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Congratulations and Updates!

Welcome Back Edition

Aaaand we're back! Where did the summer go, my friends? Another academic year is upon us! I truly hope each of you had a wonderful summer, with time to get those nagging projects finally completed, relax a bit, and set some new goals for the coming year.

This summer was a productive one for the faculty, but everyone made good time for some R&R, as well. I spent a lot of time at the airport, flying off to attend talks and meetings, mixed in with fun trips to see family and relax with my nearest and dearest. I made good progress on data collection for my project on STEM PhD's career development, and continued work on two projects examining the access and retention of graduate students of color in STEM. Julie spent her summer visiting good friends in Spain and also conducting data collection for a project on Asian American parents. She completed 40 interviews this summer and says that she is now officially drowning in data. Michelle celebrated her nephew's graduation from high school and transition to his first year as a Terp; drew inspiration from her sistah-scholars during an inaugural writing retreat at a beach in California; and nourished her spirit during a long visit with her family in the desert Southwest. Michelle was writing like the wind - she submitted multiple conference proposals and manuscripts for review.

New years bring new beginnings, and we couldn't be happier about our new group of students joining the Maryland Student Affairs community. We just finished Vector 0 not too long ago, and got to know our great group of Master's and doctoral students a bit better. I am sure that you all will enjoy getting to know them too, and if the time we had at the Welcome BBQ is any indication of how the year will go, we are going to have a lively time for sure!

Here's to a great 2014-2015 academic year! Looking forward to seeing you all, especially at ASHE in DC this fall.

-Kimberly A. Griffin



Incoming PhD Students: Shelvia English, Molly Morin, Corin Gioia (not pictured)

Incoming Master's Students: (Top row) Coty Behanna, Maya Graham, Sarah Smith, Corinne Bernstein, Jacky Neri, Noah Henry-Darwish (Bottom row) Jazmin Pichardo, Dawn Ginetti, Linh Tran, Caroline Gutierrez



Alumni News

Julie Owen at George Mason University was recently promoted to Associate Professor. We are thrilled that we can call you our very own Professor Terp! Congratulations on receiving tenure.

Dawn Johnson received tenure at Syracuse University, and is now an Associate Professor of Higher Education. One of our InBasket editors got a chance to see Dawn this winter and we heard rave reviews about her scholarship, service and teaching at Syracuse University. We are so proud of you!

Mei-Yen Ireland and **Glenn Ireland** are new parents of baby Ruth Bao-Lin, who was born on May 23rd at 7:01pm. We have loved this special CSP Couple since the beginning and now we have the blossom of a next generation Terp!

Jan-Michael and **Cara Appel-Silbaugh** welcomed new baby Crosby Silbaugh on May 27th. Welcome to our world, new little leader!

Paige Haber Curran is the recipient of the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching at Texas State University. How thrilled we are to know that the folks at TSU know what we know- Paige is magnificent!

Patrick Grayshaw moved to Atlanta, Georgia to take a position working with the Center for Civic Engagement at Oglethorpe University. We know that Patrick will help students at Oglethorpe to make a difference in the world.

Jennifer Vest Frank is now Assistant Secretary for Higher Education at the Maryland Higher Education Commission in Baltimore. Basically, all of us now work for Jen and we are honored to do so!

Congrats to Jonathan and **Jill Neppel Baker** on the birth of their son, Quincy Matthew, on April 26th. What a cutie for this great couple!

Dharma Naik is now Vice President for Marketing and Admissions for SOIL (School of Inspired Leadership) - a new and innovative business school in India. Dharma visited the U.S. recently and it was so great to know she was back in Maryland!

Drew Adeleman recently graduated from the University of Texas- Austin. Drew also just began his new job as a Staff Psychologist at the Georgia Institute of Technology. There are so many students at Tech who will benefit from Drew's wise counsel.

Patty Armfield Witkowsky will be an Instructor and Coordinator of the Student Affairs and Higher Education Master's program at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. Just think how many great new professionals will bloom under Patty's mentorship.

Marylu McEwen Dissertation of the Year Award



A few weeks ago, ACPA announced that their Dissertation of the Year award would now be named after Marylu McEwen. Each of us has been touched by Marylu's generous scholarship. She has been so quick to engage others in thinking about new theories and constructs. We asked alumna, Cahty McHugh Engstrom, Professor and Department Chair at Syracuse University, to reflect on Marylu.

Through Marylu's legacy of brilliant advising of countless Master's and doctoral students, she has shaped in tangible, profound ways the scholarship of our student affairs profession. Those selfless hours she invested in us, her enduring belief in our intellectual abilities, and her gentle yet rigorous expectations to engage in cutting-edge, transformative educational scholarship. She has embraced a social justice philosophy that enabled her students to really make a difference in the lives of college students, particularly students who have been under-represented in our literature. For many of us, Marylu fueled our passion about the importance of pursuing or supporting scholarly work that will inform policy and practices in student affairs that truly make a difference in creating more equitable educational systems for *all* our students. Her wisdom, her frequent validation that we were doing important work, her mentoring, and friendship have continued to sustain us. Marylu has been the biggest champion for so many of us; her advising inspires and equips us to us to be better scholars, and more importantly, more authentic, caring, engaged individuals and professionals. Congratulations, Marylu, on this most well deserved honor!

Susan Komives was Scholar-in-Residence for the second annual International Experiential Learning Institute co-sponsored by NACA, NIRSA and the Memorial University. Susan presented five sessions on leadership and experiential learning theory, research, motivational and readiness, HIPs, and standards of practice. She was thrilled to see 8 icebergs! Susan continues to amaze us as she teaches – all around the world!

Mark Ferne is Dean of Students at Westminster in Salt Lake and was named Big Brother of the Year. To see the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Utah video, click here: www.ter.ps/ferne We are so proud of you, Mark, and proud of your mentorship of young people.

Peter Troiano is now an Assistant Professor teaching student affairs at Central Connecticut State University starting Fall 2014. What a wonderful way to transform our profession with great new students learning from terrific Terp Faculty!

Christine Yip Cruzvergara is featured in this CNN clip. Here's the short CNN news clip from her interview a couple weeks ago: www.ter.ps/cruzvergara Christine is Director of the Career Center at George Mason University. We knew her BEFORE she was known all across the nation!

Peggy Fitch is the new Vice President for Student Development & Professor of Psychology at Central College in Pella, IA. How fabulous to know that the good folks in Iowa have a great new leader!

John Salazar is the new Director of Housing Operations at Monmouth College. We are thrilled with this new appointment!

D. William Liu is the incoming Editor for the *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*. Will, we continue to be proud of you with every new bit of scholarship.

John Foubert has been promoted to full professor in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Oklahoma State University. This is fabulous news, Professor John!

Over the summer, **Jacqueline Mac** became a certified Vinyasa Yoga teacher and was promoted from Director to Managing Director of Programs & Student Affairs at the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. Jackie will be back at the University of Maryland helping to lead our dialogue program this fall.

Both **Terry Zacker** and **Léna Kavaliauskas Crain** were awarded 2014 Outstanding Service Awards at the University of Maryland. Congrats to both of you!

Congratulations to the 2014 Graduates!



(Top row) Laura Brant, Paola Hernandez, Alex Breiding, Jess Buckley, Justin Fincher (Bottom row) Patricia Garcia, Adrian Bitton, Neal McKinney, Morgan McMillan

Dusty Porter is the new Vice President of Student Affairs at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. While we hated to lose Dusty in Baltimore, we are thrilled to know that “Our” Dusty is going to be leading at Tulane. Bravo!

Isaiah Thomas was admitted into Northeastern University's Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration Program. Also, he will be starting as the new Assistant Director of Residential Communities at Swarthmore College. With school and a new job, Isaiah will be one busy guy. Make us proud!

Tisha McCoy Nti and her husband welcome son, Asa Kenneth Kwame Nti, born June 14th. Big sister Nia is thrilled! We can't wait to see a picture of this whole beautiful family. Welcome to our world, little one!

Emily Roh is the new Cross Cultural Center Coordinator at her alma mater, Pasadena City College. Who said you couldn't go home? We are so proud of you, Emily!

Renique Quick Kersh defended her dissertation in June at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her dissertation is entitled Understanding the Relationship between Stress and Health Risk for Women Administrators in Higher Education at the University of Illinois. Her doctorate is in Community Health. Congratulations to Dr. Renique Quick Kersh!

Matt Johnson and Erika Johnson welcomed son, Garrett, on July 3rd! The pictures of Garrett are DARLING. We can't wait to meet the little sweetheart!

Salvador Mena has been selected to serve as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Rutgers University. It is so great to know that we have this amazing leader at our "Brother/Sister Big Ten School!" Congratulations, Sal!

Penny Rue is serving her second year as Faculty Director of NASPA's new AVP Institute, which had its debut last January. We can't think of a better role model for senior student affairs administrators. Yahoo, Penny!

Leigh Remy is the new Director of Judicial Affairs at Dartmouth College. This is an amazingly important job for the institution and for all the students at Dartmouth. We know Leigh will be a terrific teacher and ethical behavior coach.

Sean Gehrke will be a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Higher & Postsecondary Education at NYU. He will be working with Matt Mayhew, Alyssa N. Rockenbach and others on the "Interfaith Diversity Experiences & Attitudes Longitudinal Survey" project. Sean continues to make us proud. From the west coast to the east coast, he is the best!

Melissa D. Scarfone has a new job at Montgomery College as an Associate Professor. Congratulations on this new position, Melissa!

After 8 wonderful years as the Assistant Dean of Students, **Laetia Johnson Flash** is now the Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to the Vice President for Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at the University of Vermont. Still in the snow banks but always warming our hearts, we are so proud of you, Laetia!

Mary Kate Sullivan was profiled in the NIRSA newsletter, due to her commitment to and her embodiment of the values of NIRSA. To read the article, click here: ter.ps/nirsa

Léna Kavaliauskas Crain was won the 2013-2014 House Director of the Year at the University of Maryland.

Laura Brant just started as the new Campus Activities Program Coordinator at Colorado State University. Laura will be working in the Lory Student Center where another CSP/Student Affairs graduate is the Director. **Mike Ellis** promises to give Laura a big Terp welcome when she starts in Fort Collins!

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Alumni Kathleen Gardner and RJ Holmes-Leopold run the BTN Big 10 at the end of July.



Angel Hernandez and Alex Almazan were married, Saturday, April 26th

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Beth Niehaus and Ann Becks meet up in Nebraska and enjoyed some great ice cream!



Terps find each other everywhere! Zina Evans (VP at University of Florida) and Wendy Endress (VP Evergreen State College) were in the same Harvard IEM class this summer in Boston.



Douglas Lee, Jacqueline Mac, and Jason Chan at the 5th Annual Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) Higher Education Summit



Terrapin brotherhood! John Hernandez, Carlos García Saldaña, Angel Hernandez, and Mark Lopez



(Above) A beautiful wedding photo of Josh and Jennifer Hiscock on their wedding day



(Left) A reunion picnic: Mei-Yen and Glenn Ireland with daughter Ruthie, Damien Franze, Kelsey South, and Nicole Menta

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