

Your Connection to CSPA: Monthly Membership Bulletin

October, 2005 Edition

The cool air has arrived. The leaves are turning beautiful shades of orange, red, and yellow. Yes, it is fall. I hope this monthly bulletin finds you taking time to enjoy the fall scenery, apple picking, a sip of apple cider, and all the fall festivals that surround your neighborhoods.

Our annual CSPA conference was September 25-27 in Rochester, New York. What a conference it was! On behalf of the Advisory Board, I extend congratulations to the 2005 conference team. Your creativity, attention to detail, organization, and planning surpassed all expectations. For those of you who did attend, I hope you came back to your campus, inspired and motivated to reflect, reconsider and refocus. All aspects of the conference were centered at the core of this theme, calling us as professionals to move to new paradigms. As Ann Groves- Lloyd, director of state and international divisions, ACPA states, "thanks so much for the fantastic conference! I had a blast, and was so impressed with the Board and Conference Team."

If you were unable to attend the conference, mark your calendars for next year, October 8-10, 2006 Syracuse, New York at the Marx hotel. You won't want to miss another CSPA conference.

As always, please know that your contributions are important to keep our membership informed, but also to bring fresh perspective to our advisory board. Feel free to submit comments, suggestions, articles, etc. to me at radcst@rit.edu.

Thank you for all that you will contribute to CSPA!

Sincerely,

Robin Diana
President, CSPA NYS

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CSPA 2005: Rochester Conference Highlights

Wow! It seems like yesterday that we were in Rochester coming together for the annual CSPA Conference. The conference laid the foundation for future conferences and was a huge success in several key areas.

The first was in terms of the number of registrants for the conference. We had over 160 professionals and graduate students from around New York. Our special guests included Dr. Raechele Pope (Keynote speaker- University at Buffalo), Dr. Ann Groves-Lloyd (ACPA, Dir. of State and International Divisions), Mr. Gregory Roberts (ACPA National Executive Director), and Dr. Susan Salvador (Closing Speaker, Monroe Community College). Several past presidents of CSPA were also present and we value their continued contributions to our association and our practice.

In terms of networking opportunities and professional development, we hosted the 2nd Annual Graduate Student and New Professional Pre-Conference program, had a slate of programs that covered everything from the secret lives of first-year students to remembering Kent State. We were pleased to have the Chief Student Affairs Officer Symposium as an integral component to the conference again and were happy to host the fall meeting for the SUNY Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers during the conference.



Conference Team, 2005

CSPA congratulates our award recipients:



- **Outstanding Contribution to the Profession:** Christine Strong, Potsdam
- **Distinguished Service to Higher Education:** Dr. Robert Bonfiglio, SUNY Geneseo
- **Meritorious Contribution as a New Professional:** Michael Fogarty, Utica College
- **Dr. Daniel Bratton Award for Outstanding Service to the Association:** Leah Cassellia, Kutztown University (not pictured)
- **Best of CSPA Program Award:** Dr. Richard Herdlein, Buffalo State College (not pictured)



- **Esther Lloyd-Jones Case Study Competition:** Russell Martin, Ithaca College; Louis Kaminski, SUNY IT; and Sue Mykins, Syracuse University.

Membership Corner

All CSPA members are encouraged to renew their memberships as soon as possible to avoid any missed mailings, conference information, monthly e-mail bulletins, and/or other important business. At only \$20.00 for professional memberships and \$10.00 for graduate student memberships, CSPA is still one of the most affordable professional development organizations for student affairs educators.

To renew your membership application today, visit the CSPA website at www.cspanys.org and choose the section entitled “Membership” (lower left). Simply print out a copy and send along to our membership coordinator with your payment. **Please note that the membership application should be mailed to the following address:**

Scott Helfrich
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Columbia University
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New York, New York 10027

What is Your CSPA Board Up To?

The advisory board met a few times at the conference and engaged in conversation around CSPA’s new strategic plan for 3-5 years and our mission/value statements. It is our hope to finalize our discussion and plan and then to present that to membership for your feedback.

Call for 2006 CSPA Conference Volunteers. JJ Manley, VP for Conferences is looking for volunteers to help with next year’s conference in Syracuse. A great way to get involved in CSPA—contact JJ at manleyj@em.cortland.edu or 607-753-2098.

Please mark your calendars for early January. Tracey Cross-Baker, past-president will be coordinating the call for nominations (elected positions) for CSPA executive council. Positions include: president-elect, VP for professional development, VP for conferences and member at large(3). You can nominate yourself or a colleague. Serving in one of these positions is very rewarding both personally and professionally. It is never too early to begin to think about this now.

What is Your ACPA Up To?

Get ready for an annual conference you won’t want to miss March, 18-22. Indianapolis—is bigger and better than ever before! There is so much to do and you can be assured the conference team is working hard to bring you innovative programs, social events to knock your socks off and hospitality at its best!

Five hotels will be available to ACPA members. The convention center will host placement, opening session and all program sessions. The Westin and Marriott will be the sites for ancillary programs (our CSPA reception), and carnival. The skywalk connects the Westin and Marriott.

In addition, the Governance Task Force (examining the current organizational structure of ACPA), under the leadership of Dr. Patty Perillo, (chair) is making significant progress and are still anticipating bringing 2006 convention a motion for vote by the general membership. In case

you are unaware, there is a website specifically for the work of the taskforce: www.umbc.edu/acpa. I suggest that you take a look at the work that is being done incase there are conversations that would be relevant for us as a state association to be hosting.

The Mid-Level Management Institute is a must-attend Institute if you're desiring to strengthen your skills and understand changing campus dynamics in order to advance in the profession. Attend this Institute and equip yourself with knowledge and skills to make the next career move. The Institute is intentionally kept small (limited to 50 participants) in order to maximum the learning and interaction with faculty and between participants.

The institute features:

- Dynamic curriculum focused on identifying the complexities facing higher education and the student affairs profession, and providing the resources to effect positive change.
- Sessions dedicated to skill enhancement in areas such as campus politics; supervision and personnel issues; diversity issues; budget and resource development; and career mapping.
- Highly interactive learning environment using presentations, case studies, discussions, and small group work.
- Continuing Education Credits are available.

Please mark your calendar! The 2006 Institute is scheduled for January 21-25 (Saturday – Wednesday) at the Indiana University Memorial Union in Bloomington, IN. Registration and lodging information will be available on the ACPA web site soon. **Faculty include: Tom Jackson, Tim Pierson, Dave Braverman, Jackie Skinner, Dawn Person, Robin Diana and higher education guest faculty.**

Check out the ACPA professional Development link to a variety of workshops, presentations, institutes and conferences happening!

CSPA....did you know?

The membership fee in 1979 for SPA (CSPA predecessor) was \$3.00. Our membership fee has only gone up \$17.00 as reflected in 2005.

Reaching Out to Make a Difference

Hello and welcome to CSPA! I'd just like to introduce myself and offer both CSPA's and my support to you or your institution with issues regarding Gender and Sexual Identity. I am Elaine Bushey and I am the Committee Liaison for LGBT Issues within CSPA-NYS. My role within this organization is to provide support, information, and be a resource for student affairs administrators regarding current gender identity and sexuality issues in higher education. I am connected with ACPA's committee for LGBT issues and am looking to create a more supportive network for administrators within New York State.

Some things I would like to see happen in the coming months are a current email list of individuals working in the New York LGBT higher education environment, increased program proposals and presentations at conferences, and a resource list of organizations/individuals that can facilitate in-services for campuses that are struggling to foster supportive environments or for those campuses looking to advance their support networks. To achieve this, I am asking for you to email me if you are interested in being

apart of this email list. If you have knowledge, information, developments, or presentations concerning gender identity or sexuality that you can share, I strongly encourage you to become a part of this list. Change begins with you. This regional organization is a wonderful environment to share knowledge, receive professional support, connect with others working in this field, and hone your presentation skills.

Please email me at ekb27@cornell.edu if you have questions or would like to be a part of this list – I would love to hear from you, not to mention get more connected myself.

Upcoming Conferences

- **The Minority Within the Majority:** A conference to explore the Jewish College Student Experience. Monday, November 14, 2005. Please visit the web site at www.nyu.edu/bronfman/minority for more information. Through participating in the one day conference, participants will learn important information about Jewish college student development, the Jewish college student experience, diversity among Jewish college students, and resources available at the local and national level. Furthermore, this conference will build on the ideas presented in *Learning Reconsidered* (NASPA & ACPA, 2004) and place a strong emphasis on ideas for collaboration among campus professionals looking to increase sensitivity to Jewish college students.
- **Celebrating Our Past As We Look Towards The Future:** A conference that will offer participants an array of exciting and innovative information sessions, as well as an opportunity to network with other professionals and students in the field of Higher Education. The keynote speaker is Dr. George Kuh, Indiana University, where he directs the Center for Post-Secondary Research which is home to the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and related projects. Contact www.buffalostate.edu/gaspa or Natalie White, at whitnL35@buffalostate.edu.

The Bulletin Needs You!

As always, the CPSA monthly bulleting is a resource for YOU, the membership, to also use. Campus or division program announcements, job vacancies, requests for information and other communications are welcomed. All inquiries and requests for inclusion in future monthly bulletins should be sent to me at radcst@rit.edu. The monthly bulletin will be published approximately the 20th of every month.