

The In-Basket

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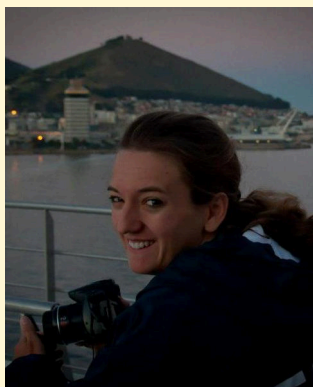
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Congratulations and Updates!

Transitions: Reflections From Our First Year Students



Gudrun Haider—Everyone will tell you that transitioning into a Ph.D. program is a big deal, especially if it's been a while since you've sat in a classroom (at least as a student). But surprisingly, the "school" part of the transition has been the easiest for me. Maybe I was lucky because I started with a summer class and got to ease into coursework that way. I remember sitting in class that first week during Summer Session II and marveling at how "normal" being in class already felt. The "life stuff", though, wasn't all that easy to adjust to. Moving away from my friends to a new environment was somehow easier at 18 than it's been at 31. Sharing a house with two roommates after living on my own for 10+ years has been "interesting", to say the least. And having to survive on a graduate assistant salary again has brought its own challenges. But so far so good! Our cohort of three has bonded. I don't get lost anymore on my way to the Benjamin building, the Stamp or the library. I've discovered a great study spot and, most importantly, I've found a ballroom dance studio with an

amazing instructor. After all, the goal for these four or five years (let's go with four) is to have at least some semblance of work-life balance. And so, as surreal as this still feels sometimes, my new adventure of being a Ph.D. student at the University of Maryland, College Park, has begun.

Carlos Sepulveda—My transition from Florida State University to the University of Maryland has been smooth. Having a small cohort has allowed me to build strong relationships, which I am excited to foster in the coming years. In the first few weeks, we have engaged in thoughtful conversations and meaningful discussions. I am in awe of the wide range of experiences and backgrounds among my peers. They inspire me. I am amazed by the variety of ways we each chose to pursue our master's degree in student affairs and how it shapes our future career. I am extremely happy to be part of the Student Affairs Concentration here at UMD, because of the incredible passion among my professors, a wonderful dynamic among our cohort, and the supportive environment of which we have become. I cannot wait to see what the rest of this semester and journey have in store for me.



New PhD Students (Left):

Domonic Rollins, Gudrun Haider, Melissa Rocco

New Master's Students (Right):

(Back) Tyler McKinney, Carlos Sepulveda, Matthew Chenworth, John Caldora, (Front) Ellie Howe, Michelle Strange, Becca Bernstein, Kai Kai Mascarenas, Julius Grayson



Alumni News

Toby Jenkins Henry has been selected as 2013 Outstanding Black Alumnus at her undergraduate alma mater, the University of South Carolina! We are so glad that the good folks at USC will be celebrating “our” Toby! We’ll be with you in spirit!

Katie Ryan and Brian Parks were married September 7, 2013. We are sending you love and wishes for a bright new life together. **Katie** reports that she is now a military wife helping her husband serve in the US Air Force.

Shandol Swalley Hoover is now the Associate Director for Student Development and Special Projects for Honors Carolina, at UNC at Chapel Hill. You are making a magnificent mark on those Tarheels!

Amy Sandler married Niki Quasney on August 29, 2013 (photo on page 4). This beautiful couple has been together for a number of years and they share two darling children and reside in Indiana. We are so thrilled that you two are “officially married!” Love to you ALL! **Amy** is beginning the MA in Social Services Administration this fall at the University of Chicago. Keep on learning, Amy!

Meredith Smith has been promoted to Assistant Director of Residence Life at Fairfield University. Congratulations on your wonderful promotion, Meredith!

Jen Bonnet is now a librarian at University of Maine-Orono. How cool is this...Jen is keeping those “Black Bears” quiet in the big library in Maine! Yahoo for you, Jen!

Frank Shushok was named as the new Executive Editor of *About Campus*. This is an amazing and well deserved honor, Frank.

Jim Neumeister and his wife Tasha had a baby named Sadie Rose born on May 9. Sadie weighed in at 7 lbs, 1 oz. 19.5 inches and joins the family to make it a beautiful family of 4! Here’s to a great new life together.

Tiki Ayiku was promoted to Director of Educational Programs at NASPA. We are so proud of you, Ms. A! Here’s looking forward to your good work at NASPA and how it influences our profession.

Will Simpkins was elected co-President of the Career Services Association of the City University of New York. We are so proud of you, Will!



Higher Ed's Kristin LaRiviere (L) and CSP's Sarah Popovich (R) celebrate **Katie Ryan** and Brian Parks wedding.

ACPA 2015 Tampa Convention Team

ACPA 2015 Tampa Annual Convention Planning Team has many Maryland connections. The convention chair is **Kristan Cilente Skendall** who completed her Ph.D. in CSP in 2012. She currently works as the Associate Director of the Gemstone Program in the UMD Honors College and teaches EDHI 672 in the College of Education.

Leah Kreimer, Gemstone Assistant Director for Student Engagement will be the Chief of Staff for the Tampa team.

Stephen Quaye, past Assistant Professor in the CSP program will serve as co-chair for the Next Generation Conference with Erica Johnson, former Coordinator for Student Organizations in the Adele H. Stamp Student Union- Center for Campus Life.

Nicole Long, who completed her Ph.D. in CSP in 2012, will serve as the Evaluation and Assessment Chair for the convention team.

Scott Brown, who earned his Ph.D. in CSP in the 1990s and has been a past ACPA convention chair, will serve on the 2015 program team as Featured Educational Speakers Chair.

Individuals interested in serving on the 2015 planning team or who would like to learn more about the 2015 convention, please contact Kristan at kskendal@umd.edu.

Greg Rheault has accepted the Director of the Second-Year Experience position in the Center for Student Engagement at The George Washington University. We can't wait to hear the stories of your great influence over the students at GWU and their engagement and retention.

Seth Christman is now an Assistant Professor in the College Counseling and Student Development Master's program at Saint Cloud State University. We hope you got a great new pair of fancy shoes to wear on your first days as a new Assistant Professor! Make us proud, Seth.

Katie (Hershey) Conlon finished the MAPP program (Masters in Applied Positive Psychology) from the University of Pennsylvania. This is a great accomplishment and we are so glad we were around to see the beginning of your love of this field back in College Park. Congratulations, Katie.

Suzanne Ashour-Bailey has begun the MBA program at The University of Texas at El Paso. This is a wonderful new adventure for you, Suzanne!

Magoon and Thomas Awards

Each year, we have the opportunity to honor alumni and others who exemplify the values and principles we so treasure!! Over the years the winners of these two awards have been so touched by the fact that their nominators took time to recognize their careers and/or contributions. **Won't you take a moment to honor your fellow alumni and/or mentors?**

The **Thomas Magoon Award** is given to a CAPS/SAC graduate who, as a scholar-practitioner, upholds the best traditions of scholarly work (nominees must be working in higher education). The **William L. Thomas Jr. Award** is given to someone who mentored a CSP/SAC graduate student during their time in the program (Nominees do not need to be alumni and they may have been at other universities or associations).

Electronic copies of nomination letters and a resume/CV of the nominee should be sent to Linda Clement (lclement@umd.edu) by January 10, 2014. Please include "SAC Award Nomination" in the subject line of your email.

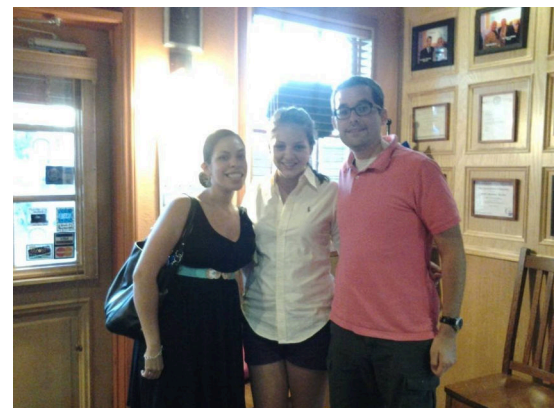
Nominations are due January 10, 2014

UMD President's Distinguished Service Awards

At this year's President's Convocation at the University of Maryland on October 8th, we honored amazing university administrators with the President's Distinguished Service Awards. Among those honored were our very own **Barbara A. Gill**, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, and an alumnus of the program. She was joined in receiving the President's Distinguished Service Award by **Sharon E. Kirkland-Gordon**, Director of the University Counseling Center and an Affiliate Faculty member in the SAC program. We are thrilled that we had a chance to celebrate these two great women.



Congratulations to double alum **Jen Meyers Pickard** and husband Charles on the arrival of new daughter Isla on July 10, weighing in at 7lbs.



Members of the Class of 2010 Cohort **Greg Rheault** and **Amye Lee Rheault** met up with **Molly Morin** when visiting Southern California in August.

Articles, Books, Book Chapters, Talks, & Presentations

Komives, S. R. (2013, August) "Believing is seeing" or is it "Seeing is believing"? in *Leading Thoughts*, New York Times, [<http://nytimesinleadership.com/leading-thoughts/>].

Julie Park (2013). *Race, religion, and affirmative action in higher education*. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

rita zhang (2013). *Asian American counternarratives: What does it mean to be Asian American in the 21st century?* Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

Wadas Thalken, K., Winegard, T., Rusch, L., & Danielson, M. (2013). *Challenge and support: Helping women advance in graduate and professional programs*. Presented at Nebraska Women in Higher Education Leadership Conference, Lincoln, NE.



Amy Sandler and Niki Quassey and their daughters on their wedding day.



Classmates **Paula Hentz**, **rita zhang**, and **Ana Maia** when rita visited Stetson University.

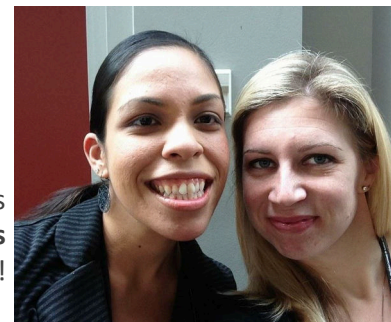


Mike Freeman and **Lee Williams** reunited -- Lee writes "24 years ago, we were callow first-year doctoral students, hall directors and great friends at Maryland."



CSPers/former ARHU advisors **Molly Morin** and **Megan Forbes** reuniting at NACADA!

Congrats and love to Sunshine **Workman** and Andrea Oey on their September wedding!



Get IN the BASKET!

Share the good news! Submissions for the InBasket can be emailed to sagrad-InBasket@umd.edu.

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Top 25 LGBT-Friendly Campuses

This Year, the University of Maryland was again named as a "Top 25 LGBT-Friendly" university in the Huffington Post. (N.B. the top 25 are ordered alphabetically and there was no rank order among them; this recognition comes from Campus Pride)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/20/campus-pride-lgbt-colleges-2013_n_3781950.html#slide=2807540