 2001), the Associate Director of the John Glenn School of Public Policy, is joining the HESA Section as a Visiting Assistant Professor to develop leadership courses in Educational Policy and Leadership in conjunction with the Glenn School and the Office of Student Affairs. With a new College Dean selected and arriving July 1 (Dr. Cheryl Achterberg from Iowa State), we are hopeful that decisions about faculty searches will be forthcoming in a timely way. These are exciting times for the college, school, and the program!

I would like to thank you for your support and friendship during my three years as SPA Coordinator—it has been a genuine pleasure and honor to serve such a wonderful community of scholars. Please help us welcome (or welcome back) Bob, Tammy, Don, and Lexie into their roles with the program—it will be exciting to see how it flourishes under their leadership!

Please keep in touch with your latest news so we can continue to share it with HESA/SPA students, faculty, supervisors, alumni and friends. (Write to: SPA@OSU.edu).

Go Bucks!!

Best,

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Presenting the Class of 2010

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 10 new students in the Ph.D. cohort enrolling for Autumn 2008. 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 PhD students, their institutional affiliations, and where they are working in SPA assistantships.

<u>MA Class of 2010</u>	<u>Undergraduate Institution</u>	<u>Assistantship Placement</u>
Erlynn Ballo	University of California: L.A.	OSU University Housing
Daniel Best	Florida State University	OSU University Housing
Joanne Boos	Ohio State University	Full-time OSU Employee
Erin Carlin	Marietta College	OSU University Housing
Dana Carnes	Kent State University	Otterbein College Residence Life
Ashlie Depinet	Ohio State University	Full-time OSU Employee
Taso Dimitriadis	Ohio State University	OSU University Housing
Heather Gasmire	Washington & Jefferson College	OSU University Housing
Brian Gibson	Texas A&M University	Multicultural Center
Kristin Glinzak	University of California: L. A.	OSU University Housing
Maggie Heffernan	Miami University	Student Wellness
Julie Hunt	Iowa State University	Undergrad. Adm. & FYE: Student Outreach
Chelsea Koenigseker	Kent State University	
Jaimi Kolarik	Ohio State University	Fisher College of Bus.: Academic Advising
Katie Krajny	Ohio State University	Ohio Union and Student Activities
Kristin Kroncke	Ohio State University	Fisher College of Bus.: Career Services
Rachel Ligman	Miami University	College of Engineering: Career Services
Emily Lottes	SUNY - Brockport	Health Science Scholars
Marion Meadows	Ohio State University	Full-time OSU Employee
Tristan Palmgren	Bowling Green State University	
Travis Pentz	University of Calif.: Santa Cruz	Otterbein Residence Life
Joseph Persac	Saint Edward's University	Off Campus Student Services
Kathryn Reed	University of Cincinnati	
Audrey Rhodebeck	Ohio State University	Fisher College of Bus.: Career Services
Robert Richardson	University of Richmond	OSU University Housing
Katherine Walker	University of New Hampshire	Student Advocacy
Lauren Williams	University of Pittsburgh	OSU University Housing
Meredith Willsen	Dartmouth University	
Megan Witt	Otterbein College	Student Financial Aid

Ph.D. Cohort beginning Autumn 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Undergraduate Institution</u>	<u>Graduate Institution</u>
Clare Allen	University of Cambridge (UK)	University of Cambridge (UK)
Doug Gill	Ohio State University	Ohio State University
Brian Janssen	Dennison University	Miami University
Rebecca Lane	University of Georgia	Ohio State University
Erica Lee	Ohio State University	Ohio State University
Shalun Lewis	Philander Smith College	Ohio State University
Ramsey Piazza	University of Dayton	University of Rhode Island
Shilpa Register	University of Alabama	University of Alabama
Amber Vlasnik	Saint Norbert College	Louisiana State University
Li Zhou	Dongbei Univ. of Finance & Econ. (PRC)	Dongbei Univ. of Fin. & Econ.

Laura Arthur, 1st year MA, received the Dr. Richard and Dorene Miller Scholarship from the College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University.

Mike Chapman, 2nd year MA, will be starting the PhD program in Cultural Foundations, Technology, and Qualitative Inquiry at OSU beginning summer quarter 2008. Additionally, after revising a course paper, Mike will be publishing "Perceptions About Public v. Private College Crime Rates Aren't Accurate" in the May/June issue of Campus Safety Magazine.

Seth Fishman, 2nd year PhD, has a message for all Lancaster Program alums - there is now a Facebook group to connect you with your fellow classmates to share experiences, stories and provide advice to future HESA Lancaster participants. The group name is "OSU-Lancaster Study Abroad".

Jennifer Klosterman-Lando, 2nd year PhD, was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, chapter 155 at Ohio State in November 2007. She will be presenting "Helping Transfer Students Reach New Heights: Creating Academic Connections in their First Quarter" at the NACADA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois in October 2008. In addition, Jen will be transitioning to the role of Director of Student Services for the College of Education and Human Ecology here at Ohio State. In this role, she will have oversight for undergraduate academic advising, honors programs, degree certification, academic action, curricular implementation, leadership programs, records and registration, the coordination and awarding of college scholarships, and coordinating curricular policy and procedures across the entire college. Congrats!

Kelly Koren, 2nd year MA, will be leading a 2008 Summer Study Abroad Program in the Czech Republic for six weeks and in December will be leading a 10 day study abroad to Mexico for first year OSU students.

Kate Leishman, 2nd year MA, ran in the Columbus Capital City Half-Marathon on April 12th. She completed the course (13.1 miles) in 2:41:45 and was quite thrilled. Kate also participated in a service project as part of the ACUI conference. (pictured to the right)



Marissa Lin, 2nd year MA; Mitsu Narui, 2nd

year PhD; presented or co-presented with several coworkers from the OSU Multicultural Center at the 2008 ACPA conference. A listing of the presentations held at ACPA can be found here: <http://mcc.osu.edu/page.asp?id=184>. Additionally, the Multicultural Center received an award from the ACPA Commission for Assessment and Evaluation, specifically the Emerging Best Practices in Program Review and Evaluation - Research Universities.



Several MA students at the ACPA Conference this April

Valentine Mukuria, 4th year PhD, gave a presentation on "The Effects of Kenya's Post-Election Violence: A Report from the Kenya Human Rights Commission" on May 9th as part of an OSU College of Education and Human Ecology Research symposium.

Mitsu Narui, 2nd year PhD, will be attending the ACPA Cultural Study Tour in Ghana from June 5 -22.

Jess Santaguida, 2nd year MA, accepted a summer internship with Honda in Marysville, Ohio. She will be working in their Organizational Development (HR) Department. Projects include job analysis, statistical analysis of performance programs and reviewing the career assessment program.

Dr. Ginger Ambler, MA 1990, has a recently completed a book chapter entitled "Who Flourishes? The Criteria of Complete Mental Health" for the soon-to-be released four volume Praeger Perspectives Series, *Positive Psychology: Exploring the Best in People*, by Greenwood Publishing Company. Also, she has been appointed to assume the role of Interim Vice President for Student Affairs at the College of William and Mary beginning July 1, 2008.

Dr. Karen Parrish Baker, PhD 2004, Associate Professor, Adult and Higher Education at Morehead State University (KY) will present a paper based upon her dissertation research, "Academic Dual-Career Couples Lifestyle Affects on Careers in Academe," at the June 6-7, 2008 20th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (EQRC) at Cedarville University (OH).

Dr. Len Baird, HESA faculty, was named Senior Scholar Diplomate for ACPA. The description of this accolade reads as follows: "These professionals possess conceptual and creative skills that have shaped the profession and contain the promise of further advancement of research, theory, and scholarship to inform student affairs practice. The American College Personnel Association's Senior Scholars represent the best of engaged scholarship relevant to student affairs work in higher education. The individuals selected for this responsibility have made exemplary and sustained contributions to ACPA's mission of generating and disseminating knowledge."

Lexi Baldisseri, MA 06, is now living in San Francisco with fellow MA 06 alum, Jared Schwartz. They are vigorously trying to recruit new people to their wonderful city, while loving their weekends at the beach, the copious amount of incredible Mexican food and riding public transportation everywhere. About 6 months ago, Lexi left her position at the University of Miami to work for a software start up in Palo Alto, CA., Palantir Technologies. She recently was promoted to Recruitment & Events Coordinator for the company and absolutely loves her new job. Also, she is starting to train for the San Francisco half marathon this summer and the Chicago marathon in October.

Elizabeth Bernard (Rice), MA 1991, Director of The Freshman Center and University Transition Programs at George Mason University, and her husband Robert Bernard, welcomed a son, William Wesley Bernard, on October 24, 2007.

Sarah Brackmann, MA 2005, will be starting her PhD in the fall through the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education.

Mike Brockfield, MA 2006, is now an Academic Advisor for the School of Allied Medical Professions at Ohio State University. Mike is leaving his position as the Assistant Coordinator of the SPA program and wishes the new Assistant Coordinator, **Lexie Beer, MA 2008**, the best of luck in her new role.

Kendra Bumpus, MA 2006, received the Outstanding New Professional Award at the Association of Intermountain Housing Officers (AIMHO).

Brad Burton, MA 2004, was recently featured on page 60 of the March issue of "The Bulletin", the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) bi-monthly publication. Here is a link to the archives for the publication: http://www.acui.org/publications/bulletin/issues_by_yr.aspx?year=694 Brad is also actively job searching in the Ohio and Florida areas.

Corbin Campbell, MA 2006, has recently published an article with Dr. Demb: Campbell, C. & Demb, A. (2008, forthcoming). College high risk drinkers: Who matures out? And who persists as adults? /Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education, / April, 42(1). Additionally, Corbin is a first year doctoral student in the Higher Education program at the University of Maryland holding an assistantship with the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment.

Dr. Jaime Deafenbaugh Dunn, PhD 2007, was married in August '07 to Robb Dunn. She has been working as an Assistant Dean of Admission at William & Mary's law school since the end of August. Starting in July, she will be a program assistant in the William & Mary DC Office.

Jill Chaskes Foster, MA 1997, would like to reconnect with Jennifer (James) Lucas, MA 1997. They have lost touch in the last few years and Jill would love to reconnect with her. The SPA office does not have current information on Jennifer and we are passing on this request to the alumni at large. If others have an email address or other contact info that you'd be willing to pass along, we can reconnect them.

Michelle Garcia, MA 2005, is getting married in July of this year to Timothy Andrew Juchter of Erie, Pennsylvania (a graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio). Her new last name will be Garcia-Juchter. (Pronounced You-kter... It's Dutch).

Chrissy (Solis) Gray, MA 2005, is now working at the University of Connecticut Health Center as a Student Affairs Officer. She works with the Medical, Dental, and Graduate school students, planning events and activities.

Dr. Ray Heath, PhD 1973, was named one of the NASPA 2008 Pillars of the Profession "The NASPA Foundation's Pillar of the Profession Award is designed to honor members of the profession who:

- are individuals of professional distinction, as defined by donors and supporters;
- have served in leadership roles in NASPA, either regionally or nationally; and/or are being recognized or remembered by colleagues, friends, students, or student organizations for extraordinary service."

Blair Hedges, MA 2007, was one of two recipients of Duke University's Outstanding Service in Advising Award, which recognizes exemplary service and support by a staff member who advises student organizations as a part of his or her job. Hedges received this accolade on Wednesday, April 16th at the Student Affairs Distinguished Leadership & Service Awards Program, which was held at the Doris Duke Center in the Duke Gardens in Durham, NC. Blair is the Student Leadership Coordinator at Duke University's Rubenstein-Silvers Hillel in Durham, North Carolina. As part of her job, she advises several campus-based student organizations including the Hillel Student Board, Duke Friends of Israel, the Jewish cappella group Kol Kachol, and the Jewish Awareness Week committee. Hedges was also the staff leader for Duke's Alternative Spring Break trip to Montevideo, Uruguay in March and she will be leading the 20 Duke students who will be going on Hillel's Birthright Israel trip in late May.

Laurel E. Hirt, MA 1995, received one of the 2008 President's Outstanding Service Award for her work at the University of Minnesota.

Joe Orozco, MA 2005, has been promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid in the Office of Student Affairs in the College of Pharmacy at The Ohio State University.

Sara Stonewater, MA 2005, now lives in the Chicago area and is working as the Assistant Director for Student Affairs at Rush University Medical Center. She is also getting married in July.

Katie Thompson, MA 2002, is a Senior Communications Coordinator with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, located in Columbus, Ohio. She's busy planning her upcoming wedding to Andy Tracewell on June 21 in central Ohio.

Dana Kuchem Vredeveld, MA 2005, presented a session titled, "Identifying and Working with Scholarship Candidates at Large Public Universities" at the 2007 National Association of Fellowships Advisors Conference. She is currently the fellowship advisor at Ohio State, serving all undergraduates pursuing major national scholarships & fellowships.

**Happy 60th Anniversary SPA!
(1948– 2008)**

More
Updates
from
Alumni
&
Friends:

Rachel Wallins, MA 1996, currently lives right outside of New York City with her husband Jeff and baby daughter Charlotte. She is the SVP, Director of HR and Global Talent Management for Ketchum PR, based in NY but located throughout the globe. She runs the entire HR function in NY and also is responsible for the design and development of career pathing, performance management and succession planning programs throughout the global agency.

Marcus Williams, MA 2007, is currently working in Houston, TX and is getting married on May 31st, 2008.

Judy Rogers, MA 1973, PhD 1980, will become the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Education, Health and Society at Miami University as of July 1, 2008. She will continue to teach on a part-time basis in the Miami CSP master's program. Judy also received the 2008 Maude Stewart Award from the SPA program; it was presented to her by her advisor, Dr. Robert F. Rodgers at the OSU reception at ACPA. (pictured below)



Send any professional or personal updates you'd like to share with other members of the HESA / SPA community. Please encourage your fellow alumni to share their updates as well. Send all updates to spa@osu.edu

Congratulations to our students!

This year the Higher Education and Student Affairs program is proud to announce the graduation of 27 students from the MA program this spring and 3 students from the PhD program during the 07-08 year.

MA Class of 2008

**Chris Anderson
Lexie Beer
Brienne Billman
Mike Chapman
Clayton Gibson
Susan Heimburger
Lauren Hensley
Katy Higbee
Gina Kozlowski**

**Michelle Lee
Kate Leishman
Shalun Lewis
Marissa Lin
Bob Lutz
Katie McAteer
Sean McKinniss
Holly Meyer
Jen Nelson**

**Alexis Olson
Ekroop Singh
Mary Butler Stone
Tim Valentine
Janaki Vijayaraghavan
Brian Wagner
Joy Walker
Patience Whitworth
Jacob Wilk**

PhD graduates for 2007-2008

Mary Lutz	Autumn 2007
Kathy Hill	Spring 2008
Anne Krabacher	Spring 2008

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:

**Katherine Beaumont - 1st year MA student
Savannah Heilman - 1st year MA student
Kristine Koehler - 1st year MA student
Erin Thomas - 1st year MA student**

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