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SPA Internships: A Perspective

Learning through supervised practice, in student affairs and other higher education areas, is accomplished through enrollment in graduate internship courses, CSP 624 and CSP 625. Assigning six credit hours to this core area verifies the importance of such preparation for the profession. Through such practical endeavors, SPA graduate students are able to assess and develop abilities and skills, examine career interests, significantly expand professional networks and appreciate the work environment enjoyed by professionals in the field. In addition, interns become aware of ways they can and do make a difference. These are special accomplishments and rewards!

Surveys of SPA alumni and internship supervisors have indicated that internship performance can lead to employment (1/3 of alumni report this being the case) since students have a chance to "show what they can do". In relation, internship supervisors are recognized as most important references for SPA students and alumni.

Demographic and statistical information, relevant to the internship program and its overall impact, includes the following:

- three hundred internship hours is the standard for the approximately 160 SPA graduate preparation programs that are offered in the United States;
- typically, 40 SPA students are engaged in internships each semester and total 450-500 weekly work hours;
- the 450-500 weekly hours equal the hours output of 12 full time employees; typically, 30-35% of the interns are assigned to sites at Buffalo State College; the other interns (number = 25-27) are assigned to other regional higher education institutions or community agencies; there are hundreds of internship sites available many created by SPA alumni and students.

As the SPA graduate department serves many within higher education it is important to recognize that professionals in the field support the developmental needs of our students and graduate program. There is a mutual appreciation and respect for our service to each other!

To respond to the contents of this article, and further examine the SPA internship program, contact Dr. Tim Gallineau @ Bacon Hall 310 or any of our SPA graduate faculty. Internship information packets are available at the SPA Department Office, Bacon Hall 214C

Why should you read this?

- ☺ You will learn about internships, the RAD scholarship, and information regarding the SPA Conference.
- ☺ You will be introduced to Dr. Kimberly Kline and student Brian Dubenion.
- ☺ You will find helpful and useful websites inside!

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Respectfully Submitted,
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SPA Internship Coordinator

First RAD Scholarship Awarded!

Vanessa Haddad is a graduate of the Individualized Studies B.S. program at Buffalo State College with concentrations in fine arts and psychology. She is very excited to be graduating from the Student Personnel Administration program this May. She currently works as a graduate assistant for the Student Personnel Administration department, a research assistant for the Equal Opportunity Program's Freshman Mentoring Program, an intern in academic advisement, and is the communication chair for the Graduate

Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

She is extremely proud and thankful to be the first recipient of the Robert A. Davis (R.A.D.) Memorial Scholarship. The opportunity that she has been given by the R.A.D. board will allow her to head to Boston for the 2008 NASPA National Meeting, where she will volunteer, interview for jobs, attend workshops, and meet other like minded professionals.

Her plans for the future include working with at-risk student populations, pursuing a Ph.D. focused



Vanessa Haddad
RAD Scholarship Recipient

on comparative education, becoming a researcher, and becoming a professor. Congratulations to Vanessa Haddad on being the first RAD scholarship recipient.

www.buffalostate.edu/spa/scholarship.xml

RAD Dessert Social

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30pm the Internship II Class will be holding the annual Robert A. Davis Scholarship Dessert Social. This dessert social will be held in the Student Union Assembly Hall where students, staff faculty, and alumni will be able to enjoy networking, entertainment, raffles, as well as wonderful desserts.

The Internship II class is working hard to prepare a wonderful event. Some of the jobs and responsibilities the class is partaking in include finding raffle sponsorships from local businesses, scheduling a location, advertising the event, as well as developing a 3-year strategic plan for RAD. This class is working to increase the excitement and funding for the scholarships. This entire

event is for fundraising for the scholarship! Please join the members of this class and Dr. Wanda M. Davis, Professor, for a wonderful and fun event that will be forever remembered!

RAD Dessert Social

Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:30pm

Student Union Assembly Hall

\$3 at the door

Faculty/Staff Spotlight: Dr. Kimberly Kline

Kimberly Kline is Assistant Professor in the Student Personnel Administration Department at State University of New York College at Buffalo. Her research interests include social justice issues, moral and cognitive development, outcomes assessment, well being and reflective practice. Her latest publication is titled "Professional development in student affairs: From learning about diversity to building just communities" in Readings on Equal Education. She has co-authored several articles on outcomes assessment including "Program Review: A spectrum of perspectives and practices" with Karen Black in The scholarship of assessment, edited by Trudy W. Banta (Jossey-Bass).

Dr. Kline has worked in the areas of assessment and planning, academic support, student life and leadership development over the past fifteen years. She has taught courses in educational theory, outcomes assessment, student affairs, professional development and adventure-based education, and has consulted with a number of colleges and universities on staffing practices and assessment issues.

Dr. Kimberly Kline is currently teaching CSP 650 - Student

Assessment: Tests and Measurement, CSP 689 - Methods and Techniques of Educational Research as well as CSP

623 - Techniques II: Theories of Counseling for a Multicultural Society.

The Buffalo State SPA Department is honored to have Dr. Kimberly Kline and welcomes her with a warm heart!

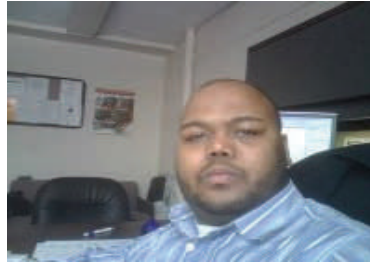


Dr. Kimberly Kline
Assistant Professor
SPA Program

Student Spotlight: Brian Dubenion

Brian D. Dubenion currently serves as the President of GASPA. Brian has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Last year he was awarded "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities (Graduate)" and the Hamlin Park Community Service Scholarship to recognize his service to Buffalo State College and the local community. He was also recognized at our

annual SPA Conference for outstanding contributions to our program. Brian brings a positive and outgoing personality to both the program and GASPA and is always willing to assist and support others throughout whatever they may be



Brian Dubenion
SPA Student & GASPA President

doing. So if you see Brian around say hello and commend him on his hard work and dedication!

A Look Back!

The Buffalo State Student Personnel Administration Annual Conference has quite the history and this special event has brought great recognition to Buffalo State and the SPA graduate program. This conference has served many professionals in the field, as well as those interested in the field of higher education. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity in the future!

**Buffalo
State SPA
Conference
1995-2007**

Conference Demographics From 1995-2007

Number of Graduate Students Served: 1062 (including 12 graduate student conference chairs)

Number of Participating Professionals in the Field: 457 (includes attendees, presenters, and distinguished guests)

Higher Education Institutions Represented: 44

(Including—BSC, UB, Canisius, Daemen, D'Youville, ECC, Hilbert, Indiana, Bloomington, PA, Lincoln University, Indiana State, Clemson, Northwestern, Northern Illinois, University of Pittsburgh, Gannon, Niagara University, St. Bonaventure, Stony Brook, Long Island University, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Fredonia, Geneseo, Oneonta, RPI, MCC, NCC, JCC, CCC, GCC, University of Maryland, Portland State, RIT, U of Rochester, Houghton, Medaille, Hofstra, Hobart and William Smith, Ohio University, Nazareth, St. John Fisher, Howard, Richard Stockton)

Keynote Presenters: Muriel Howard, Sr. Denise Roche, William Mariani, Dennis Black, Mary Beth Cooper, Susan Komives, Robert Young, Lemuel Watson, George Kuh, Margaret Barr, Mary Howard Hamilton, John Moore, Dean Reinhard, Orlando Taylor

Special Honorees (SPA Alums): Sheila Hausrath, Kate Ward, Tim Ecklund, Marsha Jackson, Leon Smith, David Ascencio, Gail Maloney

Distinguished Service to Higher Education and Student Affairs: Dennis Black, Tom Quatroche Sr., Margaret Barr, George Kuh, Mary Howard Hamilton, Thomas Flynn, Orlando Taylor

Respectfully submitted, Timothy L. Gallineau, D.Ed.

Important Dates

- ◆ March 5 - Conference interviewing & Etiquette
- ◆ March 19 - GASPA Meeting @ 7:30pm (Bacon Hall)
- ◆ April 2 - GASPA Meeting @7:30pm (Bacon Hall)
- ◆ April 7 - SPA Comps
- ◆ April 15 - GASPA E-Board Elections/RAD Dessert Social @ 7:30pm (Student Union Assembly Hall - \$3)
- ◆ April 16 - GASPA Meeting @ 7:30pm (Bacon Hall)
- ◆ April 30 - GASPA Meeting @ 7:30pm (Bacon Hall)

Fun Corner



Send your pictures to
Matthew Foster at
matthew.foster@fredonia.edu

Want to put a picture in
the newsletter?



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GASPA is committed to bridging the gap between graduate education and professional practice, and thus, the GASPA Web site provides information about the organization to prospective members, while supplying another communication avenue for current members and alumni.



Important and Helpful Websites:

www.higheredjobs.com

www.studentaffairs.com

www.buffalostate.edu/spa/scholarship.xml

www.chronicle.com

www.naspa.org

www.myacpa.org

www.higher-ed.org

Where are they now?

Where are some SPA Alumni now? Take a look!

This could be you someday!

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Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
SUNY Fredonia

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Dr. Timothy Ecklund

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Buffalo State College

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