
Josh Hiscock has been appointed a member of the Provost's Student Advisory Council; thanks for this service, Josh!

Susan Komives was part of the opening session at AFA: Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisor in St. Louis on "Perspectives from Student Affairs Scholars: How Do We Align the Fraternity/Sorority Experience with the Changing Dynamics and Enduring Principles of Higher Education?" along with Vasti Torres and Terrell Strayhorn. She also presented on "Leader Identity Development: Applications From Theory and Research". Susan also recently keynoted Rutgers University's Annual Fall Student Affairs Conference. (Yep, that one was a Mustang road trip!)

Special Congratulations to CSPA PhD Graduates
Hooded December 22, 2011

Top row (l to r): Dr. Sarah Schoper Salazar (chair: Jones/Komives), Dr. Daniel Ostick (chair: Komives), Dr. Karen Inkelas, Dr. Matt Soldner (chair: Inkelas), & Dr. Jennifer Meyers Pickard (chair: Komives).

Front row (l to r): Dr. Marylu McEwen, Dr. Lee Hawthorne Calizo (chair: Komives), Dr. Patty Alvarez (chair: McEwen), Dr. Thomas Segar (chair: Komives)

Congratulations!!

Jonathan Kandell has been elected to the directorate of CCAPS (the counseling commission in ACPA).

The second Young Professionals Institute study group heads for Doha, Qatar on New Years. Trip leader, Ramsay Jabaji (CSPA PhD student), heads a group including CSPA PhD student, Josh Hiscock, students and faculty partners from Colorado State University and hosted by co-planners in Doha including Dr. Denny Roberts of the Qatar Foundation. What a wonderful experience! Other Maryland students on the trip are enrolled in the higher education and international education policy concentrations - an example of the great new collaborations in our new program!

REMINDER: Send in those nominations for the Magoon Award and Thomas Award to Susan by January 6th! Honor people who have mattered to you with a nomination for one of these awards.
**Kruger Named NASPA President**

Our own double CSP Terp, Dr. Kevin Kruger, was announced as the new president of NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The NASPA press release shared: “The announcement came after an extensive national search following the announcement of current NASPA Executive Director Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy's retirement, effective March 31, 2012. For the past 18 years, Kruger has been the associate executive director of NASPA, where he has served as the chief operating and financial officer for the association. Prior to NASPA, Kruger worked as a student affairs professional for 15 years at various institutions including Southern Methodist University, the University of Maryland College Park, and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He has published and presented nationally on leadership development, technology and student learning, student affairs administration, and international education. Kruger received his PhD and MA from the University of Maryland and is a proud alumnus of the University at Albany. He is also the proud father of two children (Kevin and Kerry).”

**Dr. Denny Roberts** shares a new music video of Quincy Jones and Arab world artists singing Tomorrow/ Bokra. All the scenes are from Qatar and a number are at Qatar Foundation. Denny is Assistant Vice President of the Qatar Foundation for Faculty and Student Affairs.

Bill Fox and **Kristan Freeman Fox** are overjoyed to share the news that Nathan William Fox was born Tuesday, December 13 at 4:24pm - 7 lbs 8 oz and 19.5 inches!! LOVE to all three of you!

**Dr. Leah Cox** is now Special Asst. for Diversity and Inclusion, Title IX Coordinator, JFS Director in the Office of the President at the University of Maryland Washington

**Dan Tillapaugh** will receive the NASPA LGBT Issue Knowledge Community’s annual research award for his dissertation research!

**Amy Wilmes** received the President's Award for Outstanding Service at the University of the Redlands' Honors Convocation. Good work, Amy.


**Clark Dawood** leaves Ai San Francisco in January to become the Director of Student Affairs at John F. Kennedy University! Reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Director of Student Affairs provides day-to-day leadership for Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and all functions associated with each of the Centers within the OSA, including the Academic Support Center (ASC), the Career Development Center (CDC), the Office of International Education (OIE), Office of Disability Services (ODS), and the Veteran’s Affairs Center (VAC).

"Happy holidays from the University of Maryland!!" Click here to open the card [http://www.holidaygreeting.umd.edu](http://www.holidaygreeting.umd.edu)

**Fox receives Hardee Dissertation Award**

Kirsten Freeman Fox’s dissertation "'Figuring It Out': A Grounded Theory of College to Post-College Transition" is the 2012 recipient of the Melvene Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award! Outstanding news Kristen. (Chair: Komives)
**CSP PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Admissions Update**

We are VERY happy to tell you Fall 2012 admissions is right on track! The application deadline was December 15th. Admissions Chair Dr. Julie Park reports although we are still tracking down a few incomplete applications, we have 115 masters applicants and 24 doctoral applicants - very typical for any year in the program! After suspending admissions last year, we all were very eager to see what the profile would be for Fall 2012 and are thrilled to report this great news. We anticipate admitting 13-14 masters applicants to yield a new cohort of 10, and admitting 3-4 doctoral applicants for a new cohort of 3. Good news indeed.

**Faculty Search Update**

The CSP program received permission to search for one, possibly two, new CSP faculty. This is an open rank search. The search plan requests applications by January 23rd for best consideration and continue until filled. Two-three senior faculty candidates would be invited to campus in mid-February to allow time to go through the APT process. When the job description is approved we will circulate it widely; please plan to share with those who should consider the position(s). You may send nominations (including name and email) to Susan. The search committee is Stephanie Chang, Noah Drezner, Ellen Fabian, Paula Hentz, Susan Komives, Julie Park, Stephen Quaye, and John Zacker.

**Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Revisions**

One of the enhancements in the curriculum review was to modify the role, timing, and nature of doctoral comprehensive examinations to assess competency, serve the useful purpose of advancing the dissertation research, and provide continued momentum to transition from the dissertation proposal class (typically fall of the third year) right to advancement to candidacy and a dissertation proposal. The new two-question format (professional issues and an individual expertise question examining dimensions of the dissertation concept) were designed for the cohort entering Fall 2012. Comps would now be offered summer following the first two years of full-time course work prior to the dissertation seminar.

**Curriculum Revisions/MHEC Update**

Our proposed degree program modifications and curriculum changes were passed unanimously by the CSHE department in late November. With edits from that process, the proposals were passed unanimously by the College of Education PCC Committee on Thursday, Dec 15th. They now go forward to the university PCC and VPAC process. Special thanks to Stephanie Chang for working with the VPAC electronic process. We anticipate approvals in time to inform newly admitted students prior to their attendance at Preview Program. Department chair Kivlighan gave us permission to post these proposed degree programs on the CSP Website so applicants can review them. David Barnes (our GA) will do this shortly. The MHEC proposal to create the new Higher Education, Student Affairs, and International Education Policy program including renaming College Student Personnel to be Student Affairs is moving along really well. The proposal passed the department, college, university PCC, and university senate this fall - it is now with system administration and moving into the MHEC phase.