

# SPA Newsletter

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*We can't wait to hear from you!*

## Welcome to our Newest Students

Our two newest cohorts participated in the HESA three-day orientation program in the middle of August. Incoming students were welcomed by **Deb Zabloudil** (Director, Office of Student Services, Department of Educational Studies), and the HESA program faculty including, **Dr. Amy Barnes, Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown, Dr. Marc Johnston, Dr. Susan Jones, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, and Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna.**



Incoming PhD Cohort at Orientation

We are thrilled to be welcoming such an accomplished group of students to the HESA family. Our new cohorts include 6 doctoral students (**Jennifer Nelson, Marcos Rivera, Jamie Paulson, Matt Van Jura, Tracey Walterbusch, and Kai Zhao**) and 21 masters students (**Brandon Britt, Kamilah Champion, Asya Cook,**

**Gray Fleisner, Cherie Fu, Tyler Hackmann, Whitney Hawkins, Ahjah Johnson, Tia Kasper, Marisa Lally, Anastasia Martinez, Jamahl McDaniel, Jesús Meléndez, Faith Miller, Justin Mumford, Daniela Muñoz Rogers, Pasha Sergeev, Austin Simon, Abby Van Note, Louise Vasher, and Evan Walsh**).

This year's orientation was supplemented by the great energy of the HESA student organization, HESPA, who coordinated a variety of social events to help new students get to know each other and returning students. These events included the annual HESPA welcome BBQ, an evening of games at Kingmakers in the Short North, and a dinner at Bakersfield.



Incoming MA Cohort at Orientation



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# Humans of HESA

**Guest column by Lauren Tyger**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year MA)

We are excited to be in full swing of one of HESPA's (the HESA student organization) newest initiatives - Humans of HESA. Humans of HESA is a play on the famous blog and Instagram page, Humans of New York.

The purpose of Ohio State's HESA Instagram page is to showcase the diversely talented individuals who make-up our HESA program, demonstrate the reach of HESA's program within Ohio State and across institutions, and encourage communication and networking among students, faculty, and alumni.

**Kamilah Champion and Jesús Meléndez**, two first year MA students, kicked off our academic year by sharing a glimpse into their new Buckeye lifestyles!



Kamilah Selfie: Hey Everyone! My name is Kamilah (like Pamela with a K) and I'm originally from Evansville, IN and recently graduated from Western Kentucky University! I'm a first year in the HESA Masters program at The Ohio State University! My assistantship is with Housing & ResLife as an Assistant Hall Director!  
Follow @humansofhesa to learn more about them and about others' stories this Fall! Interested in

servicing as a Human of HESA for one week this fall? Participation is simple. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/63zwdH>



Jesus selfie: Hello everyone! My name is Jesús Meléndez, and I am a first year grad student working for Student Activities with their Leadership Programs! I'm originally from Caguas, Puerto Rico but I've been living in South Florida for the last 10 years. I just graduated from the University of Miami this past May and I'm excited for the year ahead!

# #OSUenEcuador

**Guest column by Andre Hebert**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year MA student)

In May 2015 I traveled to Ecuador for a Service-Learning Study Abroad experience led by HESA faculty member **Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown**. To say it was a study abroad trip may or may not be an accurate representation of what actually transpired in Ecuador. Some context, if you will...



Andre Hebert in Ecuador

During the spring semester, graduate students enrolled in the Administering Service Learning course, while undergraduate students took a similar course geared at service learning more generally. These courses examined power and privilege, service, learning, and anti-foundationalism and provided context for our experience in Ecuador. Class discussions, student reflections, and group meetings provided students the opportunity to grapple with these ideas in a practical and reflective setting.

Being in Ecuador was quite the life changer. I had never been outside of the country nor been in a space where English was not the common language. I was scared, anxious, and uncomfortable in the beginning.

We stayed with host families in the city of Cuenca. During the week we would travel about an hour out of the city to work with students and teachers of an indigenous community. Our goal was to build strong relationships where culture was shared mutually. It was transformational to learn about this community with such depth. I actively participated in truly exchanging life stories and cultural traditions with people who were different than me. The best part from my perspective was living with my host family. Every night we engaged in conversations that were educational, cultural, and sometimes political. I made most of my meaning through these interactions. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to travel and experience the Ecuadorian culture. My service-learning experience is one that I will remember for the rest of my life and I encourage all who are interested to DO IT! Esta todo bien!

# Where are they now? Grad Class of 2015

## MA graduates:

- **Melissa Alexander**, Residence Director, Syracuse University
- **Kayla Anders**, Assistant Director, Virginia Tech Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- **Caleb Craft**, Learning and Development Specialist, Student Life Human Resources, Ohio State
- **Sanjana Dey**, Academic Advisor, Purdue University
- **Marquessa Gray**, College Advisor, the Academic Success Program
- **Adan Hussain**, Open Doors Coordinator, Ohio State Multicultural Center
- **Torrie Jackson**, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Florida Gulf Coast University
- **Rebecca Kapusta**, Hall Director, University Housing, Ohio State
- **Danny Kim**, Assistant Director of International Student Life, Augustana College
- **James Larcus**, Wellness Coordinator, Ohio State Wellness Center
- **Hailey Lopez**, Residence Life Coordinator, University of California, Merced
- **Franzi Ludemann**, Research Planning Analyst, Ohio State Center for the Study of Student Life
- **Tura Magley**, Coordinator of New Student Connections, University of South Florida
- **Rachel Massey**, Senior Counselor for Study Abroad, Texas Tech University
- **Amanda McCann**, Program Assistant, Environment and Natural Resources Scholars Program, Ohio State
- **Travis Olson**, Coordinator of Leadership Development, Johns Hopkins University
- **Ashley Pryor**, Regional Engagement Officer, Alumni Association, Ohio State
- **Gadise Regassa**, Program Administrator, NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs
- **Alex Rossman**, Director of Student Activities, Trine University
- **Sara Santiago**, Assistant Director, Foundation Board Communications, Ohio State
- **Kristen Schoeff**, Office Associate, Ohio State College of Dentistry
- **Ayeza Siddiqi**, Assistant Director, Office of New Student Programs, University of Michigan
- **Alex Smith**, Hall Director, University Housing, Ohio State
- **Andy Sokolich**, Area Coordinator, Residence Life, Robert Morris University
- **Justin Spence**, Assistant Director of Student and Young Alumni Engagement, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Taylor Sutton**, College Advising Manager, I Know I Can
- **Sarah Sipos**, Coming soon...
- **Chip Tuson**, Program Manager, Communication & Alumni Engagement, Honors & Scholars, Ohio State
- **Christopher Wood**, Area Coordinator, University of New England
- **Mary Zuchovicki**, Sexual Violence Support Coordinator, Ohio State

## PhD graduates:

- **S. Mei-Yen Ireland**, Associate Director, Achieving the Dream, Inc.
- **Royel M. Johnson**, Policy Analyst, Center for Higher Education Enterprise
- **Jennifer Rose Lando**, Assistant Dean and Director, Office of Undergraduate Student Services, College of Education and Human Ecology, Ohio State
- **Sean McKinniss**, Coming soon...
- **Todd M. Suddeth, Director**, Student Life Multicultural Center, Ohio State
- **Derrick L. Tillman-Kelly**, Special Assistant to the Director, Center for Higher Education Enterprise

## MA & PhD Application Information

Interested in continuing your own education? Know a promising student who would be a great HESA Buckeye?

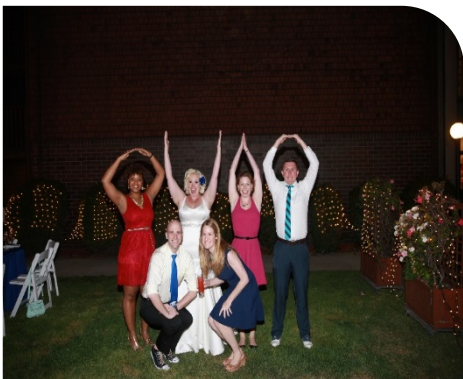
MA and PhD application **deadline for the 2016-2017 academic year is December 1, 2015**

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## Alumni Updates



Laura Arthur (MA'09) receiving the New Member Award.



Meredith ('07) & Douglas Anderson's May 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding with some OSU pride. Picture by Jeremy Fraser, LA Exposures.



Emily Lottes (MA '10) and Ed Giles (MA '11) and fellow Buckeyes

- **Steve Crawford (MA '03)** has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to travel to Germany this fall. He will study the German higher education system while there.
- **Joelle Carter (MA '97)** recently co-edited a new book entitled "Exploring Issues of Diversity within HBCUs"
- **Shauntae Yankasky (MA '11)** is now an academic advisor in the department of psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. In other big news, Shauntae and her husband welcomed a baby girl (Kendall Grace) in August 2014.
- **Emily Lottes (MA '10)** and **Ed Giles (MA '11)** were married on June 27, 2015 in the presence of six other Buckeyes (and their partners) from HESA '11.
- **Laura Arthur (MA '09)** received the New Member Award from the MBA Career Services & Employer Alliance for her contributions as a conference committee co-chair for the past three years. Laura was also selected to chair the organization's 2016 Global Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- **Meredith (Mickaliger) Anderson, (MA '07)** married Douglas Anderson on May 2nd, 2015 in Long Beach, California. **AJ LaPan (MA '07)** was the Honor Attendant. Also in attendance were **Kristin Layous (MA '07)**, **Amber Waters (MA '07)**, **Katie McAteer (MA '08)** and **Nate Peterson (MA '09)**. The couple resides in Los Angeles where Meredith works for Occidental College, Skybox Event Productions, and DyingScene.com.
- **Anneke Mason (MA '14)** is now the Associate Director of Career Development at Kenyon College.
- **Justin Moses (MA '07)** has accepted the position of Associate Vice Provost in the Division of Student Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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