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SCSU Higher Education Administration Twins Day

On April 17th, 2016 students and staff from the Higher Education Administration Program traveled to Target Field to watch the Minnesota Twins, and enjoy a well deserved break at the first Annual Higher Ed. Twins Day.
Faculty Updates

Dr. Steven McCullar

This spring has been a very active semester for Dr. McCullar. Besides his normal activities, he taught his first fully online course. Utilizing the opportunities created through online platform, his students were able to interact with administrative leaders from all across the country. Additionally, this spring, he attended the ACPA conference in Montreal, Canada. At the conference, he was able to connect with alumni of the higher education program. Dr. McCullar closed out the semester by hosting with co-chairs the Spring Leadership Institute, a regional conference, from which the proceeds produced 6,500 for student scholarships.

Dr. Michael Mills

Michael Mills is looking forward to his May trip to the University of Macerata in Italy. In preparation, he has been learning about the trend of signifying accomplishments and learning with digital badges and considering how to fit badges into the MS curriculum. In addition, he will be delivering two presentations while in Italy – one on badges and the other on Developments in Leadership Theory.

Professor Christine M. Imbra

Italy in February: Professor Christine M. Imbra (HIED) and Professor Tracy E. Ore (CETL) spent one week at the University of Macerata (UNIMC) in February 2016 to explore expansion opportunities for the partnership between SCSU and UNIMC. Prof. Ore presented at a UNIMC conference on food quality and education, and also discussed with local individuals the possibility of duplicating the Community Garden concept in Macerata and at UNIMC. They both also toured a working farm run by high school students and their teachers that includes a vineyard, olive oil mill, animals, vegetable gardens, greenhouse, and farmer’s market.
Faculty Updates continued

Italy Education Abroad – Five Higher Education Administration M.S. and four Higher Education Administration Ed.D. students are accompanying Prof. Imbra to the University of Macerata (UNIMC) in Macerata, Italy May 14 – May 29, 2016 for education abroad. They are:

- Chris Caulkins (Ed.D.)
- Sally Dufner (Ed.D.)
- Attina Earl (M.S.)
- Jena Engelking (M.S.)
- Brenda Frie (Ed.D.)
- Bianca Lambert (M.S.)
- Saby Labor (Ed.D.)
- Molly McAlister (M.S.)
- Laura Walter (M.S.)

This three-credit course, “International Higher Education: Discovering Universities in the European Context” includes a 20-hour international internship; three classes at the University of Macerata (Italian Language; Italian History and Culture; and Critical Issues in Italian Higher Education); and tours of a variety of Italian towns, universities, and historical landmarks. The course is offered every May and is open to any Higher Education/Student Affairs/College Counseling student in the country who attends an accredited institution.

Along with Prof. Imbra and the nine HIED students, the following individuals will also be traveling to UNIMC with the group in May to work on a variety of projects:

King Banaian, Dean of the School of Public Affairs, will spend one week at the University of Macerata exploring partnership expansion opportunities. He is scheduled to meet with a variety of UNIMC administrators and faculty members to discuss faculty exchanges, student exchanges, long- and short-term student internships, and other ideas of benefit to UNIMC and SCSU.

Patricia Hughes, Chair of the Department of Economics, will spend two weeks at the University of Macerata also exploring partnership expansion opportunities. She is scheduled to meet with a variety of UNIMC administrators and faculty members in the field of Economics to discuss faculty exchanges, student exchanges, long- and short-term student internships, and other ideas of benefit to UNIMC and SCSU.

Michael Mills, Director of the Higher Education Administration programs, will spend two weeks at the University of Macerata working on our “Digital Badges Project”. Two of our HIED students will intern on this project (Saby Labor and Laura Walter) and the team of three will work closely with Professoressa Paola Nicolini to organize, plan, and implement digital badges for UNIMC employees through SCSU’s Higher Education Administration program.

Italy Travel Blog

Hello HIED colleagues! Follow me on my education abroad adventure to Macerata, Italy May 14 to May 29, 2016. We have an amazing journey planned, with tours of cities, such as Florence, Camerino, and Senigallia, as well as the University of Macerata and the University of Camerino.

We will be traveling with 13 SCSU students, faculty and administrators. Students will complete a two-week internship at locations on the university campus and in the city of Macerata, in addition to three courses in language, history, culture and higher education. Subscribe to my travel blog (https://mntomacerata.wordpress.com/) to receive updates. Click the “Follow” button on the bottom right corner of the blog webpage.

Grazie.
Saby L. Labor, SCSU HIED Doctoral Candidate
Eight HIED M.S. students and one HIED Ed.D. student presented their practicum and research posters at the annual St. Cloud State University Student Research Colloquium on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. This event was held in the Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom.

- Ghulam Ahmadi (M.S.)
- Lea Jacquemart (M.S.)
- Saby Labor (Ed.D.)
- Caitlin Lindsay (M.S.)
- Alfredo Oliveira (M.S.)
- Cody Ryberg (M.S.)
- Gordon Schrubbe (M.S.)
- Natalie Sitter (M.S.)
- Adia Zeman (M.S.)
Congratulations Graduates!

Fall 2015 Doctoral Graduate
Brian Sebera

Fall 2015 Masters Graduates
Christy Babcock
Katie Jensen
Laura Hartog

As we complete the 2015-16 academic year, St. Cloud State University’s new electronic theses & dissertations (ETD) system has been a very successful venture. Since the pilot submissions last summer, almost 200 works from 25 disciplines have been uploaded to the Institutional Repository (IR) which have since been downloaded over 12,000 times in 186 countries. (See above map for examples of where these documents have been viewed around the world.)

For those of you getting ready to enter graduate school at SCSU, this is a significant change from the antiquated system used for print submissions. Instead of copies of your culminating projects being stored in an anonymous room in the basement of the campus library, your works will be searchable using the internet by those wishing to cite your work in their own research. Also, the more hits your culminating projects have within Google Scholar, the more searchable they will become.

If you would like to know more about the ETD guidelines and processes, there are a number of ways to learn. First, as a student at SCSU, you will have access to the “Culminating Project Support” site in D2L. Just click on the link to the right side of the homepage and register.

Second, the School of Graduate Studies hosts several seminars throughout the academic year (including summer sessions). Your thesis or dissertation committee will be given the dates and times of these seminars periodically, as well as the D2L site informing the registered students via Husky e-mail. Third, information about ETDs is available within the “Culminating Projects” section of the School of Graduate Studies website by clicking on the following link: http://www.stcloudstate.edu/gradu testudies/current/culmProject/.

Your graduate work being featured within SCSU’s Institutional Repository on an international level is an excellent way to promote your scholarship and knowledge in your chosen discipline. However, you not only represent yourself, but also your program, committee, and university. Work hard throughout your graduate studies and no one will need to wish you, “Good luck!”

J. Corey Fitzgerald, M.S.
Culminating Project Reviewer
ETD Support Graduate Assistant
Student Updates

- Dr. Wanda Overland, Vice President for Student Life and Development and HIED Advisory Board member, along with Peggy Sarnicki, HIED doctoral student (cohort 7) authored the Orientation chapter for the 5th edition of Rentz’s Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education.

- Shawn Mueske won the Willmar City Council seat representing Ward 4.

- Paul DeDock – A masters alumni started working at Salisbury University as an Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life in Salisbury, Maryland.

- Jim Knutson-Kolodzne- Was awarded student research funds for his project entitled “The Relationship between Patterns of Student Involvement and Accultration as Demonstracted by American Indian College Students” The total: $400.

- Brenda Frie- Recieved the Carol Wasley Denny Award from St.l Catherine University. The $7500 grant will be used to fund dissertation proposal and research.

- Matthew J. Borcherding was awarded
  - NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award
  - Minnesota State Community and Technical College President’s Distinguished Achievement Award

- Christy Babcock- Was hired as an emergency replace-ment Academic Adviser at the Business Advising Office at SCSU

- Kasey Linde- Accepted a new position at Gustavus Adolphus College. as the Manager of the Gustavus Fund in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

- Saby Labor presented at the following conferences:

  April 10-12, 2015 Upper Midwest Queer Indigenous People of Color Conference (QIPOCC), Minneapolis, MN
    - "Networking for the Career Queer: Tips, Tools and Resources for Professional Networking"

  July 17-19, 2015 National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Guiding the Way to Inclusion Con-ference, Minneapolis, MN
    - "Queer Students of Color: Supporting Their Whole Selves in the Academy"
    - "Promoting Campus Inclusion Beyond Gender Binaries: Strategies for Transgender Student Recruitment and Support"

  October 15-16, 2015 Minnesota College Professionals Association (MCPA) Annual Conference, White Bear Lake, MN
    - "Supporting Traditional First-Generation Students on a Commuter Campus: A Learning Community Approach"

  November 6, 2015 IFO LGBTIQAA Conference, Roseville, MN
    - Roundtable: “Dissertation Topics About LGBT Issues”

  November 12-15, 2015 National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

- Nguyen Pham- Presented at the St. Cloud State University 2016 Spring Leadership Institute. Nguyen presented “Revisit Asset-Based Community Driven Development: A Sustainable Approach to Development for Organizations Acting as Facilitators.”
On April 17, 2016 Shawn Mueske (ED.D) and Natalie Sitter (M.S.) were awarded the Excellence in Leadership Award by St. Cloud State University. The award honors students who have “demonstrated outstanding leadership while at St. Cloud State University.”
On April 27th, I attended the School of Education’s annual scholarship celebration event, Dessert Fest. The event honored the spirit of giving and paying forward our success as educators, and recognized the contributions of scholarship donors, student awardees and their family members, as well as the distinguished service of faculty members in the college. As the recipient of the Imbra-Steffens Scholarship for Women in Higher Education, I was able to thank both Dr. Christine Imbra and Dr. Kate Steffens in person for their financial, personal, and professional support. Dr. Marcia Thompson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Media, delivered a heartfelt speech about her experiences coming from humble beginnings, pathway as a first-generation college student, and the importance of supporting future generations of educators. Her message is still prominent for myself and my spouse days after the event, which I imagine others in the room were deeply impacted as well. I delivered a short talk about my journey from the podium of my Lavender graduation ceremony a decade ago to today, as a doctoral candidate. The event left me with one question and a challenge, of which I will pose to you: "Who has deeply impacted your journey?" Today is a great day to send them a handwritten note, an email, or even a phone call to let them know what their support meant to you. Interested in taking your gratitude to the next level? Click here to donate to the School of Education today and continue the legacy of giving for the next generation of leaders.

Saby L. Labor, HIED Doctoral Candidate
On April 15th, 2016 the Higher Education Administration Program held the Spring Leadership Institute at St. Cloud State University. During the conference thirty two individuals presented on a variety of higher education related leadership topics. Southwest Minnesota State University President Connie Gores, the first female president of SMSU, gave the keynote address. The proceeds of the conference will go directly towards scholarships for Higher Education Administration Education Abroad trip to Italy.

Upcoming Conferences

- MCPA: Minnesota College Professionals Association
  November 3-4, 2016 in Duluth MN
  [http://www.mcpa4you.org/conference.html](http://www.mcpa4you.org/conference.html)

- AIRUM: Association for Institutional Research in the Upper Midwest
  November 3-4, 2016 Location: TBD
  [http://www.airum.org/conferences.html](http://www.airum.org/conferences.html)

- NASPA: 2016 Women’s Leadership Institute
  December 6-9, 2016 in Dana Point, CA
  [http://www.naspa.org/events/2016WLI](http://www.naspa.org/events/2016WLI)

- 2016 American College Personnel Association Midwest Conference
  October 2, 2016 in Kansas City, MO

- NASPA Leadership Educators Institute
  December 11, 2016 in Long Beach, CA

- AWP: 2017 Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference and Bookfair
  February 8-11, 2016 in Washington D.C.
  [https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/overview](https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/overview)

  April 27- May 1 in San Antonio, TX
HIED Year End Event

On April 10th, 2016 the Higher Education Administration program held its year end event to celebrate the 2015-2016 academic year. Graduates, students, and practicum site mentors were recognized for their accomplishments. Peggy Sarnicki was recognized as the 2016 Practicum Site Mentor of the Year for her outstanding work with M.S. students.