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Illinois Voices

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President's Welcome

Greetings from the Illinois College Personnel Association

Oh the month of September! Doesn't it seem like the beginning of the academic year is one big flurry of activity? Long days spent advising, training, orienting, transitioning new and returning ones to campus life. In the midst of that all that activity, I hope that you have taken some time for yourself. All too often we focus on supporting our students without taking time to rejuvenate ourselves so we can truly be at our best for the students we love so much.

September has also been a busy time for the ICPA Executive Board. Here are some of the exciting programs we have lined up:

- A webinar on masculinity and engaging male students.
- Free membership for First Year graduate students! Details coming soon.
- A Drive-in Conference at Illinois State University on using Social Media in Student Affairs.

ICPA is your organization and our executive board has been working hard to create exciting and innovating programming to revitalize our state division. The executive board meets once a month and we invite you to contact us with your feedback and needs. We also invite you to follow us on twitter, @icpatweets; on Facebook 'Illinois College Personnel Association' and on LinkedIn 'Illinois College Personnel Association'. This year we are working on building 'Our Network' of student affairs professionals around the State, join ICPA on this journey, and tell a colleague!



2011-2012 ICPA President Laila McCloud

Save the Date!!! ICPA Drive-in, January 27

The Illinois College Personnel Association will be hosting a drive-in conference on **Friday, January 27th** at Illinois State University. Please plan to join us for *Our Social Network: Professional Development in the Age of Social Media*; keep an eye out for more information coming soon!



Director of Communications open!

Looking to give back to the profession? Get involved with ICPA! We've currently got a Director of Communication position open -- the position requires working with the board to strategize best ways to continuing engaging professionals in Illinois. You'll be involved with newsletter development, social media, and updating the ICPA website. If interested, send an email to icpa@acpa.nche.edu. Consider applying today!

<http://myacpa.org/sid/illinois/index.html>

Engaging Practice

*Spotlight on the 2013 ACPA convention chair,
Karen Warren Coleman*

ICPA recently had the opportunity to talk with Karen Warren Coleman, Associate Vice President of Campus Life and Associate Dean of Students in the College at the University of Chicago. Ms Wilson is also the 2013 ACPA Convention chair; we were able to ask her a few questions about engagement at both the state and local level.

Can you share any insight about the 2013 Convention?

I am absolutely thrilled to serve as the ACPA 2013 Convention Chair and to serve beside ACPA President-elect Keith Humphrey

-- an opportunity to lead an effort that is both close to my heart and my head. ACPA has been my professional home since I began my career, and the annual convention is a particularly special event that feeds my intellect and lifts my spirit.

The 2013 convention is particularly special because it is being co-located with the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). ACPA and NIRSA are confident that this partnership presents an extraordinary opportunity for members to examine the role that college professionals play in advancing student learning and wellness, and offers a unique platform to spotlight national and international challenges to good health.

This position allow me to serve ACPA in a profound way, apply the skills I have honed on the campuses I have served – and use those skills to advance the association that I care so deeply about, and which has given me so much for so many years. Of course, by working with the 2013 planning team I look forward to being able to profoundly impact and advance the priorities of ACPA and be part of the team responsible for creating an unimaginably extraordinary annual convention in Las Vegas.

In the immediate, however, I am focused on a phenomenal ACPA 2012 in Louisville – and I look forward to welcoming many of our ICPA members there!

Any advice for new professionals or graduate students?

The membership of ACPA, and by extension ICPA - each and every one of you reading this newsletter - YOU are the heart and soul of these associations. Just as your students are the electrical current that illuminates your campuses – each of you are the vital current that powers (and empowers) ACPA and ICPA.

It is profoundly important for professionals and graduate students to get involved at the state or national level and there are countless opportunities for you to do so! I encourage you to get involved – at whatever level makes the most sense to you – just get involved! I am confident that you will leave an indelible impact, and make great contributions to this important work we call Student Affairs!



Tech Talk and Trending Topics

New to Twitter? Looking for who to follow (hint: @icpatweets)?

With so many overlapping constituencies, it can be hard to keep up with all the different conversations going on -- much less if you're wondering where to start. In Twitter, topic areas are notated by a hashtag symbol, or #. You can search for a specific topic you're interested in -- for example, searching '#sachat' will bring up all the informal conversations currently going on about Student Affairs (this is a good hashtag to start with as well). You might want to consider using a dashboard utility such as HootSuite or Tweetdeck to manage multiple feeds for topics you're interested in.

Below, you'll find a long, though far from comprehensive, list of hashtags related to Student Affairs you might wish to check out (compiled by StudentLifeConsultants.com). Happy Tweeting!

#acadv -- academic advising
#acpa -- American College Personnel Association
#acuhoi -- Association of College/University Housing Officers International
#acui -- Association of College Unions International
#admissions -- general discussions, tips, articles, and resources
#breakdrink -- student affairs professional development
#college -- general discussion, tips, articles, and resources
#edchat -- education (K - 12 & college / university)
#edpolicy -- education policy (K - 12 & college / university)
#edu -- education (K - 12 & college / university)
#education --(K -12 & college /university)
#FB -- Facebook
#FF -- ("Follow Friday" - recommendations for whom to follow on Twitter)
#greeklife -- greek affairs
#highered -- higher education (e.g. student affairs, faculty, etc.)
#higheredjobs -- position openings and requests
#higheredlive -- video discussion related to higher education issues
#leadership -- general discussion, tips, quotes, articles, and resources
#motivational -- quotes and articles
#naspa -- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
#naspacpa -- NASPA + ACPA topics
#olchat -- college & university orientation
#phdchat -- doctoral student discussion, resources, and support
#reslife -- residence life
#sachat -- student affairs chat
#sadoc -- student affairs doctoral student discussion
#sagrad -- student affairs graduate student discussion
#sajobs -- student affairs position openings and requests
#salive -- student affairs professional development (webinars & podcasts)
#saprof -- student affairs professionals
#satech -- student affairs technology
#sawomen -- women in student affairs
#sgachat -- student government
#socialmedia / #sm / #smm -- general discussion, tips, articles, and resources
#stuact -- student activities
#studentaffairs -- general discussion, tips, articles, and resources
#university -- general discussion, tips, articles, and resources
#wihsg -- women in housing (advocacy & resources)
#WLSalt -- Women's Leadership Institute / Support, Affirm, Lift, Transform

Faculty Profile: Tracy Davis, Western Illinois University

With so many talented and engaging Student Affairs faculty members in Illinois, we're devoting space to find out more about those instructors teaching the next generation of leaders in the profession. This issue, we're speaking with Tracy Davis from Western Illinois University (WIU).

Mr. Davis is a professor and Coordinator of the WIU College Student Personnel Program, in addition to Director of the Center for Study of Masculinities and Men's Development. He has completed his PhD, MA, and BA all at the University of Iowa, focusing primarily on Student Development and masculinity.

How long have you been involved with ACPA/ICPA?

I have been a member of ACPA since 1992 (19 years) but have only been in the state of Illinois as a member of ICPA for the past 14 years.

What do you enjoy about working at WIU?

The best part of my job at WIU is interacting with talented graduate students. I love classroom discussion, debate and learning. I sometimes feel I should be paying tuition for some of the things I learn from students. I also have some outstanding colleagues, both faculty and student affairs professionals, who make working at WIU



more fun and engaging. We have had some great leadership in the College of Education recently and our new President, Dr. Jack Thomas, is providing an exciting direction for the university. I have also been very fortunate to work with one of the most hard-working and collaborative Vice Presidents for Student Affairs in Garry Johnson who just retired. He will still be teaching in our CSP Program and the new Vice President, Gary Biller, is very talented and promises to be an outstanding leader.

Do you have any advice for grad students/new professionals?

I see a lot of people in our field get sucked into either ego games or a management culture that fails to honor the learning needs of our students. I think it is important to become well-tuned into the howl of ego to become clear who you are serving. Our culture puts too much emphasis on individual success, which makes teamwork and community-building difficult.

Another hurdle to being a stronger professional that ego seems to construct is an individual's focus on proving/performing/speaking rather than being open/vulnerable and listening. Being more authentic not only is appropriate role-modeling for students, but it makes work/life a lot more meaningful.

Finally, I hope graduate students and new professionals will do their work mindfully and focused in the moment. We need time to reflect; still the waters and take a look at our reflection. One of my best friends said to me one time as I was busily jumping from one activity to the next, "don't just do something, sit there" - a pretty high order for student affairs professionals.

Virtual Brown Bag Webinar on Masculinity

ICPA is excited to announce *Helping College-aged Men Escape 'Guyland'*, Wednesday, October 19 from 12:00-1:00 and presented by Ian Crone of Elmhurst College.

As campuses are recognizing a "male problem" involving increased judicial incidents, low graduation rates, and anxiety due to gender role conflict, calls to tailor support services towards men's needs are growing louder.

This session will explore male gender roles and the socialization process and provide tools for developing healthy gender roles. Content from Michael Kimmel's book, *Guyland: The perilous world where men become boys* as well as Bobbie Harro's article on *Cycle of Socialization* will be discussed.

Ian Crone is the Associate Dean of Students & Director of the Frick Center at Elmhurst College.

**Wednesday,
October 19
12:00-1:00**

**(attend part or all)
FREE**

**Please RSVP at
<http://bit.ly/rv2YE8>**

Student Affairs 101 at Western Illinois University

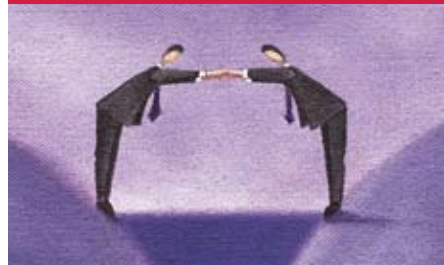
The College Student Personnel Program at Western Illinois University is excited to announce that we will be hosting the Student Affairs 101 Conference on Friday, October 28th.

The conference offers opportunities for participants to attend workshop sessions presented by student affairs professionals and current graduate students, network with graduate school representatives at the Graduate Fair, participate in a lunchtime roundtable discussion, and meet future colleagues in the field of student affairs.

Registration is now open! For more information, head over to <http://www.wiu.edu/coehs/csp/student.php>

<http://myacpa.org/sid/illinois/index.html>

NOTEWORTHY NOTES



AWARDS

In an effort to recognize professionals state-wide, the ICPA board will be accepting nominations for the ICPA Spotlight Award, given to outstanding student affairs professionals. Winners will be recognized in appreciation of their professional commitment. If you would like to nominate a colleague, please contact Denise Ledsinger at d-ledsinger@northwestern.edu by November 10. Award recipients will be recognized with a gift certificate in appreciation

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SAY IT HERE!

Have an event or workshop going on you'd like to share with the ICPA membership? Send any newsletter or website content to Cory Phare at c-phare@northwestern.edu

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MEMBERSHIP

Looking to become an ICPA member? Time to renew your membership? You can do so by logging into the ACPA membership information site, <http://bit.ly/q8luML>.

If you have questions, please email icpa@acpa.nche.edu

