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## Dr. Imbra's Retirement

On April 28th, 2017 the Higher Education Administration program held an event to celebrate Dr. Imbra's Retirement.

Dr. Imbra was instrumental in the development of the Leadership Institute in 2011 so we felt this was a perfect opportunity to thank her for all that she has accomplished at St. Cloud State. This event provides opportunities to learn the latest research and practices in the field, present research, discuss trends and issues, and network with professionals in the field. Thanks to these efforts about \$23,000 was raised for 60 students attained a scholarship to attend the Italy education abroad trip.

Dr. Imbra developed the Italy Education Abroad cultural experience and about 60 students have participated since 2011. Though this partnership, Italian delegations of students, faculty and staff from the University of Macerata visited St. Cloud State and learned about higher education and culture in the United States.

Dr. Imbra was involved with the development of the Higher Education Administration master or science program which started in fall of 2005 and the doctoral of education program which started in 2007. Since its inception, there have been over 325 students enrolled in the programs with 130 who have graduated so far.



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# Faculty Updates

## Dr. Michael Mills



Michael Mills has co-authored a chapter with recent MS graduate Ghulam Ahmadi based on his thesis research. The chapter is entitled “International Students Adjustment to College: The Relationships between Adjustment, Background Characteristics, and Student Success” and will appear later this year in the book *International Student Mobility and Opportunities for Growth in the Global Marketplace*.



## Dr. Steven McCullar



This spring has been a very active semester for Dr. McCullar. He became the Director of Higher Education Program at St. Cloud State University and elected to represent School of Education with the Inter Faculty Organization (IFO). He coordinated Spring Leadership Institute, a regional conference, from which the proceeds produced \$6,500 for student scholarships.

He has co-authored one of the NASPA (Student Affairs National Organization) publications and the article is titled “Direct Consequences of Indirect Campus Crises”.

### **Higher Education Administration**

For more information about the program please visit our HIED website at

[www.stcloudstate.edu/elhe/programs/hied.aspx](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/elhe/programs/hied.aspx)



Additionally, this spring, he presented at the NASPA National Conference in Crisis Management for new professionals, E-folio usage in Masters Program, and Marijuana usage and student engagement with Dr. Matthew Borcharding - Alumni from program - his dissertation topic. He also appointed faculty Liaison for NASPA Campus Safety National Committee.



### Professor Christine M. Imbra



\* 2017 Italy Education Abroad Group: This year, seven students are enrolled in the “International Higher Education: Discovering Universities in the European Context” course (HIED 664/HIED 790) and will be accompanying Prof. Imbra to the University of Macerata in Macerata, Italy from May 14 – May 29. The students include:

- Amber Fryklund (doctoral student)
- Jessica Gehrke (doctoral student)
- Lauren Kelba (masters student)
- Laura Manuel (masters student)
- Soheyl Missaghi (doctoral student)
- Erika Perry (masters student)
- Joi Sampson (doctoral student)

Dr. McCullar will also be joining the group this year, and we are looking forward to another successful and exciting trip!

\* Italian Cultural Center Scholarship Recipient: Jessica Gehrke, first-year doctoral student in Higher Education Administration at St. Cloud State University, has been awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Italian Cultural Center (ICC) of Minneapolis-St. Paul. This is the third year the ICC has awarded the scholarship to one of our students participating in the education abroad course to the University of Macerata, and we sincerely appreciate their on-going support. Brava, Jessica!

## Faculty Updates continued

\*University of Macerata – February 2017: Prof. Imbra traveled to the University of Macerata this past February for a variety of partnership agreement activities, but most notably to present to Rettore Francesco Adornato, of the University of Macerata (UNIMC), our signed partnership agreement (see photo). This next iteration of the partnership agreement, which was signed by President Ashish Vaidya on behalf of St. Cloud State University (SCSU), and Rettore Adornato on behalf of the University of Macerata, is for five years, and includes the continuation of education abroad, faculty exchanges, administrator exchanges, and community involvement. The partnership, directed by Prof. Imbra at SCSU and Prof.ssa Nicolini at UNIMC, has been going strong since 2010, and we look forward to our continued work together over the next several years.

\* Italian Delegation arrives at SCSU on April 18: An Italian Delegation will arrive at SCSU, from the University of Macerata, on April 18. The group is comprised of Prof.ssa Paola Nicolini (Director of the SCSU – UNIMC partnership agreement for the University of Macerata) and four of her Ph.D. students. Prof.ssa Nicolini will be at SCSU for one week and her doctoral students will be at SCSU for one month. While here, Prof.ssa Nicolini

will serve as the keynote speaker at our Spring Leadership Institute, meet with a variety of SCSU administrators, host a Salon for doctoral students, host a Gathering of students going to UNIMC in May for education abroad, and participate in a variety of other partnership activities while on campus. Her students will intern for two weeks at SCSU and then intern in the St. Cloud community for two weeks. They will also work on their dissertation research while on campus, and meet with the students going to UNIMC in May for education abroad. If you would like to meet the delegation, or help us plan activities for them while they are our guests, please contact Prof. Imbra ([cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu)) or Ellana Black ([hiedga2@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:hiedga2@stcloudstate.edu)). Thanks in advance for helping us provide a great experience for the Delegation.

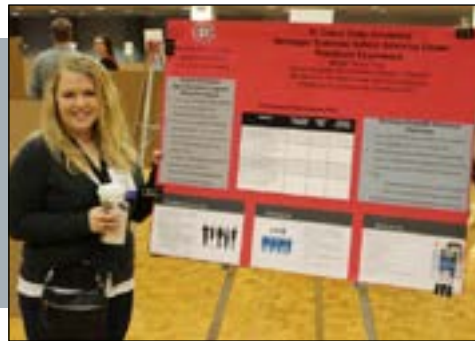
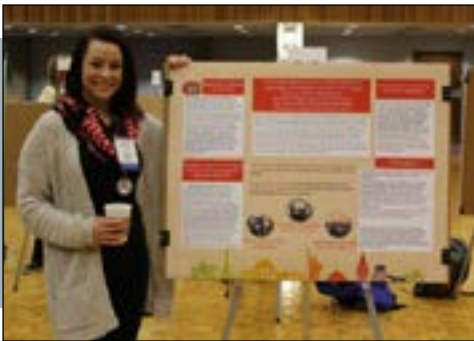
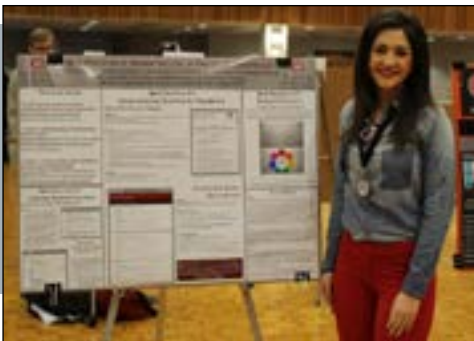
\* Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Presentation: Prof. Imbra and Prof.ssa Paola Nicolini, from the University of Macerata, will be presenting a session at the Higher Learning Commission's Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from March 31 – April 4. The title of their presentation is, "Creating International Partnership Agreements that Foster Global Citizenship" and it chronicles the agreement from its genesis to its capacity to influence global citizenry in agreement participants. In addition to the session presentation, Prof. Imbra, who has been an HLC Peer Reviewer since 2005, will be attending a day-long workshop on March 31 specifically designed and developed for the HLC Peer Corps.



# 2017 Student Research Colluquium

Nine HIED M.S. students presented their practicum and research posters at the annual St. Cloud State University Student Research Colloquium on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. This event was held in the Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom.

Shawn Black  
James Bradley  
Attina Bradley  
Lindsey Gunnerson  
Patricia Klug  
Amanda Larson  
Molly McAlister  
Kristopher Oliveira  
Renee Young



## 2017 Excellence in Leadership

### Pham Thi Kim Nguyen

#### Doctoral Program - Higher Education Administration

**Nguyen Pham** came to St. Cloud State University for her Master's program in Higher Education Administration in 2010 as a Fullbright Scholarship recipient. Upon her graduation in 2012, Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, a German Publisher, published her thesis on Student Support Policies. She came back to St. Cloud State University for her doctoral program in 2014 as a recipient of a Vietnam's Government Scholarship. In order to immerse herself in the American higher education system, Nguyen worked for the Higher Education Administration Program at St. Cloud State University in various capacities: co-teaching, assisting with the Education Abroad in Italy Program, and accomplishing several challenging projects for the Center for Doctoral Studies. Her passion in establishing partnership programs between Vietnam and the U.S. institutions motivated her to propose partnership initiatives with not only St. Cloud State University but also other universities in other States.

Nguyen is also devoted to student and community development activities. She serves as the President of Emerging College and University Professionals Organization, which seeks to support and guide undergraduate students who plan to work in higher education and assist administrative staff who would like to be more effective in their jobs and obtain a higher degree in the field. Nguyen is a volunteer Area Representative with Youth for Understanding. In this capacity, she serves as a liaison between Youth for Understanding, international students, host families, and local high schools. She facilitates, supports, and guides all stakeholders involved for international students' successful and positive experience about the U.S. culture and its people. ( Source Article: 2017 SCSU Excellence in Leadership)



# Student/Alumni Updates

## Rita Miller

Rita Miller authors Chapter in Microbiology textbook. Rita Miller, Ed.D., MLS (ASCP) Medical Laboratory Technician Program Director and Instructor authors Chapter in Bailey & Scott's Diagnostic Microbiology 14th edition textbook. Rita's Chapter includes the bacteria Streptococcus, Enterococcus, and Similar Organisms. The bacteria includes the common bacteria such as Streptococcus pyogenes that causes acute pharyngitis (Strep throat) and scarlet fever, Streptococcus agalactiae (Strep Group B) that causes infection in newborns if carried by the mother, Streptococcus pneumoniae that causes pneumonia and meningitis, Enterococcus faecium and Enterococcus faecalis which causes urine tract infections however, when they mutate they can become vancomycin-resistant which is known as Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE). All these bacteria can cause many other diseases as well. Several other bacteria are included in the chapter.

The Chapter discusses the general characteristics of the bacteria, epidemiology, pathogenesis, laboratory diagnosis, and antimicrobial susceptibility testing and therapy. Rita also works as a Microbiologist at Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center.

## Matthew Borcharding

\* Currently serving at the Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences in a college-wide capacity at Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

\* Presented at NASPA 2017 in San Antonio, TX with Dr. McCullar on the topic of, "Marijuana and Student Engagement – Do they mix?"

\* Identified as a recipient of the Board of Trustees Excellence in Teaching Award. Awards ceremony to be held in St. Paul, MN on April 19th.

## Jim Knutson-Kolodzne

\* Passed his final oral Defense on December 8, 2016 for the Ed.D. Program in Higher Education Administration.

\* Co-investigator for the Research project: Access to Exercise Stress Testing for Elderly Native Americans in Remote Locations. Working with Dr. Susan Warner on a Phase 1 grant from the National Institute of Health /NIA grant to conduct focus groups on the Mille Lacs reservation.

\* Presenter at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources School Forest Conference, March 1-2, 2017 at the Deep Portage Learning Center for 80 K-12 teachers. Presented on the new Dakota curriculum Mni Sota Makoce: The Dakota Homelands and lessons regarding American Indian environmental teachings and philosophies.

\* Presenter at the 2017 Minnesota State & Universities Academic & Student Affairs/Equity and Inclusion Conference on Feb. 23rd and 24th, 2017. Presented on Supporting American Indian Students in Higher Education and shared best practices, programs and services in keeping native students engaged and moving toward degree completion. Included cultural identity and methods to incorporate indigenous culture into student affairs programs and events.

\* Scheduled presenter for the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Family Science Night at University of North Dakota on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017. As one of the SCSU Native Skywatchers team-members, he will be presenting on American Indian star knowledge which include interactive science activities and a geo-dome.

\* In January and February 2017, was a presenter for the St Cloud Independent School District #742 Indian Education Program. Conducted two professional development workshops for K-12 teachers on American Indians 101 and how to incorporate Dakota & Ojibwe perspectives into the core curriculum.



### **Jessica Gehrke**

Jessica Gehrke, a Higher Education Administration doctoral student, will be blogging about her experiences as part of a two-week course about higher education in Macerata, Italy, taught by Prof. Christine Imbra. This blog is part of a scholarship she received from the Italian Cultural Center of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Seven students, including Jessica, are part of the course. Their experiences will include completing a two-week internship at the University of Macerata, taking courses in Italian language, history and culture, and higher education, touring the University of Macerata and Marche Polytechnic University, and visiting five cities, including Macerata and Florence. You can follow Jessica's blog at <https://hiedinitaly.wordpress.com>.

### **Teresa Schneider**

After 8 years working as an adjunct English instructor, she started a new job as the Strategic Initiatives Communications Specialist for Hennepin County.

### **Chris Caulkins**

- \* Working with Metropolitan State University for a one-year period on their Garret Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant awarded by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- \* Completed first successful year as the executive director for the Strub Caulkins Center for Suicide Research (SCCSR). Visit the SCCSR on the web at [www.suicideresearch.org](http://www.suicideresearch.org).
- \* Along with clinical psychologist and psychology faculty, Dr. Jessie Breyer, representing Century College Continuing Education by conducting three-hour seminars across the state on firefighter psychological trauma and suicide prevention.
- \* Presenting two sessions at the national American Association of Suicidology conference in Phoenix this April. One session is a moderated panel discussion on survivors of suicide loss turned suicidologists and the other is on Chris' ethnographic research in Wyoming on a suicide syndemic.
- \* Presenting as the keynote speaker and at break-out sessions at the Mental Health Conference at Ridgewater Community College this May.

### **Derrick Lindstrom**

His proposal titled, What Can Be Done in a Year: Fast Track to Mapping Curriculum was accepted for inclusion in the 97th Annual Convention of the American Association of Community Colleges.

### **Ghulam Yahya Ahmadi**

He has returned to Afghanistan to work as a Senior Program Officer for University Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning in the Ministry of Higher Education.

# 2017 Spring Leadership Institute

On April 21st, 2017 the Higher Education Administration Program held the Spring Leadership Institute at St. Cloud State University. During the conference twenty one individuals presented on a variety of higher education related leadership topics. University of Macerata-Italy Professor Paola Nicolini gave the keynote address. The proceeds of the conference will go directly towards scholarships for Higher Education Administration Education Abroad trip to Italy.



# 2017 Spring Leadership Institute



Innovative Leadership Award  
presented to Dr. Imbra



## Scholarship Awards

- Amber Fryklund
- Jessica Gehrke
- Lauren Kelba
- Laura Manuel
- Sohely Missaghi
- Erika Perry
- Joi Sampson



# HIED Year End Event

On April 28th, 2017 the Higher Education Administration program held its year end event to celebrate the 2016-2017 academic year. Graduates, students, and practicum site mentors were recognized for their accomplishments. Bretta Edwards was recognized as the 2017 Practicum Site Mentor of the Year for her outstanding work with M.S. students.



# Higher Education Administration Practicum Students

HIED Practicum Students: During the 2016-2017 academic year there are 11 HIED Master's students working in the field on practicums. Dr. Christine Imbra supervises our students as they progress through the practicum experience. The following is a compilation of the students' names, practicum sites, and mentors to showcase the various capacities our students will be serving in.

Practicum Student	Practicum Site	Practicum Mentor
Shawn Blank	St. Cloud State University <i>Business Advising Center</i>	Laura Emerick
James Bradley	St. Cloud State University <i>Women's Center</i>	Jane Olsen
Attina Earl	Riverland Community College <i>Food Science, Agriculture, and Biosystems Program</i>	Dr. Uchenna Chukwu
Lindsey Gunnerson	St. Cloud State University <i>Department of Residential Life</i>	Brian Emerick
Matthew Gutsch	~Placement Pending~	
Patricia Klug	College of St. Benedict/St. John's University <i>Intercultural and International Student Services</i>	Brandyn Woodard
Amanda Larson	St. Cloud Technical and Community College <i>Academic Success Advising Office</i>	Bretta Edwards
Molly McAlister	St. Cloud State University <i>Center for International Studies</i>	Peggy Johnson-Finnerty and Rachel Gardner
Kristopher Oliveira	St. Cloud State University <i>Financial Aid Office</i>	Valerie Knopp
Holly Schuck	St. Cloud State University <i>Center for International Studies</i>	Shahzad Admad
Renee Young	St. Cloud State University <i>Business Advising Center</i>	Gretchen Huwe and Annie Babcock

## Upcoming Conferences

- MCPA: 2017 Fall Conference  
November 2-3, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN  
<http://www.mcpa4you.org/conference.html>
- AIR: Association for Institutional Research  
May 30- June 2, 2017 in Washington, DC  
<http://forum.airweb.org/2017/pages/home>
- NASPA: 2017 NASPA Conference  
March 3-7, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA  
<http://conference2017.naspa.org/>
- AWP: 2017 Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference and Bookfair  
March 7-10, 2018 in Tampa, FL  
[https://www.awpwriter.org/awp\\_conference/](https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/)
- AAUP: 2017 AAUP Conference  
June 14-18, 2017 in Washington, D.C.  
<https://www.aaup.org/event/2017-annual-conference>
- AERA: 2017 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting  
April 13-April 17, 2018 in New York, NY  
<http://www.aera.net/Events-Meetings/Annual-Meeting>
- The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
<http://www.aashe.org/events/workshops/2017/Diversity-Equity-Inclusion-Workshop>