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Dissertation of the Year Award

The Southern Association for College Student Affairs annually presents a Dissertation of the Year Award to recognize high quality research by doctoral students in student affairs in the SACSA region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia). The award will be presented at the Fall 2011 SACSA conference.

ELIGIBILITY:

Dissertations must be completed and signed between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Prepare a summary of the dissertation with the author's name and any institutional identifiers removed. This summary should not exceed 10 typed, double-spaced pages and should include title, research question(s), population, instruments, method, results, and relevance to student affairs research or practice.
2. Provide full contact information for the author on the title page only.
3. Submit this summary and a letter of support from the dissertation chair by July 18, 2011, as an e-mail attachment to monica.burke@wku.edu. Finalists may be asked to submit complete copies of the dissertation for review.

OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENTS:

The award recipient(s) will be honored at the Fall 2011 SACSA conference with a small monetary prize. Prize money may be used toward travel to the Fall 2011 SACSA conference where the recipient(s) will be required to present the results of their dissertation research. They are also encouraged to submit an article about the research for possible publication in the *College Student Affairs Journal* within a year after receiving the award. 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 monica.burke@wku.edu.

2011 Conference Update

Thanks to all who submitted program proposals!

With over 80 programs submitted, we are well underway with the review and selection process. Additionally, the Registration Committee has been working on the development of the online registration and will have it ready to go live in mid-May in conjunction with the SACSA website upgrade. Along with registration, we will also have the selected programs available for you to review as you confirm your plans to attend the annual conference. Great things are happening with the Conference Planning Chairs as we prepare for the 2011 Conference in Atlanta, November 5-7!

Join the Hype...Get with PIPE!

SACSA PIPE (Practicum & Internship Placement Exchange) is a wonderful opportunity to support graduate students in the profession and in the region! Please consider hosting an intern this summer (2011) through SACSA PIPE. PIPE allows students to gain a more diverse Student Affairs experience. It is also an opportunity for practitioners to obtain valuable interns interested in learning Student Affairs skills.

PIPE is open to graduate students attending institutions in the SACSA region and there are still prospective interns who are interested in opportunities! Interested students are responsible for working out the details of their internships including credit hour approval and scheduling. Site supervisors are free to cater the experience to your university's needs. If you are interested in participating in the summer 2011 PIPE program, as an intern or site supervisor, please contact Shawnboda Mead at shawnboda.mead@usm.edu by May 13, 2011 for more details.

Website Redesign Update

Start your summer semester with our new and improved SACSA website! We will be completing the renovation NEXT WEEK, so you'll be able to find information much more quickly. We will have pages for each committee and function area, such as Research, Multicultural Awareness Committee, the Journal, Career Services, and much more. Areas of interest like job postings and new research will be easy to find. Plus we will be able to post photos and videos, as well as links to our Facebook page and Twitter account so you'll be "in the know" with all the latest updates.

Make sure to bookmark the SACSA website as one of your favorites and check back often for updates. Or send us your own update to post online or in the next SACSA-ler! Let us know what you would like to see on the website or in SACSA-ler that we don't currently have and we will add it. We're making improvements to YOUR association and we want YOU to be in on it!

KUDOS!

The SACSA-let 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-let by submitting this information to Alison Brown (alison.brown@utk.edu).

- * Dr. Joelle Davis Carter received her PhD from the University of Maryland, College Park (December 2010)
- * Dr. Dwaun Warmack received his PhD from Union University (Spring 2011)
- * Dr. Joe Buck became a grandfather (again) to Joseph Alexander Buck (born April 18, 2011)
- * Erin Jozwiak , Kim Kubicek and two of their fellow graduate students, all from Western Kentucky University, won the StudentAffairs.com 2011 Virtual Case Study Competition

SACSA Spotlight

The Career Services Committee is soliciting general SACSA experiences and Southern Placement Exchange stories. Please email Pam Curtis at pncurt01@louisville.edu for more information. The SACSA-let 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 with a few sentences as to why your campus should be highlighted in an upcoming SACSA-let.

Bridgette Pregliasco, Ed.D., Acting Chairperson, Leadership, Foundations, and Human Resource Education (ELFH) Dept., College of Education and Human Development, University of Louisville (KY)

I have been a member of SACSA off and on since 1985 but mostly off during the last 10 years. I attended 5 conferences. I presented at SACSA, was a new professional mentor, and was the chairperson of the Awards Committee one year.

What I like most about SACSA is the size of the organization and the opportunity for getting involved very quickly.

My favorite memory of the SACSA conference is the President's reception - food was always great. It was terrific seeing colleagues from around the country.

My best advice for new members of SACSA is become active as soon as possible.

What would bring you back to SACSA? As a faculty member I have far fewer resources to attend conferences so I use them and my own on state and the national NASPA meeting.

Career Services

Preparing for On Campus Interviews

Here is a link to a very informative blog <http://sajobhunt.wordpress.com/2010/04/01/preparing-for-an-on-campus-interview/>.
Check it out for great suggestions and strategies to make the most of the on campus interview experience.

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:

Associate Director of Student Success – Coastal Carolina University
Area Director – Coastal Carolina University
Coordinator for University Housing – Appalachian State University
Area Coordinator – Spring Hill College (Mobile, AL)
Associate Director of the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement – East Carolina University
Director of the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement – East Carolina University
Director of Sophomore Year Experience – Belmont University
Staff Therapist- University of Alabama
Program Coordinator for Sorority and Fraternity Affairs– University of Florida
Associate Director of Parent Programs– University of Alabama
Vice Chancellor/ Vice President for Student Affairs– University of Houston
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 Communities0 University of Alabama
Assistant/ Associate Professor, Higher Education Administration– University of Tennessee, Knoxville

The SACSA-Iert Committee is soliciting pictures from past conferences.
Please send pictures, identifying the individuals and the year, to Alison Brown (abrown94@utk.edu).

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