We are so proud of Lucy LePeau and Matt Johnson: Lucy has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Indiana University Bloomington. Matt has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Central Michigan University. It is reassuring that future generations of student affairs professionals at those fine programs will have their mentoring and guidance. CONGRATS!!


Congrats to Dr. MaryBeth Drechsler Sharp on the defense of her dissertation, “Being the Faculty Face: A Grounded Theory of Living-Learning Program Faculty Motives and Experiences” - (Chair: Stephen J. Quaye).

Thanks to the CSP family who played such key roles in the recent Maryland Student Affairs Conference: Chair-Dennis Pascarella-George, Programs Co-chair, Daniel Ostick, Case Study co-chair, Susan Komives, Keynote speaker committee- Sharon Kirkland-Gordan, amazing program/media expert, Wil Jones, Jr., and Case Study judge, Lee Calizo. Special congrats to our CSP case study team: Jamie Adasi, Lily Henderson, and Ana Maia.

Many thanks and kudos to Stephanie Chang who served as assistant chair of the CSP Faculty search committee. She masterfully arranged all the logistics of our six candidate’s schedules for the busy month of February interviews!

Lots of great MSAC programs including these presenters (with their colleagues): Mike Doyle (The Adventure-Minded Professional), Margaretha Lucas (Voices of Students in Distress), Daniel Ostick (Video is Worth a Thousand Words), Ann Becks (Beyond Surveys), Julie Choe Kim (Making the Most Impact), Barbara Jacoby (Partnering with Faculty to Enhance Student Learning), David Barnes, rita zang, Jamie Adasi (Doing Backflips on the Sexual Binary), Jonathan Kandell (Front-Line Employees and Students in Distress), and Susan Komives (75th Anniversary of the Student Personnel Point of View).


Susan Komives keynoted the Arab Gulf States Student Affairs Conference in Doha, Qatar in early February. Conference chair was Dr. Denny Roberts who also presented at the conference. http://www.thepeninsulagatar.com/qatar/181515-qf-to-host-gulf-students-meet-on-wednesday.html
Dr. John Hernandez, Santiago Canyon College (CA), has been elected ACPA Member-at-large Senior Level-elect.

Daniel Tillapaugh, University of San Diego was elected chair-elect of the ACPA Standing Committee for Men.

Dr. Lee Hawthorne Calizo is the recipient of the ACPA Standing Committee for Women Research and Scholarship Award this year for her fine dissertation research. Congrats, Lee.

Dr. Patty Armfield Witkowsky is an emerging professional recipient of ACPA’s Annuit Coeptis award as well as the recipient of the Experienced Professional award for ACPA’s Commission for Admissions, Orientation, and First Year Experience. Congrats Patty!

Dr. Wendy Endress shares that Dr. Lacretia Johnson Flash did an outstanding keynote at the Puget Sound Colloquium – attended by over 300 student affairs professionals from many institutions in the Puget Sound region. Lacretia serves as Assistant Dean for Conduct, Policy, and Climate at the University of Vermont.


Dr. Terry Flannery has published the feature article in *CASE Currents* on forming a brand strategy. Terry and her team at American University recently won four Education Advertising Awards for WONK, including "Best of Show."

Check out Dr. Dennis C. Roberts’ thoughtful article on “The Student Personnel Point of View as a Catalyst for Dialogue: 75 Years and Beyond” in the *Journal of College Student Development* Volume 53, Number 1, January/February 2012 pp. 2-18 | 10.1353/csd.2012.0006

Denny brings new global insight to the 37 SPPOV.


Check out this nice piece by Kirsten Freeman Fox about winning the NASPA Hardee dissertation award! [http://www.naspa.org/pubs/newsletters/forum/forum.cfm?cid=3&fid=1386](http://www.naspa.org/pubs/newsletters/forum/forum.cfm?cid=3&fid=1386)

Dr. Cara Meixner and husband James welcomed two young boys, Christopher and Christian, into their home over the holidays. They are having the time of their life as they venture into the joys of new parenthood!

Special congratulations to our own Donna Lim on her selection as Outstanding Professional Staff member by the President’s Commission on Women at the University of Maryland.

Congrats to Higher Ed faculty friend, Dr. Alberto Cabrera, who has been invited to become a Fellow in AERA. "The AERA Fellows Program was established by the AERA Council in 2007 to honor education researchers with substantial research accomplishments, to convey the Association’s commitment to excellence in research, and to emphasize to new scholars the importance of sustained research of excellence in the field.”
Student Affairs Concentration Update

Approvals
The proposal to establish Higher Ed, Student Affairs, and International Ed Policy as a new program is scheduled for Board of Regents action on March 28th. It received unanimous approvals through all levels to date. This approval will include changing the name of our concentration to Student Affairs.

Admissions
We had a great group of applicants (e.g. 120+ masters apps). We admitted 14 masters students (targeting to enroll 10) and 5 doctoral students (targeting to enroll 3). Preview program is April 1-3. We will publish the names on new students in the May issue of The InBasket.

Name
The name of our new program is Higher Education, Student Affairs and International Education Policy. The acronym will be HESI (pronounced “Hess-ee”).

Faculty
Six candidates were interviewed in February for two Student Affairs faculty openings. We will send a direct email announcing faculty when those positions are accepted. It may take until May since the appointment at rank/tenure process will take several months.