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# Illinois *Voices*

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## President's Welcome

[John Salazar, Jr.](#)

"Of all places, a university should be home to diverse ideas and differing perspectives, where robust – and even intense – debate and disagreement are welcomed" (Wise, 2014). The ICPA Board of Directors whole-heartedly agree with this statement by Chancellor Phyllis Wise, published on January 30, 2014 as part of her response to hateful twitter comments regarding the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's decision to not close on a snowy day. ICPA joins the voices of many individuals, institutions, and associations who lend their support for Chancellor Wise in opposing these sad, hateful remarks.

Though regrettable, this incident offers a sobering reminder of the continual need for the work of college student educators; particularly those working within our state, as evidenced by this story. Admittedly, it can be hard for student affairs educators to see the larger picture of why our work matters. It's frustrating when a student we've been working with for weeks chooses not to put much effort in their assignment. It's trying when students continue to be disruptive in their residence halls despite what seem like countless disciplinary hearings and conversations. It's tiring when our work piles up and drains every last bit of energy we have as we count the days until the blessed weekend, when we can recharge just long enough to start it all over again on Monday! Yes, our work is hard and yet the larger picture continues to exist. Our work does matter. We must continue on.

On this note, I hope we remember that we are not alone in our labor. As college student educators within the state of Illinois, we are many and we must support each other in our good work. So let's make an effort to keep doing that, for ourselves and for each other. At this year's ACPA 2014 Indianapolis Convention (which I hope you all attend!), let's come together in support of our good work. Let's spend time discussing our successes and failures, our innovations and traditions, and perhaps we can together find better ways of supporting each other and our students. In particular, I hope everyone will please consider having these conversations at the **ICPA Business Meeting & Social, on Tue., Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30-9:30pm, in the Cabinet Room of Westin Indianapolis.** Who knows...we might even have a little fun, too!

Wise, P. M. (2014, January 30). *Moving past digital hate. Inside Higher Ed.* Retrieved from <http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2014/01/30/chancellor-u-illinois-responds-twitter-incident#ixzz2smDQkXln>



# It's Conference Season

[Martise Cooks](#)

Some of the main reasons for attending a professional conference are: the opportunity to participate in something new, to network with fellow student affairs professionals, and to identify best practices and trends in the field. We should also do our best to support and recognize our peers for their contributions. Consider attending one of the following sessions presented by your fellow ICPA peers during the ACPA National Convention:



## *Integrating Learning Outcomes in Housing's Student Conduct Process*

Heather Wright, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign & Brian Lackman, Davidson College (North Carolina)  
Indiana Convention Center, 136 | 3/31/14 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

## *Promising Practice – Reinventing the Residential Judicial Hearing: A Learning-Centered Approach*

Sarah Schoper, Western Illinois University & Aaron Hill, Northern Illinois University  
Indiana Convention Center, 233 | 3/31/14 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

## *Understanding the Multiple Dimensions of Identities of Latina/o College Students*

Jose Marroquin, Illinois State University & Joe Palencia, Oakton Community College  
Indiana Convention Center, 233 | 4/1/14 | 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Make sure to stop by the **ICPA Business Meeting & Social – Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM at the Westin Indianapolis, Cabinet Room.** During this time we will recognize professionals for their many contributions to ICPA and the student affairs profession.

Not attending ACPA? Follow us on Twitter (@ICPATweets) for some live updates!

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## Seeing the Endless Possibilities for Involvement

[Ian Van Anden](#)

Lisa Kelsay, the Assembly Coordinator for Commissions-elect for ACPA, and currently Moraine Valley Community College's Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts and Director of Academic Arts right here in Illinois, has been a model for how involvement with ACPA can have a deep and lasting impact. After over 15 years of involvement with ACPA Kelsay finds herself in yet another key leadership role – this time serving as an important resource in the support of each commission as they work towards their goals.

“Commissions provide great opportunities for professionals from every level to get involved and work together. They offer fantastic opportunities to work on projects with other passionate and committed professionals. It can also be a great resume builder,” Kelsay adds.

Kelsay attended her first ACPA conference in 1997 where she got involved with the Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professional by taking on the role of their newsletter editor. From there she joined the Commission for Wellness and later became the Chair for the Commission for Two-Year Colleges a passion she held proudly for five years.

Her involvement in ACPA illustrated a number of reasons and deep benefits to joining an ACPA Commission, including, but certainly not limited to networking with peers, gaining support for research, contributing to newsletters, and much more. She goes on to encourage, “joining can be easy, start by joining a listserv, attend a sponsored program at convention, and attend their conference meetings.”

Kelsay is a fantastic example for how leaning in and getting involved can lead to great opportunities and even better outcomes. She said, “Now is the time of become a member and see the endless possibilities.”



# ICPA Award Nominations

It's no secret that members of ICPA are not only out doing good things, but are pretty excellent at what it is they do as student affairs professionals. Now is your time to recognize your fellow peers for their accomplishments. Nominations will close on March 17! Nominate here: <http://tinyurl.com/ICPA2014>

THANK YOU to **OrgSync** for sponsoring our nominations page!

## Congratulations 2014 ACPA Award Recipients from Illinois!

### OiYan Poon

Loyola University Chicago  
Emerging Scholars

### Sarah E. Schoper

Western Illinois University  
Annuity Coeptis – Emerging Professionals



### Chinese Roommate LGBT Community Building Training Session for the Beijing

Center for Chinese Studies, Loyola University Chicago  
Voice of Inclusion Exemplary Program Award

## ICPA Elections Coming Soon

We will be accepting nominations for positions on our Executive Board starting on April 7. We are looking for dedicated leaders with new ideas and fresh energy to make an impact on our association! Please take time now to consider nominating yourself or others for one of our available positions: President Elect, Director of Finances, Director of Membership, and Director of Events. Look for an email in early April with more information!

## Higher Ed Program Highlight

[Felicia R. Bohanon](#)

Institution: Northern Illinois University – DeKalb, Illinois  
Degree: M.S. Ed. and Ed.D. in Adult and Higher Education  
Number of Students: 200+

### Selected Coursework:

- Nature of Adult & Higher Education
- Research
- Adult Learning: Maturity through Old
- Educating Culturally Diverse Adults

### Program Highlights:

- Master of Science in Education requires 36 semester hours in one of four areas of emphasis: 1) Adult Continuing Education, 2) Community Development, International, and Popular Education, 3) Human Resource Development, 4) Higher Education / Student Affairs
- Doctorate in Adult & Higher Education requires a minimum of 63 semester hours beyond the master's degree. Course work focuses on educational policy, administration and research.
- The U.S. News and World Report ranked NIU's College of Education's online graduate programs number one in the nation.
- The department offers four Adult and Higher education Graduate Certificates.
- The program includes internship opportunities at six major types of organizations.
- Assistantships, internships and study abroad programs to such countries as Brazil, China, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan are offered to give students hand on experience.

We will feature a different higher education program in Illinois in each newsletter. Please pass this info along to anyone considering a graduate degree in our field!

Deadline for Admission to Ed.D. in Adult and Higher Education (February 1). Deadline for Admission to M.S. in Adult and Higher Education (July 15). More information at <http://cedu.niu.edu/cahe>



# Undocumented Students in Illinois

[Jose Marroquin](#)

College and university access has provided many students the ability to pursue any form of higher education. Initially, the opportunity to obtain a post-secondary education is open to a student on the basis of their capacity and means. For sometime undocumented students, in the state of Illinois, have been restricted the opportunity to obtain a college education. At this time, within the United States, there are over 12 states that offer in-state tuition for undocumented students.



Initially, I was brought to Illinois, from the country of Guatemala, as an undocumented resident in 1987. The main reason for my family's migration was to seek a better life with numerous possibilities. Eventually, I enter the public school system in Chicago with the goal to acquire a college education. Although, like many undocumented students, there was uncertainty on how I would ultimately afford a college education. Eventually, my mother became a legal resident and submitted a petition for me to obtain legal residence. Ultimately, in 1999 I was rendered permanent legal residence, which led to U.S. citizenship in 2003. I was fortunate enough to obtain state and federal financial aid and attend an Illinois public university. As my dream of a college education came into fruition, today undocumented students in Illinois can achieve higher education.

During the year 2003 the state of Illinois passed bill HB60. Such bill provides in-state tuition for undocumented students at Illinois public higher education institutions. Additionally, in 2011 the Illinois House and Senate approved SB2185. The aforementioned bill creates scholarships, the ability to participate in a college savings program, and open the participation in prepaid tuition programs to undocumented students that are Illinois high schools graduates. Also, the bill creates an Illinois DREAM private fund and a nine-member Illinois DREAM Commission. Moreover, the DREAM Commission provides training programs for college admissions and financial aid student affairs professionals. In order to qualify for the benefits of the IL Dream Act, an applicant must:

1. Have resided with parents or guardians while attending high school in Illinois;
2. Have attended a high school in Illinois for at least 3 years from the time of graduation or receiving the equivalent of a high school diploma (such as a GED);
3. Have at least one parent who immigrated to the United States.

The aforementioned instituted policies within the Illinois have provided a forum for undocumented students to obtain a post-secondary education. Families in Illinois can plan and invest in their student's higher education aspirations. Student affairs professionals in Illinois can expect to increasingly work with students whose cultural background encompasses Latino, Asian, African, and other sub-populations. The state of Illinois has granted college access to many deserving students. Therefore, our respective institutions will enroll individuals that will enhance our student and campus experiences.

## NOTEWORTHY NOTES



### SAY IT HERE

Have an event or workshop going on you'd like to share with the ICPA membership? Send any newsletter content to Carrie Grogan at [cgrogan@uic.edu](mailto:cgrogan@uic.edu).

### MEMBERSHIP

Looking to become an ICPA member or renew membership? Undergraduate and Graduate student memberships are free – email John Salazar Jr. at [jsalazar@monmouthcollege.edu](mailto:jsalazar@monmouthcollege.edu) to get on our list. Professional memberships are paid through the ACPA membership site.

### CONNECT WITH US

In addition to our quarterly newsletter, we are updating social media regularly! Don't suffer from FOMO (fear of missing out) - stay connected by using [#ICPA!](#)



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