

Careers in Student Affairs Conference
“Shaping the World We Live In”
University at Albany
October 6, 2017

8:15AM – 9AM

Breakfast, Registration and Check-in Open

9AM – 10AM

Opening Keynote – Dr. James R. Stellar, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NOTE: Registration, Check-In, Opening Keynote and Lunch will be hosted in the Campus Center Ballroom

Block 1

10 – 10:45AM

Presenter: Courtney D'Allaird, Assistant Director, Intercultural Student Engagement, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Social Justice Positions, Social Justice Lives: A conversation about advocacy on campus and censorship

Program Overview: The hiring and subsequent firing of Dr. Higgins at the Claremont Colleges in California has left many wondering whose next. As we advocate for students to bring their whole self to campus and to their communities, we as Student Affairs professionals have to ask ourselves the same questions. How do we authentically show up? How do we model Social Justice?

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Personal and Ethical Foundations, Social Justice and Inclusion, Leadership

Presenter: William Murphy, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Homeland Security, St. John's University

Program Title: Widening the Gap: Leveraging Gap Years into enhanced Retention, Persistence and Employment Outcomes

Program Overview: News broke of First Daughter Malia Obama's decision to defer enrollment into Harvard to pursue a 'gap year', web traffic to the American Gap Association website increased by 1,600% overnight. An estimated 40,000 American youth Participated in some form of organized gap year program during 2015. Join a guided and interactive exploration of the growing gap year phenomenon the makeup of gap year students, types of gap year experiences, career readiness competencies developed by a gap year and best practices for supporting a student returning from or considering a gap year.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Student Learning and Development, Advising and Supporting

Presenter: Dr. Dolores Cimini, Assistant Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, Dr. Estela M. Rivero, Director Counseling and Psychological Services, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Leading a Peer Education Program: Weighing the Benefits and Costs

Program Overview: While evidence- based peer education programs can be an effective component of a comprehensive campus strategy addressing college student risk behaviors such as alcohol, other drug abuse, and violence, it is critical to consider the foundations and infrastructures on which these programs are developed, implemented and evaluated.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Leadership, Advising and Supporting

Block 2

11 – 11:45AM

Presenter: Brian Freidenberg, Clinical Psychologist/ Addictive Behavior Specialist, Kelsey Kangos, Social Norms Campaign Assistant Coordinator, Laura Longo, Research Assistant, University at Albany, SUNY, Ashley Lewis, Community Liaison, St. Peter's Health Partners

Program Title: Implementation and Results of a Social Norms Campaign for Student Athletes

Program Overview: Student athletes have been identified as an at-risk group for alcohol misuse and abuse. The program will discuss the implementation of evidence-based public health-informed strategy—a student athlete focused social norm campaign

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Assessment, Evaluation, and Research, Student Learning and Development, leadership, Advising and Supporting

Presenter: Dr. Estela M. Rivero, Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, Dr. Dolores M. Cimini, Assistant Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, Dr. Graciela A. Desemone, Clinical Physician, Student Health Services, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Engaging “Human Capital”: Fostering Collaboration and Stakeholder Enthusiasm for alcohol and other drug prevention in Student Affairs and beyond.

Program Overview: In recent years, the alcohol and other drug prevention and intervention field has made great advances in clarifying what works to reduce alcohol use and related negative consequences among college students. The central goal of this proposed workshop is to identify and examine the process-related underpinnings of successful evidence-based alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and intervention programs.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Organizational and Human Resources, Leadership

Presenter: Julia Davis, Chair and Associate Professor Counselor Education/Student Affairs and Higher Education Program Coordinator

Program Title: Strategically Planning your Career in Student Affairs

Program Overview: Participants in this round table discussion will outline their short term and long-term career plans. This interactive activity will assist participants in creating a strategic plan to attain their career goals.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Personal and Ethical Foundations, Organizational and Human Resources

LUNCH

Block 3

1:15 – 2:00PM

Presenter: Carol Stenger, Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Developing a Comprehensive Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness Campaign for the College Community

Program Overview: This program will describe the ways in which University at Albany has exceeded the state and federal mandates for training students on sexual violence prevention through an approach that incorporates student leaders, peer educators, key campus constituents as well as community partners to optimize success, broaden our reach and reduce sexual violence.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Leadership, Student Learning and Development

Presenter: Sarah Nolan, Staff Psychologist, Dr. Joyce Dewitt-Parker, Staff Psychologist, Karen Sokolowski, Staff Psychologist, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: The role of counseling center professionals on College Campuses

Program Overview: In this program, psychologists from a large university counseling center will discuss current trends in college counseling. Specifically, we will present basic information on our roles in a large counseling center setting, as well as our roles in the division of Student Affairs and across campus. This will include a discussion of our roles as clinicians, consultants, supervisors and instructors.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Student Learning and Development, Advising and Supporting

Presenter: Krista Saleet, Director, Center for Outreach, Volunteerism, and Education, Colgate University, Christopher Kurelich, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, SUNY Cortland

Program Title: Public Policy: Bringing Student Affairs to the Table

Program Overview: Policy makers at both the state and national level are increasingly focusing on issues directly impacting student affairs. How prepared are Student Affairs professionals to effectively engage in the political process? What strategies can we employ to effectively engage policymakers?

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Law, Policy and Governance, Leadership

Block 4

2:15 – 3:00PM

Presenter: Karen Sokolowski, Staff Psychologist, Joseph Monserrat, Staff Psychologist, Craig Kimmelblatt, Staff Psychologist, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Innovative, Evidence-based and Fun: Delivering Effective Programs to Undergraduate Students

Program Overview: This program will offer suggestions for developing programs that are both innovative and evidence-based, while creating an engaging learning environment for undergraduate students.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Assessment, Evaluation, and Research and Student Learning Development

Presenter: Emily Feuer, Career Counselor, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: The Attributes for Fraternity and Sorority Professionals

Program Overview: This program will present original research of 44 positions based on attributes required/ preferred in fraternity/ sorority positions, but also for Student Affairs positions in general

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Leadership

Presenter: John Reilly, Senior Counsel, Chantelle Cleary, Assistant Vice President for Equity and Compliance, Leanne Wirkkula, Vice President for Planning, Policy and Compliance, University at Albany, SUNY

Program Title: Identifying Legal and Compliance Issues in Student Affairs

Program Overview: As Peter Lake (Professor of Law, Charles A. Dana chair and Director of the Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy at Stetson University College of Law) notes, University and college campus administrators are increasingly required to keep current with the ever-changing regulatory and legal landscape affecting the modern higher education environment. This session is designed to touch on some of those issues while providing you with an opportunity to seek consultation on how you can tackle them on your campus.

NASPA Professional Competency Areas: Leadership, Law, Policy and Governance

3 – 3:45PM

Closing Remarks – Dr. Michael Christakis, Vice President for Student Affairs and Region 2 Director

4 – 5:15PM

Networking and Business Card Swap – Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and the Department of Education Policy and Leadership, University at Albany