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# Higher Education Administration

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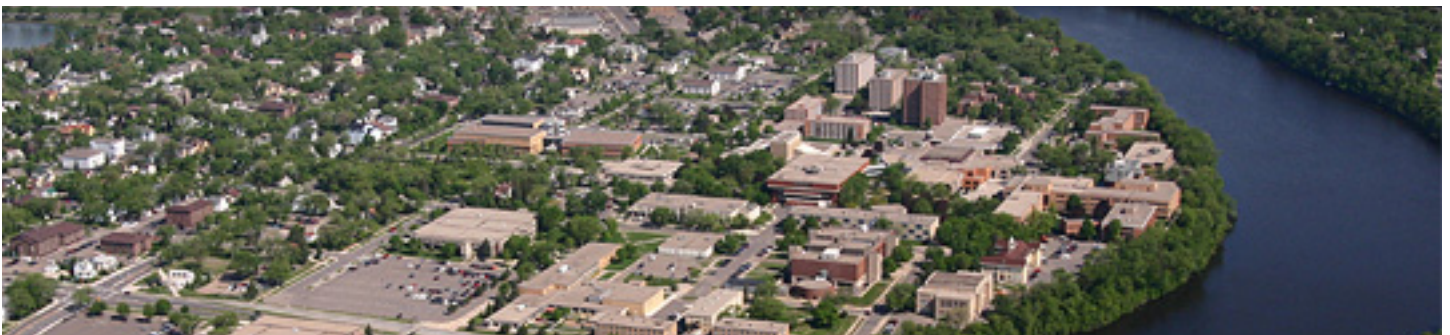
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## Faculty Updates

### Dr. Christine M. Imbra

- Eight students accompanied Prof. Imbra to Italy May 13 – 27, 2012 for education abroad. The home base for the two-week course was the University of Macerata (UNIMC) in Macerata, Italy - students each participated in a 20-hour internship, toured two Italian universities and six cities, took three classes taught by Italian professors, and visited several historic landmarks and businesses during the course.
- On May 21, 2012, Prof. Imbra presented a lecture, “Marginality, Positionality, and Voice: Lesbian Leaders in the Academy” at the University of Macerata, in Macerata, Italy.
- On August 23, 2012, Prof. Imbra, Doctoral Candidate Kimberly Roan, and Master’s student Zachary Staszewski presented, “Co-teaching at the Doctoral Level” during SCSU’s Fall Convocation.
- On March 11, 2012 Dr. Imbra and Alvaro J. Marmolejo Davis presented at the NASPA Annual Conference International Symposium in Phoenix, AZ. The title of their presentation is “The Role of Student Affairs Professionals in Internationalizing U.S. Higher Education.”
- Prof. Imbra had an article published, “International Higher Education: A Model for Student Engagement through Collaboration” in the in the NACA Campus Activities Programming Magazine, October 2012, vol. 45, no.4.

### Dr. Steven L. McCullar

Dr. McCullar had a busy year outside of his classroom and advising responsibilities which included writing multiple articles to submit for publication, presenting at regional conferences, and was one of one hundred graduates honored by The University of Memphis at their centennial graduation celebration.

#### Presentations:

McCullar, S. (2012). The United States College Student. St. Cloud State School of Education Symposium. St. Cloud.

McCullar, S. (2012). The United States College Student. The Association for Student Conduct Administration State Wide Conference. St. Cloud.

McCullar, S. (2012). Your role in crisis management. Southwest Minnesota State University Staff Development Lunch Keynote. Marshal

McCullar, S., and Hammond, K. (2012). New directions in crisis management: Preparing your department for the worst while doing your best. Minnesota College Personnel Association. Minneapolis.

McCullar, S., Hammond, K., Keller, K. (2012). New directions for your career: Pursuing a doctorate education. Minnesota College Personnel Association. Minneapolis.

Hammond, K. and McCullar, S. (2012). The value of incorporating emergency preparedness into graduate assistant orientation/ training. Minnesota College Personnel Association. Minneapolis.

## HIED Updates

### Paul Decock

Paul is now the Area Coordinator for Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA. Kennesaw is a northern suburb of Atlanta. Paul supervises two Resident Directors, as well as indirectly supervises eighteen RAs. Additionally, Paul also supervises a few Living Learning Communities.

### Kristy Modrow-Ullah

Kristie is the Learning and Outreach Coordinator at SCSU in the School of Public Affairs. This position is new to campus and a product of the university reorganization. Modrow-Ullah will be working with faculty and students in relation to experiential learning experiences as well as with marketing and outreach for the school and its departments. Previously, Modrow-Ullah worked in SCSU Alumni and Constituent Engagement office as well as at Century College in Student Life and Development.

### Cherie Pettitt

Cherie is an Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology in the Department of Human Performance at Minnesota State University in Mankato.

### Ryan Yunkers

Ryan has accepted a new position in nonprofit leadership. He is currently the Director of the Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center. While this may not at first seem to match the degree he just completed, the degree fits this position perfectly because running this organization is like running a small college. He oversees both the administrative and teaching staff, reports to a board, manages a budget, and has members who pay "tuition" to be here. He works closely with the local government as they are supported somewhat by taxes, and is working to grow the recreation center's endowment. Ryan says that his degree is a great match for this position, and uses what he learned in the program every day.

## Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA)

Saby Labor participated as a planning committee member for this year's Minnesota College Personnel Association (MCPA) annual conference. She worked with other student affairs professionals on the program proposals committee to develop the call for proposals, manage program submissions, assist with session selection, and aid in the scheduling process. This was Saby's first MCPA Conference and she looks forward to submitting a program proposal for next year's conference.

## The Italian Delegation

An Italian Delegation visited SCSU April 1 - 14, 2012, and included five doctoral students and two faculty members from the University of Macerata (UNIMC) in Macerata, Italy.

The students each participated in a 20-hour internship while on campus, mentored by a variety of student life and academic affairs directors at SCSU. The two UNIMC faculty members supervised their students, met with a variety of SCSU administrators and faculty members, presented lectures, and provided an orientation for our HIED students traveling to UNIMC for education abroad in May 2012.



## 2012-2013 HIED Practicum Students

The practicum provides M.S. students in Higher Education Administration with a 100-hour exposure to an area of individual interest to each student. The placement allows our students to apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills in an educational setting under the supervision of an academic or student affairs professional – without practitioners in the field, who are willing to mentor our students, the practicum would be impossible. Our students contribute hundreds of hours each year to colleges and universities throughout Minnesota, while gaining much needed practice in the field. Prof. Imbra is the practicum coordinator and supervises all students during their placement.

Practicum students will present their major practicum project at the Student Research Colloquium on April 16th in Atwood Memorial Center at St. Cloud State University – the 14 practicum students presenting this year follow:

- Anita Cline-Cole
- Terren Duran
- Deborah Holstad
- Rocky Horn
- Gretchen Huwe
- Monir Johnson
- Martha Noyola
- Adam O'Doherty
- Zachary Staszewski
- Hien Studniski
- Kimberly Thorstad
- Russell Waisanen
- Dia Yang

## Announcements

### Education Abroad

The deadline for registering for the May 2013 education abroad course to Italy is February 1, 2013.

Ten individuals will be chosen to attend this course, which will take place May 13 – 27, 2013 and will cost \$4,905.00 for an SCSU master's student – the cost varies depending on student status (master's or doctorate) and residence (in-state/reciprocity vs. out-of-state).

The fee includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation in Italy, lodging, some meals, tours of three universities and six cities in Italy, three classes taught by Italian professors, tours of a variety of landmarks and regional businesses, and administrative costs.

For more information see our website [http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/education\\_abroad.asp](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/hied/education_abroad.asp), or contact Prof. Imbra at [cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu)

### Creating Change Conference

Saby Labor will present her master's thesis study at the upcoming Creating Change Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. This annual conference is hosted by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

She will share her findings about the campus experiences of Bisexual, Pansexual, Fluid, and Queer-identified LGBTQ students with student affairs colleagues at the Campus Resource Professionals Institute on January 24, 2013.

### Check Out the 2011

Education Abroad Italy Video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/scsuhied>

## HIED International Initiatives

### Italian Delegation - University of Macerata (UNIMC)

Prof. Imbra traveled to the University of Macerata (UNIMC), in Macrara, Italy, with Dean Diana Lawson, October 21 – 29, 2012, to obtain signatures on the expanded partnership agreement between SCSU and UNIMC. The agreement now includes both education abroad and international internship opportunities for all SCSU and UNIMC students, in addition to faculty, administrator, and staff exchanges between both universities.



### Congratulations Graduates Fall 2012

#### Doctoral

Rita Miller  
Michael Halverson  
Ryan Yunkers

#### Master's

Michele Braun  
Brigid Golebiowski- Special  
Studies with portion related to  
HIED



## National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

Saby Labor will present a webinar in February as part of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) LGBT Knowledge Community.

Her webinar will focus on services for bisexual, pansexual, fluid, and queer-identified students in higher education and will be presented alongside a similar graduate research study completed by Christine Dolan from the University of Vermont. Saby is a first-year student in the Higher Education Administration Doctoral program.

## Graduate Dissertations

Rita Miller-Adjunct Faculty in Community and Technical Colleges: Impact on Student Outcomes

Michael Halverson-The Relationship between Alumni Gift Giving and Alumni Satisfaction with the Undergraduate Experience

Ryan Yunkers-Persistence factors for NT students in online courses



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