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**NASPA IV-East
Regional Conference**

NASPA IV-East Newsletter

NASPA IV-East Research and Assessment Grants

NASPA Region IV-East is excited to support the research of its members by offering a call for research proposals for a new research and assessment grant award that will be handed out for the first time in 2012. The maximum award for an individual or research group is \$500 annually for Region IV-E members.

The region is interested in funding research and assessment in student affairs that furthers our understanding of student development and student learning. The grant application deadline is January 20, 2012. Grant recipients will be announced at the

2012 NASPA National Convention in Phoenix, AZ and on our web site.

Grant applications should include a cover page that addresses the needed materials for application and a research proposal (limited to 5 pages double spaced).

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria: (1) Overall proposal including originality and creativity, response to current trends and issues, clarity, value, understanding of student development and learning outcomes, application of theory to practice, writing style, and the de-

gree to which it is based on research literature and theory; (2) Research design; and (3) Proposed budget.

Research grant proposals should be submitted electronically as an email attachment to Dr. Laura Ketchum-Ciftci, NASPA Region IV-East AER KC and Research Coordinator, lketchum@uwsp.edu by January 20, 2012. Any additional questions or inquiries can also be directed to Dr. Ketchum-Ciftci.

Vice President's *Corner*



NASPA at a Crossroads **Renee Romano,** **Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs** **University of Illinois**

As I reflect on NASPA and the state of Region IV-E, I can't help but think that our professional organization is at a crossroads, with one important era ending and another one beginning. The end of the era is signaled by the retirement of our Executive Director, Gwen Dungy and we said good-bye to Gwen at the Regional Conference in Evanston.

Through Gwen's leadership, NASPA has flourished. We have become the primary voice for student affairs nation-wide and

we have taken on the tough issues such as the learning imperative, assessment, social justice and many others. From my perspective, Gwen has built an empowered, effective central staff, collaborated perfectly with volunteer presidents and boards, built strong relationships in Washington DC to advance student affairs, and encouraged us to pursue both scholarship and best practices in our profession. She's done all of this in a quiet, persuasive, intelligent manner. I've worked closely with her only for the past three years but I will miss her. Led our Chair-Elect (formerly President) Levester Johnson we just finished the search process to replace Gwen Dungy.

The NASPA Board, of which I am a member, interviewed three exceptional candidates at the Fall Board meeting last weekend. You may have heard from the recent correspondence from President Patricia Telles-Irvin, we were pleased to hire Dr. Kevin Kruger as our next Presi-

dent. Quoting Patricia's letter, "Kruger brings to the presidency an extensive organizational history and distinguished professional background. His career represents more than 30 years' experience as a student affairs leader and has worked as a tireless consensus builder, earning the respect of his colleagues and peers."

I'm confident that Kevin will be an outstanding President to lead us into the future with our dynamic, visionary, strategic plan. Voting rights have been reformed and the organization has a new sense of purpose and direction. Region IV-E remains the heart of NASPA and we are squarely on board as we lead our region in a way that makes our members feel empowered and involved. We're at the crossroads, and it's going to be a great ride.

NASPA Annual Conference

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2012 NASPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 10 – 14, 2012 PHOENIX, ARIZONA

NASPA IV-East Regional Conference Recap

Anna Gonzalez, University of Illinois

With more than 530 participants and over 70 program offerings, the 2011 Region IV-East Conference was a huge success. Our theme, “Reimagine, Reinvent, ReAwaken” was present in the many sessions and major speakers at the Hilton Orrington in Evanston where the conference was held. Together, the attendees re-imagined our leadership role within in institutions and the types of innovative solutions and services we need to address 21st century issues and problems. We challenged each other to re-invent who we are as a profession in order to make higher education a meaningful and inclusive experience for all. Keith Boykin’s opening speech reminded us that “We don’t have to engage in hierarchies of oppression” as a way to look at how to best serve our students and perhaps even how to engage in the difficult dialogues that is often paired with dealing with issues of diversity. We also supported each other to explore ways in which our passion for the profession can be re-awakened. Sara Benincasa shared with us her journey through higher education and she credits the work of student affairs professionals in giving her a future. Her words “I am here because of people like you who do what you do” echo in my mind as a reminder of the importance of our work.

The attendees included over 225 first-time attendees to Region IV-East conference, 190+ new to the region, over 90 new professionals, over 50 SSAOs, and over 115 undergraduate and graduate students. The conference itself started with numerous institutes and pre-conference sessions followed by a lively opening dinner, inspiration speakers, a special recognition to Gwen Dungy, Executive Director of NASPA, for her many years of service to our association, and a festive knowledge community dessert reception. The energy from those first days of the conference continued throughout

“Reinvent, Reimagine Reawaken”

the last two days and so did all of the tweeting/twitter activity that gave assessments and narration about various sessions and speakers as they happened!

I would like to give special recognition to the conference committee, volunteers, presenters, and institute coordinators and faculty, vendors, and sponsors and hotel staff who gave their time, talent, and treasures this program. It is because of you that we had an engaging and fun time at the conference! As we left Evanston to go back to our campuses, George Kuh’s presentation gave me pause to think about the work ahead. He said, “Reflect, Integrate, Apply”. Indeed, what we learned at the 2011 conference gives us the tools to be better practitioners and even better caretakers of the students we work with. The success of this conference builds for us a great foundation for 2012. I look forward to seeing you all in Madison, WI where under the leadership of Rob Kelly, we will “blur the lines!”

Change in Voting Rights

Renee Romano,
Vice Chancellor of
Student Affairs
University of Illinois

At the NASPA Voting Delegates voted overwhelmingly to expand voting rights. Beginning in January with the upcoming elections, associate affiliates, graduate students and emeritus affiliate members will be able to vote for the Chair of the NASPA Board (formerly President) and the Regional Directors (formerly Regional Vice Presidents). It’s a positive change for NASPA and will help us implement the strategic initiative to Strengthen NASPA by making it a more responsive, vital, and sustainable organization.

In January, we’ll be voting for the new Chair of the NASPA Board and Director of Region IV-East. You’ll have two excellent candidates to choose from for each position. The individual who wins the vote for Regional Director will assume the role of Regional Director-Elect in March of 2012. He or she will be the Regional Director at the end of the National Conference in March of 2013. We’ll all be working together to lead Region IV-East as we strive to accomplish our goals and initiatives over the next couple of years. We will be working hard to increase membership and serve our members.





Knowledge Communities Present: *Webinars*

Dr. Christopher Lewis - Thomas M. Cooley Law School



The knowledge communities within Region IV-East continue to be strong vibrant additions to our region. We currently have all but one position filled within the regions and all of our KC's are working hard to provide you with great professional development opportunities and access to involvement opportunities. We are currently in the process of working to identify an individual who is interested in representing the Student Affairs Development and External Relations Knowledge Community. If you would have an interest in this position, please email lewisch@cooley.edu with your resume and a cover letter.

As mentioned, our KC's continue to provide you with some great opportunities for professional development. Over the next two months two of our KC's, Campus Safety and Spirituality and Religion

are having some exciting webinars that are free of charge to you as NASPA IV-East Members.

Please join us for a FREE webinar sponsored by Region IV-East and the Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education Knowledge Community. The topic of engaging religious and secular diversity is timely and interesting to many on campus, so please consider inviting a cross section of professionals to participate. You may want to include multicultural center staff, campus chaplains, residence life professionals, student activities folks, service learning directors, and religion department faculty among others.

Actively Engaging Religious and Secular Diversity on Campus: Best Practices and Recommendations

December 1, 2011

2:00pm - 3:30pm (EST)

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/spirit4efall11>

Interfaith cooperation can be defined as the active engagement of religious and secular diversity through: 1) Respect for individual religious and non-religious identity, 2) Mutually inspiring relationships across lines of difference, and, 3) Social action projects grounded in recognition of shared values between religious and secular traditions. Webinar participants will learn best practices for

develop

addressing religious and secular diversity on campus through intentional initiatives that build interfaith cooperation. Presenters come from the Interfaith Youth Core, ifyc.org.

Clery Act: Beyond the Regs, Changes and Impact on Your Campus Practices

January 12, 2001

2:00-3:00 p.m. EST

The U.S. Department of Education has released a new handbook for campus safety and security reporting. The handbook includes recent amendments to the disclosure requirements of the Jeanne Clery Act as well as emergency notification for on and off-campus incidents, missing student requirements, and fire safety.

Some key topics that will be covered during the webinar include but are not limited to: a) Top 10 pitfalls in putting the regulations into practice and creating a consistent culture on your campus. b) Highlighting the changes in rules from previous years. c) How to be compliant and interpret the spirit of the law.



What? When?

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Student Affairs Law & Policy Conference	December 8-10 Arlington, VA
Multicultural Institute	December 8-10 Atlanta, GA
Manicur Symposium	January 8-11 Coconut Grove, FL
Mental Health Conference.....	January 19-21 Atlanta, GA
Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Prevention & Intervention Conference	January 19-21 Atlanta, GA





My name is Katalina Traxler, and I am a senior at DePaul University. I am a double major in Psychology and Communication Studies. This is my first year as a NUFP fellow, and my mentor is Sara Furr, one of the assistant directors of DePaul's Office of Multicultural Student Success. Thus far, I have done a myriad of things during my NUFP fellowship. The most memorable one has been attending the NASPA IV-E conference. Not only was I able to meet numerous other professionals in the field, but I also got to learn from them first hand through a variety of conference sessions. I also was able to meet other NUFP fellows in my region, and learn valuable lessons about graduate programs from NUFP alums.

Besides the conference, Sara has been helping me through the graduate school application process. She has helped me improve my professional development skills, and is currently helping me prepare for institutional interviews. I am also working on budgeting my trip to the NASPA annual conference in March. I love NUFP and am so grateful for this opportunity! In just a few short months, I have learned so much about different student affairs occupations. This fellowship has been so helpful, especially since I am going through the graduate school process right now. All of the knowledge I have obtained from NUFP has made me that much more excited to start my College Student Personnel Administration graduate work, and become the student affairs professional I aspire to be.

My name is Rajelin Escondo and I am a senior Sociology and Psychology Major with a minor in Urban Studies and a member of Loyola's Interdisciplinary Honors Program at



NASPA Undergraduate Fellow Program Spotlight

Lesley Ann Brown, NUFP Coordinator

Loyola University Chicago. I have been a fellow since Fall of 2010. My mentor is Shawna Cooper-Gibson, the assistant dean of the School of Communication at Loyola. As a part of the NUFP program, I have conducted informational interviews with higher ed & student affairs professionals at different institutions across the country. Loyola also has a cohort model consisting of 5 NUFP fellows, so we meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss our new insights into the field of higher education. We also meet to support each other through the graduate school application process reviewing each other's resumes and personal statements as well as discussing the pros and cons of various programs.

In addition, we were each challenged to complete a personal project involving higher ed. I developed program proposals for both the NASPA IV-E Regional Conference and the NASPA Annual Conference, both of which were approved. With my cohort members, I presented at

the regional conference on the power of a NUFP Cohort model entitled: The NASPA Undergraduate Fellowship Program (NUFP) Cohort Model: Re-charging the meaning of mentorship. We will also be presenting a similar program at the national conference.

Personally, I love the NUFP program because of the networking it facilitates. I've made NUFP fellow friends through attending the national conference as well as participating at the Student Leadership Institute. Together, we've discussed the challenges of being student leaders and supported each other through the graduate school application process. I've also made connections with student affairs professionals across the country who have given me valuable insights into the field. Through these connections, I was able to discern a vocational calling to the field of student affairs and higher education.

Congratulations!

To the NASPA IV-East Regional Award Winners



The President's Award
Brian Levin-Stankevich
University of Wisconsin –
Eau Claire



**Outstanding Performance as a
Senior Student Affairs Officer**
Mark Kelley
Columbia College Chicago



**Distinguished Service to
the Profession**
Christopher A. Lewis
Thomas M. Cooley
Law School



**Outstanding Service to
NASPA Region IV-E**
Dr. Peggy Burke
DePaul University



**Celebration of
Diversity Award**
Grinnell College



**Mid-Level Student Affairs
Professional Award**
Ross Wantland
University of Illinois –
Urbana-Champaign



**Outstanding Contribution
to Student Affairs
Through Teaching**
Dr. Bridget Turner Kelly
Loyola University – Chicago

CBS Dean's Scholars
Building tomorrow's future through today's leaders

**Innovative Program
Award**
Dean's Scholar Program
University of Minnesota –
Twin Cities



**Community College
Professional Award**
Dr. Joianne Smith
Oakton Community
College



**Outstanding
New Professional**
Angela Layne
Northwestern University



**Graduate Student
Rising Star Award**
Terrance Range
University of Illinois –
Urbana-Champaign



**Undergraduate Student
Rising Star Award**
Luke Bretscher
DePauw University

Editors Notes

Jason Ramirez, Associate Dean of Students - Carthage College



With the closing of the second semester upon us we have much to be thankful for in a busy and wildly successful Fall. This past November, NASPA IV-East saw a record setting turn out for a wonderfully planned and executed regional conference. Not only did our members come out in full force, but we saw conference programs and developmental opportunities that truly demonstrated the talent and bright future of our region and its institutional members. Thank you again to all of the article submissions and continued interest in our newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming national conference in Phoenix, Arizona where we will all “Ignite Leadership and Influence Change”.

Spring Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Articles need to be minimum 150 words maximum 500 words · Relevant to the mission and purpose of NASPA (IV-East when possible) · Submitted with name of author, position, email address and school affiliation · Saved in .doc/.docx (word) format, Photos submitted as jpeg (.jpg format), sent to jramirez@carthage.edu

Due Date: Friday, March 23, 2012, by 5:00 p.m.

Promising Practices Award

M. Regina Matos, Assistant Dean of Students, Arizona State University

The Promising Practices award recognizes promising practices in areas pertaining to Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Collaboration. This award is sponsored by the Student Affairs Partnering with Academic Affairs (SAPAA) Knowledge Community (KC) within NASPA.

SAPAA recognizes that there are many great examples of promising practices that exist in academia. We ask you to nominate programs and services that contribute to collaboration or integration of student and academic affairs in a college or university setting. We can all benefit from learning about successful educational endeavors in these collaborations from our colleagues.

In order to nominate a Promising Practice, please go to: <http://www.naspa.org/kc/sapaa/promisingpractices.cfm> for the nomination form and the complete details on the application process and timeline.

Nominations will be accepted beginning November 15 through December 15. Promising Practices award recipients will be included in the awards booklet at the NASPA Annual Conference and listed on the SAPAA website. If you have questions about the Promising Practice Award or the submission process, please contact Dan Stypa, the Chair of the Promising Practices Award Selection Committee at stypa@usf.edu or 813-974-1995