

# CSP In-Basket



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## Congratulations and Updates!

**Susan Komives** served as a presenter for an ACPA Webinar on Using CAS Standards in Practice.

Congratulations to **Dr. Stephen J. Quaye** who is a recipient of a 2010-2011 Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE) Seed Grant Award. Stephen's study is *Engaging College Students in Difficult Dialogues: A Multi-Institution Study*. CAPS Dr. Matt Miller and Higher Ed's Dr. Noah Drezner also received grants.

Congrats to **Beth Niehaus** who has been appointed to the Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice (JSARP) editorial board.

Congrats to **Beth Niehaus** who wrote one of three papers accepted for the Emerging Scholars - Faculty Fellows Research Program session at this year's NASPA conference. Beth's paper is on "Understanding STEM Majors' Intent to Study Abroad".

**Susan R. Komives** recently presented the keynote address on being change agents at the University of Nebraska Residence Life Regional Workshop. Susan also did workshops on organizational change, student leadership theory and research, and leadership identity development. She enjoyed lunch with alum, **Michelle Howell Smith!**



Top row (l to r) Jay Garvey, Matt Johnson, Greg Rheault, Amye Lee, Kristin LaRiviere, Beth Niehaus, Glenn Ireland, Cheslea Waugaman, and Ramsey Jabaji.; first row (l to r) Susan Komives, Lucy LePeau, Joakina Mode, Donna Lim and Robyn Baylor.

### Qatar January 2010 Study Abroad Trip Reunion!

Last January, Maryland CSP and Higher Ed students joined with graduate students from University of San Diego for a marvelous professional institute experience with staff in Qatar sponsored by the Qatar Foundation and CSP alum Denny Roberts. Everyone (even recent graduates) were still in the area and had a one year reunion at Mosaic Café in College Park! We celebrated three PhD students who had just turned in their comps the day before and Ramsey's birthday! Another group will travel to Qatar in January 2012.

### Maryland is a Best Value in Public Colleges

Nariman Farvardin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost recently shared that "Last year, I shared with you the news of the University's rise in Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's list of 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges." This ranking is based on a score that combines excellent academic quality (which accounts for about two-thirds of the score) with economic value. Once again, I am pleased to report that the University has continued its rise in this ranking. The University of Maryland ranked 5th on the just-released 2011 list, up from 8th in 2010, 9th in 2009, and 28th in 2008. We have moved from the 28th place to 5th in three years!"

# Alumni News

Congratulations to **Dr. Julie E. Owen** and **Dr. Stephen J. Quaye** who have been selected for the emerging professional Annuit Coeptis honor with ACPA. They join **Dr. John Foubert** as a senior Annuit Coeptis recipient.

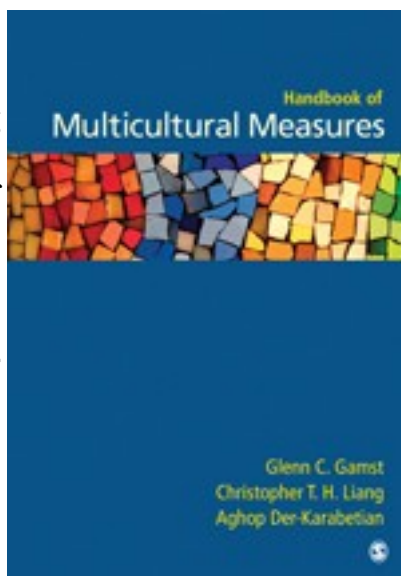
**Dr. Alice Mitchell** has been elected Member at Large Elect of the ACPA executive committee representing Mid Level staff. She has recently served ACPA as Coordinator of Commissions among numerous other roles. Congrats, Alice.

Congrats to **Tricia Shalka** and **Dr. Susan R. Jones** for the The 2010 *Oracle: The Research Journal of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors* Award for their article on Tricia's thesis research using MSL data, "Differences in Self-Awareness Related Measures among Culturally Based Fraternity, Social Fraternity, and non-Affiliated College Men"

Congratulations to **Dr. Scott C. Brown** (Colgate University) and **Dr. Annie Stevens** (University of Vermont) who will be recognized as new ACPA Diamond Honorees in the Class of 2011. We are proud of you both!

Congrats to **Dr. Chris Liang** and co-authors who recently published the Handbook of Multicultural Measures (Sage, 2011)

**Dr. Ellen Meents-DeCaigny**, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Assessment, Planning, and Communications, DePaul University, was one of three instructors in an on-line workshop on *Systematizing Assessment Efforts across Student Affairs* sponsored by Academic Impressions.



Congrats to **Dr. Greg Toya** who just defended his dissertation, "Cultural Center Staff: A Grounded Theory of Distributed Relational Leadership and Retention" in the joint doctorate program in Educational Leadership from California State University, San Marcos and University of California, San Diego.

**Alex Teh** is returning to Teach For America as a strategy manager on their national human assets team, and will be working from their New York and DC offices. Best wishes, Alex.

**Dharma Naik**, currently Coordinator of Asian Pacific American Student Involvement for MICA will be leaving the University to become Head of Product Development with Manya Education Private Limited (MEPL) in New Delhi, India. Dharma will be leading the Admission Services of the company. MEPL is the Indian partner for the Princeton Review and assists students in India who desire to study abroad.

**Dr. Patricia Armfield Witkowsky** recently published SISTERS LEADING TOGETHER: THE EXPERIENCE OF RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS DURING SORORITY RECRUITMENT in *Oracle: The Research Journal of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Vol. 5, Issue 2, Special Leadership Issue, November 2010*



Terps at ACPA's Mid-Level Manager's Institute in Tampa at the University of South Florida. **Patty Perillo** and **John Hernandez** were on the faculty and **Karol Martinez** and **RJ Holmes-Leopold** were participants.

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Alum **John Foubert** posted that "It's **Dea Forney** month on the Student Affairs Faculty Facebook page! As we begin the Spring 2011 semester, we honor the life and work of retiring faculty member Dea Forney. Dea continues to leave a legacy through scholarship on student development theory, energetic teaching (rock music anyone?), and devoted service to more professional organizations than one can count. Thank you Dea!"

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/group.php?gid=78559969537>

**Karen Boss** will be full-time in the masters program in Children's Literature at Simmons this Fall. Best wishes, Karen.

**Barker, M. T.** (2010). The use of universities' intellectual property to address humanitarian concerns in developing countries. *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*, 19(3), 923-949. Congrats Tess!

Congrats and best wishes to **Suzanne Ashour** and **Corey Bailey** who are engaged!





## Welcome Back, Students!

Spring Semester is upon us, albeit with an unusual start—a Snow Day during the first week of classes! Some Master's students took the opportunity to enjoy the time away from campus by building a snowman while showing their CSP pride. Good luck to everyone this semester!

l to r: Chris Corces-Zimmerman, Ana Maia, Patrick Grayshaw, and Paula Hentz

## Remembering Cynthia S. Johnson

Dr. Cynthia S. Johnson, former faculty member in the CSP program from 1982-1985, passed away after a long illness on January 6, 2011. Dr. Johnson held a bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles and a doctorate from Michigan State University. She also pursued graduate work at Pacific Oak College and the University of California, Irvine. She held numerous positions in student affairs at Cal State Los Angeles and UCI. She served on the faculties of the University of Maryland and Columbia University and co-founded the program at Cal State Long Beach.

Dr. Johnson was a long-time leader in the American College Personnel Association where she served as its president in 1980-81, and served on the Association's executive council for 9 years. Through her leadership the state division structure was strengthened and under her presidency, ACPA produced its first statement of ethical standards. Dr. Johnson was awarded the Esther Lloyd-Jones Professional Service Award in 1995, The ACPA Presidential Service Medallion in 2005 and the ACPA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. She was also a leading advocate for adult and multicultural students in higher education, calling on the profession to meet the needs of the "new majority" of students. She was a member of the ensemble that developed the Social Change Model of Leadership Development. A complete biography can be found at <http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac/sahp/pages/keepsakes.html>



Dr. Johnson retired from CSULB in 1996. Dr. Johnson loved travel, especially international travel, champagne, and beautiful flowers. A gracious woman, she had a hearty, boisterous laugh that caused all around her to smile and laugh. A memorial service was held January 29 in Laguna Beach. With her friends and former students, we fondly remember Dr. Johnson's significant impact on students and the profession.

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