

# The In-Basket



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## Celebrating fall!

(L to R) Donna Lim, Julie Park, Michelle Espino, Sean Pepin, Katie Kwon, Kimberly Griffin, Adrian Bitton, Matt Supple and his daughter Campbell, and Lena Kavaliauskas at the SAC Welcome Potluck hosted by Dr. Griffin. They always say....add food and great people and you have a community.



(L to R) Adrian Bitton, Neal McKinney, Courtney Oddman, and Sean Pepin at Maryland's 2013 home opener against William & Mary.

## Get *IN* the BASKET!

Share the good news! Submissions for the InBasket can be emailed to [sagrad-InBasket@umd.edu](mailto:sagrad-InBasket@umd.edu)

Submissions received by the first Wednesday of each month will be included in that month's issue.

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## Congratulations and Updates!

### FEATURED SPEAKER!

**Jay Garvey** is a Featured Speaker at the 2012 NACA South Regional Conference in Winston-Salem, NC. Way to go, Jay!



**Ann H. Becks** continues her involvement at the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities as the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Liaison. What an exciting opportunity!

**Jess Belue Buckley** received a \$1,000 College of Education Graduate Student scholarship. We're proud of you, Jess.

**Kimberly Griffin** has been newly appointed to the editorial board of the College Student Affairs Journal. It is terrific to have our new colleague serving in this role.

Doctoral student **Donna Lim** is the new Associate Director of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union – Center for Campus Life. She will lead the engagement and activities areas of the Stamp and will serve as one of the department's senior leaders.

**Courtney Oddman** was recently accepted into the NASPA Graduate Associate Program (GAP). As an alumna of the NASPA Undergraduate Fellowship Program she is thrilled to promote NUFP and NASPA to students nationwide. Congratulations, Courtney!

*Correction* – In the August 2012 issue a new position title was noted incorrectly. **Michele Mackie** is the new Assistant Dean of First Year Experience, College of Arts & Science at Trinity College.

# Welcome, Dr. Griffin & Dr. Espino!



**Kimberly A. Griffin** was born in New York, but claims San Diego as her hometown and is a California girl through and through. She earned her B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University and Ph.D. in Higher Education and Organizational Change from UCLA. In many ways, coming to Maryland is like "coming home" - her master's degree is

from Maryland in Higher Education and her assistantships were in the Smith School of Business and New Student Orientation Office. Before becoming a faculty member at the University of Maryland, she worked in undergraduate and graduate admissions, and held a faculty position at the Pennsylvania State University in College Student Affairs and Higher Education.

Dr. Griffin's work is rooted in issues of access, equity, and social justice in higher education and student affairs. More specifically, she focuses on the experiences of Blacks in higher education, mentoring and student-faculty interactions, and access and equity for underrepresented communities in higher education. She's currently working as an evaluator on an NIH

Bridges to the Doctorate grant, is co-PI on a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome fund examining the career choice process amongst PhDs in the biomedical sciences, and is working on a project examining the experiences of Black immigrants in higher education.

She is really excited to return to the DC Metro area, especially to reconnect with good friends and explore all of the great restaurants and cultural events! She loves to watch almost any sporting event (especially football!), get in a good workout (kickboxing is a current favorite), experiment with a new recipe in the kitchen, and of course hang out with her chihuahua/beagle mix, Sweet Pea. And buy shoes, can't forget the shoes



(L to R) Kimberly Griffin, Michelle Espino, and Julie Park—our core faculty!



**Michelle M. Espino** is from El Paso, Texas and was a first-generation college student. She earned a B.A. in International Relations from St. Mary's University, a master's in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education at the University of Arizona.

Before she joined the faculty at Maryland, she was a faculty member at the University of Georgia in College Student Affairs Administration. Her research interests focus on establishing more inclusive environments that support and enhance students' educational attainment along the P-20 educational pipeline; particularly Latina/o educational pathways, college/graduate school access and retention, and the use of emerging qualitative methodologies and frameworks that incorporate personal and community narratives. She recently completed a grant funded through the University of Georgia to analyze the extent to which postsecondary institutions within the University System of Georgia (USG) are pre-

pared to recruit and matriculate Latina/o students. She has held several positions within student affairs administration including social justice leadership, service-learning, campus programming, and fraternity/sorority life. She is the past co-chair of the NASPA Latina/o Knowledge Community, a 2011 Faculty Fellow with the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, the 2008 Bobby Wright Dissertation of the Year Award recipient from the Association for the Study of Higher Education, and a 2007 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow.

She enjoys watching football with her little Pomeranian, Emmitt; spending time with the women of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.; and participating in dragon boat racing in the DC Metro area.

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## SPOTLIGHT

Check out the new ACPA publication, *Reflections on the 75th Anniversary of "The Student Personnel Point of View"* with an article on "Intentional Coordination Among Professional Associations, Distributed Leadership, and Other Fables: 75 Years and Counting" by **Paige Haber-Curran** & Stan Carpenter and "View to the

Next 75 Years" with **Barbara Jacoby** & Mimi Benjamin. ACPA: College Educators International will be posting this on their website.

The Campus Pride Index named the University of Maryland as one of the Top 25 LGBT-Friendly Colleges and Universities. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/20/lgbt-friendly-colleges->

[universities-campus-pride.n1813404.html#slide=1403806](http://universities-campus-pride.n1813404.html#slide=1403806)

Maryland's LGBT resource center video features **Jamie Adasi, James McShay, Marcy Marinelli, and Pepper Phillips**. Great job! <http://lgbt.umd.edu/video.html>



### SAC Family Photo Album (from left to right)

(L to R) Neal McKinney, Paola Maria Hernandez Baron, Adrian Bitton, Courtnay Oddman, Laura Brant, Morgan McMillan, Jaison Cooper, Patricia Garcia, and Alex Breiding at Vector 0. Welcome to the new Masters cohort!

Already a likely candidate for the University of Maryland Farmer's Market each Wednesday, we introduce Jess Belue Buckley and her beautiful 4 month old daughter, Sarah, who boasts "Eat Local!"

(L to R) Lena Kavaliauskas, Katie Kwon, Sean Pepin, and Mary Kate Sullivan, the new doctoral cohort, at this year's Vector 0.

## Alumni News

### LinkedIn!

Join us on LinkedIn! LinkedIn is a widely used social media site for professional networking. If you have an account, please join our new group for students and alumni of the CSP Program/ Student Affairs Concentration! To find us, log-in to Linked In and search for our group, "University of Maryland CSP / Student Affairs Concentration Students & Alumni".

**Cecilio Alvares** is now an academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at University of Colorado - Denver. Way to go, Cecilio!

**David Barnes** recently started as Admission Counselor/Assistant Director of Admission, Coordinator of Multicultural Student Recruitment at Capital University. Congratulations, David

Congratulations to **Stephanie Smith Budhai** for her successful defense of her dissertation, "A Symbiotic Relationship? Exploring the Relationships between Community Partners and College Students who Engage in a Shared Service Learning Project." Now that Stephanie has completed her PhD in Educational Leadership and Learning Technologies at Drexel University she has joined the faculty in the Division of Education and Human Services at Neumann University as Assistant Professor. We are proud of you.

**Seth Christman** heads to Washington, DC as Staff Psychologist at Georgetown University! This "stylin'" man from the Dakotas is back in the big city, now! Welcome home, Seth!

**Demetrius Colvin** joins Macalester College as the Assistant Director, Multicultural Affairs. What a wonderful addition to a great Minnesota institution!

**Christine Yip Cruzvergara** was recently promoted to Associate Director of University Career Services at George Mason University where she has the honor of leading 3 teams and 15 amazing professionals and colleagues. There is almost a quorum of CSP alumni working at GMU, now!

**Clark Dawood** is the new Associate Dean for Residential Education at Stanford University! Clark will be working with CSP grad **Deb Goldner**, AVP for Residence Education!

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**Thomas Grites**, one of the founding members of NACADA and Assistant Provost at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, was the keynote speaker at the University of Maryland's 17th Annual Academic Advising Conference. His keynote was titled *Navigating Change: Academic Advising – The Rudder for Student Success*.

**Lily Henderson** joins Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec as a Manager of Residence Life at the Grey Nun's Residence in the department of Residence Life. Way to go, Lily!

**Craig Leets** leaves Maryland to be the Assistant Director at the LGBT Student Resource Center at Penn State. Even when he was back in his apprenticeship in the LGBT Center at American University, Craig always said this would be his ideal job. Congratulations on making your dream come true!

**RJ Holmes-Leopold** recently transitioned into the President role of the Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors. RJ continues to work at his beloved alma mater Cornell College in Iowa. His portfolio includes leadership of the Career Engagement Center and Cornell's Center for Law and Society. RJ finds it quite ironic that he is advising pre-law students when he forsook law school to be a CSP student!

**Susan Komives** is working mostly out of her home office; contact her at 6613 Seward Rd., Bowie, MD 20720 and phone 301-464-9816. Email remains komives@umd.edu. If you have her listed as a reference, use that contact info.

**Sunny Lee** and Bill Jacox welcome their daughter, Serena - 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 inches, born August 7. What a beautiful addition to our world and your family. Sunny and Bill now live in San Francisco with their two children.



**Nicole Long** joins the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in the District of Columbia as a Management Analyst. Her primary responsibility will be to carry out assessment efforts for the DC Tuition Assistant Grant Program and related college access and completion initiatives.

**Jill Nagiel** joins Anne Arundel Community College as an Instructional Specialist at the TEACH Institute, advising students in the teacher education program and teaching a college success course.

**Dharma Naik** is now Regional Admissions Manager – India at Laureate Architecture, Art and Design. Dharma may be one of our most distant alumni, but Marsha Guenzler-Stevens saw her last summer when visiting India and reported that Dharma looked fabulous!

**Donna Lee Oda** is the new Director of Career Services at Otis College of Art & Design in Los Angeles. Her sons Peter & Andrew are now 11 and 8 years old and she is excited to be entering the world of full-time work again.

**Renique (Quick) Kersh** is the new Assistant Dean for Student Services and Enrollment Management in the School of Education at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. In addition to starting a new position, she also received a Focal Point grant for \$15,000 from the University of Illinois for a project called "The Reveal:" *Making Room for Voices of Mental Health and Wellness among Black Women*. The project will use StoryCorp to collect the voices and stories of African American women related to mental health and coping and will end in a social action theatre performance at the University of Illinois. If you are a regular NPR listener, you will know that StoryCorps is a regular part of the Friday line up. Hopefully we will have a chance to hear one of Renique's stories in the not so distant future during our morning commute.

**Amye Lee Rheault** is the new Associate Director of Alumni Affairs for the George Washington University Law School. A new marriage and a new job...Wow!

In addition to her new life as a PhD student at The Ohio State University, **Tricia Shalka** joins the Columbus College of Art & Design as Coordinator of Institutional Assessment. She will be working with several VPs to structure assessment plans and projects, serving as a consultant/coach to staff and faculty across the institution on their research/assessment projects, and she will analyze institutional data.

**Katie Wadas-Thalken** is excited to be moving back into student affairs after a stint in alumni relations as an Academic Success Counselor at Creighton University in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. We are glad to have you "back in the fold!"

**Ruthie (Zerwitz) Berenson**, her husband Marc, and their 2 1/2 year old Meira welcomed a new addition to the family on May 19 - daughter and baby sister, Tamar. What a beautiful new CSP family member!