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HOODING CEREMONY
Friday, May 2nd 7:30 p.m. – Willkie Auditorium
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Indiana University’s Higher Education Program was recently ranked 6th in the nation.

(School of Education is in the Top 20!) For the full story, visit the IU News Room
http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/7658.html
Keep going strong Hoosiers!

The Brownbag Continues On!

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Professional News!

Award: Gen Shaker was a recipient of the IUPUI Graduate Student Association Educational Enhancement Grant, Spring 2008.

New Job: As of July 1, 2008, Megan Palmer will be serving as the Director of Faculty Advancement in the Health Professions at IUPUI. In addition, she will be a Visiting Assistant Professor in the HESA program. In her administrative position, she will work with the schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing and health and rehabilitation sciences on various faculty development efforts including teaching support, new faculty orientation and work-life issues. Her office will be located in the new Fairbanks building on the canal. HESA folks-please find your way there to visit her! Congrats!

Bryn Mawr Summer Institute: Susan Johnson was selected to participate in the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute in Bryn Mawr, PA. The institute is designed to improve the status of women in the middle and executive levels of higher education administration.

IU doc student in Afghanistan: John Howe will be returning to the American University of Afghanistan this Summer to teach a Freshmen seminar course for entering students and creating student affairs policies. Appointment: Ghangis Carter was appointed to the Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development’s Greek Advisory Board (2006-07) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Chapter Advisor Advisory Board (2007-08) for his chapter advisor role with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., ‘Zealous’ Zeta Epsilon Chapter at IU Bloomington.

South African Trip: Bradley Blankenship was selected as a member of the ACUHO-I South African Training Delegation. He will be leaving for Africa soon!

Election: Rob Aaron was recently elected to the Directorate of ACPA’s Commission for Assessment and Evaluation.
IU AWARDS—Congrats to our Faculty!

Graduate Studies Faculty Mentor Award

* Don Hossler, Professor, Higher Education And Student Affairs

* Vasti Torres — Education Leadership & Policy Studies

* Rob Toutkoushian — Education Leadership & Policy Studies

* Phil Francis Carspecken — Education Leadership & Policy Studies/Counseling & Educational Psychology

* Suzanne E. Eckes — Education Leadership & Policy Studies

THANKS TO EVERY-ONE WHO SUBMITTED A NOMINATION!

WELCOME New students!

DOCTORAL

Brandi Beck
Sarah Brandenburg
Kim Fatten
Gretchen Harris
Antwione Haywood
Demetrees Hutchins
Ingu Kang
Laura Makarchuk
Daniel Maxwell
Dorothy Nkhata
Shannon Quinn
Deborah Santucci
Malika Tukibayeva
Desiree Zerquera

Sarah Alicia
Cameron Arnold
Joquin Beatty
Landon Becerra
Amy Brothers
Devon Cockrell
George Cramer
Jessica Del Hierro
James Eckerty
Erin Edwards
Tomika Ferguson
Sarah Fernandez
Noelle Goodwin

Patrick Lloyd
Lloyd Patrick
Adam Kimberly
Stephanie Charli

Gordon Graham
Hale Heeg
Kushner Lee
Lehman

Lindsay Smith
Chad Snyder
Zachary Vavra
Laura Whitney
Jarod Wilson
Robert Woodring

MASTERS

Sarah Argiero
Alicia Arnold
Cameron Beatty
Joquin Becerra
Landon Brothers
Amy Cockrell
Devon Cramer
George Del Hierro
Jessica Dyrdahl
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Congrats & Kudos!

From Chris Medrano:

- I would like to extend a CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING THIS SUMMER to Amanda Suniti Niskode who will be marrying Aaron Dossett and to Liz Beeler who will be marrying Scott McWhorter!! May your marriages be blessed with everlasting love and happiness!
- I would also like to say JOB WELL DONE to Amanda Suniti Niskode for representing the HESA Doctoral Program in the upcoming elections for ASHE Graduate Representative! If you have not voted for Amanda yet, log on to the ASHE website and do so! GO HOOSIERS!

From George Kuh:

- Jillian Kinzie was promoted to associate research scientist and Jim Cole and Ali Korkmaz were promoted to assistant research scientist. Please join me in congratulating these exceptionally talented, productive people!

Upcoming Dissertation Defenses (Spring & Summer)

Chad Ahren: “Disentangling the effects of co-curricular engagement on student learning”
Ebelia Hernandez: “Making Meaning of Political Activism for Mexican American Women with Self-Authorship”
Selected Publications & Presentations (Recent and Upcoming)

Chris Medrano

Don Hossler
- Giving key note entitled Applying Best Practices in Enrollment Management for Graduate Schools and Graduate Programs at the annual meeting of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals in Denver on May 1st
- Attended a meeting of the Committee on Rethinking Student Aid, a national task force funded by College Board, Lumina, Spencer, and Mellon Foundations to develop policy recommendations for revitalizing our federal financial aid programs. He is a consulting member of the Committee.
- Presented on What We Know About How Institutions Organize Themselves to Enhance Student Persistence at the March meeting in Chicago of the College Board's Commission on Access, Admissions and Success in Higher Education (am also a member of this commission).
- Led a podcast on Understanding Enrollment management for the U of So. Cal Center for Enrollment Research, Policy, and Practice on March 3rd, of this year

Chad Ahren, Helen Grace Ryan & Ryan McKinley

Mahauganee Shaw
- "Capitalizing on ME!" : 1st Annual Women of Color Leadership Conference, Indiana University Bloomington

Susan Johnson
- Johnson, S. D. (2008, May). Enhancing minority attainment: Using reflective and peer review exercises to develop campus diversity action plans. Session to be presented at the annual forum of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR), Seattle, WA.

Wayne Hilson

Bradley Blankeship
- Friends of the Kinsey Institute Grant Recipient: *Erotizing the journey to self authorship: A developmental analysis of the residence advisor experience as lay-sex educator*

Gen Shaker

John Moore
- Cruce, T., and Moore III, J. V. (2008). *Community service during the first year of college: What is the role of past behavior?* Association for Institutional Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Alex McCormick
- Alex & Bob Gonyea recently attended the meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel for the Survey of Entering Student Engagement, a project of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE).
- In early May he’ll be attending an invitational meeting at the Spencer Foundation on the topic of Organizational Learning.
- At AIR Gary Pike, George Kuh, and Alex have a paper that looks at the relationship between Carnegie Classification variables and institution-level patterns of student engagement and self-reported learning. The paper’s title is Comparing the Utility of the 2000 and 2005 Carnegie Classification Systems in Research on Students’ College Experiences and Outcomes.
- Alex will be attending the meeting of CCSSE’s National Advisory Board.

Ghangis Carter
Success, is not measured by accolades or money. You have never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse. It’s not what you have. It’s what you have done with what you have; it’s who you helped today.”

Denzel Washington
WEDDINGS

This summer, Liz Beeler is marrying Scott McWhorter, her boyfriend of nearly 8 years! Liz met Scott during their undergraduate experience at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. Upon Liz's acceptance to HESA, Scott (a CA native) moved to Indiana with Liz, and he is currently pursuing his dual Masters in Environmental Science & Public Affairs (SPEA). Liz and Scott will be married in the Caribbean on June 28, 2008, joined by 20 friends & family. Given their passion for SCUBA diving, their wedding will be held in Turks & Caicos (Beaches resort), a top dive spot between Cuba and the Bahamas.

Amanda Suniti Niskodé is marrying Aaron Blake Dossett, her love since January 2006. ASN met ABD on match.com. Aaron earned his MBA and JD from IU and now works for Target Corporation in Minneapolis. ASN will be moving to the Twin Cities in July and collecting data for her dissertation, a critical ethnography of a women’s college. The wedding will be held here in Bloomington at IU Auditorium.

BABIES

Chad Ahren and his wife patiently awaiting their daughter's arrival sometime in the next month or so. Congrats Chad!

Ghangis Carter and his wife, Stephanie became blessed proud parents of their first child -- Isaiah Alprentice William Carter -- on Sunday, 5 August 2007.

(COMPLETED ON LEFT) Isaiah A.W. Carter and his proud, loving Daddy (Ghangis D. Carter) share a tender moment on my 15th anniversary in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (16 January 2008)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stone Belt Run With Me 5K: Don Hossler and Liz Beeler will be participating as a walker/runner in the Stone Belt Run With Me 5K walk/run on Saturday, April 26.

March of Dimes March for Babies, May 4th, 1 pm, Bloomington High School South. Donations can be made at: http://www.marchforbabies.org/susanjmod. Susan Johnson will be participating!

NEW PETS

In February 2008, Liz Beeler and Scott adopted Isabel, a 6-year-old female pug, from the Rescue Farm animal shelter in Terre Haute, Indiana. She has acclimated well to Liz & Scott's two 10-year-old cats, Tigger and Simon :) Isabel enjoys long walks on the beach at Lake Lemon, play dates at Bryan Park, and networking via Dogbook (PHOTO ON LEFT)