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Joan Hirt and Greig Stewart

## The William “Bud” Thomas Jr. Award

The 2013 Bud Thomas Award recipient is Greig Stewart. Established in 2003, the award honors outstanding members of the profession who exhibit excellence in mentoring between higher education professionals and graduate students.

Greig earned his doctorate in Counseling and Student Development at American University. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the College Park Scholars, a well-regarded living learning community at the UMD. Greig is an excellent example of integrating research and practice in his daily life as evidenced by the wonderful contributions to the field. As a member of our affiliate faculty, Greig has offered his expertise and thoughtful approaches to helping our graduate students develop the critical skills that are needed to be effective practitioners. He has supervised graduate assistants, hosted summer apprentices, and served as an advisor to countless Master’s students. Greig’s dedication to our community of scholar-practitioners is deeply appreciated. Congratulations to this outstanding mentor.

## Congratulations and Updates!

Congratulations to our newest and proud almost done PhD students who successfully defended their dissertations. We are SO proud of each of you!:

**Jose Riera** - *Walking the labyrinth: Examining the intersections of spirituality and leadership among senior student affairs administrators* (Chair: Susan Jones)

**Jason C. Garvey** - *Identity and philanthropy: Designing a survey instrument to operationalize Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer alumni giving* (Chair: Noah Drezner)

**Salvador Mena** - *The new south: A case analysis of Latino students attending a historically Black university in North Carolina* (Chair: Susan R. Komives)

**Melissa D. Scarfone** - *Cognitive and noncognitive predictors of academic performance for college students with learning disabilities* (Chair: William Strein)

**Michele Matteo Mackie** - *Predictors of sense of belonging for students with psychological conditions* (Chair: William Strein)

**Jeri Lyn Dorminy** - *The experiences of non-signing deaf and hard of hearing students and their academic and social integration into a primarily signing deaf university environment* (Chair: Susan R. Komives)

### Three New Faculty Members

We are simply busting with pride about the recent appointment of several of our graduates and/or soon to be graduates as faculty members in institutions across the country. With these three fine folks educating the next generation of faculty and practitioners, we are truly headed in a wonderful direction! Congratulations one and all!

**Jay Garvey**- accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Higher Education in the Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology Studies at the University of Alabama.

**Claire Robbins**- will permanently join the Virginia Tech faculty as an Assistant Professor of Higher Education.

**Beth Niehaus** – accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in Educational Administration at the University of Nebraska.

# Alumni News

**Candace Doane** is the next president elect of the Maryland College Personnel Association! She is Director of Community Living at Goucher College. Hail to the Chief of MCPA, Candace. Yahoo!

**Alicia B. Harvey-Smith** was appointed president of River Valley Community College. This is amazing! What a wonderful thing to have an institutional president from our midst. We know Alicia will be a visionary leader for this community college.

**Justin Fincher** is the new Senior Director for Advancement at The Ohio State University. In his role, he works for the Senior Vice President and develops long-range plans, manages division-wide projects and advises on opportunities to maximize talent and organizational effectiveness. It all started with an apprenticeship back in the day that stoked the passion for development work. We are so glad you are working with people you love and are now part of the OSU Terp Family!

**Zaneeta E. Daver** was named the Assistant Executive Dean of the Spring 2014 voyage of Semester at Sea. It is her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sailing as a student in college. How cool is this? Anchors away, Zaneeta. Here's hoping it is all smooth sailing.

**John Salazar** has a new position as Director of Student Success at Monmouth College this coming June! We are proud of you, John.

**Trent A. Engbers** will be returning to his hometown of Evansville, Indiana to teach in the Political Science Department at the University of Southern Indiana. His research continues to focus on leadership and community involvement. How great it will be for Trent to be close to family and for his own children to enjoy a little grandparent love. Congratulations, Trent!

**Damien Franze** has accepted a new position at UMD, moving across campus from the Program Coordinator for Student Entertainment Events to the University Honors Program Coordinator. The folks in the Stamp are weeping, but are so thrilled that they get to keep Damien in close proximity to his Stamp home. Damien will be taking on a new job coordinating orientation and other programs for University Honors students. He will be terrific in this role!

## Researchers to Study Impact of Maryland Dream Act

**Michelle Espino** and Colleen O'Neal will start investigating the impact of a landmark state law that allows undocumented immigrants to attend Maryland public universities at in-state rates. Passed in November 2012, the Maryland Dream Act gives students new opportunities, but also forces them to reveal their citizenship status, something K-12 schools in the state don't require. They plan to track these students' stress, emotions and academic performance from senior year of high school through college graduation, as well as study the policies and procedures of higher education institutions throughout the state and how these affect this group.

The research combines two areas of expertise: **Espino** studies educational pathways, particularly for Latino students, and O'Neal studies stress and resilience in minority and immigrant children.

**RJ Holmes-Leopold** was selected to become the 2016 Conference Chair for the Pre-Law Advisors National Council Quadrennial Conference. In the meantime, he is chairing the 2013 Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors Annual Conference which will be held in St. Louis in October, 2013. RJ always was an amazing multi-tasker! We are thrilled for you, RJ.

**Tracy Tyree Boulette** has been appointed Vice President of Student Affairs at Southern Connecticut State University starting in July. This is a wonderful appointment of a talented scholar-practitioner. Congratulations, Vice President Tracy.

**Jason Chan** will be starting the PhD program in Higher Education & Organizational Change at UCLA this fall. What a wonderful addition you will be to the UCLA community of scholars, Jason!

## Articles, Books, Book Chapters, Talks, & Presentations

**Becks, A. H., Garvey, J. C., & Prosser, J.** (2013, March). Practitioners as Researchers: Assessing diverse environments. Presentation at the 2013 NASPA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

**Brown S. C.** (2013, March). Action! book club: Using switch to reduce high-risk behaviors. Presentation at the annual American College Personnel Association (ACPA) National Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

**Brown S. C.** (2013, March). Keeping it sexy: Positive sexuality initiatives for healthier student relationships. Presentation at the annual American College Personnel Association (ACPA) National Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

**Brown, S. C., & Leavitts, S.** (2013). Supervision, suicide, strategic planning, and shenanigans: Life of a dean. In J. Devitis (Ed.) *Contemporary colleges and universities: A reader* (pp. 272-279). NY: Peter Lang Publishing

Burciaga, R., Delgado Bernal, D., Carmona, J. F., **Espino, M.M.** (2013, April). *Chicana/Latina testimonies in education: Methodologies, pedagogies and political urgency*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association: San Francisco.

**Buckley, J.** (2013). Bringing critical analysis to constructivist research on student motivations for sustainability. . Presentation at the University of Maryland, College Park, College of Education Graduate Research Day and Panel Discussion.

**Espino, M. M.** (2013, April). Academic Achievement: It's not so black and white. Panel presentation at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Sociology Department.

**Garland J.** (2013, April). Best Practices for National Organizations to Support the Native American Experience in Higher Education. Presented at the Native American Student Affairs Conference, California Polytechnic Institute - Pomona.

**Garvey, J. C.,** Carpenter, M., Major, A., & Prosser, J. (2013, March). Student Meaning-Making from UMD's Global Learning Experiences. Presentation at the 2013 NASPA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

**Jones, S. R., & Abes, E. S.** (2013). *Identity development of college students: Advancing frameworks for multiple dimensions of identity*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

**Jones, S. R., LePeau, L. A., & Robbins, C. K.** (2013). Exploring the possibilities and limitations of service-learning: A critical analysis of college student narratives about HIV/AIDS, *Journal of Higher Education*, 84, 213-238.

**Kavaliauskas Crain, L.** (2013, March). *Best Practices for the Entry-Level Student Affairs Job Search*. Presentation at the annual American College Personnel Association (ACPA) National Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

**Kavaliauskas Crain, L., Christman, S.,** McKnight, J., & Sperling, L. (2013, March). *Graduate Student Mental Health: Guiding Thoughts for Student Affairs Practitioners*. Presentation at the ACPA Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

**Komives, S. R., Lucas, N., & McMahon, T. R.** (2013). *Exploring leadership: For college students who want to make a difference. (3rd edition)*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass.

Leon, R.A., **Park, J.J., Espino, M.M.,** Charleston, L.J., & Brown, T.J. (2013, April). *Adding value to higher education: Galvanizing experiences of junior faculty of color*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association: San Francisco.

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Tri Deltas at UIFI

Joanna Webb, Sara Fisher, and **Krystal Clark**

**Morin, M.** (2013). Advising first-generation college students: Piloting a mentoring and summer bridge program to facilitate student success. Presented at the NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) Region 9 Conference USC in Los Angeles, CA

Prosser, J., **Garvey, J. C., & Becks, A. H.** (2013, March). Learning Outcomes & Assessment Strategies for Practitioners. Pre-conference session at the 2013 NASPA Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.



At NASPA in Orlando, FL

Adrian Bitton, Michelle Espino,  
Neal McKinney, and Courtney Oddman

### Get *IN* the *BASKET*!

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### Preview 2013 Welcomes Admitted Students

They say "it takes a village to raise a child," but as we know, it also takes a patient and caring community to implement a successful Preview! Nestled in the middle of conference season and spring break, Preview 2013 welcomed 33 admitted students to the Student Affairs and Higher Education communities. Led by Preview advisor Dr. Michelle Espino and Preview co-chairs Jen Eliason (Higher Education), Alicia Peralta (Higher Education), and Léna Kavaliauskas Crain (Student Affairs), the Preview sub-committee co-chairs, student volunteers, Concentration faculty, affiliate faculty members, and alumni created a welcoming and informative environment. Many thanks for their contributions:

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