



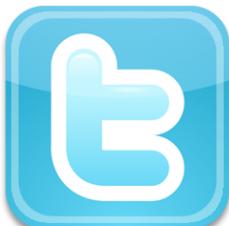
Newsletter

Higher Education and Student Affairs

Summer 2013

Congrats, Class of 2013!

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On Saturday, May 4, the HESA community gathered to say farewell to the Class of 2013. Faculty, family, and friends packed the US Bank Theater in the Ohio Union to enjoy the annual Hooding Ceremony. Thirty master's students received their hoods, and one doctoral student was recognized as well.

Katie Dean Williams (MA '13) chaired the event. She worked with **Bobby Silk (MA '13)** and **Quanta Taylor (MA '14)** to create a memorable celebration.

"The hooding ceremony provided an opportunity for each graduate to hear words of praise and encouragement from their advisors and supervisors," said Katie Dean.

HESA faculty offered wit and wisdom to the departing class, too. **Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston**, Vice President for Student Life, also offered praise to the graduates. She was joined by **Dr. Jackie Blount**, Associate Dean in the College of Education and Human Ecology, and **Dr. Eric Anderman**, Chair of the Department of Educational Studies.



Above: The Class of 2013 poses in the Ohio Union.

Also, several awards were announced at the ceremony. They are listed later in the newsletter.

"All in all, the ceremony afforded graduates the opportunity to have an intimate celebration of their hard work with friends, family, supervisors, and supporters," added Katie Dean.

Graduates are heading all over the state, country, and the world in the coming months. Some are starting jobs and others are beginning doctoral programs. Help us congratulate this outstanding class! *



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Presenting the Class of 2013!

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Multicultural Center
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Fisher College of Business
College of Pharmacy Career Services
First Year Experience
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First Year Experience
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Student Life, Facility Management & Logistics
Ohio Union, Student Activities
University Housing, Residence Life
Fisher College of Business

Judith Guion-Utsler, Ph.D.



SPA Award Winners Announced

At the annual Hooding Ceremony, SPA was pleased to announce the following awards:

Robert F. Rodgers Outstanding Student Award: Jeff Majarian and Sharon Stein

Friend of SPA: Jennifer Pelletier (MA '02) (Ohio Union)

Outstanding SPA Supervisor: Brian Tomlinson (Office of Student Conduct)

Also, winners of the annual **Porterfield-Dickens Award** were announced. The Porterfield-Dickens Award is designed to support graduate student research in areas that reflect the values and areas of inquiry modeled by William Porterfield and Cynthia Dickens. It includes a cash award of up to \$1,000 and a plaque symbolizing the honor and spirit of the award.

Congratulations to two HESA doctoral students, **Mei-Yen Ireland** and **Joey Kitchen**, for winning this award. Descriptions of their research projects are below.



"My research examines the identity construction of previously undocumented young adult students at community colleges. With my work, I hope to advance understanding about the marginalization of undocumented students in higher education in ways that examine and impact policies and practices."

—Mei-Yen Ireland (left)



"This mixed-methods project explores the relationship between residing on campus and the development of a sense of belonging for people of color. Employing both a survey and select interviews with Asian, Black, and Latino students living on campus, this project will probe the experiences of students of color to better understand whether they feel they belong and why or why not. Implications are abound for residence life and housing, parents and students, and for future research on the concept of sense of belonging." —Joey Kitchen (right)

[***Click here to view pictures from the Hooding Ceremony!***](#)

Grads Defend Impressive Research Projects

Several HESA master's students defended research projects last month. This year, a large proportion of students wrote theses in order to graduate.

"These impressive theses show that students really understand the importance of research. These students and many of their peers have also presented at conferences, led seminars, and even published work. We love this enthusiasm for research," said **Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown**, SPA Coordinator and Senior Lecturer.

Below are descriptions of theses, as well as Judith Guion-Utsler's dissertation.

Mauriell Amechi (Advisor: Dr. Terrell Strayhorn)

Refusing To Settle for Less: Narratives of Self-Authorship among Foster Care Youth in College

"The primary purpose of this study was to understand ways in which Black male collegians formerly in foster care (BMCFFC) develop self-authored ways of knowing."

Sharon Stein (Advisor: Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna)

A Discourse Analysis of University Internationalization Planning Documents

"My project was to examine the internationalization planning documents of the twelve Big Ten universities through discourse analysis and using the framework of Foucault's neoliberal governmentality."

Chris Woods (Advisor: Dr. Terrell Strayhorn)

Exploring the Meaning-Making Process of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning Students of Color and Faith

"The purpose of the constructivist grounded theory study was to explore how lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning (LGBQ) students of color and faith make meaning of their multiple social identities."

Joanne Song (Advisor: Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna)

The Role of the Model Minority Stereotype in Asian American Students' College Experiences

"The purpose of this constructivist narrative study was to examine the role of the model minority stereotype in Asian American students' college experiences."

Sophie Tullier (Advisor: Dr. Susan Robb Jones)

"It Was More About the Functional Area": Pursuing and Persisting in Student Affairs Community Engagement Positions

"The purpose of this constructivist narrative study was to explore the prior experiences that have influenced new student affairs professionals to pursue positions focused on promoting community engagement as well as factors that contribute to their desire to leave or persist in this functional area."

Annabelle Estera (Advisor: Dr. Susan Robb Jones)

Locating Identity: Narratives of Ethnic and Racial Identity Experiences of Asian American Student Leaders of Ethnic Student Organizations

"The purpose of this constructivist narrative study was to explore how Asian American student leaders of ethnic student organizations (ESOs) experience their ethnic and racial identities in the context of their ESO and the classroom."

Dr. Judith Guion-Utsler (Advisor: Dr. Susan Robb Jones)

"A Certain Kind of Person": The Development of Social Justice Allies through Critical Service-Learning.

"I studied students taking a critical service-learning class to discover ways that this kind of service-learning pedagogy supported the development of social justice ally attitudes and actions."

HESA Welcomes New Faculty Member



Dr. Marc Johnston (left) will join the HESA faculty this fall as an assistant professor. Marc received his PhD this spring from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) in higher education and organizational change. His dissertation is titled: *What's the Use of Race? Investigating the Concept of Race in Higher Education.*

“After first learning about the field of student affairs while I was an undergrad student at Michigan State, I chose to visit OSU during a McNair/SROP graduate school tour because of the reputation of the HESA program. It’s hard to believe that approximately 10 years after that initial visit I will be returning to OSU not as a prospective student, but as a faculty member within the program. This is an incredibly exciting time and I look forward to becoming a part of the Buckeye family this August!” said Marc.

Marc also brings significant experience working in student affairs, including director of Asian Pacific American Student Affairs at the University of Arizona and program administrator at the Center for Multicultural Education & Programs at New York University.

“We are delighted that Dr. Marc Johnston will be joining the HESA faculty in the Fall. The depth of his student affairs experience and his expertise in the areas of race in higher education and student development will add depth and breadth to the HESA curriculum and research interests of the current faculty. Please join us in welcoming him (back) to the Midwest! (He grew up in the state up north),” said **Dr. Susan Robb Jones**, Associate Professor and Section Head. *

... And Says Goodbye to Dr. Chris Linder

HESA gave a fond farewell to **Dr. Chris Linder (right)** this month. Dr. Linder has joined the higher education faculty at the University of Georgia as an assistant professor. At OSU, Dr. Linder taught courses on strategy, leadership, and women in higher education, as well as the practicum.

“We congratulate Dr. Chris Linder, who served this past year as a Senior Lecturer in the HESA program, on her appointment as an assistant professor in the student affairs administration program at the University of Georgia. Chris is a gifted teacher who gave generously of her time to work with HESA students and faculty. We wish her all the best for continued success,” said **Dr. Susan Robb Jones**.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to spend a year with the OSU HESA family. I look forward to keeping in touch and seeing people at ACPA and ASHE for many years to come!” Chris said.

Help us wish Dr. Linder all the best as she begins her new role in Georgia! *



Center for IDEAS Announced

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn (right), Associate Professor in HESA, will direct the new Center for Inclusion, Diversity, and Academic Success (IDEAS) in the College of Education and Human Ecology.

“The Center will focus on fostering inclusion, promoting diversity, and ensuring academic success of all students at OSU through outreach and advocacy, programming, and research. Specifically, the Center will promote a research agenda that supports inquiry about the academic success of diverse students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. IDEAs staff will establish meaningful partnerships with units across and external to campus that engage diverse groups in collaborations related to the Center’s mission,” said Dr. Strayhorn.



Dean Cheryl Achterberg’s announcement said Dr. Strayhorn will “identify synergies in the curriculum and work to engage faculty across department lines to collaborate on pertinent curriculum and research topics.”

As Director, Dr. Strayhorn will set a long-term vision for the Center and its staff, secure external grants to support the center, and offer programming about diversity to student, staff, and faculty within the College and larger OSU campus. The OSU Center for IDEAs will be located at 1945 N. High Street, 163 Arps Hall. A website will be launched this summer. Readers can reach the Center at IDEAS@osu.edu.*

Note from HESPA’s President

HESPA is looking forward to a great year ahead where we will seek to engage more deeply with our Faculty, Alumni, Professionals, and new and existing community members. If you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to connect with any of our current officers, please email OhioStateHESPA@gmail.com or like our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/OhioStateHESPA>. Have a wonderful summer!

Renata Baptista (MA ‘14)

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Buckeyes Gather at ACPA, NASPA, & AERA

HESA students, faculty, and alumni gathered in Las Vegas, Orlando, and San Francisco this spring for the annual ACPA, NASPA, and AERA conferences. They gave dozens of presentations, led scores of seminars and workshops, and enjoyed catching up with friends and colleagues from around the country and world.

In particular, HESA students and faculty presented research on a variety of subjects including—but certainly not limited to!—undocumented students, bias response, veterans' services, Black gay male collegians' sense of belonging at HBCUs, the influence of Native American students' interactions on development outcomes, young alumni engagement, African American male leadership development through antifoundational service-learning, and assessments of MBA programs.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of student and faculty research. HESA students and faculty are studying a wide range of important issues in education," said **Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown**, SPA Coordinator and Senior Lecturer.

Also at these conferences, two awards were announced. At ACPA in Las Vegas, SPA was pleased to award **Melissa Rocco (MA '11) (right)** with the 2013 Emerging Professional Award. Melissa is currently the coordinator of Student Leadership Development in the Ohio Union. This fall, she will begin a PhD in Higher Education, Student Affairs, and International Policy at the University of Maryland. Congratulations to Melissa and best wishes as she moves to College Park!



At NASPA, **Dr. Virginia "Ginger" Ambler (MA '90) (left)** received the Maude A. Stewart Award, which is awarded annually for exceptional leadership, service, or innovation to the profession. Contributions may be made in teaching, practice, or professional organizations.

Dr. Ambler is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs at The College of William and Mary. Help us congratulate her for this award! *



Alumni Honored at EHE Event

On April 19, the College of Education and Human Ecology held its annual Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards at the Blackwell.

Dean Cheryl Achterberg welcomed the capacity crowd to this important celebration, where HESA alumni **Dr. Mabel Freeman (PhD '88)** and **Dr. Thomas Golden (MA '01)** were honored.

Dr. Freeman “helped drive Ohio State’s transformation from an average state school into one of the nation’s most respected public universities. Because of her efforts in admissions and First Year Experience, each incoming class is ever more prepared and assured of success,” her citation read.



Left: Dr. Freeman (center) poses with Dr. Elisa Abes (left) (PhD '03) and HESA's Dr. Susan Robb Jones (right). Dr. Freeman was presented with an Award of Distinction.

Dr. Golden’s citation read that he is a “champion of young people from underprivileged backgrounds.” At Vanderbilt University, where is with the Admissions office, he has “arranged more than 110 partnerships and led the award-winning Access Success Program.”

Right (from L to R): Bridget Williams Golden (MA '01), Dr. Thomas Golden (MA '01), HESA's Dr. Susan Robb Jones, and Dan Doremus (MA '01) pose at the EHE Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards. Dr. Golden received the New Leader Award.



Student Life Honors HESA Students

Congratulations to Sophie Tullier (left) and Annabelle Estera (right). They received awards from the Office of Student Life.

Sophie received the Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Award.

Annabelle received the Diversity Engagement Award.

Both are members of the Class of 2013. Congratulations!



Save the Date: SPA's 65th Anniversary

As many readers know, 2013 marks the 65th anniversary of the SPA Program. A celebration is planned for **Friday, October 18 in Columbus, with additional festivities on Saturday, October 19.**

The celebration coincides with Ohio State's Homecoming Weekend.

Registration for the 65th celebration will begin in June.

A planning team has met twice already. The team is comprised of higher education leaders from across the country.

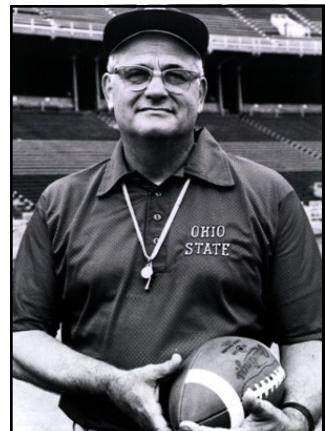
Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown, SPA Coordinator and Senior Lecturer, said, “The planning team is very enthusiastic about the anniversary celebration. This is a perfect time to network, reconnect, and see the outstanding work our faculty and students are doing in the program.”

The program team is currently drafting an agenda, and more details will emerge over the summer.

In addition, a Central Ohio-based logistics team has been formed. This team will provide support for technology, marketing, outreach, and other operational needs.



If you have questions, please email spa@osu.edu!

65th Anniversary!

Student, Faculty, and Alumni Updates

- **Dr. Tara Spalla (PhD '12) (right)** defended her dissertation, “*Building the ARC in Nursing Education: Cross-Cultural Experiential Learning Enabled by the Technology of Video or Web Conferencing*” in December. She graduated in the autumn commencement. Congrats!
- **Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna (HESA Associate Professor)** was elected to serve as Vice Chair (i.e., chair-elect) of the Council for International Higher Education (CIHE) within ASHE. She will serve in the Chair-Elect role over the next year and assume the position of Chair at the 2013 ASHE Annual Meeting, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Cynthia DeVeese (MA '92)** is the Assistant Dean of Student Life and Director of Multicultural Affairs at Ohio Dominican University.
- **Melissa Ochal (MA '05)** married Abe Saunders in June 2012. She will soon be the Associate Director in the Center for International Education at the College of Charleston.
- **Nate Peterson (MA '09)** is the Assistant Director of One Stop Services at the University of Minnesota.



- **Dr. Penny Rue (MA '77) (left)** is now the Vice President for Campus Life at Wake Forest University. She previously served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UCSD.
- **Rob Richardson (MA '10)** is a Student Conduct Specialist at the University of Texas in Austin.
- **Adam Duberstein (MA '06)** is chairing the NACADA Diversity Committee now and is working on a PhD at Bowling Green.
- **Katybeth (Dreisbach) Lee (MA '05)** and her husband welcomed their first child, W. Isaiah Lee on May 7th, 2012.
- **Dr. Katherine Kelley (PhD '02)** has been promoted to Associate Dean for Curriculum and Assessment in the OSU College of Pharmacy, and will be appointed Associate Professor Clinical on July 1, 2013.

- **Yolanda (Hancock) Rahman (MA '99)** is a consultant with The Osborne Group in Chicago.
- **Nichole Manchone (MA '01)** is now the Registrar at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA. Previously, she was the Registrar at the University of North Texas at Dallas.
- **Matthew T. Lambert (MA '02) (right)** is now the Vice President for Development at the College of William and Mary. In addition to teaching, he is also finishing a book about privatization in public higher education, set to be published in spring 2014 by Harvard Education Press. Finally, he and his wife are thrilled to be moving back to William & Mary (where they met) with their two boys, William (4) and Harrison (2).
- **Kristin M. Hunger (MA '06)** has been named the Induction & Pre-arrival Development Officer at the University of Edinburgh in response to an increased focus on enhancing the university's student experience.
- **Jodie Lodermeier-Fay (MA '01)** welcomed baby boy #3, Colby Owen, on March 25th, 2013.
- After ten years in Ohio and eight years at Kenyon College, **Erin Ciarimboli (MA '05)** will start her PhD at the University of Georgia's Institute of Higher Education in August.
- **Kelli Raker (MA '07)** received the University Award for the Advancement of Women in March for her development of a bystander education program while working as the Rape Prevention Education Coordinator over the last three years at UNC-Chapel Hill.



- **Corey Harris (MA '84) (left)** is now the Dean of Students at West Virginia University. During his MA days, he held positions in Conaway House (Morrill Tower) and Smith-Steeb Halls.
- **Jennifer Nailos (MA '09)** co-presented at NASPA a session on emergency training in residence life. Their research was picked up by Inside Higher Ed. [Read about it here.](#)

As SPA Grows, We Need You!

This year, HESA received a **record 250 applications** for our MA and PhD programs. As more students learn about our exceptional faculty and vast network of talented alumni, your support is as vital as ever. Students are showing an increased interest in research, networking, and other professional development offerings. Please consider offering your time or making a gift to the program to help us continue these critical opportunities. Here are some ways you can help:

Volunteer your time

- E-mail SPA at spa@osu.edu
- Tell us where you're volunteering or ask us about opportunities
- We'll send you free materials
- Refer students to us via email or call us at 614-292-4322

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