

# HESAL Happenings

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## Outstanding HESAL Students

### Kelly Jacobson



Kelly Jacobson is the recipient of the Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA) New Professional Award. Kelly is the Assistant Director of Community Standards and Conflict Resolution in the Dean of Students Office at the University of Northern Colorado. Kelly's success and award is celebrated because she is a PhD student in the HESAL program and a role model for future students. We will briefly tell you about what Kelly's job entails and her reaction to receiving the award.

In her role, Kelly meets with students who allegedly violate the student code of conduct, and the majority of Kelly's time is spent working on conflict resolution. The conflict she addresses encompasses everything from community standards that students allegedly violated, to private discussions with students about peer, professor, or staff conflict. The conflict that Kelly deals with can ultimately change every day. She uses a restorative discipline philosophy when working with students, which includes discussion of determining harm that resulted from behaviors and how that harm can be repaired. In order to positively impact the students she meets with, sanctions given are developmentally and educationally appropriate. Kelly has to handle, on an everyday basis, the diverse needs of students that walk into her office.

The most important part of the job for Kelly is the personal contact, meeting with the students. She truly enjoys helping students make meaning of their circumstances and experiences. Kelly believes she is able to positively serve students due to the supportive environment in which she works. She appreciates the student-centered staff in the Dean of Students Office, which operates intentionally and collaboratively.

It is important to mention that Kelly is a Ph.D. student in the HESAL program. She started the program in 2007. We are very proud of the success Kelly has had in her career and especially with the work she is doing for students at UNC. Kelly may have been shocked and honored to receive the award but HESAL faculty, HESAL students, UNC staff and administrators were not shocked at all. Kelly expressed that she felt grateful for the opportunities that she had been given and appreciative for the HESAL program. Kelly has earned everything she has accomplished and that is why she is being celebrated.

## Outstanding HESAL Students Cont'd

### Randall Langston



HESAL PhD student Randall Langston has recently been named as a peer reviewer for the Fulbright Specialist Program. Randall is currently the Executive Director of Enrollment Management at UNC, where he provides strategic leadership for admissions, financial aid, and the registrar's office. In his role, Randall collaborates with others in such areas as financial aid leveraging, predictive modeling, marketing, and enrollment projections. Additionally, he works closely with senior administrators in setting tuition and financial aid award practices. Randall enjoys the collaborative aspect of his job, but he also enjoys presenting at conferences, engaging in statistical data analysis, writing narrative and publishing for professional organizations.

The Fulbright Scholar Program was established in 1946 and sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to our country. There are two types of Fulbright scholars: Student Fulbright and Practitioner/Scholar Fulbright Specialists. Randall will be working with practitioners and scholars during his term. As a member of a peer review team, Randall will be part of a panel responsible for determining which U.S. faculty and professionals are able to participate in scholarship overseas. These recommendations are then reviewed for official selection by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which is composed of a twelve member team appointed by the President of the United States. Scholarship Board recommendations then go to U.S Embassies internationally for final candidate matching.

Typically those selected to serve on the Practitioner/Scholar review team are faculty members. However, a limited number of appointments are reserved for administrators with "specialized experience, recognized professional standing, and substantial professional accomplishments". Due to Randall's professional experiences he recently received his acceptance letter from the council. Randall's term will be from, August 2010 – January 2012. He will review applications four times a year as part of a yearly cycle. As a peer reviewer he will assess the applicant's professional qualifications, scholarly background, personal qualities (collegiality, cultural sensitivity), and previous international experience within the context of the program's objectives and review criteria. Being part of the Fulbright Specialist Peer Review teams are certainly an honor and Randall is excited to participate and offer recommendations!



## Recent Academic and Professional Accomplishments of the HESAL Community

### Student Updates

**Chris Mullen:** Presented *More Data! Using Multiple Data Sources to Improve Practice*. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators; and *Roundtable Discussion: A S.W.O.T. Analysis of the Institutions in the IACURH Region*. Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls No Frills. He received the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls 2011 Advisor of the Year Award. He attended three conferences: The Placement Exchange 2011, NASPA 2011, IACURH No Frills 2011.

**Bobby Kunstman:** Continued his term for National GLBT Knowledge Community Chair for NASPA. He received the Outstanding Mid-Level Professional for Region IV-W, NASPA. He also received the Outstanding Mid-Level Professional for NASPA.

**Reyna Anaya:** Was awarded the 2010-2011 College of Education & Behavioral Science Honors Convocation Award for HESAL. Had a journal article accepted to *Intersections: Women's and Gender studies in Review across Disciplines at The University of Texas at Austin*. Title of article: Graduate Students Mothers of Color: The Intersectionality between Graduate Student, Motherhood and Women of Color in Higher Education.

**Erin Dewese:** Was offered a new position at CU-Boulder as the Coordinator for Cultural Programming, and will be leaving her current position as Residence Hall Director for North Hall at UNC.

**Chris Linder:** Had two presentations at ACPA, *Supporting Students of Color Experiencing Racism in Classrooms*, and *Understanding White Privilege and Feminism: Stories of Undergraduate College Women*. She also received the Outstanding Dissertation Award as well as the Dean's Citation for Excellence.

### HESAL MA Graduates:

Tiffany Pendleton  
Jared Payton  
Brittany Bohl

### Alumni Updates

**Michael Viney:** Just completed his 26th year serving at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. This also completes his 11th year as Assistant Chancellor for Student Affairs. Both him and his wife (Rhonda Viney, Director of Student Housing at UW-Platteville) Will be retiring on June 30, 2011.

**Therese Lask:** Director, Student Support Services at Aims Community College, recently entered into a partnership with Gallup's Education division to teach online series of professional development seminars on

curriculum she developed for the Strength's Finder Inventory. Part of the agreement with Gallup is the publishing of the workbook she wrote "Life as a River: *Reflecting on the Past, Enhancing the Present, Strengthening the Future*". She is currently conducting a series of free webinars titled "Building a Strengths based TRIO Program" offered on a monthly basis through Gallup.

**Daniel Carey:** This February, he assumed the chair of the board role for the National Association of Independent colleges and universities. Commonly referred to as NAICU, this is an association of nearly 1000 Independent colleges and universities in the US. The primary function is to lobby in support of student financial aid programs and to work closely with other higher education associations regarding regulations and policies. Daniel feels that this is a critical time with all the budget discussions and the future of the Pell Grant program being debated. In June Edgewood will be hosting their sixth annual workshop for individuals considering a college presidency. It's a program Daniel started at Edgewood College six years ago.

## Alumni Updates Cont'd

**Richard G Mandeville:** Is completing his 21st year as the Associate Dean of Students at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. Richard's kids were both four when him and his wife left UNC to sail around the world with Semester at Sea. Immediately following the voyage him and his wife went to Whitworth. Their daughter, Chelsea, attended Whitworth and is a flight attendant living in Portland, Oregon. Their son, Garrett, is a graduate of Notre Dame and currently teaching at the College of St. George in Santiago, Chile.

**Michelle Viterbo Elghardui:** In Fall 2010, she joined the faculty of Zayed University in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. She is an instructor and Academic Advisor in the Department of Advising and Academic Development within the University College. I recently received a grant from the university to research first-year experience programs worldwide. Michelle's husband and her are loving life in Dubai and spending as much time at the beach as possible.

**Patty Armfield Witkowsky:** Patty and her husband, Scott, had a son, Quinn Maxwell Witkowsky on March 4th, 2011. She is the 2011-2012 Chair of Commission for Wellness with ACPA. She is still working at CSU-Pueblo as the Student Affairs Program Manager. She had an article published in Oracle: Sisters Leading Together: The Experience of Recruitment Counselors During Sorority Recruitment. She received the Outstanding Professional Award from

the College Personnel Association of Colorado in January.

**Jody Donovan:** Has been serving as the Interim Dean of Students since July 2011 and will continue indefinitely. She also developed and taught Student Development Theory for the online Student Affairs in Higher Education certificate program at Colorado State University this spring.

**David Smart:** David was on the HESAL (CSPA) faculty from 1969 to 1992. David's wife, Julie, got her doctorate from the UNC Human Services department in 1989. They've been in Utah since 1992---Julie as a Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling at Utah State University and David as a Professor of Counseling Psychology at Brigham Young University. David just got emeritus status as he retired from full time work at BYU where he has been in a phased retirement since 2008. He has been an active researcher since coming to BYU where he served as Assistant Director of the Counseling Center and chair of the center's research committee. Under his research direction, the center established a database (it's still growing) that has provided outcome data on 218,331 therapy sessions for the completion of 35 doctoral dissertations in clinical psychology and 10 dissertations in counseling psychology from 1996 to 2011. This data set has been sliced and diced in numerous ways to provide insight into the who, what and how of psychotherapy. Many of the studies have been published. One au-

thor called the counseling center staff "the most studied therapists in the world." Julie continues in her work at USU where she has just finished the manuscript for her second textbook, *Disability Across the Developmental Lifespan*, to be published by Springer in 2011. She was program chair for 10 years and the USU Rehab. Counseling program was just rated 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation in *U.S. News and World Report*. David was nominated and is in the running to be named as a Fellow in Division 17, Counseling Psychology, in the American Psychological Association. He is about to start half-time work at the Logan LDS (Mormon) Family Services clinic. Julie continues full time at USU. We are the parents of four and the grandparents of eight. They enjoy a vacation house at Bear Lake, 35 miles up Logan Canyon from our house in Logan, Utah. They remember UNC and Greeley fondly where Julie was President of the UNC Faculty Dames, an organization for the partners of faculty members, before going back to school fulltime at UNC. David remembers the "good ol' days" of CSPA, and before that, CSPW. They wish all of their friends and colleagues at UNC well and they give a cheer for "HESAL forever!!"