Special congrats to Higher Ed’s Dr. Sharon Fries-Britt, who received the ASHE annual Mentoring of the Year award!

Congrats to Higher Ed’s Dr. Noah Drezner who has been selected as an ACPA Emerging Scholar.

Congrats to Lucy LePeau who received a $1000 SPARC grant from the College of Education for her dissertation research!

Ramsey Jabaji has been honored as the NASPA Region II 2010-11 recipient of the National Association of Student Personnel Administration Outstanding Contribution to Student Leadership Award.

Dr. Tom Segar was recently inducted into Chi Sigma Alpha Student Affairs Professional Honor Society.

Congrats to Ramsey Jabaji who starts a new position as Coordinator for International Programs & Leadership in the A. James Clark School of Engineering in January.

Congrats to CSP folks who just received NASPA research grants:

-Dr. Stephen John Quaye, Engaging College Students in Difficult Dialogues: A Multi-Institutional Case Study

-Dr. John Garland, American Indian College Students with Disabilities: Establishing Baseline Data for Research and Practice in Student Affairs

Dr. Tom Segar provided the keynote address for the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Leadership Academy on “Leadership and college success: Making the grade and making the difference.” He also presented four programs at the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference in Flatwoods, WV:

-Aligning university enrollment goals with housing maximization strategies.
- Diversity education skills for new professionals
- Factors influencing student participation in social change behavior.
- Taming the wild: Successfully navigating institutional politics.
How wonderful there was such a big group of Maryland folks from Higher Ed and CSP at ASHE in Charlotte --- presenting such fine research. Here are some of the CSP presentations:

- Diversity and Friendship: Do Peer Interactions in Student Organizations Mediate the Relationship between Structural Diversity and Interracial Friendship? – Scholarly Paper (Julie Park and Young Kim)
- Principles of Good Practice in Introductory STEM Courses: Listening to the Voices of Faculty and Students – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Gina Garcia/UCLA and Josephine A Gasiewski)
- The Relationship Between Collective Racial Esteem and Leadership Efficacy – Scholarly Paper (Corinne Kodama/Loyola University Chicago)
- A Tale of Two Interpretations: Using HLM to Explore Racial Differences in Sense of Belonging – Scholarly Paper (Elizabeth Niehaus, Corbin Campbell and Karen Inkelas)
- When Race and Class Both Matter: Understanding the Relationship between Socioeconomic Diversity, Cross-Class Interaction, and Racial Diversity - Scholarly Paper (Julie Park and Nida Denson)
- Walking the Walk: Outcome Assessment for Graduate Programs in Higher Education – Roundtable Session (Joan Hirt/Virginia Tech, Steven Janosik and Tara Frank)
- Belonging as a Campus Leader: The Contribution of Campus Climate and Sense of Belonging to College Student Leadership Outcomes – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Corbin Campbell, Justin Fincher, John Fink, Rita Zhang, Susan Komives and John P. Dugan)
- Gendered Living-Learning Experiences among Women in STEM Majors: A Multiple-Site Case Study – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Nicole Long, Claire Robbins and Karen Inkelas)
- Exploring the Phenomenon of Reverse Culture Shock in Students Returning from Alternative Breaks – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Beth Niehaus)
- Documenting Attitudes Toward the Undocumented: A Multi-level Analysis of Student Views on Denying Undocumented Immigrants Access to Public Education – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Gina Garcia/UCLA, Felisha Herrera, Juan Garibay, and Marc Johnston)
- Dynamics of Race and Pro-Social Involvement in Developing an Ecumenical Worldview – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Sean Gehrke/University of Southern California)
- The Professional and the Personal: Mid-level Student Affairs Administrators and the Negotiation of Multiple Worklife Role Demands – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Joan Hirt and Tracey Cameron)
- Predicting Institutional Graduation Rates for Latina/o Students at Four-Year Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Emerging HSIs, and Non-HSIs – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Gina Garcia/UCLA)
- The Role of Social Capital in the Process of Making Meaning of College Financial Aid – Research and/or Scholarly Paper (Josh Hiscock)
**Magoon and Thomas Awards**

Nominations Due January 6, 2012

What a wonderful opportunity we have each year to honor alumni and others who exemplify the values and principles we so treasure!! Please send along your nominations for the **Thomas Magoon Award** (given to a CAPS graduate who as a scholar-practitioner upholds the best traditions of scholarly work – nominees must be working in higher education) and the **William L. Thomas Jr. Award** (given to someone who mentored a CSP graduate student during their time in the CSP programs- nominees do not need to be CSP alumni and at the time of the mentoring they may have been at other universities or associations). Electronic copies of nomination letters and a resume/CV of the nominee (if possible) should be sent to Susan Komives (Komives@umd.edu) by **January 6, 2012**.

**Save the Date**

NASPA – Phoenix
University of Maryland Alumni & Friends
Monday, 3/12/12  7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Maryvale - (A) - Sheraton

Email address change? Be sure to send your new or preferred email to Marylu mmcewen@umd.edu. She manages our alumni reflector list and we want to make sure you keep getting the InBasket!

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**Katie Ryan** is now an Admissions Counselor at Carroll Community College!

Congrats to **Dr. Emily Morrison** on her summer graduation from George Washington University- her dissertation “Beyond prescriptions! Enacting love: A hermeneutic exploration of the dynamic co-emergence of Self and Other in relationship.”

Congrats to **Dr. Cara Meixner** who has been honored with the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from the Department of Graduate Psychology at James Madison University.

**Isaiah Thomas** presented "Introduction to White Privilege: An Approach on our Campuses” at the 2011 Minnesota College Personnel Association Conference in October.


**Dr. Toby Jenkins** has been busy. Toby received the 2011-2012 American Association of University Women Postdoctoral Fellowship. She was a finalist for Ernest Lynton Award Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty. She presented “A Culture of Belonging: Engaged Scholarship & Significant Learning” at the 11th UKFIEET International Conference on Education & Development, University of Oxford, UK, in September; “Cooking up Resistance: Michelle Obama’s Health Initiative as Strategic Resistance to the American Power Structure” at the African American Studies Symposium, University of Texas, San Antonio in April; “Can You Hear Me Now? Using Art as Trans-National Pedagog” at the Fourth International Global Studies Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July.

**Suzanne Ashour** is now a Program Advisor in the Academic Advising Center at UTEP.

Congrats to **Katie Glasser** and David Hayes on their 11-11-11 wedding!