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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 quarterly 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.

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Dr. Mary B. Coburn



Dear Fellow Alumni, Students, Faculty and Friends of the Hardee Center:

It is hard to believe that the fall semester is already winding to a close! Fall has been eventful at the Hardee Center – welcoming a new class of masters and doctoral students, inducting a new group of Hardee Fellows, and hosting various orientation and professional development events. The highlight for me, however, was the re-constitution of the **Hardee Center Board – Your Life Net!**

On October 11, we held our first Hardee Center Board meeting with 12 members in attendance in person and three calling in by phone. The enthusiastic response to the new board has been gratifying and members are so pleased to be re-connected in a stronger way to the program. On the following day, October 12, the Board members held a professional development panel for students and interested faculty and staff entitled “Mel Hardee: The Mentor.” Alumni representing Hardee students from the 1950s through the 1980s regaled the audience with poignant memories and funny stories about Dr. Hardee. The program lasted much longer than the allotted time and left participants with a much greater appreciation for her strong legacy. If you are interested in being involved on the Board, please let [Eddie](#), Hardee Center Associate Director, know and we will send you the details.

One of the outcomes of the Board meeting was the decision to celebrate the centennial of Dr. Hardee’s birth in the year 2013. The year will be kicked off at the Florida State University reception at the NASPA conference in Orlando on the evening of Monday, March 18 at the Marriott World Center. More details will follow but I hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to attend.

I hope that you and yours enjoy a fun-filled holiday season and a prosperous 2013.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Coburn
Director of The Hardee Center
Vice-President for Student Affairs

Please be sure to visit our website at:

www.coe.fsu.edu/hardeecenter

Cover Story:

Re-establishment of The Hardee Center Board: Your LifeNet

By: Eddie Higginbotham IV, Editor

... Continuing the Legacy

The mission of the Hardee Center is to be a catalyst for the identification, professional growth and advancement of students and alumni in higher education. Through research and education, the Center provides opportunities for emerging professionals and offers a forum for exploration, renewal, and professional development. It also builds understanding and knowledge of the contributions of students and alumni in higher education.

In doing so, it benefits the Center to have a board of directors that will significantly influence the growth and direction of the Center by directing targeted philanthropic activities and acting as advocates for its advancement. Knowing this to be true, we are proud to announce the re-establishment of **The Hardee Center Board – Your LifeNet**.

Recruitment for The Hardee Center Board - Your LifeNet began in the spring of 2012. Under the direction of Hardee Center Director and Vice-President for Student Affairs, Dr. Mary Coburn, a steering committee worked to identify potential members and began making correspondence. The 23 charter members of the board include former students of Dr. Mel Hardee and other alumni of the FSU Higher Education program who serve or have served in a variety of capacities and administrative levels at colleges and universities across the country. Members range from 1950s to early 2000s graduates.

The objectives of the board are to advise the Director of the Hardee Center and the College of Education development staff on the vision, direction, short-term and long-term planning, and performance of the Center's development and advancement activities.

In addition to other terms of membership, the board will meet at least once a year and will also participate in multiple conference calls in order to conduct its business. The inaugural board meeting of the new Hardee Center Board occurred on Thursday, October 11th, 2012 in conjunction with College of Education Week. At the board meeting, the members discussed the mission and role of the board and began planning projects that will kick off in the spring 2013 semester.

We are pleased to be under the direction of such a diverse, dynamic and influential board and look forward to the bright future of The Hardee Center for Leadership & Ethics in Higher Education.

For more information about our board members, please see pages 4 - 6 in this edition of *The LifeNet*. You can also find more information on our website at www.coe.fsu.edu/hardeecenter.

Board Members:

Dr. E.T. "Joe" Buchanan

Dr. Jim Carr

Dr. Mary Coburn

Dr. Frank Cuevas

Dr. Richard J. Federinko

Dr. Suzanne E. Gordon

Dr. Corey A. King

Mrs. Rachel L. Navarre Grahe

Dr. Andrew J. Mauk

Dr. Barbara Mann

Dr. Phyllis A. McCluskey-Titus

Dr. Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo

Dr. Rita M. Moser

Dr. David Persky

Dr. M.L. "Cissy" Petty

Mrs. Sherrill W. Ragans

Dr. Harry J. Richards

Dr. Carol V. Spring

Dr. Glenn W. Stillion

Dr. Sandra M. Sullivan

Dr. Nancy Turner

Dr. Terry E. Williams

Dr. George W. Young

Meet The Hardee Center Board: Your LifeNet



Dr. E.T. "Joe" Buchanan

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1972. Before retirement, he was Provost at Tidewater Community College. He currently lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Dr. Jim Carr

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1975. He currently serves as Executive Vice-President of Harding University. He lives in Searcy, Arkansas.



Dr. Mary B. Coburn

earned her Ed. D. from Florida State University in 1992. She currently serves as the Vice-President for Student Affairs at Florida State University, as well as, Director of the Hardee Center for Leadership and Ethics in Higher Education. She lives in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. Frank Cuevas

earned his Ed. D. from Florida State University in 2010. He currently serves as the Executive Director of University Housing at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He lives in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Dr. Richard J. Federinko

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1979. Before retirement, he served as the Senior Vice-Chancellor for Student Services & Administration at Troy University. He currently lives in Dadeville, Alabama.



Dr. Suzanne E. Gordon

earned her Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1979. Before retirement, she served as the Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. She currently lives in The Villages, Florida.



Dr. Corey A. King

earned his master's degree from Florida State University in 1995. He currently serves as the Associate Vice-President & Dean of Students at Florida Atlantic University. He lives in Boynton Beach, Florida.



Mrs. Rachel L. Navarre Grahe

earned her master's degree from Florida State University in 2008. She currently serves as the Associate Director of Annual Giving at Johns Hopkins University. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Dr. Andrew J. Mauk

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 2011. He currently serves as Director of Student Affairs Assessment, Research & Planning at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. He lives in Wilmington, North Carolina.



Dr. Barbara Mann

earned her Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1980. Before retirement, she served as an Associate Professor of Higher Education at Florida State University. Dr. Mann was also Director of the Hardee Center for Women in Higher Education. She currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. Phyllis A. McCluskey-Titus

earned her Ed. D. from Florida State University in 1996. She currently serves as an Associate Professor at Illinois State University. She lives in Bloomington, Illinois.



Dr. Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo

earned her master's degree from Florida State University in 1989. She currently serves as Dean for Students at Pace University. She lives in Peekskill, New York.



Dr. Rita M. Moser

earned her Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1983. Before retirement, she served as the Director of University Housing at Florida State. She currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. David Persky

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1979. He currently serves as a Professor of Criminal Justice at Saint Leo University. He lives in Tampa, Florida.



Dr. M.L. "Cissy" Petty

earned her Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1985. She currently serves as Vice-President for Student Affairs and Associate Provost at Loyola University. She lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Mrs. Sherrill W. Ragans

served in numerous roles at Florida State University and was a colleague of Dr. Mel Hardee. Before retirement, she was the Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs at Florida State. She currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

Meet The Hardee Center Board: Your LifeNet



Dr. Harry J. Richards

earned his Ph.D. from Florida State University in 1978. He currently serves as Dean of the Graduate School at University of New Hampshire. He lives in Lee, New Hampshire.



Dr. Carol V. Spring

earned her Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1978. Before retirement, she served as the Executive Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice in Broward/South Palm Beach counties. She currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. Glenn W. Stillion

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1968. Before retirement, he served as the Vice Chancellor for Student Development at Western Carolina University. He currently lives in Ormond Beach, Florida.



Dr. Sandra M. Sullivan

earned her Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1975. Before retirement, she served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Berkley. She currently lives in Gretna, Louisiana.



Dr. Nancy Turner

earned her Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1977. Before retirement, she served as the Director of the Oglesby Union at Florida State. She currently lives in Tallahassee, Florida.



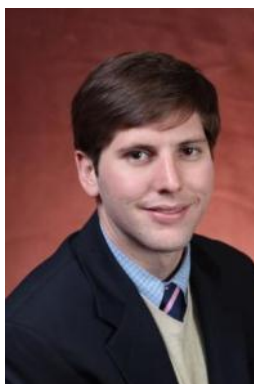
Dr. Terry E. Williams

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1979. He currently serves as Associate Professor at Loyola University-Chicago. He lives in Lombard, Illinois.



Dr. George W. Young

earned his Ph. D. from Florida State University in 1966. Before retirement, he served as Vice-President for Student Affairs at Broward College. He currently lives in Islamorada, Florida.



Mr. Jonathan D. Dawson

works for the Florida State University Foundation and serves as a Development Officer within the FSU College of Education. He oversees all development activity of the Hardee Center Board.

Celebrating Our Top Students...

... Upholding the Legacy

By: Marlynn Lopez, Master's Student

In honor of Dr. Melvne Draheim Hardee, [The Hardee Fellow program](#) recognizes higher education graduate and doctoral students who have maintained a 3.8 grade point average or above and have accumulated at least 18 credit hours.

Surrounded by the supportive mentors and colleagues from various departments throughout the institution, the masters and doctoral students sat patiently as the master of ceremony, Eddie Higginbotham IV, started the ceremony.

Dr. Mary B. Coburn, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Director of the Hardee Center, gave opening remarks about Dr. Hardee and her infamous "high standards and expectations." She also reiterated the purpose of the event: "to recognize students who go above and beyond in all that they do at Florida State University."

"The benefits of being a Hardee Fellow are, number one, to put on your resume", Dr. Coburn said jokingly. "But another benefit is the ability to qualify for a travel grant to assist with the cost of attending academic conferences."

Next to the podium was Dr. Robert A. Schwartz, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department Chair, who congratulated the students on their high level of scholarship. Dr. Schwartz addressed the Fellows:

"Without your commitment to the program and to your studies, we stand still or fall behind. We want to keep moving forward and you are a significant part of that movement. Your hard work is our highest reward as faculty and we are happy to recognize you, as well as, be here to celebrate with you as you receive this honor."

Rachel Bukanc, student speaker at the event, commented on how some students are getting close to completing their course work and may need some extra motivation. "Dr. Hardee's legacy, her work and her dedication is the perfect inspiration for us."

Rachel also mentioned the hardships the students face now in these bad economic times, compared it to how Dr. Hardee's dealt with similar hardships throughout her lifetime, and said that the students should not be deterred. Through adversity, Dr. Hardee formulated this program and created the concept of The Life Net, believing in giving back to FSU. "Continue to live up to the spirit of Dr. Hardee," said Rachel.

When Eddie Higginbotham came back to the podium, he commended the mentors and supervisors in the auditorium for fostering relationships with the inductees. A special recognition was also given to the past Hardee Fellows in attendance before the presentation of the certificates. In a graduation-like procession, the master's students began the walk, followed by the doctoral students.

A noteworthy 52 outstanding students were recognized for their scholastic achievement.

To close the ceremony, Dr. Mary Coburn spoke about how highly impressed she was by the milestone that the Hardee Fellow Inductees had obtained. Wishing them continued success, she encouraged students to build their self-esteem through their accomplishments and their challenges.

A great point to end upon was to be the keeper of the LifeNet and help someone behind you so that they may achieve success too.

After the event, Rebecca Bovio, newly inducted Fellow, commented on her experience at the ceremony:

"As the job search draws nearer, it can be difficult to maintain the focus and drive necessary to achieve great work. Today's ceremony and Rachel Bukanc's speech reminded me of the importance of living out Dr. Hardee's legacy, striving for success and recognizing the incredible opportunity I have had by attending the Florida State University's Higher Education program. Why would I waste a minute being mediocre?"

A reception was held after the ceremony where inductees and guests enjoyed each other's fellowship.



Masters Fellows:

Paige Acker
 Mohamed Barakat
 Matthew Barnes
 Rebecca Bovio
 Nathan Bunch
 Ryan Clingan
 Jessica Dean
 Christian Decle
 Arthur Doctor
 Carolyn Harris
 Kevin Hemer
 Tamara Howard
 Shelby Huffman
 Chanelle Johnson
 Kimberly Kolk
 Jerusha Labady
 Jessica Lauther
 Drew Meehan
 Lauren Meyer
 Samantha Nix
 Joseph O'Geen
 Brittany Philbert
 Kyle Rausch
 Karli Sherman
 Anil Shetty
 Mina Utt
 Nan Wang
 Alyssa Zewe

*Congratulations
 Hardee Fellows!*



Doctoral Fellows:

Marilyn Anglade
 Diana Barbu
 Rebecca Brower
 Rachel Bukanc
 Kathleen Callahan
 Grady Enlow
 Eric Godin
 Carrie Henderson
 Steven Kleuver
 Jonathan Ottley
 Shawna Patterson
 Jean Rettig
 Susannah Shiner
 Bolling Stanley
 Tadarrayl Starke
 Paul Stonecipher
 Mackenzie Streit
 Dana Urrutia
 Monoka Venters
 Glenn Walters
 Jillian White
 Brantley Willett
 Tamar Williams
 Yi-Chin Wu



Remembering Dr. Melvене Hardee...

... Sharing the Legacy

By: Eddie Higginbotham IV, Editor

The spirit of Dr. Melvене Draheim Hardee was alive and well as memories of her filled the heads and hearts of those in attendance at a panel discussion in October. Ten panelists, consisting of former students and friends of Dr. Hardee, gathered to celebrate her life, accomplishments and the many legacies that she left behind. In the audience were higher education graduate students, faculty, and members of the Division of Student Affairs eager to learn more about the woman who inspired the Hardee Center and created the infamous Florida State LifeNet.

Members of the panel described her as "larger than life." With red lipstick, white go-go boots and a colorful scarf, her just-above-5 foot frame commanded attention and respect when she entered a room. She was very theatrical – "every class was a production and there was never a dull moment." They also spoke of her spunk. "She did things her way and most times, she did them without asking," members of the panel said jokingly.

They also spoke to her being strict. "She was not the professor you went to in order to complain or get sympathy." Dr. Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo spoke to her intimidating demeanor. "She scared me. I was literally terrified" she said with a laugh. Dr. Carol Spring recalled another moment, "I remembered calling her Mel... from that moment on, she was always Dr. Hardee." Notorious were here markups on students' papers (usually returned the next day) with red ink pens and magic markers and notes that said "read in a quiet place." "Sometimes, I felt like she spent as much time on my paper as I had" said Dr. Spring. Yet with very high expectations of her students, she formed in them a sense of togetherness and family that was uncommon to other colleges and departments at Florida State.

Panelists also spoke to the many dynamics of her character. Dr. Hardee was not just a professor and professional, she was a hardworking farm woman and loving wife. "She would come to work in her farm truck wearing work clothes and then come out in a designer outfit that was hanging in her truck." She spoke through poetry, writing many personalized poems and notes to each student. "She had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the world, almost motherly." Also, like a parent – you did not make a personal or professional decision without letter her know. She took much offense to it" members exclaimed. "She also had a remarkable ability to recall details that you told her in casual conversation and use it later."

Much laughter filled the room as panelist recalled their personal stories with Dr. Hardee. They joked that she was always eating, but never wanted you to see her eat. "She would cover her mouth and hunch over behind her desk." She hated elevators and insisted on being on the first floor if possible. When selecting an office space, she had very strong opinions of the office she wanted, as well as, who were in the surrounding offices. Another story was recalled about the time a hotel lost her reservations, so she set up in the lobby in protest. Dr. Harry Richards also shared a story about delivering watermelons for Dr. Hardee. "She drove up to the front steps of Westcott and told me that they were going to try to stop me, but to keep going. Because you always did what she told you to do, wide eyed and nervous, I entered the doors of Westcott with the watermelons."

In addition to those moments, more intimate stories were shared about Dr. Hardee's life. This included Dr. George Young's account of his emotional correspondence when her husband passed away. She wrote to him from the beach where her and her husband shared many memories together. Another was Dr. Nancy Turner's account of her interactions with Dr. Hardee right before her death. "I remember needing a wheelchair to get her to the airplane that would take her back home. She sometimes seemed immortal. This was a reminder to me that she was indeed human." "Her last words to me were 'I am off to my next great adventure.'" Dr. Mel Hardee died the next week. With her in her bed was her planner. She had circled the day that she passed away. Panelist agreed that it was no surprised that she had willed herself to live to a certain day. It was very much so in her character. It was a very somber and touching moment for both panelist and participants.

Dr. Hardee impacted so many lives through her work. She fought for the advancement of women, as well as African Americans in the field of Higher Education. She built and sustained a tremendous network of women and did so in a way that was extraordinary. Whether she knew it or not, Dr. Hardee was strongly influential and truly touched the lives of people she interacted with. As a testament to this, two men on the panel, Dr. Glenn Stillion and Dr. Richard Federinko, said that next to their mothers and wives, she was the most important woman in their lives.

Generations of the past, present and future will forever be in debt to Dr. Hardee for the outstanding foundation she built for higher education at Florida State, and the tremendous legacy that she left behind that continues to inspire us all. Dr. Melvене Draheim Hardee will always be remembered as a mentor, educator and visionary.

First-year masters student, Lauren Richards, who attended that panel discussion commented "Hearing the stories of Dr. Hardee and the legacy and influence that she left on others made me even more proud to be a part of this program. I'm honored to be a part of something that she created and inspired."



Thank You to our Panelist:

Richard Federinko
Suzanne Gordon
Barbara Mann
Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo
Cissy Petty

Harry Richards
Carol Spring
Glenn Stillion
Nancy Turner
George Young

Welcome Our New Seminoles...

... Building the Legacy

Nic Babarskis



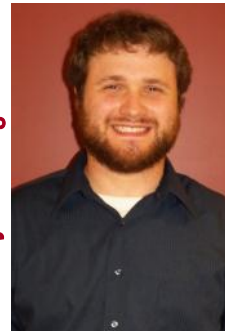
Karina Balaora



Vanessa Ball



Joshua Blight



- **Nic** is a 2010 graduate of Wheaton College where he majored in Political Science and Philosophy. Nick served as Student Government Association President and was a Resident Assistant. His assistantship is in University Housing.
- **Karina** is a 2012 graduate of University of North Carolina — Asheville where she majored in Psychology. Karina served as an Orientation Leader and was president of Order of Omega and Rho Lambda Greek Honor Societies. Her assistantship is in Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- **Vanessa** is a 2012 graduate of the University of Connecticut where she majored in Health Care Management. Vanessa was the Co-Executive Director of Dance Marathon, a Resident Assistant and Vice-President of the Panhellenic Council. She was also named Sorority Woman of the Year. Her assistantship is in the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs.
- **Joshua** is a 2012 graduate of the University of Alabama where he majored in Psychology. Josh served as president of Lambda Sigma Phi Fraternity and received the Academic Excellence Award in Psychology. His assistantship is with ACE Tutoring Services.

Sarah Boeckmann



Steven Crudele



Caitlin DeJong



Rachel Dodd



- **Sarah** is a 2012 graduate of Butler University where she majored in Early/Middle Childhood Education. Sarah was a Resident Assistant and served on the Student Government Association Program Board. She is the Assistant Coordinator for Administrative Services in University Housing.
- **Steven** is a 2012 graduate of Towson University where he majored in History. Steve was a Founding Father of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, President of the Greek Alliance Program and served on the Student Government Association. He received the Vice-President for Student Affairs Award. Steven's assistantship is in the Oglesby Union with Education and Assessment.
- **Caitlin** is a 2010 graduate of the University of Florida where she majored in Recreation, Parks and Tourism. Caitlin was a TRIP Leader (outdoor adventure program), TRIP Director of Sustainability and a Challenge Course Leader. Her assistantship is with Sustainable Campus.
- **Rachel** is a 2012 graduate of Christopher Newport University where she majored in Psychology. Rachel was the Orientation Student Director, Honor Program Student Assistant Director and Athletic Event Staff Supervisor. Rachel graduated Summa Cum Laude. Her assistantship is in the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

Higher Education Class of 2014

Emily Fox



- **Emily** is a 2012 graduate of Clemson University where she majored in Biological Sciences. Emily was a Resident Assistant, Orientation Ambassador, Peer Dialogue Facilitator and LeaderShape Coordinator. Her assistantship is in the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs working with the Dalton Institute.

Jacob Frasier



- **Jacob** is a 2011 graduate of Christopher Newport University where he majored in Biology. Jake was a Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader and officer in Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity. He is the Assistant Coordinator for University Housing.

Alyssa Harmon



- **Alyssa** is a 2012 graduate of the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign where she majored in Interdisciplinary Health. Alyssa was a collegiate athlete. Her assistantship is with ACE Tutoring Services.

Brian Hoffman



- **Brian** is a 2009 graduate of Tulane University where he majored in Philosophy. Brian was a Resident Assistant, President of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and was the Greek Liaison to the Student Government Association. His assistantship is in Greek Life.

Nicole Kazanecki



- **Nicole** is a 2011 graduate of Towson University where she majored in Social Sciences. Nicole was President of the Student Government Association, Vice-President of the Panhellenic Association, a LeaderShape Coordinator and Student Ambassador. She was also the Panhellenic Scholar of the Year. Her assistantship is in Student Activities.

Marlynn Lopez



- **Marlynn** is a 2012 graduate of Florida International University where she majored in Psychology. Marlynn was the President of Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority and Vice-President of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). She was also named MGC President of the Year. Her assistantship is in the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

Rashad Morgan



- **Rashad** is a 2011 graduate of the University of South Carolina – Upstate where he majored in Psychology. Rashad served as a Student Government Association Senator representing the Psychology Department. He was also named the Student Support Services Student of the Year. His assistantship is in the Student Disability Recourse Center.

Andrew Nash



- **Andrew** is a 2012 graduate of the University of Texas where he majored in Theatre and Dance. Andrew served as an Orientation Advisor, Chair of the Union Board and President of the Student Events Center. His assistantship is in Student Activities working with Homecoming.

Megan Prettyman



Megan is a 2012 graduate of the University of South Carolina where she majored in Anthropology. Megan was an Ambassador and University 101 Peer Leader. She received the USC Outstanding Senior Award and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Her assistantship is in the Center for Multicultural Engagement working with the Global Pathways Certificate.

Stephanie Rewitzer



Stephanie is a 2011 graduate of Florida Institute of Technology where she majored in Marine Biology. She was a Resident Assistant, Resident Director, Events Chair for Relay for Life and an Admissions Tour Guide. She was named both Resident Assistant of the Year and Resident Director of the Year. Her assistantship is in University Housing as the Assistant Coordinator of DeGraff Hall.

Higher Education Class of 2014

Lauren Richards



Kelvin Rutledge



Kari Roberts

is a 2012 graduate of the University of South Carolina where she majored in French. Kari was a University 101 Peer Leader. Her assistantship is in New Student and Family Programs.

Sarah Shields



- **Lauren** is a 2011 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she majored in Elementary Education. Lauren was President of Kappa Delta Sorority, a Student Government Association Director, Recruitment Director of Lambda Sigma and Secretary of Order of Omega. She was inducted into the USM Student Hall of Fame and named Sorority President of the Year. Her assistantship is in the Honors College.
- **Kelvin** is a 2012 graduate of Austin Peay State University where he majored in Sociology and Political Science. Kelvin was President of the Student Organization Council and President of Omicron Delta Kappa. He was named Fraternity Man of the Year and received an award for Meaningful Campus Leadership. His assistantship is in the Career Center.
- **Sarah** is a 2012 graduate of DePaul University where she majored in Education. Sarah was a Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader, Dance Marathon Recruitment Director and officer in Chi Omega Sorority. She was named Chi Omega Chapter Member of the Year. Her assistantship is in International Programs.

Rolando Torres



Austin Townsend



Sachet Watson



Kristen Zernick



- **Rolando** is a 2012 graduate of Florida International University where he majored in Information Technology. Rolando was a member of the Lead Team, Director of Panther Camp and Chairman for the Alternative Breaks Program. His assistantship is in University Housing.
- **Austin** is a 2011 graduate of Florida State University where she majored in Social Science Education and Family & Child Sciences. Austin was President of Phi Mu Fraternity and involved with Dance Marathon, Omicron Delta Kappa and Panhellenic. Her assistantship is in the Career Center in Student Employment.
- **Sachet** is a 2012 graduate of Indiana University where she majored in Legal Studies. Sachet was a Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader and Assistant Director of Voices of Hope. She was also named Volunteer of the Year by the Student Ambassadors Program. Her assistantship is in Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- **Kristen** is a 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University where she majored in International Relations. Kristen was a Resident Assistant, Intercultural Mentor and Women's Center Ambassador. Her assistantship is in the Center for Multicultural Engagement in Intercultural Programs.



Meet the New Hardee Center Graduate Assistant

Eddie is a 2010 summa cum laude graduate of Northwestern State University of Louisiana where he majored in Health & Exercise Science. Eddie served as President of the Student Activities Board and as President of Theta Chi Fraternity. He also served as the lead student coordinator for the school's freshman orientation program. Before graduating, he founded and served as the first Executive Director of the "Up 'til Dawn" event, which raised \$34,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in one night. He was honored by his peers as Student Leader of the Year, Homecoming Honor Court King and Mr. Northwestern State University. He was also honored by his fraternity as top member in the nation and by the national interfraternity conference as one of the top fraternity men in the nation. Before arriving to Florida State, Eddie served as a traveling leadership consultant and expansion coordinator for his fraternity's international headquarters, visiting over 40 college and university campuses in over 30 states.

Eddie's future aspirations are to be a director of orientation and eventually, Dean of Students.

Eddie Higginbotham IV, Associate Director

New Higher Education Doctoral Students



Estee Hernández

Doctoral Student Spotlight :

Estee is a 2010 graduate of Baylor University where she received her master's degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs. She also received her bachelor's degree in French from Baylor in 2008. Estee was a Residence Director at Texas State University for two years before arriving to FSU. She has been named Professional Staff Member of the Year and Multicultural Greek Council Advisor of the Year. Her assistantship is in the Center for Leadership and Social Change, where she is in charge of Service Scholars, Profiles of Service, and Humanitarian of the Year.

The Hardee Center would also like to welcome the following doctoral students to Florida State University:

-Dante Pelzer- -Steven Kleuver- -Kellie Gerbers-

New Higher Education Faculty Members



Dr. Lara Perez-Felkner is an Assistant Professor of Higher Education. Her research examines the social context of schools in relation to adolescents' college and career outcomes, with a particular focus on the mechanism underlying racial-ethnic and gender disparities in postsecondary education attainment and entry to careers in STEM fields. Most recently, she was a postdoctoral fellow at NORC at the University of Chicago and an Associate Fellow of the Pathways to Adulthood international fellowship program focused on transitions to higher education and careers. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in Human Development.

Dr. Toby Park is an Assistant Professor of Economics of Education and Educational Policy. He uses large scale databases and quantitative methods to investigate issues related to access and success, particularly for disadvantaged and/or non-traditional students. Prior to joining FSU, Dr. Park served as a researcher for a study funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that investigated pathways for underrepresented students in higher education. He received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College.





Dr. Bradley Cox received the Spiritual Life Project's *Transformation Through Teaching Award* at a dinner hosted by FSU President, Dr. Eric Barron. The Spiritual Life Project fosters students' search for meaning, purpose, and authenticity in life, deepens their self-understanding, broadens their awareness of diverse perspectives and themselves as global citizens, and develops a sense of commitment to higher ideals. He also presented the following presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) conference in Las Vegas this November and published an article in the *Journal of Higher Education*, respectively.

Conference Presentations: (1) More than a patchwork of piecemeal initiatives: The compound benefits of an institution-wide commitment to first-year student retention (2) Diversity policies in academic affairs and student affairs divisions: Does collaboration matter? ; Journal Publication: Rationalizing neglect: The transfer student experience. *Journal of Higher Education*, 389-410.



Program Coordinator, **Dr. Shouping Hu** conducted various higher education presentations in Shanghai, Wuhan, and Macau. He has published the following journal articles and book chapters, including one in the leading Higher Education journal in China:

(1) Examining the relationship between student learning and persistence. *Innovative Higher Education*, 387-395 (2) An engagement-based student typology and its relationship to college outcomes. *Research in Higher Education*, 738-754 (3) The Focus of Institutional Effectiveness Assessment in Contemporary American Higher Education: Student Learning Outcomes Assessment. *Fudan Education Forum*, 78-84 (4) Student governance and involvement in institutional leadership. *Administration and finance of postsecondary educational institutions* (5) Toward a greater understanding of the effects of state merit aid programs: Examining existing evidence and exploring future research direction. *Higher education: Handbook of theory and research* (291-334).



Dr. Tamara Bertrand Jones published *Pathways to Higher Education Administration for African American Women*. with L. Scott Dawkins (Ph.D.), M. McClinton, (Ph.D.) & M. Hayden Glover (Eds.) Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing. (2012)



Dr. Toby Park presented the following papers at the ASHE conference in Las Vegas, Nevada:

(1) Do community colleges inhibit BA attainment in Texas?: A comparison with their four-year peers using instrumental variables and matching analyses (2) The impact of enrolling in a minority serving institution on in Texas for Black and Hispanic students.



Dr. Lara Perez-Felkner is a co-PI on a National Science Foundation grant studying gendered differences in persistence in scientific fields. She is being published this fall in *Developmental Psychology* and presented two papers at this year's ASHE meeting. She was also a discussant at ASHE and at the SRCD 2012 Meeting on Transitions to Adulthood.

Publication: Female and Male Adolescents' Subjective Orientations in Mathematics and Their Influence on Postsecondary Majors. *Developmental Psychology*. Presentations: (1) It's Not 'Leaking Out' but Not Entering: Mathematics Ability, Career Attainment Values, and the Gender Gap in Scientific Fields (2) Internalizing Expectations of 'Making It': Perceptions and Persistence in Underrepresented Adolescents' Pathways to College ; Grant: Enhancing the Rigor of Evidence on Gendered Differences in STEM Persistence: Female and Male College Students' Subjective Experiences in Engineering and Computer Science, funded by National Science Foundation.

Kyle Rausch, master's student, accepted a position as International Coordinator for Faculty-Directed programs at the Arizona State University Study Abroad Office.

Doctoral student, **Shavecca Snead**, received a travel grant to attend the AIR/IPEDS workshop held at the ASHE conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 13-18th. She was also invited to participate in the Graduate Student Policy Seminar, a pre-conference session held prior to the ASHE conference.

Brantley Willett, doctoral student, received a publication grant from the Text and Academic Authors Association to assist with publication costs of her article "Fostering Leadership Through Organizational Structure," published in the *Journal of Case Studies in Education by the Academic and Business Research Institute*.

Doctoral student, **Tamaria L. Williams**, successfully defended her dissertation titled *Job Satisfaction of African American Female Faculty: The Role of Race & Gender*. She also presented a poster session entitled "Self-Definition and Self-Valuation of African American Female Faculty at Predominantly White Research Institutions" at the annual Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) conference held in Memphis, Tennessee from November 3-5, 2012.

Susannah Shiner, doctoral student in New Student & Family Programs, was awarded the Norman K. Russell Graduate Student Scholarship & the NODA Graduate Intern of the Year Award at the 2012 NODA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Carolyn Harris, Tamara Howard, and Troy Mahler, second year master's students, gave a presentation about Nationalism at the NASPA-FL Drive-In Conference in Boca Raton, Florida this October.

Second year master's students, **Alyssa Zewe and Karli Sherman**, received 3rd place out of 14 teams in the SACSA Case Study Competition held in Memphis, TN.

Kari Roberts, a first-year master's student, presented a poster entitled *A Comparison of Pedagogy and Administration Between Two Course-Based High-Impact Practices: First-Year Seminars and Senior Capstone Courses* at the 2012 ASHE Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

Lisa McClelland, doctoral student, co-authored the following book chapter which was published this fall: *STEM Learning Communities: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching and Learning. Cases on Interdisciplinary Research Trends in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: Studies on Urban Classrooms* (pp. 57-74).

Doctoral student, **Kathleen Callahan**, participated in the NASPA/IASAS Global Summit, the first summit on global student affairs.

First-year master's student, **Andrew Nash**, delivered his presentation, *Traditions: What are they and how do we build them?*, at the 2012 ACUI Region VI Conference in Tallahassee, FL.

Shawna Patterson, doctoral student, was selected to present at the 2012 Association of Fraternity/Sorority Annual Meeting, and at the 2013 American College Personnel Association Convention. Shawna was also awarded the Outstanding Dedication to Professional Service Award by ACPA's Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals.

Doctoral student, **Jillian White**, had an article published in the *Journal of Leadership Education: Students' perception of the role of reflection in leadership learning. Journal of Leadership Education*, 140 – 158.

Estee Hernandez, doctoral student, was one of ten graduate students to receive a grant to attend the 2013 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in March.

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Character in the Age of Self-Promotion

By: Emily Fox, Master's Student

The Dalton Institute on College Student Values staff is excited to invite the Higher Education LifeNet to the 2013 Dalton Institute, held from January 31-February 2, 2013 here on Florida State's campus. The 23rd Annual Institute will focus around issues of social entrepreneurship, with the theme of *Character in an Age of Self-Promotion: Exploring the Role of Social Media on College Student Development*.

The featured keynote speakers for this year's Dalton Institute are: Eric Stoller, thought-leader, speaker and consultant on using social media in higher education; Dr. Jean Twenge, Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University and author; Dr. Kevin Kruger, President of NASPA; and Dr. Kent Smith, President of Langston University.

The event will kick off Thursday evening with Eric Stoller's keynote lecture at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Tallahassee. He works independently as a consultant on using social media in higher education to create connections and enhance community. He works with higher education institutions and their associations to assist them in their strategic communications efforts. As the Student Affairs and Technology blogger for InsideHigherEd.com, Eric writes about ways in which we can use technology to communicate, educate, and enrich the lives of students. Eric has given presentations on social media and technology at multiple Higher Education events and conferences.

On Friday, the day begins with a session by Dr. Jean Twenge, who works as a Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University. She is also the author of more than 90 scientific publications and the books *The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement* (co-authored with W. Keith Campbell), *Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled — and More Miserable Than Ever Before*, and *The Impatient Woman's Guide to Getting Pregnant*.

In the afternoon, participants will enjoy a presentation by Dr. Kevin Kruger. Before becoming the President of NASPA, worked for 15 years at the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. During his tenure at the University of Maryland he worked in orientation, student activities, leadership development, admissions, and with the vice president for student affairs office. Dr. Kruger has also served as an adjunct faculty member in the Student Development in Higher Education program at Trinity College in Washington, DC. He has also made contributions through published works and presentations.

The keynote speaker on Saturday morning is Dr. Kent Smith. Dr. Smith is the President of Langston University and also serves as Professor of Education. Before assuming this role, he has had a variety of positions. Prior to Langston, he served as the Vice President for Student Affairs, Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Assistant Professor of Education at Ohio University. He is a former Dean of Students at Auburn University in Alabama, Director of Multicultural Affairs at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, and Assistant Director of Black Student Services and Adjunct Professor of Education at Colorado State University. He was also an Adjunct Professor at Cleveland State University.

The final keynote speaker is Laura Pasquini. She is currently a doctoral student pursuing a degree in Applied Technology & Performance Improvement with the Department of Learning Technologies at the University of North Texas. Over the past ten years Ms. Pasquini has contributed to the field of Student and Academic Affairs in the United Kingdom, France, Canada and the United States. Her professional experiences in higher education include academic advising, tutoring services, supplemental instruction, career advising, campus activities, first year experience curriculum, orientation programs and housing and residence life. She has several publications, presents internationally, and conducts research in the areas of open education, collaborative learning environments, and shared learning networks for education, training and development.

Once again, the staff of the Dalton Institute will recognize both an outstanding practice and an outstanding dissertation relevant to the field of college student character and values development. With concurrent sessions focusing on self-promotion and the influence of social media, this year's Dalton Institute proves to be an interesting and informative program. The Dalton Institute staff hopes to see many members of the LifeNet in attendance! For more information, or to register for the Dalton Institute, please visit our website at: <http://studentvalues.fsu.edu/>. Also, please consider following us on Twitter @DaltonInstitute.



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