

# HESA HIGHLIGHTS

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## HESA Goes to Thailand

For three weeks in June, ten HESA students woke to the sound of street vendors and tuk-tuks (motorcycle taxis) as they participated in the course, International Service Learning in Thailand. Students included Tomika Ferguson, Jim Gieser, Brittany Graham, Cameron Harris, Matt Holley, Krista Hoffmann-Longtin, Gaoling LeBeau, Steve LeBeau, Eric Raider, and Sydney Rucker. Professor Nancy Chism, a 2008 Fulbright Scholar in Thailand, developed the course and accompanied the

students. Six Bangkok-area universities participated: Bangkok University, Chulalongkorn University, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, Mahidol

University, Silpakorn University, and Suan Dusit Rajabat University. The course began with an orientation and three full-day sessions in Indiana over the month of May during which students read about Thai language and culture and practiced basic Thai expressions. They also studied comparative information on the Thai and U.S. systems of higher education and on consultation strategies. Since the course was conceived as a service learning course, students were prepared to work at the Thai universities and to reflect on their experience. The first week in Thailand was devoted to exploring cultural sites, experiencing Thai culture, and additional language training and learning about Thai higher education. Teams of two to three students were assigned to the universities, where they traveled each day of the remaining two weeks to learn about the institution, offer workshops,

do data analysis, and provide information and advice in response to the needs of the universities. At Chulalongkorn University, which also has a Higher Education graduate program, U.S. and Thai students worked together to develop plans for a continuing relationship between the two programs. Students found time on weekends to vacation to Thailand's beaches, shop, or visit additional attractions. Three students built in trips to Hong Kong and Chiang Mai before



HESA Thailand participants at Vimanmek

and after the course. Among the main highlights of the trip were the warm Thai hospitality, the fabulous food, the beautiful temples and beaches, and cultural events, such as Wai Khru (Honor Your Teachers) Day, when ceremonies were held to offer teachers garlands of flowers and exotic floral arrangements constructed by the students.

On the evaluations for the course, one student observed that, given the total time commitment, it was one of the most challenging courses ever taken but one that was transformational in impact. Another commented, "This program gave me an opportunity to learn about international higher education in a real world setting. I gained skills that will set me apart from other doctoral students." The group returned with thousands of photos, purchases and gifts of silk and teak, new international colleagues, more global awareness, and memories of a very rich group educational experience.

-Dr. Nancy Chism, HESA faculty

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IUSPA/IUUISPA members attending an Indians baseball game in Indianapolis



### Insight into HESA Highlights

HESA Highlights is a monthly newsletter distributed to Indiana University's Higher Education and Student Affairs community members and its affiliates.

Through the newsletter, colleagues are able to share exciting news with one another regarding professional development opportunities, funding opportunities, personal achievements, and other interesting news. If you have personal or professional news to share with HESA Highlights, email Sara Lyness at [slyness@indiana.edu](mailto:slyness@indiana.edu).

## PERSONAL SUCCESSES

### Publications

#### Natalia Rekhter

Natalia's manuscript was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Russian Studies*, second issue of 2012.

#### Kristin Norris

Kristin, along with her colleague, Kathy Steinberg, have an article in the forthcoming AAC&U publication, *Diversity & Democracy* this fall.



#### Don Hossler

Don's insights were highlighted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* article "Recession Reshaped College Enrollment Patterns, but the Sky Didn't Fall" on July 14. The research is a joint effort of the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center and The Project on Academic Success which is housed within the Center for Postsecondary Research.

<http://chronicle.com/article/Recession-Reshaped-College/128223/>

### Presentations

#### Michael Goodman

Michael presented at the National Air Force Youth of the Year Forum in Washington, D.C.



#### Kristin Norris

Kristin traveled to London, England & Boston, MA in July to present on her work around ePortfolios and civic engagement. Norris, K.E., Steinberg, K.S., Kahn, S., & Price, M. (2011, July). *Assessing and documenting student civic learning through ePortfolios*. Association for Authentic, Experiential and Evidence-Based Learning: ePortfolio World Conference. Boston, MA. Norris, K.E., Plater, W., & Buyarski, C. (2011, July). *Developing Civic Identity and Assessing Civic-Mindedness Using ePortfolios*. ePortfolios & Identity Conference. London, England.

### Acknowledgements

#### Demetri Morgan

Demetri Morgan has been selected to represent Indiana University as the 2011-2012 NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) Graduate Associate. <http://www.naspa.org/pubs/newsletters/forum/forum.cfm?cid=1&fid=1321>

#### Steve Graunke, Gary Pike

Steve and Gary participated in the 2011 National Summer Data Policy Institute in Washington DC. <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=2202>

#### Kristin Norris

Kristin accepted a position in the IUPUI Center for Service & Learning as an Instructional Technology Specialist in March.

#### Eric Williams

Eric traveled to Ghana and the U.K. May 10<sup>th</sup>-June 8<sup>th</sup> to chaperone approximately 20 GROUPS and HHSP students on a study abroad experience that examined the historic Transatlantic Slave trade.



#### Sam Siner

Sam advises The Teter Quad Adopt-a-Nonprofit Student Committee, which raised \$1400 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana and presented them with the check in July.

#### Amanda Suniti Niskode-Dossett

Amanda successfully defended her dissertation on June 28th.

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## CONFERENCE DATES & DEADLINES

### ACPA

March 24-28, 2012  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Early registration deadline: January 31  
<http://convention.myacpa.org/>

### ACUI

March 18-22, 2012  
Boston, Massachusetts  
<http://www.acui.org/boston/>

### AFA

November 30-December 4, 2011  
St. Louis, Missouri  
<http://www.afa1976.org/ProgramsEvents/AnnualMeeting.aspx>

### ASHE

November 16-19, 2011  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Early registration deadline: October 14  
<http://www.ashe.ws/?page=728>

### NACA

Feb. 25-29, 2012  
Charlotte, NC  
<http://www.naca.org/events/nationalconvention/pages/default.aspx>

### NACADA

October 2-5, 2011  
Denver, Colorado  
Online registration ends: Sept. 23rd  
<http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/annualconf/2011/index.htm>

### NASPA

March 10-14, 2012  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Early registration deadline: January 9  
<http://www.naspa.org/conf/default.cfm>

### NODAC

October 30-November 2, 2011  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Regular registration ends: October 15  
<http://nodaweb.orgsync.com/org/nodac2011/ConferenceRegistration>



## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

2nd year HESA students at their summer internship t-shirt swap

IUSPA/IUPUISPA members attending an Indians baseball game in Indianapolis



## IUPUISPA SERVICE PROJECT

Over Labor Day weekend, members of the IUPUI Student Personnel Association participated in the first ever IUPUISPA service project. The service project was conducted at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Indianapolis. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home for parents and other family members while their children are being treated at Riley Hospital for Children. The house is primarily run on donations and volunteers. IUPUISPA volunteered by preparing and serving a pancake breakfast for the families. Members included Robby Essaf, Hali Buck, Jana Renner, Melissa Perez, Lillian Zamecnik, Elizabeth Swisher, Ashley Horstmann, Nathan Ziadie and Devon Cowherd. Not pictured: Kelly Davies and Dr. Rob Aaron.

