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Summer 2019 Update



Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

HESA held its annual Hooding Ceremony on Saturday, May 4. The program was excited to honor 19 M.A. and 8 Ph.D. students during the ceremony.

To see pictures from the event, click [HERE](#).

HESA/SPA Host Prospective Students at SPA Days 2019

HESA/SPA held SPA Days for prospective students on February 7-8 and February 22-22. This year's pool of applicants was very competitive and impressive. At SPA Days, admitted students were able to learn more about the program, meet faculty and current students, and interview for available assistantship opportunities. We can't wait to welcome our new class of M.A., Ph.D., and Ed.D. students in August!



Congratulations to the Following Award Winners!

ACPA Awards

- Katie Branch (M.A. '87) - Annuit Coeptis - Senior Professional Award
- Tricia Shalka (Ph.D. '16) - Emerging Scholars Award

NASPA Awards

- Gustavo Molinar (M.A. '19) - 2019 "Outstanding Masters Student" by NASPA's Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community
- Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston - 2019 Pillars of the Profession Award
- Debbie E. Heida (M.A. '79) - 2019 Pillars of the Profession Award

HESA/SPA Awards

- Tiffany Steele (Current Ph.D. Student) - Porterfield-Dickens Award
- Alaina Peters (Current M.A. Student) - Porterfield-Dickens Award
- Sophie Braga de Barros (M.A. '19) - Robert F. Rodgers Outstanding Student Award
- Dilnavaz N. Cama - Outstanding SPA Supervisor Award
- Dr. Eric Anderman - Friend of SPA Award

Please Join Us in Celebrating the Following Successful Dissertation Defenses

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently successfully defended their dissertations!

Laura Dahl successfully defended her dissertation: *How do we Know Someone will Intervene? The Validation of a Survey Instrument Designed to Measure Collegiate Bystander Intervention Disposition* in March 2019. Committee: Dr. Matthew J. Mayhew (Chair) and Drs. Jerome D'Agostino and Cecilia Mengo

Stephen Deaderick successfully defended his dissertation: *Exploring Roommate Relationships Across Sexual Orientation* in April 2019. Committee: Dr. Marc Guerrero (Chair) and Drs. Susan Jones and Tatiana Suspitsyna

Antonio Duran successfully defended his dissertation: *An Intersectional Grounded Theory Study Examining Identity Exploration for Queer Collegians of Color at Historically White Institutions* in March 2019. Committee: Dr. Susan Jones (Chair) and Drs. Marc Guerrero and Wendy Smooth

Marcos D. Rivera successfully defended his dissertation: *"Scary but a Little Bit Motivating": Understanding the Lived Experiences of Academic Probation and Deciding to Participate in an Academic Intervention Program* in March 2019. Committee: Dr. Marc Guerrero (Chair) and Drs. Susan Jones, Matt Mayhew, and Naomi Fukumori

Ashley Staples successfully defended her dissertation: *Making Sense of Worldview Diversity at Public Universities: An Exploration of Student Encounters using Critical Sensemaking* in May 2019. Committee: Dr. Matthew J. Mayhew (Chair) and Drs. Tatiana Suspitsyna and Noelle W. Arnold

Krystyne Savarese successfully defended her dissertation: *Stuck in the Middle with You: A Phenomenological Study of the Socialization Experiences of Mid-level Managers in Student Affairs* in March 2019. Committee: Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna (Chair) and Drs. Susan R. Jones and Dr. Colette Dollarhide

Tracey Walterbusch successfully defended her dissertation: *A Recipe for Success: An Explanatory Mixed Methods Study of Factors Impacting the Retention of Midlevel Student Affairs Professionals* in April 2019. Committee: Dr. Tatiana Suspitsyna (Chair), and Drs. Ann O'Connell, Mistu Narui, and Jen Wong

HESPA Wants to Thank You

HESPA is excited to report that because of the support you gave to the HESPA Leadership

Fundraising Campaign, we surpassed our \$2,500 goal by \$500. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the future of HESPA! We are so appreciative of the gifts that will be utilized to help HESA students continue to professionally develop, provide Ecuador Trip Application Waivers, and foster the development of HESPA as an organization. These resources allow our HESA students at all levels to go out into the world and share the message of Ohio State, while bringing back cutting edge and relevant knowledge to our campus in order to ensure that our graduates are leading the field of Higher Education and Student Affairs.

So, thank you!!
As always, GO BUCKS!!!!

Brian Paul Allen
Fundraising Chair – HESPA

Alumni & Other Current Student News

Check here to see what our alumni and students have been up to!

This past January, Danny Bowen (OSU law school alum '17) and **Alexandra Lawrence (M.A. '16)** were married in Phoenix, AZ. **Dr. Amy Barnes (HESA faculty and M.A. '99)**, a person who has played the role of mentor, colleague, friend turned family in Alex's life, Danny's life, and their relationship, was their officiant.

Justin Samuel (M.A. '12) received the Staff Merit Award from The University of Texas at Austin in January 2019. Texas Parents established the Staff Merit Award in 1998 to recognize professionals in the Division of Student Affairs who contribute every day to a culture of excellence. The award recognizes professionals who support student success, strengthen services provided by the Division, and inspire fellow staff to make a habit of seeking excellence in their own work.

At the 2019 NASPA Annual Conference, **Justin Samuel (M.A. '12)** accepted the Outstanding Mid-Level Professional Award presented by the Asian Pacific Islanders Knowledge Community. This honor recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the student affairs profession through programs that address the needs of students, is experienced in creating campus environments that promote student learning and personal development, and has contributed to scholarship that supports the advancement of Asian/ Pacific Islander/ Desi Americans in higher education. Justin currently serves as Assistant Director for Residence Life and is a PhD candidate at The University of Texas at Austin.

Have updates or exciting news? We want to hear from you!

Fill us in at go.osu.edu/HESA-alumninews.



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