



# Southern Association for College Student Affairs

*"Providing cooperative association and professional development  
for professionals engaged in college student affairs work."*

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# SACSA 2011

delivering a dream:  
challenging ourselves to  
connect, empower, and sustain



Southern Association for College Student Affairs  
with NASPA Region III

62nd Annual Conference

November 5-7, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia

**Please join us as SACSA with NASPA Region III visits Atlanta, GA for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference "Delivering A Dream: Challenging Ourselves to Connect, Empower, and Sustain" focusing on current issues, best practices, and scholarship within Student Affairs.**

Centrally located, Atlanta in November offers an exciting and entertaining setting for professional development and renewal which have been foundations to SACSA conferences for over six decades.

Key opportunities include:

- \* Professional development at all levels
- \* Networking among multiple professional organizations
- \* Develop relevant skill sets and professional knowledge among a broad range of topics
- \* Learn and be challenged by seasoned professionals

The 2011 conference will provide the opportunity to get away, be renewed and refreshed, and gain new knowledge. If you have not been to a SACSA with NASPA Region III Annual Conference in recent years, you will not want to miss this one!

**Click on topic below to view webpage:**  
[Conference Presenters and Program Abstracts](#)  
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# 2011 SACSA Awards and Recognition

Greeting Colleagues,

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 SACSA Awards and Recognition process! All nominations should be submitted electronically through the SACSA website by **August 5, 2011**. Once the call for nominations has closed, award nominees will be contacted by the Chairperson of the Awards and Recognition Committee and asked to submit their resume, chronology of SACSA involvement, a letter of recommendation from the colleague(s) of their choice and a high-quality photograph by no later than **September 2, 2011**. We are excited to announce the addition of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award to recognize and honor the accomplishments of SACSA's active graduate students.

Questions regarding the nominations process may be directed to:

Tanisha L. Jenkins ([tjenkins@utk.edu](mailto:tjenkins@utk.edu)), 2011 SACSA Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson

Awards & Recognition Committee Members: Sherryl Byrd, Roger Becks, Denisha Bonds, Jonathan Johnson

## The Melvene Draheim Hardee Award

The Melvene Draheim Hardee Award recognizes contributions to student personnel work by a member of the Association. Recognition will be for achievement in one or more of the following areas:

- Development of a model program or concept that impacts student personnel work in the Southeast.
- Significant research and/or publication.
- Providing outstanding leadership in professional organizations and/or endeavors.
- Any unique and outstanding contribution to student personnel work that calls for acceptance and acknowledgement throughout the profession.

## The Howard Davis Sr. Award

The Howard Davis Sr. Award recognizes outstanding service rendered to SACSA by a member of the Association. Recognition will be for achievements in one or more of the following areas:

- Performance of duty above the expected.
- Completion of a service to the Association that reflected faithful and competent achievement.
- Development of new programs or concepts with a positive impact upon the Association.

## The Bobby E. Leach Award

The Bobby E. Leach Award recognizes a student affairs professional or graduate student who has contributed significantly to the development of multicultural relations on a college or university campus. Criteria are as follows:

- Currently active in SACSA (one year minimum membership).
- Must have been significantly involved at least two years in efforts, which have contributed to improvement of multicultural relations on his/her campus.

## The New Professional Award

The New Professional Award recognizes a new professional who has provided exemplary service to SACSA. Criteria are as follows:

- No more than five years of full-time experience in student affairs.
- Current membership for at least one full year and active involvement in SACSA.
- Demonstrated service to the profession (e.g., presented a paper, workshop, conducted research, demonstrated leadership) and promise shown for becoming a leader in the field.
- Attended at least 2 SACSA affiliated professional development conferences, workshops, or activities.
- Possess outstanding character and potential role model stature for other new professionals.

# Awards and Recognition, continued

## The Outstanding Graduate Student Award – BRAND NEW AWARD

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award recognizes a graduate student for their academic achievement, campus involvement and potential for significant contributions to the Student Affairs profession. Criteria are as follows:

- Enrolled as a full-time student pursuing masters or doctoral work in a Student Affairs-related degree program, with intention of pursuing a career within Student Affairs.
- Current membership for at least one full year and active involvement in SACSA.
- Demonstrated academic achievement.
- Active involvement and leadership roles in campus activities and organizations.
- Possess a paraprofessional or intern-related position within the Student Affairs Division.

## The Joe Buck Service Award

The Joe Buck Service Award recognizes the long-term membership and service of Dr. Joseph A. Buck, Vice President for Student Affairs Emeritus at Armstrong Atlantic State University, to the Southern Association for College Student Affairs. Dr. Buck currently serves as SACSA's inaugural Executive Director, a position for which he has volunteered since 2001. Prior to this role, Dr. Joe Buck has served SACSA with distinction since 1973. His accomplishments include:

- SACSA Scholar, 2003, 2002
- Local Arrangements Chair, 2000, 1990, 1980
- SACSA Foundation participant.
- H. Howard Davis, Sr. Award Recipient, 1988
- SACSA President, 1984-1985
- SACSA Historian, 1976, 1975
- Chair, By-Laws Committee, 1987, 1986
- Chair, State of Georgia, Sexual Harassment Task Force. 1988, 1987
- Chair, Consultative Services Program, 1977, 1976

The Joe Buck Service Award shall be presented to a dependable and dedicated SACSA member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Association. Criteria are as follows:

- Minimum of five years of SACSA membership.
- Demonstrated record of committee service and/or leadership.
- Has not served as an elected officer.
- Has not received prior award recognition from SACSA.
- Viewed by SACSA colleagues as a role model, mentor, and unsung hero of the Association.

## Lifetime Honorary Memberships

Lifetime Honorary Memberships shall be presented to long-term members of SACSA who have made notable contributions to SACSA and the College Student Affairs Profession. Criteria are as follows:

- Should no longer be eligible for regular membership.
- Should have been a regular member for at least seven years.
- Should have been actively involved in SACSA by serving in some leadership capacity, either as a committee chair and/or participating in at least one of the SACSA-sponsored professional development activities (i.e., the annual conference, Mid-Managers' Institute or New Professionals' Institute) as a coordinator or presenter.

**Click here to submit a nomination:**

**<http://sacsa.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=144211>**

# SACSA SOCIAL MEDIA



## A Request from One of Your Members-at-Large...

Traditionally, summer is a time for family reunions or to get in touch with those we may not have seen in awhile. Sometimes, it can take effort in finding our family members who may have “lost touch” with us or even to discover new members who may not know they have an opportunity to connect. That is one of my tasks as a SACSA Member-at-Large.

It has been a busy past few months and with my colleagues Creston and Dwaun, we have had a great time sharing information about SACSA across the region. I am excited to tell you that through these discussions individuals have not only joined SACSA, but will be presenting interest sessions at the 2011 SACSA Conference. So... we will have entirely new members to welcome to our SACSA family – another exciting reason to come to Atlanta!

I am also writing to engage your help. I’ve been asked by our SACSA President, Melissa, to reach out to those individuals working in technical colleges and universities as well as to community college and faculty colleagues. I have been doing some “cold calling” and talking with those I know, but I am sure I could create more relationships with your help. If you know of a colleague who fits into the categories above, or if you have someone you would like me to share SACSA with, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at [aheiselt@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:aheiselt@colled.msstate.edu) or at (662) 325-7919. I want to bring as many of our family members together so we can all be ready to participate in “Delivering the Dream.”

Thank you in advance for your help and enjoy your summer!

April Heiselt, Member - at - Large

# SACSA RESEARCH GRANT

## WHAT IS IT?

The Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) encourages research in student affairs theory and practice by annually awarding a research incentive grant. The approximate monetary grant(s) (up to \$500) will be presented at the fall 2011 conference. College student affairs professionals and graduate students working on a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation are eligible to compete for the award.

## IF I RECEIVE THE GRANT, AM I OBLIGATED TO DO SOMETHING?

Within a year of receiving the grant, the recipient must either make a presentation about the research at the SACSA conference or submit an article about the research for possible publication in the *College Student Affairs Journal*.

## CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF RESEARCH GRANT:

1. Significance of the research (to include):
  - o Contribution to the field of student affairs
  - o Timeliness of the topic
  - o Magnitude of the issue
  - o Extent to which the research provides new information or strategies
  
2. Quality of research design (to include):
  - o Appropriateness of research design
  - o Appropriate use of quantitative and/or qualitative methods
  
3. Overall presentation (to include):
  - o Writing (clarity, grammar, etc.)
  - o Organization
  - o Professionalism

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

Submit a description of the research project, including title, research question(s), population, instruments, method, timetable, relevance to student affairs research or practice, and an itemized budget. This proposal should be no longer than 5 word-processed, double-spaced pages. Graduate students must also include a letter of support from their faculty advisor/chair. Submit proposals in Microsoft Word as an e-mail attachment to [monica.burke@wku.edu](mailto:monica.burke@wku.edu). Deadline for submissions is August 1, 2011. Applicants are required to be SACSA members in order to receive this award.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Monica Burke, at (270) 745-8997 or e-mail at [monica.burke@wku.edu](mailto:monica.burke@wku.edu).

# KUDOS!

The SACSA-lerc will now be including your personal and professional accomplishments. Whether it's completing a dissertation, approval of a book chapter, advancement from assistant professor to full professor, etc., we want to know about it! Please be sure to share via the SACSA-lerc by submitting this information to Alison Brown ([alison.brown@utk.edu](mailto:alison.brown@utk.edu)).

- ↑ \* Dr. Lisa Harris will be taking a new position as Vice President of Student Affairs at Boise State University in July 2011. We wish her well and will miss her at MSU, but know that she'll always be part of the bulldog family!
- ↑ \* Dr. April Heiselt was awarded the Mississippi State University College of Education's Lucinda Rose Teaching Award.
- ↑ \* Breanna Hardy, Mississippi State University Student Affairs Counseling Master's Student won the 2011 Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Graduate Student of the Year Award.

## SACSA Spotlight

The Career Services Committee is soliciting general SACSA experiences and Southern Placement Exchange stories. Please email Pam Curtis at [pncurt01@louisville.edu](mailto:pncurt01@louisville.edu) for more information. The SACSA-lerc Committee is soliciting exciting, innovative, or general interest stories from the campuses of our members. If you are interested in being interviewed about something happening on your campus, please email Alison Brown at [abrown94@utk.edu](mailto:abrown94@utk.edu) with a few sentences as to why your campus should be highlighted in an upcoming SACSA-lerc.

### Southern Placement Exchange Story

#### Alicia Golston

Coordinator for Housing and Residence Life, Western Kentucky University

#### How many times have you attended SPE?

*I have attended SPE six times as an employer and candidate.*

#### What is your favorite thing about SPE?

*My favorite thing about SPE is the family atmosphere. One will experience it from the smiling faces at registration, the socials, the helpful feedback, and constant encouragement from employers throughout the weekend.*

#### What is one of the greatest opportunities for SPE?

*One of the greatest opportunities for SPE is that the exchange is offered in an ideal location of the country for employers and candidates. The exchange is a reasonable cost and it a great opportunity to meet future colleagues in Student Affairs. When I interviewed as a candidate, I felt there were a wealth of employers present for me to seek future employment with.*

#### What is one of your fondest memories of SPE?

*My fondest memory of SPE is that in 2006, I attended SPE as an employer and I meet my current supervisor while I was introducing my "then" RA to her. At that time, I thought it would have been an amazing opportunity for my RA. My RA chose a different institution. Two years later, it was an AMAZING opportunity for me!*

#### What advice would you give to someone new to the organization?

# Career Services

How do staff stay on top of the ever changing campus environment? Eric Stoller's Blog provides some great ways to enhance our own professional development while staying relevant in the job market.

## Social Media and the SSAO

With the rapid growth of social media and accompanying surge in online activity, particularly among university and college students, student affairs staff are using the latest technologies to engage students and forge stronger ties to programs, services, and events. Increasingly, senior student affairs officers (SSAOs) are building their own communities and initiating important conversations through a variety of social media sites. This article provides an overview of social media and how it can help student affairs make and keep vital connections. See the full blog at <http://ericstoller.com/blog/2011/04/30/social-media-and-the-ssao/>

# Career Opportunities

We encourage you to post your position openings on SACSA's website at <http://www.sacsa.org/jobbank.cfm>.

## *The following positions are currently available:*

Coordinator for University Housing – Appalachian State University  
Director of Sophomore Year Experience – Belmont University  
Director of Student Judicial Affairs– University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Coordinator of Blackburn Institute– University of Alabama  
Director of Residential Life and Education– University of South Florida  
Executive Director, Housing and Residential Communities-University of Alabama  
Assistant/ Associate Professor, Higher Education Administration– University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Assistant Director for Community Life and Student Programming– Presbyterian College

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