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KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER.

AER KC Chair/Co-Chair Election Time! #LeadAER



Reflections from past Co-Chair Darby Roberts:

It's that time again—elections for the new co-chairs of the Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community.

Four years ago, Nathan Lindsay and I joined forces to run as co-chairs of the KC. We were elected in the spring and started our co-chair elect position, learning a great deal from Ellen Meents-DeCaigny and Lance Kennedy-Phillips in that shadow year.

Although Nathan and I weren't exactly sure what we had gotten ourselves into, we had a great support network in the NASPA national office and with the leadership team. We studied the materials provided, asked lots of

questions, attended the monthly NASPA phone calls, and engaged our leadership team using their interests and talents. The time flew by, and before we knew it, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Michael Christakis were shadowing us for a year.

So, the cycle continues as elections are just around the corner. I volunteered to be on the nominations committee to continue to give back to the KC. As I was reflecting on my experiences, I wanted to share some of the opportunities I had.

- ◆ I learned more about the inner workings of NASPA. They really do rely on Knowledge Communities to engage the membership at all levels in a variety of ways. I knew NASPA

was a complex organization; being a KC co-chair showed me how intricate it actually is.

- ◆ I met amazing people. This is an opportunity to meet the NASPA staff, other KC leaders, and the leadership team across the country. What a great way to network and learn more about other campuses and other's interests. I was always excited to see the leadership team face to face because most of our interactions were on the phone or by email.
- ◆ I am more deeply committed to NASPA as my organization of choice for professional development. Because I know the effort it takes to select sessions, keynote speakers, program tracks, etc. for the national conference and the Assessment and Persistence



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2015 NASPA Region IV-West Conference

The NASPA Region IV-W Conference Committee invites you to join us in Beaver Creek, CO in November 2015 to reflect on our collective and individual goals, passions, and purposes of NASPA and student affairs. This year's conference theme is "Renew, Elevate, Embrace: A Journey To A Higher Level" We want to not only focus on the mission of NASPA, but on how the missions of our programs, departments, and institutions impact our students. We want to honor those who have dedicated their lives as educators, developers, mentors, and service providers for our students. We recognize and honor the efforts student affairs professionals have made towards encouraging social justice and the continued work needed to create an equitable and just society.

Head on over [HERE](#) to register and to see more information about the Region IV-West Conference



2015 NASPA Region IV-East Conference

Region IV-East is home to so many institutions of higher education, student-affairs graduate-preparation programs, and significant milestones that have shaped the history and importance of our work, making this year truly a celebration as we experience a rebirth – a Renaissance – of commitment to professional leadership as a community of educators.

After a variety of pre-conference institutes and topical workshops, the conference will begin and end with important keynote sessions delivered by outstanding scholar-leaders in our field. An array of educational sessions, tracked for content and experience level, and a number of special events and activities will celebrate everyone and everything IV-East! We know you will find great value and reward in your decision to attend.

Head on over [HERE](#) see more information about the Region IV-East Conference

NASPA—Live Briefings:

This live briefing is of particular interest to those in the AER KC—Check it out!

What Matters To Students? Using the Critical Incident Technique in Student Affairs Assessment

Nov. 4 – 2:00 p.m. EST – [What Matters to Students? Using the Critical Incident Technique in Student Affairs Assessment](#)

This briefing provides a detailed overview of the critical incident technique, highlights its benefits and limitations, and offers specific recommendations for applications of the CIT in higher education/ student affairs assessment practice.

Interested in the full list of live briefings? Find them [HERE](#)!

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Conference, I have a responsibility in making sure the professional development is high quality and relevant to our members.

- ♦ I had the responsibility to keep with the current literature in the assessment world. I like to read and learn anyway, so this was fairly easy for me. But, there is also the responsibility to create knowledge as well, so that kept me on my toes.
- ♦ I learned more about leading a group. I have chaired numerous committees on my campus, but co-chairing a leadership team of about 15 people from coast to coast, with varying levels of experience and commitment was a new experience. Delegating, communication, and accountability were incredibly important to ensure that we were reaching our goals, meeting NASPA's expectations, and not driving ourselves crazy. We are all busy people, so we had to keep a realistic perspective and create manageable tasks.

All that to say: I hope that you will consider becoming more involved in the KC leadership. You may be at the point of running for co-chair, you might be interested in being a regional representative on the leadership team, or you might be interested in being on a committee to get your feet wet without too much of a commitment. Whatever your interest level, being more involved provides you with opportunities and maintains the health of NASPA.

To submit interest go to [Volunteer Central](#) and select interest in the Assessment, Evaluation, and Research KC Chair/Co-Chair position. You can also find a full KC Chair/Co-Chair position description [here](#).

If you have questions about the position or how to submit nominations and information please contact the KC Nominating Committee (Ellen Meents-Decaigny atemeentsd@depaul.edu).

NASPA Western Regional Conference



I Love Assessment Campaign



Do you have assessment-related resources that you wish to share with the region? Are you hoping to learn more about assessment tools and resources being utilized in Region V and VI?

As your Region V and VI Assessment Knowledge Community Co-Representatives, we are here to help:

Region V: Whitney Brown, Coordinator of Student Affairs Research, Assessment and Staff Development at University of Alaska, Anchorage, WABrown3@uaa.alaska.edu

Region VI: Lori Durako, Assistant Director for Student Leadership at Santa Clara University, ldurako@scu.edu and Dr. Jennifer Miller, Director of Student Affairs Assessment, Research and Staff Development at CSU Channel Islands, Jennifer.miller@csuci.edu

We love assessment. We want Region V and VI to love assessment, too. Please e-mail us your assessment resources, adventures, and/or tell us what you do at work to make assessment fun and effective.

We look forward to working and learning from you during 2015-2016.

-Whitney Brown, Lori Durako and Dr. Jennifer Miller

Your Region V and VI Assessment KC Representatives

NASPA Western Regional Conference activities:

I Love Assessment Social

Monday, November 9th @ 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Inviting all assessment, research, and data enthusiasts to the I Love Assessment Social sponsored by the NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community. Come snap a photo in the "I love assessment" photo booth, grab an "I Love Assessment pin," and share your assessment story, and mingle with student affairs assessment leaders.





NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community Mission Statement

The NASPA Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community encourages and supports student affairs professionals, faculty and graduate students at institutions across the country and throughout the world as they systematically assess learning, evaluate programs, and research theory and practice as it relates to our profession. By providing quality education and networking opportunities for those that engage in assessment, evaluation and research in student affairs, the Knowledge Community strives to serve as a driving force in the movement towards improved student learning.

Important Links

NASPA Homepage

<http://www.naspa.org/>

NASPA Annual Conference Homepage

<http://conference2016.naspa.org/>

Assessment and Persistence Conference

<http://www.naspa.org/events/2016APC>

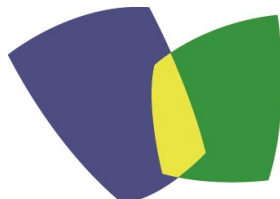
AER KC Homepage

<http://www.naspa.org/constituent-groups/kcs/assessment-evaluation-and-research>

AER Resources Page

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**If you have resources you think would make good additions to this page please send them to Kisubika@illinois.edu.*



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****New Posts every Wednesday!!****

Follow us [@NASPA_AERKC](https://twitter.com/NASPA_AERKC)

Join our the AER Blog!!

There are two great ways to be a part of the conversation on the AER KC Blog.

1. Sign-up to contribute and be published on the blog!

Read a great journal article? You can summarize it for the blog. Been working on some research or a great new process of assessment—give us the low down and share it with the whole AER Community. Contact Melissa Kisubika (Kisubika@illinois.edu) for information or sign up **HERE**

2. Comment on a blog post and keep conversations going!

Be sure to adjust your settings in your member profile to make sure you receive the blog digest for all KC's.

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