



OCPA News

The Official Newsletter of the Ohio College Personnel Association **Conference Edition**

Locating the Center: 5 Dimensions of Student Affairs Practice

We welcome you to join fellow colleagues, students, and scholars in the field of student affairs to celebrate our profession at the 5th joint conference of OASPA and OCPA.

This conference marks a milestone in our state professional development, as we bring another conference, that models collaboration, to the state of Ohio. This annual conference is the student affairs conference that meets the needs of all individuals

working in and supporting higher education.

We hope that you will join us as we gather to celebrate our profession and the partnership of our two major professional organizations.

This year's conference will look at the Five Dimensions of Student Affairs Practice: Collaboration, Diversification, Transformation, Evaluation and Application. We hope that the programs and speakers at this year's conference will welcome

all of us to reflect, plan and engage in learning on how we use all five dimensions in our work with students, colleagues, and the higher education community in this state.

For detailed information about the conference, and even more information as we continue to approach the conference dates, check out the OCPA website at www.ocpaonline.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Worthington this winter!
Kate and Mary Ann
Conference Co-Chairs

Keynote Speaker—Joan Hirt

Joan Hirt, Ph.D. is our featured keynote speaker for the conference. She has over 20 years of experience as a university administrator and faculty member.

She started her career in the California State University system before moving to the University of Arizona where she worked as an Associate Dean of Students.

Since moving to her current faculty position as Associate Professor of Higher Education and Student Affairs at Virginia

Tech, she has authored numerous journal articles and book chapters, has presented over 50 programs at national and regional conferences on student affairs and higher education, and has consulted with over a dozen campuses and corporations. Two of her primary areas of research are the supervision of new professionals and also the impact of institutional type on student affairs practice. Her two books are titled *Supervising New Professionals in Student Affairs and Learning Through*

Supervised Practice in Student Affairs.

She has two articles currently in press titled *Work, relationships, and rewards in student affairs: Differences by institutional type* and *The nature of relationships and rewards for student affairs professionals at liberal arts institutions. (both to be published in the College Student Affairs Journal)*. We look forward to her presence at our conference!



OCPA/OASPA Conference
January 31st - February 2nd

New This Year—Service Project!

OASPA and OCPA are excited to announce the first conference service project!

We all recognize the importance of giving back in our profession, as well as the opportunity to guide new practitioners and scholars into our field.

Therefore, we are partnering with the Caribbean Tertiary Level Personnel Association to help the University of the West

Indies build a student affairs library.

We are asking conference attendees to bring copies (new or used) of student affairs professional books or publications that we will donate to their library. We also welcome past editions of journals or simply great articles! Take a look around those bookshelves and pass along the great knowledge to a

new aspiring student affairs student!

(Books and journals will be collected at registration and throughout the conference)



Silent Auction Returns

Back by popular demand! The annual conference will host the second annual silent auction! Bring those checkbooks, and win a great prize! The Silent Auction proceeds will assist in the shipment of books to the University of West Indies and any additional funds raised will also be donated to their library project.

If you have items to donate to the auction, please contact Jennifer Vestal at Denison University, vestal@denison.edu. You can donate spirit items from your institution, from local businesses near your campus, or even tickets or information for an event on your campus.

Hotel Information

We are returning to the Radisson Hotel in Worthington, Ohio! The location is conveniently located just north of Columbus at the intersection of I-270 and State Route 23. The hotel has a block of rooms reserved at a rate of \$78.00 a night. Contact the hotel directly for room reservations. www.radisson.com/worthingtonoh

Case Study

The annual conference will again host the Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition. Graduate students or new professional (2 years or less experience in the field) will be invited to participate. Specific information is posted on the conference website, but to register for the competition, or for more information, contact Colette Masterson the Case Study Chair and OCPA Graduate Student Member-at-Large, 614-247-5860, masterson.6@osu.edu.

OCPA/OASPA Awards

Please take the time to nominate your friends and colleagues! The OCPA/OASPA Awards deadline is *Friday, January 5, 2007*. All awards will be presented at the annual awards program on Thursday, February 1, 2007. Take time to recognize someone today. For full awards information, check out the OCPA website at www.ocpaonline.org, or contact the Awards Chair, Kimberly M. Ferguson, kfergus2@capital.edu.

Pre-Conference Workshop

The Diversity Pre-Conference for OCPA this year will focus on Diversity Competence in Student Affairs. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect upon a wide array of diversity issues and to learn about how to enhance their competence with diversity issues in a holistic manner.

Break-out sessions will include topics on oppression and privilege, class issues, and

lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, inter-sexed, queer and questioning issues. The Pre-Conference will be held on Wednesday, January 31 from 12pm to 5pm. Lunch and materials will be provided.

There is a \$25 fee to attend with a full conference registration. If you would like to just attend the pre-conference workshop, and not the full conference, the fee is \$35.

Register for the pre-conference on the general conference registration form. For more information, or if you have questions, contact Annie Russell, the OCPA Diversity Chair, Annie Russell, 740-597-3004, russele1@ohio.edu.

OASPA will be offering a pre-conference workshop on Legal Issues in Higher Education. Check the website for more details!

Registration is open!

www.ocpaonline.org

Deadline: January 12th!

Post-Conference Workshop: Job Search Boot Camp!

Will you be looking for your first or second full-time job in Student Affairs within the next few months or the next year?

OCPA/OASPA is hosting a new post-conference opportunity with a focus on the Student Affairs Job Search on Friday, February 2nd.

Members who are interested in presenting or attending should plan on staying after the conference until about 5 pm. "Job Search Boot Camp" will help job seekers flex their organization muscles, strengthen their marketing

power, and stretch their decision-making skills. The focus of the afternoon will span four main topics, including:

- understanding the hiring process timeline across student affairs function areas
- marketing yourself from the first contact to the interview
- researching colleges and finding institutional fit
- considering the factors involved in deciding whether to accept or reject a job offer

Job Search Boot Camp will follow up from the Resume

Review hosted during the conference. Time to get serious about the job search – it's more than just your resume!

We hope you'll be able to join us for an afternoon of reflecting on your strengths and goals, making connections with other professionals, and developing a game plan for your Student Affairs job search. At the end of the day, you'll be energized and ready to take on the search!

Please contact Kelli Raker at kraker@capital.edu with questions or suggestions!

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