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# Counselors Corner: A Newsletter of the Department of Counselor Education

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Fall Semester, 2012

## DEPARTMENT OFFERS NEW BRIDGE AND CAS PROGRAMS

The Department of Counselor Education is proud to announce new programs being offered to students. The first program, a mental health “bridge” program, allows students either in the school or college emphasis to take 12 additional credit hours to become eligible for licensure as a mental health counselor, according to department chair Tom Hernandez. The required credit hours include Diagnosis & Treatment Planning, Counseling in Mental Health Settings, and a two-semester internship at a mental health site (Implementation I and II). The good news for students is that the department does not require that students in the bridge

program prepare another research-based thesis. Students are also able to bridge from mental health to college or school counseling by taking Counseling in School Settings or Counseling in College Settings and a two-semester internship. Additionally, the Certificate of Advanced Studies program for school counselors who need to complete 12 credits for permanent New York State certification is now offered on line as well as in the classroom. Web pages are currently under development at the Department website that will have further information about the bridge and CAS programs. In the meanwhile, please contact your advisor or call the Department at (585) 395-2258.

## INTEGRATION STUDENTS HELP BROCKPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH

As the tragedy began to unfold on the Brockport campus surrounding the death of freshman student Alex Kogut, students in the Department of Counselor Education’s Integration class were called upon to offer support to the grieving campus community.

Integration students were asked to come to the campus on October 1, the night of the campus-wide vigil for Alex.

Students provided on-site grief and crisis counseling to some of the nearly

1,000 students, faculty, and staff who gathered to mourn in the Student Union Ballroom.

According to Dr. Summer Reiner, Integration instructor, the practicum students performed professionally as they mingled and had therapeutic conversations with students and others of The College at Brockport community. Great work Integration students!

Abbreviated Edition

We hope that you find this brief edition of Counselors Corner informative and, hopefully, inspirational as you learn about recent successes of your colleagues and about professional development and scholarly opportunities available to you. Thank you

Bob Dobmeier and Steve Kassirer

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“MY CHALLENGE TO EACH OF YOU IS TO BECOME LINKED TO THIS CONVERSATION. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD THROUGH ACTION, AND TO BECOME PART OF THIS NATIONAL DIALOGUE”  
TOM HERNANDEZ,  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR

### CHAIR'S NOTE

Exciting things continue to happen for the Department of Counselor Education, and so I am pleased to report on these here.

One of the most interesting innovations we are rolling out in the Spring 2013 semester is the implementation of Tk20, a web-based assessment tool where students can submit assignments, receive feedback about your progress in an individual course and across the program, and develop and maintain portfolios of your work. The test run of this software was implemented in several courses this Fall 2012, and admittedly, it was not without hiccups. This is the part of my note where I say “be patient.” Please be patient (see?) as we accustom ourselves to this software and explore its value as we move throughout the Spring 2013 semester: This will

improve over time, and your constructive feedback will be very helpful.

We are also thrilled to report that applications for our online CAS in School Counseling and our Bridge Programs in School Counseling, College Counseling, and Mental Health Counseling are online now. As you consider your employment future you may find these programs helpful to increase your marketability.

More than anything, I want to wish you all a productive, growth producing, and above all satisfying Spring semester.

Enjoy!

Tom

### Preparing to Integrate?

Before enrolling in EDC 720, Integration and Application of Basic Concepts, all students must complete:

- The Child Abuse Reporting training. Once you have completed the training, be sure to print out your certificate of attendance and submit it to the Department. The NYS Mandated Reporter Training is now available 24/7 at [http://](http://www.nysmandatedreporter.org/default2.html)

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- Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) training will be provided in EDC 619 Counseling in School Settings. This training is required for students in the School Counseling emphasis.
- Students need to have documentation of completing 6 counseling sessions.

### Research Opportunities

In addition to opportunities to do poster or verbal presentations at counseling conferences, Counselor Education students can submit a proposal for The College at Brockport Graduate Research Conference. Proposals are due February 9th and the conference will be held on April 20, 2013. Implementation II students and Research and Program Evaluation students will participate with their course projects, but all graduate students are welcome to use this

venue to present your team or individual project from a previous or concurrent course. Feel free to contact Bob Dobmeier or another department faculty if you need assistance preparing a proposal. For more information go the Graduate Research Conference website at <http://www.brockport.edu/gradconf/2013/>



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### AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION



The American Counseling Association is our professional organization. ACA's mission is "to enhance the quality of life in society by promoting the development of professional counselors, advancing the counseling profession, and using the profession and practice of counseling to promote respect for human dignity and diversity" (ACA, 2012). ACA serves as an umbrella organization for the entire counseling profession. There are 19 divisions within ACA, encompassing a wide range of special interest areas. The divisions provide resources, leadership, and information to a variety of specialized interests. In addition, ACA is our voice with respect to issues relevant to our profession. ACA's national presence advocates on behalf

of us all in areas ranging from professional recognition, scope of practice to insurance reimbursement. It also encourages and promotes cohesiveness in our profession.

The ACA publishes the *Journal of Counseling and Development*, as well as nine other professional journals. It hosts an annual international conference, which is scheduled for March 20-24, 2013 in Cincinnati. Go to the ACA website to get information about student support for attending the conference. Student membership in ACA is \$91, which includes a subscription to the *Journal of Counseling and Development*. For more information on ACA, please visit their web site at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

### NU CHAPTER-CHI SIGMA IOTA



NU Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota is alive and well here at Brockport. Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society for counselor education students and alumni. Here at Brockport, we envision NU chapter as means of connecting students, faculty, and alumni. At the fall graduation ceremony new members were inducted. President Jeff Mangini and President Elect Mike Kalkbrenner welcomed Todd Costanza, Cassandra Fleck, Lauren Giglia, Michael Morde, Danielle Powell, and Michelle Tonsich. A founding member, Dr. Robb Adams, was present to welcome the new members. NU chapter, through its programming committee, hosts periodic

events. Watch your b-mail for upcoming NU Chapter events.

NU Chapter also sponsors the Joseph Kandor Award of Excellence, which includes a \$500 award. Applications for the 2014 award will be available soon. One does not have to be a member of NU chapter to participate in events, but all students meeting the criteria for acceptance are encouraged to join. The NU Chapter membership chair, Keri Neadom, is happy to discuss the membership requirements with any student. More information on membership in CSI and NU Chapter can be found at <http://nu.csi-chapters.org/>

### Upcoming Events

#### WNYSCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Counselor Education, in collaboration with The College at Brockport, will once again host the Western New York School Counselors Consortium Conference on February 6th, 2013 at the Airport Holiday Inn. You are welcome to attend!

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & COUNSELOR ADVOCACY

Join us on Feb. 1st for ACA-NY lobbying day in Albany. Counselors, students, and counselor educators will meet with state Senators and Assembly members to advocate

for scope of practice, comprehensive school counseling, and other counseling initiatives that improve services to consumers. Look for further communication from the Department.

#### ACA-NY REGIONAL EVENTS

Regional events will be held in the Capital District and in Buffalo (January 12th). A workshop on Learning Advocacy Skills will be offered in preparation for the February 1st ACA-NY lobby day. Go to <http://www.counselingny.org/> for more information.



## STUDENTS INEGRATING

Want to know more about what its Like to integrate? Talk to one of the students who is currently enrolled:

Randi Barrell

John Brewer

David Buckhout

Melody Coene

Kevin Donohue

Anne Hasler

Jessica James

Michael Kalkbrenner

Amanda Knipfing

Josh Minarik

Danielle Powell

Amanda Regan

Stephanie Skorman

Gregory Sperr

Cailley Wayman



## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

The faculty and students in the Department of Counselor Education would like to extend a warm welcome to our Fall 2012 students!

Keturah Bosarge: School

Michelle Contestable: Mental Health

Holly Corcoran: Mental Health

Priscilla Cortes: Mental Health

Stephanie DeRico: Mental Health

Johnathan Elliott: Mental Health

William Guilford: Mental Health

Kelsey James: Mental Health

Amy Levermore: School

Dianne Maerz: School

Anna Marianetti: School

Jacquelyn Martin: College

Rianna Miller: College

Dianne Moultrie: College

Christopher Pierri: School

Stephanie Preece: College

Suzanna Wesh (CAS): School

### Congratulations to Our Fall Graduates!

SiuYim AuYeung

Angela Pezzimenti

Leslie Pierre-Philippe

Rachel Wilson

## BROCKPORT STUDENTS PRESENT AT NARACES

Several Brockport students presented at the recent North Atlantic Regional Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors conference in Niagara Falls. Students Lauren Giglia and Eric Goodwin presented Exploring Common Ground: Parallel Process of Counselors and Lesbian Gay Clients Experiencing Spiritual Values Conflicts with Drs. Kathleen Fallon and Robert Dobmeier.

Student Steve Kassirer presented Federal and State Challenges to Counselor Education Programs with Professor Travis Schermer of the College of St. Rose and practitioner and former Professor Victoria Palmisano. Steve also shared his moving personal story in his keynote luncheon address in Niagara Falls.





### Faculty Profiles

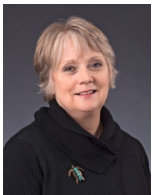
#### Dr. Thomas Hernández



Tom has been serving the college since May 2012 as Associate Dean of the School of Education and Human Services. He is also serving as Co-chair of the Campus Climate Task Force as of November 2012. Dr. Hernández presented at the North Atlantic Regional

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in September 2012 on *Excellence in Teaching* with Krista Mallot (Villanova University). Dr. Hernández was recently promoted to the rank of Professor.

#### Dr. Susan Seem



Susan made a presentation with Tom at the NARACES annual conference in fall 2012 on feminist supervision. She continues as an editorial board member of two journals: *Journal for Specialists in Group Work* (ASGW's journal) and the *Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision*

(NARACES' journal). Dr. Seem began as the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues in Counseling's representative to the ACA 20/20 Committee. She is very happy to be back in the department and teaching again.

#### Dr. Pat Goodspeed Grant



Pat presented *Young Adult Employment and Relationship Stress: Practical and Spiritual Strategies* with Bob Dobmeier, Steve Kassirer, and David Buckhout at the ACA Conference. She presented *Economic Stress for Young Adults: Coping Strategies* with Bob in

Williamsburg at the Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA) summer conference. Dr. Goodspeed Grant is completing her term as Treasurer of AADA.

#### Dr. Summer Reiner



Summer will have *The Perceived Impact of Professional Counselor Identity Fragmentation* published, with Bob and Tom, in the *Journal of Counseling and Development* in April. Summer and Tom recently learned that *Are We Going in the Right Direction? Concerns about School Counsel-*

*ing* will be published in the *Michigan Journal of Counseling: Research, Theory & Practice*. Dr. Reiner and her students are working with the Keshequa School District to develop their comprehensive school counseling program.

#### Dr. Bob Dobmeier



In addition to articles accepted for publication in *Adulthoodspan* and *Journal of Counseling and Development*, Bob has presented at ACA, ACA, and AADA conferences. He won the NYM-HCA Thomas W. Clawson Award for Service for his advo-

cacy for scope of practice in New York State. Dr. Dobmeier is Co-President of the New York Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

#### Dr. Kitty Fallon



Kitty presented with Lauren Giglia, Eric Goodwin, and Bob Dobmeier at NARACES on *Exploring Common Ground: Parallel Process of Counselors and Lesbian and Gay Clients*. These four writing partners, with Dr. Summer Reiner and Elaine Casquarelli, had their manuscript, *Reconciling Spiri-*

*tual Values Conflicts for Counselors and Lesbian and Gay Clients*, accepted for publication in *Adulthoodspan*. Dr. Fallon took the lead in the Department's Assessment Committee, which looked at student learning outcomes.

#### Dr. Bellah Kiteki



Bellah has authored *Mental Health Continuing Education Modules for the National Board for Certified Counselors and Affiliates*, which is available at [http://www.nbccinternational.org/What we do/ContinuingEducation](http://www.nbccinternational.org/What_we_do/ContinuingEducation). Dr. Kiteki is chair of the Department's

*Mental Health Site Development Committee* and is a member of the College's Art Committee. Bellah was trained to be a CACREP evaluator when she attended the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision conference.