

# SPA Newsletter

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### Stay in Touch with HESA and SPA

*New job? Personal milestone?*

*Share your good news at  
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*We can't wait to hear from you!*

### Conference Connections

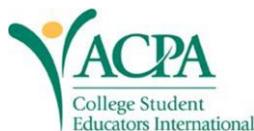
Ohio State's Office of Student Life sponsors receptions at ACPA and NASPA. Meet up with all of your OSU friends in Tampa and New Orleans.  
We can't wait to see you!



Find programs presented by current OSU students, staff, and faculty by searching conference program schedules:

[ACPA Program Search](#)

[NASPA Program Search](#)



Friday, March 6  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Tampa Convention Center  
Room 30A



Monday, March 23  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Hilton  
Marlborough B



Whether at ACPA, NASPA, on your own campus, or on vacation, tag us (@OSUSPA) when you tweet pictures of you and your HESA and SPA friends!

# SPA Travel Grants: Supporting HESA Students

Each semester, the SPA program offers travel funds to current HESA students who are presenting at conferences. While our students present scholarly and professional sessions at many conferences across the country, SPA Travel Awards give priority to HESA students without conference funding support.

We're proud of what our students contribute to the higher education and student affairs profession. Enjoy these highlights from fall 2014 grant recipients.



**Name:** Royel Johnson, PhD program  
**Conference:** Association for the Study of Higher Education  
**Paper Presented:** "Relationship of Hardiness, Grit, & Belonging to College Success for African American Males: A Survey Analysis"

"This year I presented a paper at the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) with my advisor, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn. We discussed the role of social psychological constructs like "hardiness" in Black male student success. The audience was both engaging and thoughtful in their questions. I learned about ways to strengthen and expand our study, as well as connect our findings to larger education audiences and issues."



**Name:** Rachel Massey, MA program (on left, pictured with MA students Taylor Sutton and Chris Wood)  
**Conference:** National Symposium on LGBTQ Research in Higher Education  
**Paper Presented:** "Trashing Tradition at the University of Virginia"

"Sharing my research from ESHESA 7513 at the National Symposium on LGBTQ Research in Higher Education was a valuable experience because of the passionate scholar-practitioners who I had the opportunity to meet. I was encouraged and inspired by the creativity with which our field is thinking about the future of higher education, and I'm so grateful to have had the supportive presence of cohort peers during my presentation!"



**Name:** James Larcus, MA program (pictured left)  
**Conference:** Leadership Educators Institute (LEI)  
**Presentation:** Enhancing Student Leadership and Wellness through Strengths-Based Coaching.

"The LEI in Fort Worth, TX was a transformative experience to connect with and advance the field of leadership education. LEI allowed a valuable platform to network across the country with leading scholars and practitioners for the upcoming job search. Similarly, our presentation provided an avenue to speak to my passions of connecting leadership education and holistic wellness to prepare the future leaders of our generation for the best versions of themselves to create positive thriving communities. Through this opportunity, I look forward to further explore this connection and potentially even write on these topics and mutually beneficial rather than mutually exclusive."



**Name:** Travis Olson, MA program

**Conference:** Association for the Study of Higher Education

**Paper Presented:** "The Evolving Practice of Study Abroad: A Call for New Critical Scholarship"

"Presenting at ASHE gave me a much clearer view on how our scholarly community works together to conceptualize and confront the challenges facing higher education today. Having attended, I feel much more connected to the individuals who produce the scholarship we read in our classes."



**Name:** Tricia Shalka, PhD program (on left, pictured with Sophie Tullier (MA '13), Deirdre Rosenfeld (PhD student), and Sharon Stein (MA '13) at ASHE)

**Conference:** Association for the Study of Higher Education

**Paper Presented** with advisor Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna: "The Chinese International Student as a (Post)Colonial Other: An Analysis of Cultural Representations in a U.S. Media Discourse"

"I always return from ASHE feeling energized and ready to tackle the next project. My experience this year presenting at ASHE provided an excellent opportunity to connect with wonderful colleagues as well as receive insightful feedback about next steps with my work."

## Donate to support HESA students

Your contributions make student conference travel, research, and professional development possible!

Two options:

- [The SPA Professional Development Fund](#) (#301377)
- [The Porterfield-Dickens Scholarship Fund](#) (#605884)

Every dollar helps. Thank you!



## Doctor's Notes

Each edition of the SPA Newsletter will feature an item from a HESA faculty member.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts, Dr. Suspitsyna!



**Above:** Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna

**Below:** In the Shoe during halftime, Dr. Suspitsyna waves to the crowd. Dr. Suspitsyna and other faculty members were recognized for earning the 2014 Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching. Congratulations again, Dr. Suspitsyna!



**Right:** Current and prospective HESA students demonstrate their esprit de corps at Woody's during SPA Days.

## To Boldly Go: Building New HESA Cohorts

By Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna, Associate Professor & Program Chair, HESA

Winter is my favorite season because of snow, of course, and also because December, January, and February are the months of HESA admissions. Reading over 200 applications this year might seem like a daunting task to anyone, but it was also educational, stimulating, and immensely rewarding.

Creating a small cohort of Masters and doctoral students from the large pool of academically prepared, professionally experienced, and otherwise superbly qualified candidates is like building an astronaut team for a deep space mission (I am a Star Trek fan). Your cadets should have knowledge, skills, and endurance to succeed in the grueling regimen of course work and assistantship. Thesis and dissertation writers should be ready for untethered walks into the nebulous realms of theory and methodology. Above all that, your team should have esprit de corps—a feeling of fellowship and pride as members of HESA and OSU—and an ethic of care for each other and the world. It is such teams that help the great HESA enterprise to advance and excel at training future student affairs captains and pushing the frontiers of higher education research.

I am highly enthusiastic about our newly forming HESA cohort and I look forward to meeting them in person as a team in the fall.



# Awards and Accolades

Congratulations for your accomplishments! You make us proud!



**Dr. Susan Robb Jones** receives ACPA's prestigious 2015 [Contribution to Knowledge Award](#), recognizing contributions to the profession's body of knowledge. Also awarded this year to Dr. Kristen A. Renn, past recipients include names you'll recognize, including Chickering, Kuh, Schuh, Schlossberg, Pascarella, Terenzini, Kitchener, King, Evans, Baxter-Magolda, Komives, Whitt, Upcraft, and Harper, to name a few. Well done, Dr. Jones!



**Trevion Henderson** (MA Student) was invited to present at OSU's Hayes Graduate Research Forum. He won second place honors within the College of Education and Human Ecology for his research, "Investigating the Academic and Social Experiences of Black Male Collegians Formerly in Foster Care." Outstanding work, Trevion!



**Adan Hussain** (MA Student) received the Robert F. Rodgers Graduate Student of the Year award from the Ohio College Personnel Association on October 11. This award recognizes the dedication and unlimited energies of a full-time graduate student. Such a fitting tribute, Adan!



**Bowen Marshall** (PhD Student), received the 2014-15 *Mark G. Noffsinger New Professional Award*, at the Ohio College Personnel Association's annual conference in January. This award is presented annually to an individual with three years or less of experience in the profession. This individual serves as a role model to students and professionals, demonstrates creativity and innovation in the field with the potential for continued success. Felicitations, Bowen!

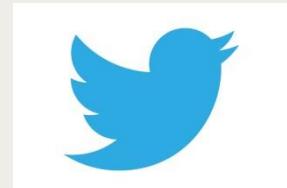
## SPA on LinkedIn!



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

Visit the SPA LinkedIn Group:  
<https://go.osu.edu/spaLI>

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter!



## Faculty News

**Dr. Amy Barnes** is one of the advisors for the TEDxOhioStateUniversity student organization. On February 14, 2015 the organization held their 4th annual TEDx conference on campus in Mershon Auditorium. Thirteen speakers and four performers shared their "ideas worth spreading" to a sold out audience of 1400 people and the event was live streamed to thousands more. You can learn more about the event and speakers from this year at <http://tedx.osu.edu/2015-speakers/> and watch videos of the talks when they are released in early March.

Dr. Barnes is also presenting two sessions at ACPA. "The Bright Side: How Positive Psychology Helps Students of Color Thrive in Higher Education" is a collaboration with Stephanie Clemons Thompson and Chila Thomas, both from OSU. "Developing High Impact Leadership Curricula: Creating Learning-Centered Environments" is a partnership with Melissa Rocco from the University of Maryland and Julie Owen from George Mason University.

**Dr. Jen Gilbride-Brown** is presenting a session at ACPA with PhD student Deirdre Rosenfeld and University of Cuenca staff member and international service-learning community partner Ana Loja, "Beyond voluntourism: Power-conscious international service-learning program development."

**Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn** has been awarded the 2014 [Outstanding Higher Education Faculty Award](#) from the University of Virginia [Curry School of Education](#). The Outstanding Higher Education Faculty Award is presented annually to a graduate of the Curry School of Education in recognition of professional stature and record of excellence in teaching, research, and service. Dr. Strayhorn was selected for his significant contributions to research, teaching, and professional service as a renowned student success scholar, award winning author, and highly visible public intellectual. The award was presented at a special dinner hosted by the Curry School.

### Recent HESA Faculty and Student Publications:

**Ireland, S. M-Y., & Jones, S. R.** (2015). Service-learning and student learning. In P. A. Sasso & J. DeVitis (Eds.), *Today's college students: A reader* (pp. 371-384). New York, NY: Peter Lang Press.

**Jones, S. R., & Nealley, J.** (2014, November/December). High stakes: Gambling addiction in higher education. *About Campus*, 19(5), 2-9.

**Jones, S. R.** (2014). Foreword. In D. Mitchell, C. Simmons, & L. Greyerbiehl (Eds.), *Intersectionality and higher education: Theory, research, and practice* (pp. xi-xiv). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

**Wijeyesinghe, C. L., & Jones, S. R.** (2014). Intersectionality, Identity, and Systems of Power and Inequality. In D. Mitchell, C. Simmons, & L. Greyerbiehl (Eds.), *Intersectionality and higher education: Theory, research, and practice* (pp. 9-19). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

**Strayhorn, T.L., & Johnson, R.M.** (2014). Why Are All the White Students Sitting Together in College? Impact of Brown v. Board of Education on Cross-Racial Interactions among Blacks and Whites, *Journal of Negro Education*. 83(3), 385-399.

# Alumni Updates

- **Philip Badaszewski** (MA '07) completed his Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services at The University of Georgia. His dissertation was a ground theory study titled Beyond the Binary: How College Men Construct Positive Masculinity. He recently began a new full-time position as Assistant Director of Academic Initiatives in the Office of Residence Life at The University of Pittsburgh.
- **Renata Baptista** (MA '14) received the Leadership Initiatives for Women of Color student award from Ohio State's Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
- **Tom Foutz** (MA '75) is president and co-founder of ADR Inc., where he works as a "full-time neutral," mediating legal, commercial, and employment disputes.
- **Kristine (Koehler) Heflin** (MA '09) married Josh Heflin in September 2014.
- **Holly (Meyer) Klenk** (MA '08) recently relocated back to Ohio and is now working at Kent State University in the College of Business Administration in their newly formed Career Services Office.
- **Luke LaCroix** (MA '02) enrolled in a doctorate program part-time for educational leadership at the University of California San Diego. He will continue to work full-time in student affairs at the University of San Diego.
- **Matthew Lambert** (MA '01) recently published a book based on his dissertation, *[Privatization and the Public Good: Public Universities in the Balance](#)*.
- **Katybeth (Dreisbach) Lee** (MA'05) has published a book with her father, *[Sweet Spot: Finding Your Career At Any Age](#)*.
- **Travis Liggins** (MA '13) is now an Educational Specialist and Health Careers Program Coordinator at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He's also the proud father of daughter Khyler, born this January.
- **Rebecca (Ascher) McAdams** (MA'11) writes: I started a new job as the Tobacco Free Coordinator at Ohio State. I am back in school full-time (started Autumn 2014) to earn my Masters in Public Health: Health Behavior and Health Promotion degree.
- **Mitsu Narui** (PhD '10) accepted a position as a consulting editor for the *[Journal of Diversity in Higher Education](#)* and has authored a chapter in a new book, *Intersectionality & Higher Education: Theory, Research, & Praxis*. Her chapter, "Hidden Populations and Intersectionality: When Race and Sexual Orientation Collide," is in proud HESA company, with Dr. Susan R. Jones' forward and co-authored chapter.
- **Nate Peterson** (MA '09) was appointed to the Inceptia School Advisory Committee, a national committee formed to examine practices tackling student debt, debt prevention, and financial literacy.
- **Jared Schwartz** (MA '06) writes: After several years of working in the training & development field (aka: everything I learned from Dr. Bob), I recently joined the Marketing & Communications team at Twitter. I'm editing, writing, tweeting, and taking photographs of events that happen here at our headquarters in San Francisco. If you ever find yourself in SF and want to see the office, hit me up; I'd be glad to show you around!
- **Ben Williams** (PhD '06, MA '00) joined the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) staff as Director of Special Projects. Read more here: <http://www.napequity.org/about-us/leadership/ben-williams/>.
- **Elisabeth Enloe Zimowski** (MA '13) started a PhD program in Education, Cultural Studies and Literacies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Staying Connected

Want to share your news for our next newsletter?

Would you like to be available to support current HESA MA and PhD students who are interested in internships or professional positions in your region and/or functional area?

Looking for a quick and easy way to update your contact information with HESA and SPA?

You can do all of this at <http://go.osu.edu/SPA>

We love hearing your good news and staying in touch with you!

## Hiring from HESA

Want to recruit from HESA's bright and talented MA or PhD class of 2015?

Contact the SPA program ([spa@osu.edu](mailto:spa@osu.edu)) with your position description and any other information you think is helpful to share. We'll gladly connect students to your opportunities.

Feel free to post job vacancy notices within our LinkedIn group: <https://go.osu.edu/spaLI>

## Stay in Touch!

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## News from Current Students

- **Morgan Bell** (MA Student) was recently chosen to serve as the student member of the Board of Trustees for the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), and is also an intern at The Placement Exchange (TPE) this spring.
- PhD student **Stephen Deaderick**'s TEDx Semester At Sea talk, "Press Pause," was published on the TEDx YouTube channel in November. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8A3MAji3sg>
- **Royel Johnson** (PhD Student) was hired as Policy Analyst for the Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE) and has a new publication with Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn (HESA Faculty)
- **Tricia Shalka** (PhD Student) will present a research paper, "Mentorship's impact on leadership development outcomes of international students," at ACPA this March.
- **Tricia Shalka and Deirdre Rosenfeld** (PhD students) will present a session, "Using theory to understand and reduce campus sexual violence," at ACPA this March.
- **Christopher Travers** (PhD Student) was invited to present his research, "What Works for Black Male Collegians," at OSU's Hayes Graduate Research Forum.
- **Amber Vlasnik** (PhD Student) has been very busy! She presented in multiple contexts at the annual conference of the National Women's Studies Association in San Juan, PR, this November:
  - **Research paper:** *Rethinking the historical roots of women's centers: Deans of women, continuing education for women (CEW), or feminist activism?*
  - **Roundtable:** Linsenmeyer, A., Vlasnik, A. L., Konrad, C. L., Huber, J. L., Smith, J., & Diekmann, K. *Theories, trainings and social change: Women's centers transforming their institutions.*
  - **Women's Centers Committee pre-conference session:** Linsenmeyer, A., Vlasnik, A. L., Konrad, C. L., Diekmann, K., Huber, J. L., & Smith, J. *Not the usual suspects: Trainings for institutional and individual change.*
  - **Women's Centers Committee pre-conference session:** Morrow, R., Seasholes, C., Goetsch, J., Sholock, A., & Vlasnik, A. L. *The CAS WSPS standard: Reflecting a shared vision of justice.*

Amber also worked with the NWSA Women's Center Committee to found the Committee for the Advancement of Research about Women's Centers. "We just formed and have a mission to advance the field for women's/gender center work; I'll serve as the first chair." In addition, she was invited by CAS to serve as an expert reviewer for the CAS Standards for Women and Gender Programs and Services, which will have an updated contextual statement and 12 standards published later this year.

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