Students Participate in ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting in Orlando

In April, a large contingent of Center students traveled to Orlando, Florida, for the 2007 Joint Meeting of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA). Because the two organizations only come together every 10 years, the conference was a unique opportunity for students to learn about the wide array of issues facing student affairs professionals today. Dr. Heather Rowan-Kenyon, coordinator of the Center’s Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education (SAPHE) program, presented at the conference and said it was “a great opportunity for our students to attend exciting sessions and network with other colleagues in the field.”

In addition to Rowan-Kenyon, several Center students presented at the conference, including Bill Ashby, Lauren Germain, Marc Shook, and Stephanie Nixon. Germain, who attended the conference as a representative of UVA’s Young Women Leaders Program, said, “I learned a lot from presenting. I was really lucky to work with Dr. Keonya Booker, who guided me through the experience.”

For graduating SAPHE students, highlights of the conference included the keynote address by former vice president Al Gore, as well as taking part in job placement. Of placement, Kristina Bethea said, “It’s a great opportunity if you’re a new professional.” She took part in 24 interviews by the end of the conference, and said that even though she did not have much time to attend workshops and events, it was worth it. Her conference interviews led to on-campus interviews at several universities, and after considering multiple job offers she recently accepted a position at the University of Arkansas.

Congratulations to Curry Foundation Award Recipients

Bill Ashby
Mary Beth Knight
Jay L. Chronister Student Award in Higher Education

Crystal L. Goodman
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Alexis Andres
Robert T. Canevari Scholarship

Lauren Jean Germain
Johnnie E. Merritt Graduate Fellowship

Shizuka Modica
Best EDLF Dissertation
**Center Students**

**Betsy Ackerson** was initiated into the Raven Society, UVA’s oldest honorary society.

**Bill Ashby** presented “Meaning Making, Branding, and Student Engagement” at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting.

**Jason Cottrell** was appointed to serve on the editorial board of *The Learning Assistance Review*, a publication of the National College Learning Center Association.

**Lauren Germain** co-presented “The Young Women Leaders Program: A Mentoring and Leadership Development Program for College Women and Adolescent Girls” with Dr. Keonya Booker at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting.

**Angie Harris** will be presenting at two conferences this summer. First, at the NASPA Region III Summer Symposium in Virginia Beach, she will serve on a panel, “Signifying Women: Applying Lessons of Women’s Colleges to Coeducational Institutions.” And at the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) conference in Seattle, she will present “Single-Sex to Gender-Neutral Housing: What is Best for Our Students?”

**Janelle Perron Jennings** was awarded a Research and Assessment Grant from NASPA Region III for her dissertation research. She also attended the Doctoral Colloquium at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting.

**Rachel Nottingham Miller** was named assistant director of summer and special academic programs at UVA.

**Stephanie Nixon** co-presented “Bystander Behavior: Our Role in Combatting Everyday Bias” at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting.

**Marc Shook** co-presented “No Time for Consensus: Strategies for Rapid Change” at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting. He also co-presented “Taking the Next Step: Preparation for Staff Supervision in Student Affairs” at the same conference.

**Brian Ullman** was initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character.
Karen O. Dowd (PhD 1993) was elected to the board of the MBA Career Services Council.

Dan Friedman’s (PhD 2004) article, “Investigating a First-Year Seminar as an Anchor Course in Learning Communities” was published in the spring 2007 volume of the Journal of the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. He will also be an invited faculty member at the 2007 Institute on First-Year Assessment, where he will conduct a workshop on assessing first-year seminars.

Dennis Gregory (EdD 1987) co-presented “Bridging academic and student affairs to enhance student learning and success” at the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting in Orlando. He also co-presented “AHEAD and CAS: The basics of program self-evaluation in disability services” at the Virginia Ahead Conference in Norfolk, and presented at the Tidewater Community College Leadership Forum in Chesapeake. In addition, he was selected as one of five fellows for the 2007 University of Houston College of Law Higher Education Roundtable. He was also selected as a member of the Old Dominion University (ODU) International Programs Advisory Council, and he was one of Old Dominion University’s nine nominees for the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) 2007 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award.

Marilyn Lockhart (EdD1997) is currently serving as the chair of the Montana State University Teaching and Learning Committee. Her article, “Mentoring: Gains in Teaching and Leadership” was recently selected for publication in the Academic Exchange Quarterly. In addition, her article, “Transforming How Courses are Delivered: A Model for Teaching Faculty How to Design Effective Distance Education Courses” was published in the May issue of the Journal of Faculty Development.

Jim McConnel (EdD 2000) was appointed associate vice president for student affairs at James Madison University. His new duties include: oversight of the departments of residence life, university recreation, and university unions; serving as director of the College Student Personnel graduate program; and serving as university ombudsman.

Dr. Margaret Miller’s article, “The Legitimacy of Assessment,” was published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and her article “Seek Reliable Comparisons” was published in *AFT On Campus*. She gave a speech on collegiate learning assessment at the North Carolina Emerging Issues Forum's symposium, *Transforming Higher Education*, and served as an invited panel member at the NASPA International Conference on Assessment. Dr. Miller also served on the national advisory committee of *Making Opportunity Affordable*, which was sponsored by the Lumina Foundation and administered by Jobs for the Future. She participated in an invitational ETS symposium on developing a culture of evidence, and she was on the panel of experts that opened the U.S. Secretary of Education’s first invitational accreditation conference. In March, she attended the Secretary’s second invitational accreditation conference, for which she also served as a member of the working group on student assessment. In addition, Dr. Miller served as a consultant to the AASCU and NASULGC Voluntary System of Assessment's Core Learning Outcomes Group, advised the University of the Pacific on its strategic plan, and met with the Australian Assistant Secretary for Teaching Standards in Higher Education.

Dr. Brian Pusser presented a research paper titled “From Ideology to Policy: The Evolution of Choice in Higher Education” in Athens, Georgia, as an invited guest of the Institute for Higher Education at the University of Georgia.

Dr. Heather Rowan-Kenyon’s article, “Predictors of Delayed College Enrollment and the Impact of Socioeconomic Status,” was published in the March/April 2007 issue of the *Journal of Higher Education*. At the ACPA/NASPA 2007 Joint Meeting in Orlando, she co-presented a paper, “Having Trouble Achieving the Ph.D.? Try a Little Help from Your Friends,” and participated in a panel discussion, “Is There a Traditional Path to the Student Affairs/Higher Education Professoriate?” She also co-presented a research paper, “How Parents Shape College Opportunity for Their Children: Variations by Socioeconomic Status,” at

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Dissertation: *The Experience of Female Bisexual College Students at an Elite Public University*

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Katie Klimas (MEd, SAPHE)

Carolyn Livingston (PhD, Higher Education)
Dissertation: *An Analysis of the Factors Shaping Student Graduation Rates for Virginia’s Public Colleges and Universities*

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Tiffany Meertins (MEd, SAPHE)
Assistant Director of Admissions, Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, Colgate University

Shizuka Modica (PhD, Leadership, Foundations, and Policy)
Dissertation: *Meaning of Work for High Performance: A Study of Outstanding Faculty and Staff at a Public Research University*

Josh Nupp (MEd, SAPHE)

Kelli Palmer (PhD, Higher Education)
Dissertation: *A Comparison of Black and White Professors’ Engagement in the Service Component of Faculty Work*

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