Welcome Back: Faculty and Program Update

Greetings everyone! Michelle Espino, Julie Park, and I hope that you are well and that each of you has enjoyed a simply wonderful summer. When we last left you, we were celebrating at 8th Vector and pleased to report that we had completed our successful first year as a trio. Now, as we enter our sure to be super second year, we wanted to let you know some of the highlights from our respective summers, and some of the exciting plans we have on the horizon.

Julie Park got the summer off to a great start when her first book hit the shelves: *When Diversity Drops: Race, Religion, and Affirmative Action in Higher Education*. You can still get your copies through Rutgers University Press and Amazon. And, because she is such a rock star, she was asked to start blogging for the Huffington Post! You can follow her at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/julie-j-park/](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/julie-j-park/). And when there was time for fun, Julie vacationed a bit in Spain and visited her family in California, including her adorable nieces and nephews.

Michelle Espino spent a busy summer writing up a storm, and meeting her writing goals (yes!). She also was awarded a Tier 1 Seed Grant from the University of Maryland Division of Research with colleague Colleen O’Neal to study the implementation process for the Maryland DREAM Act. What can we say – rock stars abound in SAC! However, she describes the highlight of her summer as spending time with her nephew, Matthew (a rising high school senior), who participated in a UMD pre-college engineering summer program. ESTEEM (Engineering Science and Technology to Energize and Expand Young Minds) is a research mentoring program that helps underrepresented minority children learn more about and aspire to major in STEM. Michelle is thankful to all of our alumni who work in similar programs and to those who are dedicated to creating inclusive environments on their campuses so that all of our nephews, nieces, and kinfolk can succeed!

As for me – I hosted an undergraduate McNair Scholar early in the summer, and have been busy working with my graduate students to get the second phase of data collection for a project on career decision-making amongst PhD recipients in the biosciences into full gear. And I just got some good news – a project on mentoring and graduate student experiences I proposed with KerryAnn O’Meara will be funded through a social sciences supplement on an NSF AGEP grant. Summer found me visiting New York City and California to see my family. I also made my way to Toronto, where I got to try Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) for the first time, listen to great music in the street, and bike ride around Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Michelle, Julie, and I are very excited about the coming year and we have lots of fun things planned. The SAC Welcome BBQ is right around the corner and we look forward to seeing everyone there. This year, we are starting a monthly seminar series called **SAC Tuesdays**. It will be a series of brownbags the first Tuesday of every month (we’ll bring the desserts) where we’ll share about our research, professional development resources, or just take an opportunity to connect as a community. We are also matching incoming Master’s students to “academic advisors,” full time faculty in SAC, in addition to their advisors throughout the Division of Student Affairs, creating new opportunities to connect and get more specific questions about academic policy addressed.

The faculty will be headed to St. Louis for ASHE this year, so please do say hello if you plan to be there! With NASPA right up the road in Baltimore, you can also plan to see all three of us at the Maryland reception, and Michelle and Julie will likely be presenting at the conference. Julie and I will be headed out to Indianapolis for ACPA, and look forward to catching up with folks there.

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the academic year! Please do keep in touch and keep us posted on what is new and exciting in your world – we love to hear from you. And do drop by if you are in town. Go Terps!

Best wishes,

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*Kimberly Shuff*
Congratulations and Updates!

Melissa Rocco, an incoming PhD student and ACPA CSI Leadership Education Chair, represented ACPA at the Inter-Association Leadership Collaborative (ILC) Summer Summit for major professional associations in Higher Education. The program was hosted by the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs.

Neal McKinney, a second year masters student, was elected to serve as the NASPA Region II Representative for the Disabilities Knowledge Community for the next two years.

Marylanders at the National Leadership Symposium at the University of Louisville in July.

Alumni News

Lily Henderson will be joining Wayne State University’s English, Philosophy and Linguistics departments as the new Undergraduate Academic Advisor. Congratulations, Lily!

Jacqueline Mac recently accepted a position with the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, as their Director for Programs and Student Affairs. Prior to her departure from Georgetown, Jacki was awarded the Student of Color Alliance Commitment to Diversity Award for Outstanding Staff at Georgetown University. Georgetown’s loss is the nation’s gain!

Love to Karol Martinez and Candace Doane on the arrival of their daughter, Noelle Ann Martinez-Doane, born on July 27th. We can’t wait to meet this CSP “double legacy!”

Susan R. Komives was presented with the 2013 Distinguished Leadership & Service Award by the Association of Leadership Educators (ALE) at their annual conference in New Orleans on July 9th. Susan is so well deserved of this recognition.

After two years working in Leadership Programs at the University of Arizona, Sarah Popovich is transitioning to the University of Pittsburgh to work as the Program Coordinator in the Office of the First Year Experience. We wish you well, Sarah.

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Celebrating Susan Jones’s promotion as Full Professor at The Ohio State University with Marylu McEwen, Tom Arminio, Jan Arminio, Jackie Wilson, Gretchen Metzelaars, and Susan Jones -- in Columbus, Ohio.
Kirsten Freeman Fox is now the Director of Undergraduate Leadership and Engagement Office at Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University. Once a Buckeye, always a Buckeye!

Toby Jenkins and Gay William Henry II were married on June 29th. We are thrilled to learn of this blessed union.

Patty Armfield Witkowsky is now the Director of Student Engagement and Leadership at CSU-Pueblo. Yahoo for you, Patty!

Meredith Smith is this year’s recipient of the Ignatian Medal for Outstanding New Professional in Jesuit Student Affairs. Meredith received the award on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at the annual JASPA conference in Orlando, Florida. Wow...this is great, and to think we knew you way back when!

Tova Olson Sanders is a new faculty member in the Graduate Education program as well as the concentration lead for Organizational Leadership Studies at Northeastern University. This is a gift to all those Northeastern students.

Hayley Haywood leaves MICA at UMD to be the new Assistant Director of Leadership Initiatives at Northeastern University. Is it possible the Terps are taking over Northeastern? Congratulations, Hayley.

Gina Garcia will be a visiting assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh. The Terps take on Pittsburgh. Bravo, Gina!

Penny Rue was recently appointed the new Vice President for Campus Life at Wake Forest University. We are so proud to have “our” Penny back in the East and in the ACC. Welcome home, Penny.

Mycah J. Wilson earned her M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and is working in Technical Operations at Genentech, a biopharmaceutical company in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are so proud you have combined your passion and intellect in this new position.

Wendy Endress has been appointed Vice President for Student Affairs at The Evergreen State College. Wendy previously served as Executive Associate to the Vice President for Student Affairs. We are so proud of you and thrilled to watch you assume this great leadership role.

Dennis Passarella-George is now Associate Director of Resident Life for South Campus at University of Maryland. Congratulations, Dennis, on this grand new position.
Aeriel Anderson and Kyle Carpenter were married June 1, 2013 in Aeriel’s beloved Minnesota! We can’t wait to see you both at NASPA/ACPA so we can give celebratory hugs.

Mary H. McGroarty became a partner with Lindsay & Brownell, LLP, in La Jolla and is serving on the Blue Ryno Foundation as an advisory board member and is currently involved with the Rwandan Orphans Project. What an amazing sphere of influence.

Michele Mackie was promoted to Associate Dean at Trinity University to acknowledge her recent completion of her PhD at UMD. We are so proud of you, Dr. Mackie!

John Foubert just came out with this ninth book, a second edition of Lessons Learned: How to Avoid the Biggest Mistakes Made by College Resident Assistants (Routledge). The book includes several chapters by doctoral student Lena Kavaliauskas Crain! Congrats to you both!

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**Podcast: Wisdom From a Leading Scholar**

Susan R. Komives was interviewed by Pete Mockaitis for a podcast on student leadership for the website studentleadership.com; Susan talks about the SCM, RLM, and various research findings on the development of leadership.


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**When Diversity Drops**

What happens when universities lose racial diversity? **Julie Park’s** new book, called *When Diversity Drops: Race, Religion, and Affirmative Action in Higher Education*, is one of the first books to provide qualitative insight into the conditions that promote or discourage cross-racial interaction in higher education. The book tells the story of a campus fellowship, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, at "California University"--its decision to make race matter in the mid-1990s and the ensuing complications over the years due to the drop in Black student enrollment at the institution following Prop 209. The book highlights how broad-scale policy changes trickle down and affect the everyday lives of students. Available at Amazon and also get 20% when ordering from the Rutgers University Press website with code 02AAAA11.
CSP alums at the ACPA Standing Committee for Multicultural Affairs (CMA) Summer Meeting, held at the University of Delaware, July 12-14.

**Angel Hernandez:** Latin@ Network Executive Chair
**Aeriel Anderson Ashlee:** Asian Pacific American Network Co-Chair
**Jason Chan:** Asian Pacific American Network Co-Chair
**Jacki Mac:** Asian Pacific American Network Education and Advocacy Co-Chair

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**Get IN the BASKET!**

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**Susan Richardson Komives** archives collection
- Loyola’s Dian Squire, Maryland’s **Sean Pepin** and **Jay Garvey,**
- and St. Louis University’s Danielle Nied