

SPA Newsletter

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Hello Alumni and Friends!

We hope your summer is off to a great start! If you have any new announcements for the next newsletter, please send your details to spa@osu.edu. We can't wait to hear from you!

HESA Celebrates Class of 2014

On May 3, HESA said farewell to the MA class of 2014 at the annual Hooding Ceremony. Faculty, fellow students, family members, and SPA supervisors gathered at the Ohio Union's US Bank Theatre to honor the 2014 graduates.

"What an outstanding group of graduates," said **Dr. Jennifer Gilbride-Brown**, Senior Lecturer and SPA Coordinator. "Year after year, our grads continue to amaze us with their achievements and contributions to the program and to the university."

Eighteen students received their hoods at the event, during which faculty advisors share personal comments about each graduate and present them with a hood.

Special awards were also announced. This year, **Scott Boden** from University Housing received the "Friend of SPA" award. **Karen Kyle**, Director of the Student Advocacy Center, received the "SPA Supervisor of the Year" award.

Royel Johnson and **Amber Vlasnik**, both PhD students, received the Porterfield-Dickens Award for their research projects. (See page 4 for more details.)

Finally, graduates **Zayd Abukar** and **Danyelle Reynolds** received the Robert F. Rodgers Outstanding Student Award. This award, named in honor of "Dr. Bob," is given to graduates who have made lasting contributions to the program.

In addition to HESA faculty, Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Cheryl Achterberg, Dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology, and Dr. Eric Anderman, Chair of the Department of Educational Studies, participated in the event.

The new HESA alumni have a variety of upcoming plans. Some will continue to work at Ohio State, some will work all over the country, and a few will stay on campus to continue dual degrees in other programs.

Congrats to our new alumni!



Right: (from L to R) Dr. Susan Robb Jones, Danyelle Reynolds, Zayd Abukar, and Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown pose. Zayd and Danyelle hold their awards.

[Click here to see all photos from the ceremony.](#)

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assitantship/Employment Site</u>
Zayd Abukar	University Housing, Residence Life
Jazmin Aguirre-Moreno	Student Advocacy Center
Renata Baptista	University Housing, Residence Life
Lori A. Bishop	Wellness Center
Esther Dwyer	Honors & Scholars Health Sciences Scholars
Daniel William Lersch	University Housing, Residence Life
Sarah C. Mangia	Buckeye Leadership Fellows
Allison Marie Marz	University Housing, Residence Life
Anneke Mason	Honors & Scholars
Jasmine Mickey	Multicultural Center
Aaron Moore	University Housing, Residence Life
Margaret Nevrekar	Student Life Development
Danyelle J. Reynolds	Honors & Scholars Advocates for Children and Education Scholars
Timmy Siverd	University Housing, Residence Life
Katherine A. Stucke	Ohio Union Student Activities Board Immersion Program
Quantá D.L. Taylor	Ohio Union Student Activities Ohio Union Activities Board
Jenna Thrash	Honors & Scholars Arts and Humanities Scholars
Meghan Zapiec	University Housing, Residence Life



*Right: (from top to bottom) Graduates pose with faculty; graduates **Kate Stucke** and **Quanta Taylor** sing “Carmen Ohio” with **Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston**, **Dean Cheryl Achterberg**, and **Dr. Eric Anderman**; students set up a “selfie” with **Dr. Amy Barnes**.*

New HESA Program Director

Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna, Associate Professor, begins a term as the HESA program director this summer. The program director position is a three-year term, with responsibility for administratively leading the faculty as they work together to revise, design, and implement the academic curriculum. Dr. Suspitsyna was preceded in this position by **Dr. Susan R. Jones**. Thank you Susan and best wishes Tatiana!



Strayhorn Promoted to Professor

Dr. Terrell Lamont Strayhorn has been promoted to the rank of full professor, effective June 6, 2014, making him the youngest full professor at the university. Professor Strayhorn is a HESA faculty member in the Department of Educational Studies, Director of the Center for iDEAS, EHE Chief Diversity Officer, and holds courtesy appointments in African American and African Studies, Sexuality Studies, and Engineering Education. He is senior research associate in the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Criminal Justice Research Center, and Todd Bell National Resource Center.



Dr. Strayhorn's promotion to the rank of professor makes him the youngest full professor both at The Ohio State University and within his academic college and department, according to the university's offices of human resources and institutional research. The average age of full professors at OSU is 58.1 years. Additionally, his recent career success makes Strayhorn one of only 45 Black full professors at OSU, which employs nearly 4,000 tenure-track faculty members.

Congratulations Terrell!

SPA Welcomes New GAA

After three years as the SPA graduate assistant, Sean McKinniss is moving on to pursue a full-time position and finish up his dissertation.

Sean's replacement is **Deirdre Rosenfeld (right)**, a familiar face around Ramseyer Hall. Deirdre, a fourth-year doctoral student, has served as the GTA for the Leadership in Community Service course and has also assisted with the inaugural HESA-Ecuador study abroad program.

You can reach Deirdre at spa@osu.edu. If you wish to contact Sean, his email is mckinniss.14@osu.edu.



Important Dates

SPA Orientation

Wednesday, August 20
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 21
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, August 22
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is the Student Life Welcome Picnic!)

Details to follow!

SPA Days 2015

Thursday, February 5
Friday, February 6

Thursday, February 19
Friday, February 20

Stay in Touch

Let SPA celebrate with you!

Please send your updates and photos to spa@osu.edu and we will put them in the next newsletter.

Porterfield-Dickens Award Announced

Royel Johnson and **Amber Vlasnik**, HESA PhD students, received the 2014 Porterfield-Dickens Award. This award funds MA and/or PhD research projects. It was created in memory of William Porterfield and Cynthia Dickens, two distinguished alumni who passed away at early ages.

Royel's study will explore the role higher education plays in the success, transition and life productivity of formerly incarcerated Black males (FIBM).

"Much of what is known about FIBM focuses on their pre-delinquent personal histories, experiences in the penal system, and the nature of their post-corrections transitions with a particular accent on men returning to families and communities from prison (e.g., Cooke, 2004; Miller, 1996; Strayhorn, Johnson, & Barrett, 2013). Indeed, prior research is dated, focusing on non-college populations and fails to reveal the knowledge and skills that FIBM acquire from higher education that lead to lawful and productive living. These gaps will be addressed in this study," Royel said.

Amber's study is a critical phenomenological study.

"I explore how women's center staff members negotiate identity in their work for gender equity as well as how theory critically shapes their experiences. I am investigating two questions: (1) How do women's center professionals understand their race and ethnicity related to their roles and work in women's centers? and (2) How do feminist theories inform, support, and/or fail women's center professionals as they negotiate their race and ethnicity in their work? Goals of the research include expanding the women's centers literature and understandings of theories in practice, as well as informing the professional practice of women's center professionals," Amber said.

Congratulations to our winners, and best wishes as they pursue these critical projects.



Royel Johnson



Amber Vlasnik

SPA on LinkedIn!



The SPA Program is now on LinkedIn! We have created a group that you may use to share jobs, events, and other announcements.

Currently, we have over 150 members. We want it to grow even more. Please share the link with your fellow alumni and friends.

[Click here to visit the SPA LinkedIn group.](#)

We're on Twitter and Facebook, too.

You can also check us out on Twitter and Facebook.



Again, feel free to share any news or jobs on those sites.

ACPA, NASPA, & AERA Buckeye Presentations and Awards

HESA students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered in Indianapolis, Baltimore, and Philadelphia 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 not limited to: diverse journeys toward the doctorate, exploring racially-biased incidents on campus, the role of multiraciality in students' racial claims, bullies in the workplace, historical influence and contemporary applications of Title IX, promising practices for work in student affairs, the impact of trauma on student development, mentorship experiences of female new professionals, Black male collegians and their experiences at PWIs, and in-state tuition policies for undocumented students.

At the recent ACPA convention in Indianapolis, SPA revealed that **Dr. Dafina Lazarus Stewart (MA '98, PhD '01) (below)** received the Maude Stewart Award. Faculty, students, and fellow alumni were on hand at OSU's reception when Dr. Lazarus Stewart was surprised with this award, which is presented annually to a distinguished alum who has made significant contributions to the field of higher education and student affairs.

Currently, Dr. Lazarus Stewart is an associate professor in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program at Bowling Green State University.



At an ACUI regional dinner in April, **Joel Pettigrew (MA '11) (above, L in picture)** received the Emerging Professional Award. **Jeff Pelletier (MA '04)** presented the award, which is given to an alum who has graduated in the last five years and has made an impact on the field early in their career.

Joel is the Program Coordinator for Student Activities and Event Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We congratulate these two outstanding alumni for their hard work and dedication to the field. Ohio State is really fortunate to have Dafina and Joel represent the program," said **Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown**.

Global Connections

HESA alums **Maureen Wilson (PhD '98)** and **Stephanie Shaheen (MA & PhD '99)** connect at the June 2014 Transatlantic Dialogue Conference in Luxembourg.



Welcome Incoming HESA Students!

As we say goodbye to one group of students, we also give a warm Buckeye welcome to the new MA and PhD cohorts! Help us welcome these outstanding new students. We'll see them in August—and we can't wait!

PhD Cohort

Last	First	Funding	Email	Undergraduate	Graduate
Shoger	Suzanne	Student Life	suzanneshoger@gmail.com	Miami University	Baldwin-Wallace University
Travers	Christopher	IDEAS	christopher.s.travers@gmail.com	Frostburg State University	Towson University
Deaderick	Stephen	MCC-DICE	sdeader@emory.edu	Emory University	University of California-Los Angeles
Savarese	Krystyne	working full-time	savarese.6@osu.edu	University of California-Irvine	Bowling Green State University
Foriska	Kurt	working full-time	foriska.1@osu.edu	Allegheny College	Bowling Green State University The Ohio State University
Morgan	Leah	WDLC	morganleahd@yahoo.com	Texas A&M University	University of Houston
Stephens	Josh	OAA	joshst@gse.upenn.edu	The Ohio State University	University of Pennsylvania
Tran	Vu	Dr. Johnston's GRA	vtran2@pacific.edu	University of Connecticut	University of Michigan

MA Cohort

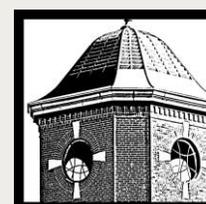
Last	First	Funding	Email	Undergraduate
Altendorf	Matthew	Ohio Union Events	mjaltendorf@gmail.com	Texas A&M University
Bell	Morgan	Student Life-OUAB	mobell@davidson.edu	Davidson College
Cruz	Janae	Arts and Humanities Scholars	jasmine.cruz087@gmail.com	University of Maryland
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Wilson	Jessica	H&S- Health Sciences	jwils142@kent.edu	Texas State University

HESPA Recognized

On April 11, HESPA received OSU's 2014 **Student Organization Programming Award for Outstanding Member Education and Development.**

This award recognized HESPA's strong array of programs supporting HESA student professional development, as well as the organization's first annual Professional Development Day on January 17. Implemented to prepare students for the job and internship search process, the day included mock interview and resume review sessions. HESPA thanks the faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and community members that made this event a success.

Congratulations HESPA and Professional Development Chair **Danyelle J. Reynolds (MA '14)!**



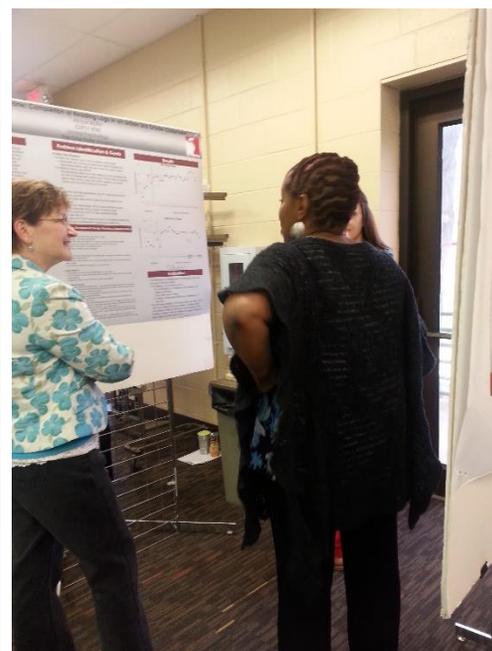
IDEAS Hosts First Diversity Research Forum

By: Zak Foste, HESA PhD Student

On April 22nd the Center for Inclusion, Diversity & Academic Success (iDEAS) hosted its first annual Diversity Research Forum in Hale Hall. The Forum brought students, both undergraduate and graduate, together from across the university to present their scholarly and empirical work. The day included multiple paper presentations, roundtable discussions, and research posters. Ashley Pryor, a 1st year masters student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) degree program, found the Diversity Research Forum an ideal place to start presenting her work. She remarked: "I really enjoyed presenting at the Diversity Research Forum because it afforded me an opportunity to share my work and gain helpful feedback to maximize my future endeavors." Pryor, along with a number of other presenters, saw the Forum as a space where they could receive feedback and further develop their research projects.

In addition to student presentations, the Forum also featured two EdTalks. Modeled after the widely popular *TED Talks*, these speakers provided a great start to the morning by offering engaging and meaningful presentations on the importance of belonging in higher education. Ryann Randall, Assistant to the Director in the Center for iDEAS, addressed the importance of working in a research center and how it has affected her personally and professionally. Since staff members rarely, if ever, speak at research events, Ryann was honored to have the opportunity to share her story with EHE administrators, colleagues and students. Leah Morgan, a Graduate Research Associate in the Center for iDEAS, spoke about her own quest for belonging in college. Morgan was pleased to share her own narrative, noting, "I loved having the opportunity to share part of my story; I'm always thankful when my own struggles can help others see that there is always hope. We all struggle and we all belong here."

By all accounts the 1st annual Diversity Research Forum was a resounding success. Presentations were attended by a number of individuals, including faculty, staff, students, and community partners. The Center for iDEAS is directed by Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, HESA Associate Professor & EHE Chief Diversity Officer. The Forum was part of Dr. Strayhorn's vision for the Center in leading the College's diversity efforts especially in term of research and scholarship. "The Forum is yet another way the Center for iDEAS sets a research agenda for the College of Education and Human Ecology around issues of inclusion, diversity, and academic success for all individuals whose lives are touched by education," Strayhorn shared. "We're proud to have held this year's Forum in historic Hale Hall named after the late Dr. Frank Hale, Vice Provost and Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University. In many ways, his legacy bears the spirit of this year's theme, 'Fostering Belonging for Excellence in Learning Environments.' By all accounts, the Forum was a great success!"



Alumni, Faculty, and Student Updates



Paying Forward

SPA is in its 65th year of preparing leaders for higher education and student affairs, and your support for their success is as vital as ever.

Prospective and current students are showing an increased interest in research, networking, and other professional development offerings.

We would love for you to offer time or make a gift to the program to help us continue these critical opportunities.

You can especially help us by volunteering your time or making a gift to SPA.

If you'd like more information on volunteering, email us at spa@osu.edu or call us at 614-292-4322.

If you'd like to make a gift, please contact the Advancement Office at 614-247-7825.

Thank you for your support!

- **Maria Anderson (MA '11)** will begin the EdD in Higher Education Administration program at Columbia University this fall.
- **Renata Baptista (MA '14)** was an honoree for Leadership Initiatives for Women of Color at the Annual Office of Diversity and Inclusion Honors Reception at OSU.
- **Dana Carnes (MA '10)** is the Associate Director of the Center for Leadership at Elon University in North Carolina.
- **Pam Cranston (MA '78)** is the Senior Advisor for International Development at The Johns Hopkins University. Pam recently retired from JHU as the Vice Provost for International Programs.
- **Mike Featherstone (MA '00)** recently received the "Educator of the Year" award from the Bexley Education Foundation.
- **Kate Giardello (MA '10)** welcomed her second child, Nico Thomas Giardello, on 10/1/2013 and started a new job at Eastern Michigan University as their Assistant Director for Community College Relations in April 2014.
- **Kelly Gribbin Gleason (MA '05)** and husband Patrick welcomed their son, Quinn Patrick Gleason on January 12th. They live in the San Francisco Bay Area where Kelly is a Regional Development Director for Major Gifts and Special Initiatives at Duke University.
- **Raymond Heath (PhD '73, T&L)** is the Vice President for Student Life at Marywood University in Scranton, PA. Raymond was a classmate and colleague numerous HESA students during his time at Ohio State. He recently received NASPA's 2014 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean.
- **Mei-Yen Ireland (PhD student)** and husband Glenn welcomed their daughter, Ruth Bao-Lin Ireland, on 5/23/14.
- **Royel Johnson (PhD student)** has a recent publication:
 - Strayhorn, T.L., **Johnson, R.M.** (2014). Toward a framework for Black male professional identity. *The NASAP Journal*, (15)2, 59-72.
- **Brian McGowan (MA '07)** won the 2014 Melvane D. Hardee Dissertation of the Year Award from NASPA. Brian is an assistant professor in the Student Affairs and Higher Education program at Indiana State University.
- **Polly Owen (PhD '02)** was recently recognized as an "Alumni Transformer in Nursing and Health Care" by Ohio State's College of Nursing. 100 distinguished alumni received this distinction as a part of the college's centennial celebrations.
- **Megan Stevens (MA '06)** is the Director of Regional Programs for the Alumni Association at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- **Amber Vlasnik (PhD student)** received a Coca-Cola Critical Difference Grant for Women. Wright State University also recognized Amber with an award from the Provost's Office and Office of Service-Learning for Excellence in Teaching with Service-Learning.
- **Stephanie Wapner (PhD student)** and husband Andy welcomed their son, Leo Edward Wapner, on 5/27/14.

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