



AGAPSS Newsletter - September 2017

Upcoming Lunch & Learn . . .

Please join us for our next Lunch and Learn webinar series! On Thursday, September 14, Jenna Lenhardt, Ph.D., will present "Strategic Thinking: Data is your friend. How to motivate change in Higher Education". Jenna is the Assistant Director of Student Services and Outreach at the Saunders College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Click [here](#) to register! The webinar will begin at 12:00pm EST.



Award Selection Committee Members Sought!

Are you looking to become more involved with the AGAPSS Knowledge Community? Do you have an interest in helping with recognition efforts of those outstanding administrators in graduate and professional student services? We know there are many!

This year's AGAPSS Awards Committee encourages you to consider volunteering as a selection committee member. If you are interested, please email Coren O'Hara (ceohara@uncc.edu) a brief paragraph about your experience working with graduate and professional students. The initial call for nominations will be sent out in late September/early October; award nominations are due to NASPA by Nov. 28, 2017.

AGAPSS Pre-Conference . . .

AGAPSS Pre-Conference registration details coming soon!

Discrimination, Not just an Undergraduate Issue: A special focus on discriminatory behavior experienced at the graduate and professional level

Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 9 am- 4 pm

Administrators in graduate and professional school student affairs assist students who have experienced discrimination and are uniquely qualified to provide support and resources. Discrimination as experienced by graduate and professional students can be different than what is typically experienced in undergraduate programs. This full-day pre-conference to be held at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate Student Center will allow student affairs professionals to discuss special considerations in supporting graduate and professional students who have experienced discrimination. Participants will also be encouraged to share best practices for both supporting students and consulting with faculty involved in complex situations. The pre-conference will cover discrimination, bias and bullying that occurs in the following contexts: gender-based, sexual identity, race, ethnicity, nationality (including immigration status), disability, family status, and in the intersections among these contexts. We are pleased to announce that Karen Salvemini, Title IX Coordinator and Equal Opportunity Compliance Coordinator at Lehigh University will be our keynote speaker.

About the Keynote Speaker . . .



Karen A. Salvemini joined the Office of the General Counsel as the Equal Opportunity Compliance Coordinator at Lehigh University in January 2015. As the Equal Opportunity Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Salvemini oversees the University's education and compliance efforts relating to Title IX and other equal opportunity and non-discrimination laws. Ms. Salvemini also serves as the University's Title IX Coordinator, ADA Coordinator, Section 504 Coordinator, and the Age Discrimination Act Coordinator. Ms. Salvemini is also responsible for affirmative action oversight and reporting. Prior to joining Lehigh, Ms. Salvemini was a full-time associate attorney at the law firm of Rhoads & Sinon LLP, located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, working in the Labor and Employment Group of the Civil Litigation Department. Ms. Salvemini frequently presented on various labor and

employment topics and was a contributor to, and editor of, the Rhoads & Sinon LLP Labor & Employment Law Blog.

Ms. Salvemini received her Juris Doctorate degree, magna cum laude, from Widener University School of Law in 2009 and her Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, in English and Criminal Justice at DeSales University in 2006.

Ms. Salvemini is admitted to the bars of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, and the United States District Courts for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. She has been a member of the American, Pennsylvania, and Dauphin County Bar Associations and a Member of the Honorable William W. Lipsitt Inn of Court. Ms. Salvemini is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys and of the Honorary First Defenders, and is a certified investigator.

Region I AGAPSS Drive-In Conference . . .

The [2017 Region I AGAPSS Drive-In Conference](#) will be held Friday, October 20, 2017. Student Affairs professionals from across the region will come together to learn from one another, discuss the critical issues impacting our field, and connect with new and established colleagues.

Join the conversation about how to best serve our Graduate Student populations and those that come to campus with them. We hope to have conversation surrounding best practices and programming for graduate students, international graduate students, non-gender conforming graduate students, parenting graduate students and their families, including spouse/partners and children. This year's theme, "**Creating a Home for our Graduate Student Populations**", takes into consideration all aspects affecting our graduate student's life, including the effects of the political climate on admission to U.S. universities. Our day will open with a trend-focused talk by Rena Cheskis-Gold, CEO and Founder of Demographic Perspectives, LLC, a consulting firm focused on providing data and analysis for strategy, assessment, communications, and managing change within Higher Ed and Non-Profits. A tour of Harvard University Housing, including units and common spaces, and a short reception will end the day.

For questions about the day, please contact Kevin Boehm kevin_boehm@gse.harvard.edu.

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