

spa newsletter

higher education and student affairs

summer 2009

The unofficial end of summer has come and gone, and the campus is brimming with activity. A new football season is underway, the newly renovated Thompson Library stands open and ready for business, and the class of 2013 is set to join the academic ranks of The Ohio State University within a matter of days. In the midst of it all, the Student Personnel Assistantship Program welcomes the next generation of students to Higher Education and Student Affairs.

HESA/SPA Orientation activities for the 2011 master's cohort shall commence with introductions and an overview of the program and faculty on Wednesday afternoon September 16th. On Thursday, Dr. Bob will facilitate a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator workshop with the assistance of Dr. Stenta and me. The National Coalition-Building Institute was inaugurated as part of our orientation program two years ago, and this year's activities will close in that tradition on Friday afternoon. We are delighted to welcome another master's cohort, whose names you will find announced in the following pages along with our incoming doctoral student.

You will also see a note about the Lancaster Program, which completed its twelfth year this summer. While it was cool and rainy here in Ohio during the last half of June, this year's interns weathered a British heat-wave with temperatures ranging throughout the 80s for the first three weeks of the program – a state of affairs unheard of in Northwest England!

In the meantime, the SPA offices have seen some changes this summer, not the least of which is the SPA arrival of a new Assistant SPA Coordinator. Serenity Marsh joins us as a first-year master's student from Moline, Illinois, where she lived and worked for John Deere in supply management for 9 years. The faculty and I are thrilled that Serenity chose Ohio State for her graduate studies, and I hope you will join us in extending to her a warm welcome to Columbus, the University, and SPA.

As these first autumn days wind down, we wish you all a happy school year and urge you keep in touch with us here in the SPA Program so that we might share your announcements, successes, and transitions with your OSU colleagues near and far.

With warm regards,

Dr. Tammy L. Maltzan (PhD '06)

HESA's Twelfth Summer in Lancaster By Tammy L. Maltzan, PhD

For the second time in as many years I had the pleasure of acting as the faculty advisor and resident director for the British Internship in Higher Education at Lancaster University (UK) this summer. The six-week program concluded its twelfth successful year with seven HESA interns completing three research projects at Lancaster University and its surrounding area. The internship in higher education at Lancaster University is intended to prepare U.S. graduate students of higher education and student affairs to engage as administrators and scholars in a global society. Graduate interns undertake action research projects designed to meet Lancaster University policy and program needs while at the same time learning about a system of education that differs from that of the U.S. Each intern, under the guidance and supervision of an experienced manager and graduate faculty member, works on a project designed to enhance the student experience at Lancaster University.

Working with the University Dean, the Head of College and Residence, and the Dean of Pendle College, Doug Gill (PhD 2) and Kristin Schrader (MA 2) developed a research project whose purpose was threefold: to develop an understanding of the role of the college dean; to discuss the process of drafting a dean orientation handbook; and to create a manual for Lancaster University's newly appointed college deans.

Lancaster University wishes to increase its numbers of graduate research students by 50% over the next five years. To this end, the university sought to examine the current Post-Graduate Research (PGR) student experience in order to determine necessary programs and services that will attract and retain future students. Julie Hunt (MA 2) and Audrey Rhodebeck (MA 2) completed this research for the Pro-Vice Chancellor's Office for Colleges and the Student Experience, the Principal's Office of the Graduate College, and Lancaster University's Research and Training Program.

Finally, Emily Lottes (MA 2), Travis Pentz (MA 2), and Megan Witt (MA 2) performed initial research for the larger uTELLus software programme. The uTELLus project is a cross-disciplinary research effort funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council's Digital Economy Programme that aims to develop a technology which will provide the public the means to express their concerns related to public spaces at the time and place they occur. The



Lancaster (continued)

focus for Emily, Travis, and Megan was to determine the language people used in text messages to express their concerns for safety and design of public spaces. The language employed was analyzed to determine common phrases, themes, and patterns among responses and to provide a basis for the development of the uTELLus programme's natural language processing capability.

In addition to their research, program participants were afforded the opportunity to become familiar with the British education system. This year, interns participated in a Lancaster University induction seminar as well as several seminars. They heard from Ms. Heather Willes on Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions in Great Britain, Professor Maureen McNeal on British Popular Culture - Class, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, and Dr. Paul Ashwin on British Higher Education. In order to become familiar with English education and to develop a context for their research projects, interns took part in site visits to the Lancaster Girls Grammar School, Central Lancaster Higher School, and the University of Cambridge.

This summer, the collective work of the interns contributed more than 1260 hours of service to Lancaster University, and the presentation of findings resulted in discussion about internship possibilities for the summer of 2010. The thirteenth year of the program promises to be another huge success!

Please send any news, updates and other info to the SPA Office at spa@osu.edu or call Serenity 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!

Calendar of Events/Reminders

9/16-9/18	Orientation for MA and PhD Students
9/23	Autumn Quarter Begins
11/1	OSU Grad / Prof Visit Days
11/3	OSU Grad / Prof Visit Days
11/11	Offices Closed
11/13	SPA Supervisor Meeting 11:00-12:30, RA 136
11/21	OCPA Careers in Student Affairs Conference
11/26	Offices Closed
11/27	Offices Closed
12/1	Application Deadline
12/4	Last Day of Classes
12/24	Offices Closed
12/25	Offices Closed

Welcome to the incoming cohort of 2011!

The Higher Education & Student Affairs program consistently attracts a number of talented individuals. This year is no exception, with 30 new students in the MA cohort and 1 new PhD student enrolling for Autumn 2009. The new students come from all over the country and quite a few are here due in no small part to guidance of 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.

First Name	Last Name	Assistantship/Position	Undergraduate Institution
Abby	Kruszynski	University Housing	Kent State University
Alycia	Keller	Honors and Scholars - International Affairs Scholars	Depauw University
Ambre	Jessen	UAFYE - First Year Experience	Douglass College - Rutgers Univ.
Andrew	Peterson	Working Full-Time	Allegheny College
Brooke	Raake	Fisher Academic Advising	Ohio State University
Chelsi	McLain	Fisher Career Services	Trinity University
Dawn	Wallace-Pascoe	Ph.D. / Working Full-Time	Miami Univ. / Ohio State Univ.
Dillon	Eppenstein	University Housing	Drexel University
Ed	Giles	Working Full-Time	John Carroll University
Elizabeth	Pages	Columbus College of Art and Design	Ohio State University
Jennifer	Nakhla	Multicultural Center	University of Vermont
Jennifer	Steiner	University Housing	Western Michigan University
Jessica	Day	Student Judicial Affairs	Chestnut Hill College
Joel	Pettigrew	Ohio Union/Student Activities	Texas A&M University
Katie	Shoemaker	Capital University - Residence Life	Wittenberg University
Kristen	Schoeff	Working Full-Time	Ohio State University
Laura	Fritz	University Housing	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Marco	Valenzuela	Wellness Center	University of California - Irvine
Maria	Anderson	University Housing	Clark University
Matt	Jeffries	University Housing	Ohio University
Matthew	Miller	Office of Minority Affairs Retention Counselor	Ohio State University
Melissa	Rocco	Ohio Union/Student Activities	Ohio State University
Michael	Keyser	Honors and Scholars - Honors Programming	Texas A&M University
Rebecca	Ascher	UAFYE - Outreach	Carnegie Mellon University
Richard	Hess	Fisher Academic Advising	Rutgers University
Serenity	Marsh	The SPA Program	University of Tennessee
Shauntae	Yankasky	Honors and Scholars - Arts/Humanities Scholars	Ohio State University
Sondra	Teske	University Housing	University of Central Florida
Stephanie	Baker	UAFYE - Telecounseling	University of Maryland
Taris	Mullins	University Housing	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
TJ	Stewart	The Multicultural Center	Ohio State University

GIVING BACK PAYING FORWARD

The College of Education and Human Ecology Development Office administers various funds related to HESA and SPA.

A tax-deductible contribution to one of these funds is a great way to give back and pay forward!

Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship Fund

Supports a Graduate Student in HESA, who shall be known as The Ruth Weimer Mount Fellow and shall be Annually Selected from The Leading Students.

Fund Number: 645066

SPA Program Support Fund

To Assist the Student Personnel Assistant Program

Fund Number: 303812

SPA Professional Development Fund

To Support Professional Development Activities of SPA Students

Fund Number: 301377

The Porterfield-Dickens SPA Assistantship Fund

Annual Income Shall Provide Full Support for an Assistantship (Tuition and Stipend) to a Graduate Student in the HESA Program Through the SPA Program

Fund Number: 605884

No gift is too small—Consider giving in the amount of the year in which you graduated (for example, \$19.65 or \$20.08)!

If you wish to make a gift to benefit HESA and SPA, please visit <http://ehe.osu.edu/development/ways-to-give.cfm>.



Student Personnel Assistantship Program
Higher Education and Student Affairs

