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Many higher education professionals throughout the country remember Dr. Hardee for her establishment of the FSU Higher Education LifeNet, a support system that continues throughout graduates' professional years. It is with this guidance that the Hardee Center newsletter promotes the LifeNet of students, alumni, faculty, and friends of the Florida State University Higher Education Program, as well as seek support for future endeavors.

LifeNet Editor-in-Chief:

Gabrielle Garrard

*Special thanks to all the contributing
writers and photographers!*



Remarks from *the Director*

December 2016

**Dear Students, Alumni, Faculty
and Friends:**

As we conclude 2016, we are pleased to send you the year's final edition of

The *LifeNet*. It has been a great semester for the Center and the Higher Education program. I hope you enjoy all of the updates in this newsletter!

Welcome to Gabrielle Garrard, the new Hardee Center graduate assistant. She has stepped right in to fill the giant shoes that Ali Raza left for her. She played an important role in her own orientation in August and all of her projects have been exceptional. This *LifeNet* is her inaugural edition!

Fall term was highlighted on September 30 - October 1 by the Hardee Center Board of Directors' meeting, a networking activity with current students and Board members, and the Hardee Fellows Induction ceremony. Thank you to Dr. Phyllis McCluskey-Titus for planning and facilitating the networking activity – we all enjoyed it. In addition, ten new master's students and 17 new doctoral students joined the Fellows' ranks. A very special moment in the Induction program was Dr. Cheryl Lovell's tribute to her mother, Carrie Hall, as Cheryl awarded the first scholarship that she endowed in her mother's memory. It reminded us all of those who have contributed to our own personal success.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to encourage everyone to generously donate to the Hardee Center as Cheryl has done. Your gifts are one way to pay it forward to the next generation of student affairs professionals. And thank you again to all who contribute regularly!

I hope that the holiday season and the new year bring continued success and much joy. I look forward to seeing you in 2017 at NASPA, ACPA, or on campus!

Sincerely,

Mary B. Coburn

Director, Hardee Center

Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Melvene Hardee's Legacy



“Never underestimate your ability to make an impact on someone’s life.”

Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee

Dr. Melvene Draheim Hardee was born in Iowa to Hazle Howe Draheim and Arthur Draheim, Sr. The oldest of four children, she had fond memories of growing up in the small town of Clarion. Dr. Hardee earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Northern Iowa, a Master of Arts from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Before joining Florida State University, Dr. Hardee served as a visiting professor at the University of Northern Iowa and at the University of Mississippi. From 1945 to 1948, she was director of the communications laboratory and chair of faculty advising at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri.

In 1948 she became the first coordinator of university counseling and advisement at Florida State University. She married Tom Hardee and they purchased a 95-acre farm near Valdosta, Georgia. In 1958, Dr. Hardee joined with Dr. W. Hugh Stickler and Dr. Raymond Schultz in the formation of the Department of Higher Education. She became a full professor in 1959 and held that position

until her retirement from full time teaching in 1985. During that time, Dr. Hardee served as major advisor to 123 doctoral candidates as well as committee member to many more, and supervised the work of more than 120 master's degree students. She was known to all as “The Mentor” and created the “Life Net” for her students, a support network that began during graduate studies and extended into professional careers.

In 1977, Dr. Hardee founded the Center for Studies of Women in Educational Management Systems to identify and solve problems of women who aspired to be higher education administrators through professional development, activities, and resource materials. When she retired in 1989, the Center was renamed the Melvene Draheim Hardee Center for Women in Higher Education in recognition of her vision for the Center and her advocacy for women.

Dr. Hardee was prominent in the field of student personnel administration. She served as president of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) from 1962-1964, a charter member, and subsequent president of the Southern Association of College Student Administrators (SACSA) from 1955-1958. In 1986, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

(NASPA) named its dissertation of the year award in her honor and later SACSA named its Dissertations of the Year award in her honor. In 1987, she was named a Senior Scholar by ACPA. In 1988, she received the Robert H. Schaffer Award from NASPA for her personal inspiration to graduate students, service on doctoral committees, and distinguished record of scholarly achievement.

A person of many interests and unflagging energy, Dr. Hardee drove the 89 miles to her farm every weekend using one of her “High Noon Farm” trucks. She oversaw the production of soybeans, corn, cabbages, watermelon, hay, cotton, and trees. Over the years she terraced and fenced the land, developing waterways and fish ponds. In 1979 Dr. Hardee was named Georgia's Alapaha District “Farm Man of the Year” for conservation practice on what became a 877-acre farm. In 1989, she received the Alapaha District Conservationist of the Year Award.

Twice a year, Dr. Hardee returned home to Clarion, Iowa where she founded a museum housing a history of the state and was a part-time curator. She established the Draheim Memorial Library in memory of her parents.

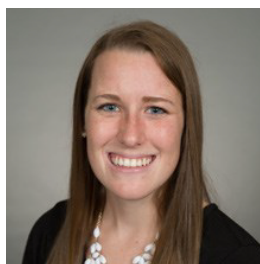
Meet the New Master's Cohort



Tia Akins

Tia Akins graduated from Davidson College in 2014 with a degree in Environmental Studies. While at Davidson, Tia was heavily involved with Residence Life and served as a Research Assistant in the Biology Department.

Additionally, Tia served as an Orientation Team Leader from 2011-2013. At Florida State, Tia works with Sustainable Campus.



Courtney Durbin

Courtney Durbin is a graduate of Rollins College. She graduated in 2016 with a degree in Communication Studies. At Rollins College, Courtney played on the Varsity Softball team and was elected Captain her senior year.

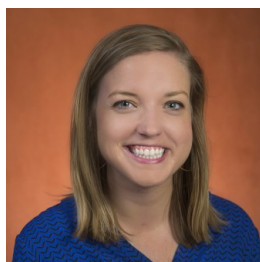
She was also involved with her sorority, Delta Zeta, and served as Academic Chair of her chapter. Additionally, Courtney was the Student Coordinator for the Alternative Breaks program. Her assistantship at Florida State is with University Housing.



Kris Castro

Kris Castro graduated from Temple University in 2016 with a degree in Media Studies and Production. As a student at Temple, Kris worked with the Honors Program Admissions. He also served as a Honors Peer Mentor

and as a First-Year Seminar Peer Instructor. In 2016, Kris received the Undergraduate Student Fellowship award at Temple. Other distinctions include the Lew Klein Excellence in the Media Award and the Diamond Award. His assistantship at Florida State is with the Office of Admissions.



Gabrielle Garrard

Gabrielle Garrard graduated from Davidson College in 2016 with a degree in Political Science. At Davidson, Gabrielle was involved with her campus' programming board, Turner Eating House, College Democrats,

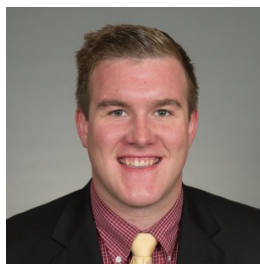
and she served as an RA. She also interned with Davidson's Student Activities Office. At Florida State, Gabrielle serves as the Graduate Assistant for the Hardee Center for Ethics and Leadership in Higher Education.



Jacqueline Chiari

Jacqueline Chiari graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2016 with her bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management. During her time at USC, Jacqueline served as an Orientation Leader, University 101

Peer Leader, and Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor. She received an award for Leadership Distinction in Professional and Civic Engagement in addition to the Pi Beta Phi Chapter Service Award. Her assistantship at Florida State is with the Center for Global Engagement.



Derek Goeglein

Derek Goeglein graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2016 with a degree in Education. As a student at Bowling Green, Derek served as a Resident Assistant. In addition, Derek was Homecoming Director, an

intern with the OVPSA, and a Tour Guide on campus. He was the recipient of the Gerald Saddleire Scholarship and the Student Life Award. Derek's assistantship is with University Housing.



Darrell Deas

Darrell Deas graduated from Auburn University in 2016 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. At Auburn, Darrell served as a SOS Orientation Leader Coordinator, President of the Alternative Student Breaks, and the

Freshmen Leadership Programs Director. At Florida State, Darrell works with Community Engagement at the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

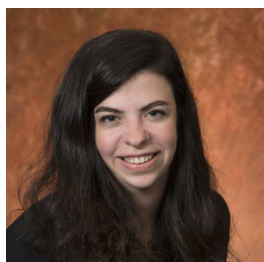


Kaitlyn Gore

Kaitlyn Gore graduated from New York University in 2015 with a degree in English and American Literature. At NYU, Kaitlyn was a Resident Assistant. She was also the recipient of the NYU Bentson Scholarship. Her assistantship

on campus is with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

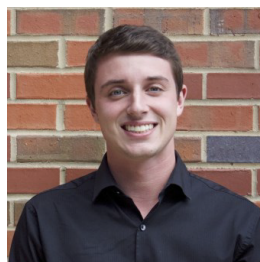
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Audrey Graser

Audrey Graser is a graduate of the University of Oregon. She graduated in 2014 with a degree in English. Audrey was an active member of her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and served as the Financial Vice-President. She

also served as the President of the English Honors Society, the Vice-President of Order of Omega, and the Vice-President of the Mortar Board. Audrey was recognized as one of the 25 Ducks Most Likely to Change the World and was a Presidential Scholar. Her assistantship is with the Career Center.



Connor Jones

Connor Jones graduated from Boise State University in 2016. His undergraduate degree is in General Business and Human Resource Management. As a student, Connor was deeply involved with his fraternity,

Sigma Chi. He served as the Derby Days Chairman and ran the main philanthropy event. Connor also served as an Orientation Leader. Connor received both the Spirit of Boise State Award and Fraternity Member of Service Award. His assistantship at Florida State is with the ACE Learning Studio.



Chris Green

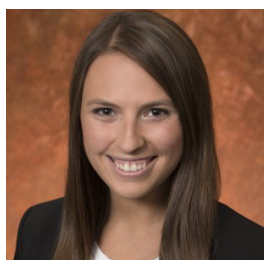
Chris Green graduated from Iowa State University in 2016 with a degree in Child, Adult, and Family Services. She served as the Chapter President of her sorority, Vice-President of NPHC, and a Community Advisor. Chris earned a

spot on the Dean's List, was named NPHC President of the Year, and was awarded the GWC Outstanding Achievement Award. Her assistantship is with University Housing.



Matt Kilduff

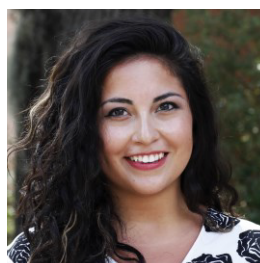
Matt Kilduff is a 2015 graduate of the University of Rhode Island. He majored in Economics. Matt served as Student Body President and as an Orientation Leader. His assistantship at Florida State is with the Career Center.



Elizabeth Harris

Elizabeth Harris is a 2016 graduate of Ohio University. Her undergraduate degrees are in Political Science and Strategic Communications. At Ohio University, Elizabeth served as the VP for Programming and the Director of

PR for her sorority, Delta Gamma. In 2016, Elizabeth received both the Sorority Member of the Year and the Delta Gamma Courage Award. Her assistantship is with the Career Center.



Maria Martinez

María Martínez is a 2016 graduate of the University of Tennessee. She earned her bachelor's degree in Modern Foreign Languages and Literature. As a student, María served as an Orientation Leader, a Resident Assistant, and served

on the SGA Senate. In 2013, María was named an Emerging Leader. Her assistantship on campus is with the Center for Leadership and Social Change.



Jeremy Hudak

Jeremy Hudak is a 2016 graduate of Kennesaw State University. He received his degree in Political Science. While at Kennesaw State, Jeremy was involved as a Peer Advisor and served as President of Phi Eta Sigma. Jeremy received

the Outstanding Student award for the Department of Political Science and International Affairs in addition to his designation as a Who's Who Scholar. His assistantship is with the College of Communication and Information.



Daniel McBurney

Daniel McBurney graduated from the University of West Florida in 2016 with a degree in Hospitality. Daniel served as both SGA President and IFC President. He was also deeply involved with his fraternity, Sigma Chi. Daniel

was recognized as part of the Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Additionally, he was awarded the Hal B. Crosby Leadership Award and was inducted into the SGA Hall of Fame. His assistantship is with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

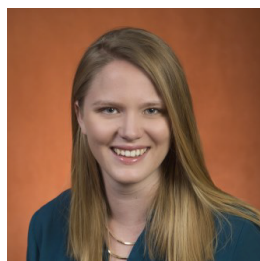
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Hannah Meister

Hannah Meister graduated from the University of Miami in 2015 with a degree in Communications. Hannah was a member of the Varsity Crew Team at UM. She also served as the Yearbook Photo Editor and the SAAC

Rowing Representative. Hannah was awarded ACC All-Academic and earned a spot on the Dean's, Provost's and President's lists. Her assistantship is with the Office of National Fellowships.



Becca Piers

Becca Piers graduated from Florida State in 2013 with a degree in Family and Child Sciences. As an undergraduate student, she held leadership positions in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in addition to working as a Group

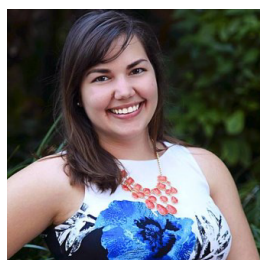
Exercise Instructor with FSU Campus Recreation. Most recently, Becca worked full-time as an Education and Outreach Coordinator at WFSU. Becca's assistantship is with Events and Programs for the Office of the Vice-President of Student Affairs.



Carlo Morante

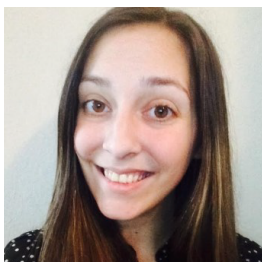
Carlo Morante graduated from Florida State University in 2015 with a double major in Psychology and Media/Communication Studies. As an undergraduate student, Carlo was involved with the Spiritual Life Project

and served as a PeaceJam Mentor and Coach. Carlo was also part of the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society. Carlo's assistantship is with the Center for Leadership and Social Change.



Marile Quintana

Marilé Quintana graduated from the University of Florida in 2015 with a degree in Advertising. At UF, Marile served as an RA and was an active member of her sorority, Kappa Phi Lambda. Her assistantship at Florida State is with Student Activities.



Amy Novotny

Amy Novotny is a 2016 graduate of Wayne State University. She received her degree in Psychology. Her involvement on campus was focused in her sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, where she served as president. Amy was also

an Orientation Leader. Her assistantship at FSU is with the Bryan Hall Learning Community.



Zoya Quraishi

Zoya Quraishi graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas in 2016 with a degree in Healthcare Studies. Zoya served as an Orientation Leader and held several leadership positions within her sorority, Kappa Alpha

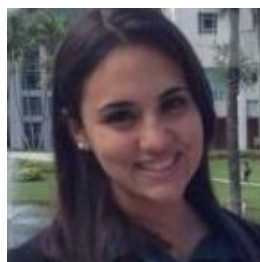
Theta. Zoya also served as a Student Ambassador for the Office of the President. At Florida State, Zoya's assistantship is with New Family and Student Programs.



Amanda Peerce

Amanda Peerce graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2016 with a degree in Advertising. Amanda served as a Resident Assistant and a Community Advisor. Additionally, she was a TA for the Honors College.

She was the recipient of the WKU RA/CA of the Year for two consecutive years. At Florida State, Amanda works as a GA for University Housing.



Jane Rodriguez

Jane Rodriguez graduated from Florida International University in 2015 with a degree in Hospitality. At FIU, Jane served as VP of the programming board in addition to VP of Chapter Development for her sorority, Alpha

Omicron Pi. Jane works with Student Activities at Florida State.

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Amie Runk

Amie Runk graduated from Florida State University in 2010 with a double major in Communications and English. Amie currently works for the Askew Student Life Center at Florida State.



Michaela Shenberger

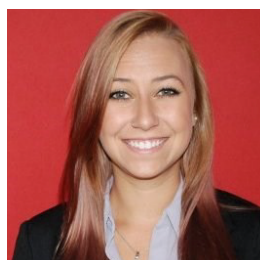
Michaela Shenberger graduated from Appalachian State University in 2016 with a degree in Business Administration. At Appalachian State, Michaela served as VP of Marketing in Pi Sigma Epsilon, Special Event Coordinator for VoiceMale, and a Trail-head Leader. Michaela's assistantship is with the Honors Program at Florida State.



Danielle Sebranek

Danielle Sebranek graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2012 with a double major in French and History Secondary Education. As an undergraduate student, Danielle was involved with the Honors Community

Service Organization in addition to serving as a First-Year Mentor. Danielle's assistantship is with the Career Center.



Aubrey Winn

Aubrey Winn graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 2015 with a degree in Public Relations. Aubrey was President of her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and served as VP of Recruitment for Panhellenic Council. She was the 2015 recipient of the



Dale Shanklin

Dale Shanklin graduated from Boise State University in 2015 with a degree in Philosophy. Dale was involved with Dance Marathon and served as President of his fraternity, Delta Upsilon. During his time as a leader

in Greek Life at Boise State, Dale won President of the Year. His assistantship at Florida State is with University Housing.

Meet the New Doctoral Cohort



Melissa Ludlam

Melissa Ludlam completed her undergraduate studies at FSU before returning to receive her master's degree in Criminology in 2013. Melissa worked as an Undergraduate Academic Advisor for several years before she

transitioned to her current job with the Florida State Student Veterans Center.



Jesse Ford

Jesse Ford graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in History. He then went on to complete his M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration at the University of South Carolina. Before starting his doctorate

work at Florida State, Jesse worked at the University of Miami. His assistantship is with the College of Education where he conducts research with Dr. Bertrand Jones.



Daniel Marshall

Daniel Marshall is a 2008 graduate of William and Mary where he studied Kinesiology. Daniel then went on to complete his master's degree in Sport Management at the University of South Carolina. Since then, Daniel has

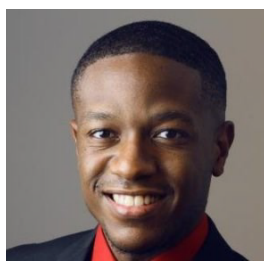
worked as a Fitness Coordinator at UNC-Chapel Hill, an Intramural Coordinator at TCC, and Adjunct Faculty at TCC. Daniel is currently a GA in the Office of the Vice-President of Student Affairs. He works on research and assessment projects for the office.



Jamaal Harrison

Jamaal Harrison is another two-time graduate of North Carolina State University. He has a bachelor's degree in Organizational Behavior and Communication and a master's degree in Higher Education Administration.

Jamaal's assistantship is with the Center for Postsecondary Success.



Marshall Anthony Jr.

Marshall Anthony Jr. is a two-time graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration. Marshall's assistantship is with the

Leadership Learning Research Center in the Center for Leadership and Social Change.



Emily Burgess

Emily Burgess completed her bachelor's degree in Theatre at Hiram College. She then went on to complete her M.Ed. in Higher Education at Kent State University. Emily currently works at Florida State full-time as an Academic

Program Specialist at the College of Motion Picture Arts.

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Jennifer Farinella

Jennifer Farinella completed her bachelor's degree in Hospitality at the University of Central Florida and her M.Ed. in Higher Education Student Affairs at the University of South Carolina. Jennifer currently works with the College of Social Work as an Academic Program Specialist.



Erin Sylvester

Jesse Ford graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in History. He then went on to complete his M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration at the University of South Carolina. Before starting his doctorate work at Florida State, Jesse worked at the University of Miami. His assistantship is with the College of Education where he conducts research with Dr. Bertrand Jones.



LaFarin Meriwether

LaFarin Meriwether completed her bachelor's degrees at the University of Kentucky in Agriculture Economics and Agricultural Education, Community, and Leadership. LaFarin also has an M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati. LaFarin currently works full-time at Florida State with University Housing.



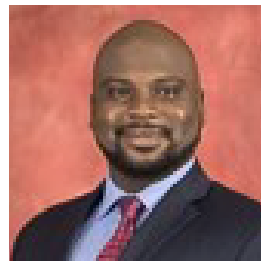
Dawn Matthews

Dawn Matthews received her bachelor's degree in Sociology at Virginia State University before going on to complete her M.Ed. at Virginia State in Educational Leadership. Dawn works full-time at Florida State as an Academic Advisor in the College of Education.



Jhenai Chandler

Jhenai Chandler received her bachelor's degree from Florida State in Food and Nutrition. Shortly after, Jhenai received her master's degree in Leadership in Education & Human Services at Nova Southeastern University. At Florida State, Jhenai works with the College of Human Sciences.



Dorsey Spencer

Dorsey Spencer completed his bachelor's degree at Temple University where he studied Sport and Recreation Management. He went on to earn his M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Dorsey works full-time with the Student Activities Office in the Oglesby Union as the Associate Director. Dorsey was the recipient of the 2015 DSA New Employee of the Year Award.

Not Featured: Teng Zhao, Robyn Brock, Eric Godin, DaShay Portis, Brodie Quinn, Erica Wiborg

Hardee Fellow Induction

By: Hannah Meister, 1st Year master's student

The room began to fill up, buzzing with chatter, which got louder as more people arrived. Floating from conversation to conversation, it was clear that some were between old friends, and others, a budding professional and a much more seasoned one. There were smiles and laughter and visible connection--the Life Net was at work.

After a bit of subtle prompting, Dr. Mary Coburn, Director of the Hardee Center and Vice President of Student Affairs, coaxed everyone to their seats so that the program may begin. We gathered to recognize students in the Higher Education master's and doctoral programs who have achieved greatly in the classroom and earned their place to be inducted as Hardee Fellows.

After welcomes and opening remarks from Dr. Coburn and Dr. Robert Schwartz, Department Chair of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, doctoral student and second time Hardee Fellow honoree, Craig Beebe took to the podium. He shared a few of the most poignant lessons he has learned in his time as a doctoral student at Florida State University: the value of humility, the importance of understanding the barriers other people face and your role in helping them over those walls and the necessity of remembering those who have helped lift you to where you are. He invoked Issac Newton's sentiment of "standing on the shoulders of giants" by equating education to the work of building giants. As administration, faculty and student affairs professionals we should be people with the compassion and humility to kneel down to put people on our shoulders to create new giants to go out into the world. He left us with the phrase, "Go forth and make giants," as one last bit of inspiration.

Following, was an emotional and sentimental tribute to the mother of Dr. Cheryl Lovell, Hardee Center board member, in the form of the Carrie G. Hall Scholarship. Hall was a woman who was unable to pursue her education past the eighth grade, but ensured that her children were educated. Although she was not able to attain the education that she desired, her dedication and value of education was paralleled to that of Mel Hardee's. The first Carrie G. Hall scholarship was awarded to doctoral student Sophia Rahming, recognizing her achievements and dedicated pursuit of education.

Dr. Coburn concluded the ceremony with a reminder of Dr. Mel Hardee's legacy that we continue to honor and pass on to the next generation of Florida State University Higher Education Students. Hardee's legacy is one of support and encouragement in the pursuit of education and helping to lift others up over whatever walls they may find themselves behind.

Congratulations to the 2016 Hardee Fellow inductees on your achievements thus far, we look forward to seeing the Hardee Fellow tradition of excellence continue throughout your future!



Congratulations, 2016 Hardee Fellows!

Master's Students

<i>Molly Buckley</i>	<i>Kaileen Paige</i>
<i>Matthew Corbett</i>	<i>Lindsey Proulx</i>
<i>Katelyn Hayworth</i>	<i>Alyssa Shears</i>
<i>Kristen Lemaster</i>	<i>Heather Stitely</i>
<i>Scott Levitt</i>	<i>D'Evelyn Wymore</i>

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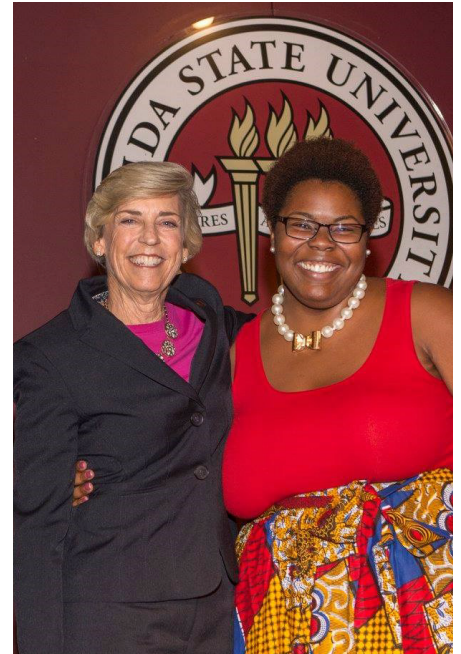
Alan Acosta	<i>Miguel Hernandez</i>	Jonathan Ottley
Danielle Acosta	Alethea Kilgore	Dante Pelzer
Craig Beebe	<i>David Kenton</i>	<i>Allison Peters</i>
<i>Emily Burgess</i>	Steven Kleuver	Sophia Rahming
<i>Trevor Bryan</i>	<i>Melissa Ludlam</i>	Tadarrayl Starke
Vivechkanand Chunoo	Susannah Marshman	<i>Daniel Sheets</i>
Victoria Dobiyanski	<i>Dawn Matthews</i>	<i>Dorsey Spencer</i>
Kellie Gerbers	Shermin Murji	<i>Erin Sylvester</i>
Kenneth Gloeckner	<i>Chandra Myrick</i>	<i>Trisha Teig</i>
<i>Eric Godin</i>	Samantha Nix	<i>Maritza Torres</i>
<i>Jason Guilbeau</i>	<i>Monique Ositelu</i>	<i>Erica Wiborg</i>

**Bold and italicized text denotes first-time*



Congratulations, Seminole Torchbearers!

The Seminole Torchbearers is an organization comprised of Florida State University students and alumni who are exceptional leaders. In 1986, the Seminole Torchbearers began formally recognizing those alumni who were student leaders during their time on campus. Since then, over 5,500 students and alumni have been inducted into this prestigious group. For more information regarding the Seminole Torchbearers please visit <https://torchbearers.fsu.edu>.



Master's Students

Lauren Apgar
Molly Buckley
Jessica Coons
Matthew Corbett
Caroline Cox
Derek Goeglein
Joshua Guffey
Lauren Haynes
Katelyn Hayworth
Andrew Hoffman

Pei Hu
Kristen Lemaster
Scott Levitt
Grace Martin
Dawn Matthews
Jordan Nation
Kaileen Paige
Becca Piers
Lindsey Proulx
Erin Satterwhite

Heather Stitely
Terri Thomas
Dillon Warner
Blake Weiss
Jesse Wieland
D'Evelyn Wymore
Shelby Young
Hope Young

Doctoral Students

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LaFarin Meriwether
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2017 Dalton Institute Preview



“Inclusion and Isolation: Restoring Trust and (Re)Building Community on Campus”

By: Craig Beebe, doctoral student, GA for The Dalton Institute

The Dalton Institute is in the homestretch as we prepare for the 2017 conference. To be held February 2-4, 2017 on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee, the 27th annual Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values will explore an important and timely theme:

Inclusion & Isolation: Restoring Trust and (Re)Building Community on Campus

As the need for higher education practitioners to understand relevant scholarship increases, participants this year will experience a more structured research component that will include our inaugural paper session, which will present recent and ongoing scholarship on inclusion, isolation, and the experience of students on today's college campus. Two keynote presenters, Dr. Alyssa N. Rockenbach and Dr. Sam Museus, also bring their experience and expertise to the Institute as producers of extensive research in these areas.

Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, President Emerita of Spelman College and noted author, will bring an interactive approach to her keynote address in the form of a “fireside chat” that will encourage engagement among attendees, while Mr. Vernon Wall will share insights from his career as a practitioner, consultant, and social justice advocate.

We are also excited to announce that this year's pre-conference session will feature a workshop by Florida State's NCBI trainers. The National Coalition Building Institute is a national organization dedicated to producing campuses, organizations, and cities that proactively address community needs by embracing diversity and shaping leaders with the attitudes and skills necessary for success in an increasingly global world.



Registration is now open. We encourage participants to plan to arrive in Tallahassee in time to take part in the important (and free!) pre-conference workshop. As always, we look forward to providing the hospitality, networking, and engagement that you have come to expect from the Dalton Institute. Learn more at <http://studentvalues.fsu.edu>.



First-Year Transition

By: Elizabeth Harris, first year master's student

After visiting Florida State University for Visiting Days in February, I immediately knew Florida State would be the place I call home for the next two years. Upon graduating from Ohio University in April, I spent the summer working as an orientation leader and preparing for my transition to graduate school.

As I began my 1,000-mile journey from Pittsburgh to Tallahassee in August, I found myself full of mixed emotions. I was excited to start a new journey, to meet new people, to start my graduate assistantship and to learn about a subject that I am extremely passionate about. However, I also found myself nervous for all of the same reasons; I wondered how my transition would be to this entirely new chapter in my life.

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We have made close friendships that make it
crazy to think that we were all strangers just
a few months ago.

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Even though Hurricane Hermine threw us a curveball and the Florida heat made for quite the adjustment, I could not have asked for an easier, seamless transition to graduate school. My cohort and the second-year cohort are both full of authentic, intelligent and kindhearted individuals who truly care about each other. The second-year cohort welcomed us with open arms and ensured we felt at home. We have made close friendships that make it crazy to think that we were all strangers just a few months ago.

As the Outreach and Assessment Graduate Assistant in the Career Center, my main responsibilities include coordinating first-year outreach initiatives and the university-wide online Career Portfolio Contest. I am lucky enough to have a supervisor who gives me a great deal of autonomy and sincerely cares about my professional development. I enjoy working in the Career Center and am excited to continue applying the theory I learn in class to my work.

I truly look forward to going to class everyday. Unlike in undergrad, we continually learn about topics that I am passionate about and find extremely thought provoking and exciting. Learning from distinguished professors and well as from the intelligent ideas and viewpoints of my classmates makes class extremely rewarding.

I could not be happier with my experience in the Higher Education program thus far and look forward to the semesters to come!



Summer Internship Spotlight:



By: Kristen Lemaster, second year master's student

After an amazing HESA international practicum, I followed a NODA internship to the University at Buffalo in Buffalo, New York. UB is the largest campus within the SUNY system, which afforded me an opportunity to explore complexities of governance and institutional accountability in a new context.

UB granted me a multifaceted experience in the fast-paced, high-energy world of orientation. With an incredible graduate co-intern, I had the honor of planning a weekend retreat and intensive two-week training for the 25 incoming orientation leaders. The training process focused on developing students' leadership self-efficacy and creating a sense of connectedness and co-authenticity within the team. Each session was intentionally grounded in Kolb's theory of experiential learning, and many of my favorite moments from the summer came in the form of helping orientation leaders reflect on their personal and professional development. I was fortunate to work with parent and family programs, transfer student programs, and first-year student programs throughout the summer. In learning with students, I was able to further my own skills in advising, problem solving, crisis management, conflict resolution, inclusive programming, and, as always, listening with empathy.



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Working in a small, tight-knit office allowed me to engage in meaningful dialogue about how to build positive, sustainable campus partnerships. As an office, much time was dedicated to figuring out how to continuously (and creatively!) improve different aspects of the orientation sessions, which were often filled beyond capacity. I also found a wonderful role model and mentor in my direct supervisor, for which I will always be grateful to the NODA internship program.

I concluded the summer with a celebratory trip to Niagara Falls, one last frozen custard from a local favorite known as Anderson's, and renewed purpose for working in higher education student affairs. With each new step of my journey, I am reminded of the significance of the LifeNet, and I am more and more excited to be a graduating member of the FSU higher education family in the near future.



Summer Internship Spotlight:

By: Terri Thomas, second year master's student

On June 23, 2016, I landed back in the States after the International Practicum and took a week to recover, repack and road trip 1,113-mile cross-country to Madison, Wisconsin. While I am a native of Fayetteville, Arkansas, this was my first time to the Midwest. This summer, I had the unique opportunity to intern with the University Apartments at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW). UW is a beautiful campus situated on an isthmus between Lake Mendota and Lake Monona. As the flagship campus of the University of Wisconsin System, The UW is a large Public Ivy Research University. Coming from a small, private 700 students strong undergraduate institution, I was convinced that she would intern at a smaller university. However, the right internship chose me and proved that one could find a community even at a large school.



Within this 10-week period, I assisted with several projects that she completed this summer, including helping with the Eagle's Wing Child Care National Accreditations process, conducted focus groups with undergraduates' families, contributing to organizing new and exciting programming for residents, and writing Newsletter Teacher Features to Introduce the Early Childhood teachers. She also attended several professional development sessions and collaborated with campus partners to learn more about the University of Wisconsin-Madison. University Apartments is its own department within the Division of Housing. They have their resident support and programming staff, facilities staff, and administrative staff. They also operate a Childcare Center, Eagle's Wing, in their Community Center. University Apartments house approximately 2500 residents; most are graduate students and families, and half of the residents are from outside of the United States.

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One of the best perks of being a Badger for the summer was the opportunity to spend time with the children at the Eagle's Wing Child Care. This internship merged my love of working with kids and international college students. There was never a dull moment with children of all ages running around the community center. On my break, she would go for walks with the babies, recess with the 3-4 year old children and went on day camp trips with the older children. She was also lucky to have an incredible supervisor, Maggie; she was a huge advocate for me taking full advantage of all what UW had to offer personally and professionally.

By the end of July, she left University of Wisconsin-Madison confident in my skills as a higher educational professional. I was thankful for both this summer experience and for being a member of HESA at Florida State University. I feel confident as the job search approaches, knowing that this past year was filled with valuable experiences.

A Romance with the Night Sky

A Conversation with Dr. Jedidah Isler

By Sophia Rahming, doctoral student

What does a little black girl do when she falls in love with the night sky? She becomes the first black woman to receive a doctorate in astrophysics from Yale University. Estee Hernandez, a doctoral candidate in the Higher Education program on the Student Affairs track, and I, a Hardee Fellow and doctoral student in the Higher Education program also on the Student Affairs track, had the opportunity to have a conversation with Dr. Isler during her recent visit to FSU on October 4, 2016. We were honored, along with thirteen other graduate students from across the FSU community, to have a private meeting with Dr. Isler before her public presentation to FSU and the wider Tallahassee community. Dr. Isler shared her compelling journey to Ph.D. filled with highs and lows.

I specifically asked her two questions that were burning in my mind since I first read about her after the historic graduation ceremony went viral. I wanted to know how she constructed her personal, academic and scientific identities within the “liminal spaces” - those intersecting axes of black femininity in what is often the exclusionary field of STEM - during her matriculation. I also wanted to know if she felt torn between her work as an astrophysicist at Vanderbilt University and her public speaking engagements that inspired so many young black women to be confident that a career in science, not only work from science was possible for “girls like me.”

She was a FOD (First Only Different) and we were happily distracting her from her work on particle jets emanating from black holes at the centers of distant galaxies called blazars.



Dr. Isler uses simultaneous infrared, optical and gamma-ray observations to better understand the physics of these blazar jets (jedidahislerphd.com, 2016). Dr. Isler graciously answered all of our questions, gave great advice and truly inspired all present that what others see has no bearing on your trajectory. Reach for the stars, Hardee Fellows, because you just might find Dr. Isler sitting next to you one day reaching for them as well.

Class of '16: Where Are They Now?

Suzanne Berkey—Member Services/Facility Coordinator for Recreational Sports and Fitness at American University

Kyle Calbat—Assistant Instructor at Voyageur Outward Bound School

Joe Czaja—Resident Director at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Josh Davis—Program Coordinator for New Student & Leadership Programs at Tulane University

Matt Dishman—Resident Director for the Manresa Scholars Program at Fordham University

Megan Downey—Assistant Director of the Career Center at UNC-Charlotte

Mallory Foutch—Program Coordinator at the Virginia Tech Women's Center

Katherine Hibbard—Academic Advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UNC-Charlotte

Matthew Jones—Community Director in Residence Life at the University of Arizona

Danielle Lewis—Academic Program Specialist in the Math Department at Florida State University

Taylor Locks—Hall Director at Christopher Newport University

Morgan Matchett—Director of Center for Servant Leadership at Texas Lutheran University

Amanda Mintz—Customer Training Specialist at Campus Labs in Dallas, TX

Kate Morales—Program Specialist at the Delta Gamma Foundation

Kyle Newman—Currently seeking employment

Emily Oswalt—Program Coordinator for the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at UCLA

Amanda Peters—Employer Relations Coordinator & Career Counselor at University of South Florida St. Petersburg



Class of '16: Where Are They Now?

Junior Peña—Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Affairs at the University of Miami

Ali Raza—Program Coordinator in the Student Activities Office at Colorado State

Spencer Scruggs—Assistant Director of the Student Disability Resource Center at Florida State University

Robin Searcy—Resident Director at Berklee College of Music

Kaitlyn Shepard—Coordinator of Transition Programs at UNC-Wilmington

Jen Stone—Community Director at Curry College

Lane Washington—Pursuing PhD in Higher Education at Ohio State University

Christian Williams—Coordinator of Extended Orientation and Transition Programs at University of Delaware

Samantha Yorke—Assistant Director for Undergraduate Student Success at Nova Southeastern University



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The LifeNet wishes you all the best of luck!

Faculty Updates & News

Dr. Robert “Bob” Schwartz, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies Department Chair
Dr. Tamara Bertrand Jones, Higher Education Program Coordinator

Higher Education Faculty Members:

Dr. Tamara Bertrand Jones
Dr. Kathy Guthrie
Dr. Bob Schwartz
Dr. Mary Coburn

Dr. Shouping Hu
Dr. T.K. Wetherell
Dr. Bradley Cox
Dr. Lara Perez-Felkner



Faculty Updates & News

Tamara Bertrand Jones

Recent Awards:

- Exemplary Evaluator, American Evaluation Association, Multi-ethnic Issues in Evaluation Topical Interest Group (2015).
- Profiles of Social Change, Florida State University for Leadership and Social Change (2015).
- Supervisor/Mentor Award, Florida State University Higher Education Program (2015).



Publications:

- Bertrand Jones, T., Guthrie, K., & Osteen, L. (in press). Critical Domains of Culturally Relevant Leadership Learning: A Call to Transform Leadership Programs. In Kathy L. Guthrie, Tamara Bertrand Jones, & Laura Osteen (Eds.), *Developing culturally relevant leadership learning* [Monograph]. New Directions for Student Leadership.
- Bertrand Jones, T., Tandberg, D., & Snead, S. M. (2015). Graduate school choice and summer research opportunities programs. In Virginia Stead (Ed.), *International Perspectives of Higher Education Admission Policy: A Reader*. NY: Peter Lang.

Brad Cox

Recent Awards:

- Supervisor/Mentor Award, Hardee Center and the Higher Education Program, Florida State University (2016).
- Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award (nominee), Florida State University (2015).

Publications:

- Cox, B. E., Reason, R. D., Tobolowsky, B. T., Brower, R. L., Patterson, S., Luczyk, S., and Roberts, K. L. (in press). Lip service or actionable insights? Linking student experiences to assessment, accountability, and data-driven decision making in higher education. *Journal of Higher Education*.
- Cox, B. E., Thompson, K., Anderson, A., Mintz, A., Locks, T. Morgan, L., Edelstein, J., & Wolz, A. (in press). College Experiences for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): Personal identity, public disclosure, and institutional support. *Journal of College Student Development*.

Kathy Guthrie

Recent Awards:

- Transformation through Teaching Award, Florida State University (2015).

Updates:

- Currently serving as the Leadership Scholarship Member Interest Group Chair for the International Leadership Association
- Was named the Series Editor for “Contemporary Perspectives in Leadership Learning,” a new upcoming book series from Information Age Publishing.

Faculty Updates & News

Publications:

- Volpe White, J. & Guthrie, K. L. (2016). Creating a meaningful learning environment: Reflection in leadership education. *Journal of Leadership Education*, 15(1), 60-75.
- Guthrie, K. L., & Osteen, L. (Eds.). (2016). Reclaiming higher education's purpose in leadership development (New Directions for Higher Education No. 174). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.
- Guthrie, K. L., & Callahan, K. (2016). Liberal Studies: Leadership Education in the 21st Century. In K. L. Guthrie, & L. Osteen. (Eds.). Reclaiming higher education's purpose in leadership development (New Directions for Higher Education, No. 174, p. 21-33). San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.



Shouping Hu

Updates:

- Dr. Shouping Hu and the CPS faculty researchers Drs. Tamara Bertrand Jones and Toby Park received a five-year (2016-2021) \$3.3 million grant from the Institute of Education Sciences of the US Department of Education to study Florida's developmental education reform. The research team has published a number of research reports that are available from the CPS website at <http://centerforpostsecondarysuccess.org/publications>.
- Dr. Shouping Hu and the CPS faculty researchers Drs. Tamara Bertrand Jones, Toby Park and Lara Perez-Felkner received a three year (2016-2019) \$1.1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to collaborate on measurement and evaluation efforts between CPS and the Foundation's Postsec-ondary Success team.

Lara Perez-Felkner

Recent Awards:

- Supervisor/Mentor Award, Hardee Center and the Higher Education Program, Florida State University (2016).
- Finalist, Robert M. Gagne Research Award, Florida State University (2015).

Publications:

- Perez-Felkner, L. C. (2015). Achievement Differences and Gender. In R. Gunstone (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Science Education* (p. 93-94). New York: Springer Publishing. Retrieved from http://dx.doi.org/1007/978-94-007-2150-0_351
- Perez-Felkner, L. C. (2015). Perceptions and Resilience in Underrepresented Students' Pathway to College. *Teachers College Record*, 117(8), 62. Retrieved from <http://www.tcrecord.org/content.asp?contentid=17996>

Robert Schwartz

Recent Awards:

- Transformation Through Teaching Award, Florida State University (2016).
- Faculty Fellow, NASPA-Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education (2013).

Alumni Updates & News

Dr. Cynthia Bonner (Ph.D., 1979) retired from Virginia Tech in 2016 as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. She was recently honored with the Lifetime Membership Award from the Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA).

Dr. Sonja Ardoin (M.S., 2006) presented, with colleagues, a paper entitled “It’s not just about creating noise”: Women leaders advocate for change in higher education at the 2016 ASHE Conference in Columbus, OH, where she was also chosen as a participant for the 2016 ASHE CAHEP Early Career Faculty Workshop. Sonja then facilitated four sessions at the NASPA Region 1 Conference in Burlington, VT on topics of social class identity, the practitioner to professor pipeline, and her book, *The Strategic Guide to Shaping Your Student Affairs Career* (2014). Sonja is also excited about her new role facilitating the Catalyst leadership program for LeaderShape, Inc.

Dr. Sandra Miles (Ph.D., 2012) was recently promoted to Dean of Students at Indiana University-Purdue. She was Associate Dean previously.

Dr. Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo (M.S., 1989) is a coauthor on the soon to be published book *Supporting Students Globally in Higher Education*.

Dr. James Morrison (Ph.D., 1969) presented to the North Carolina State University Computer Science Graduate Student Association this past April. The presentation was titled “Preparing Your Manuscript for Publication.” The description and video of the presentation are available at <http://horizon.unc.edu/projects/presentations>.

Dr. James W. Carr (Ph.D., 1975) was recently appointed to the Arkansas Board of Higher Education for a 6 year term.

Kellie Gerbers (M.S., 2010) recently received The Jim Rennie Leadership Award at the AORE Conference. The Rennie leadership award goes to someone who has a lasting impact on the association and Kellie has absolutely done that by fostering the next generation of students about to come through the gate and lead. Kellie has been involved with the Association for a number of years, and has been a tireless supporter of AORE and more specifically, AORE student members. Her dedication and enthusiasm throughout the past 4 years towards helping to recruit and retain students shines through in every way.

Student Updates & News

Caroline Cox (M.S. student) presented with her coworker at the National NACADA conference a few weeks ago in Atlanta. The topic was Preventing Academic Advisor Burnout.

Estee Hernandez (Ph.D. student) will present a paper with Christine Vega (colleague at UCLA) at the El Mundo Zurdo, a Conference in San Antonio in November. The conference is put on by the Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa. The paper is entitled, *Ni de aquí, ni de allá: Reclaiming Indigeneity, challenging erasure*. Estee was also recently featured on the Florida State website, <https://www.fsu.edu/profiles/hernandez/>.

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