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SPA CALENDAR

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Frontline

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From the President

Expecting the Unexpected

At 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, people in buildings along Lake Mendota felt a “rumbling disturbance” that turned out to be something called an ice quake. I should confess that I spent 20 relatively snow-free years of my life in Dallas, Texas. After a decade as an adopted Wisconsinite, I have learned the required wind speed of a blizzard, that “snow showers” do not include rain, and that an ice quake can happen after drastic temperature changes. I once again have new knowledge to impress my southern friends.

I am sure hardly anyone was expecting an ice quake that day. How would you feel if your office suddenly started to shake? We must cope with problems great and small on a daily basis, and are always told to prepare for the unexpected in our work. Who knows what issue a student will bring to your next appointment? How can you predict the volume of work that will come your way when the budget is cut? What is in that email marked “urgent”? All we can do

is deal with things as they come, and know we are doing the best we can.

We recently encountered something unexpected on the SPA executive board. Our valued colleague and SPA President-Elect Carlotta Calmese has accepted an Associate Dean’s position at Madison Area Technical College, overseeing academic and career advising and a few other student service operations and programs. I am thrilled that Carlotta has embarked on this exciting opportunity that will advance her career. Please join me in wishing her well.

Unfortunately, Carlotta’s departure left a vacancy in the role of President-Elect. She has graciously committed



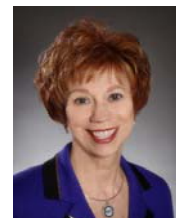
Ann Dingman
SPA President

to complete the conference planning and implementation, but will resign from the executive board in March. SPA bylaws state that the executive board has the power to appoint someone to fill a board vacancy. I am pleased to announce that Nancy Kujak-Ford, our current Secretary/Treasurer, has accepted this appointment. Nancy will assume the role of President in April, when we announce the new slate of officers at the Awards Luncheon. She brings wonderful talents, skills, and experience to this role, and I know she will be a great leader for the organization.

I would like to say thank you to the executive board for all their hard work over the fall semester. The spring brings two of our major events, the conference and awards luncheon, as well as many other activities that would not happen without the board’s contributions. I also appreciate the many volunteers among our membership who serve on committees to make our programs happen. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Transforming Lives One At A Time: A conversation with Dr. Bettsey Barhost

Monday, February 18, 2008 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
On Wisconsin Rooms A & B, Red Gym, 716 Langdon Street



Join us in discussing how to transform student lives in higher education. Bring your lunch as we welcome Dr. Bettsey Barhost, President of MATC, as our featured speaker. Remember, the only piece missing is you!

For more information, please contact Charles Holmes-Hope at (608) 262-4503, or email holmeshope@odos.wisc.edu

To learn more about SPA, please visit our website at: <http://www.uw-spa.org/>

**2008 SPA Conference:
"Collaborating and Connecting to Shape Our Vision"**

Friday, February 22, 2008 at the Pyle Center

Keynote speaker will be Renee Barnett Terry, Ph.D., Dean of Student Affairs,
Revelle College, University of California, San Diego

Keynote address is "A Transformation of Campus Communities – Redefining Our
Work, Renewing Our Call"



Registration deadline is Friday, February 15, 2008

To register for this conference please go to www.ohrd.wisc.edu

To view our conference web site, please go to www.uw-spa.org/conference2008.html

For more information, please check our web site at

WWW.UW-SPA.ORG

SPA Spotlight



Patrick L. Remington,
MD, MPH
Director, Master of
Public Health Program

What is your ideal of perfect happiness?

Reaching a balance between work and home life

Which talent would you most like to have?
Ability to relax

What is it that you most dislike?
Conflict

Who are the heroes in your life?
My parents.

What is your most treasured possession?
Time with family and friends.

What is your most marked characteristic?
Hyperactivity

What is the quality you most like in a person?
Honesty

What is the trait you most deplore in others?
Selfishness

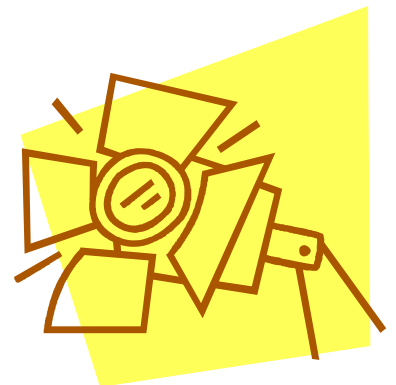
What is your motto?
Don't worry, be happy

What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?
Photography

What profession other than your own would you not like to do?
Sales

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Having my parents be proud of me.

Anything you'd like to let SPA Newsletter readers know about?
I live on the same street as my mother and brother, am happily married, and am the proud father of 4 incredible kids.





Cooperation, Commitment, Community, and Camaraderie

Get involved in SPA... ...and make a difference!

The Student Personnel Association (SPA) is now accepting nominations for the 2008-2009 executive board. Serving on the executive board is a great way to meet new people across campus and engage in personal and professional development. Board members commit to a few hours per month planning events and shaping the future of SPA. The board is responsible for planning the annual conference, awards luncheon, fall welcome reception, promotion of student affairs as a profession, forums and socials. As a board member, you are encouraged to take initiative in maintaining the quality of our current programs, and develop innovative opportunities for our members. The executive board seeks to involve the membership in the planning of all events, whether they are professional or social. The board meets for one hour, bimonthly, during the academic year. Attendance at board meetings is required. **All terms begin July 1, 2008.**

For those seeking a higher degree of involvement, consider running for the president-elect position. This three-year commitment (includes president and past-president positions) provides leadership to this campus-wide organization, assists with budget development and maintenance, chairs the annual spring conference planning committee, and guides the implementation of SPA programs.

I'm interested...so now what?

Review the descriptions of the open positions on our web site. Nominate yourself by writing a brief statement describing your interest in SPA and what you hope to accomplish as an executive board member. No need for lengthy prose! Be sure to specify which position you are interested in; your statement will be included on the ballot that is sent to all SPA members via email in early April.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Position:

- President-Elect
- Membership Coordinator
- Publicist/Historian
- Secretary/Treasurer
- General Executive Member (two positions open)
- Graduate Representative
- Undergraduate Representative

*For a list of continuing positions (positions rotate bi-annually), please go to the SPA Website.
Please attach a statement on a separate sheet which will be included on your ballot*

Please return this form by March 28, 2008 in one of the following ways:

By campus mail to: Ann Dingman
UW Foundation – 1848 University Ave.
CAMPUS MAIL

Or via email as an attachment identified by your last name to:
ann.dingman@uwfoundation.wisc.edu

Please contact Ann by email or at 265-9954 if you have any questions. All materials are also available electronically at the SPA website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPA Forum with MATC President Bettsey Barhorst

Monday, February 18, 2008

noon - 1 p.m.

Red Gym, Mezzanine A/B

SPA Annual Conference

Friday, February 22, 2008

8:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Pyle Center

SPA Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Ogg Hall

Members and friends of SPA are invited to attend SPA's annual recognition of our colleagues' contributions to students and student-related programs. Mark your calendar for the awards luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. in Ogg Hall. More information will be coming soon



SPA Awards 2008

Nominate Your Colleagues Today!

The SPA Awards Nomination Packet is now available on our website at www.uw-spa.org and click on "SPA Awards Committee." Think about colleagues (classified and academic staff, as well as faculty) who go above and beyond what is expected of them as it relates to student services, and nominate them for an award. All award recipients receive a plaque and a monetary award. These awards are made possible by the Office of the Chancellor, the Norman Bassett Foundation, Ineva Reilly Baldwin and Ira Baldwin Endowment for Student Services, the Office of the Dean of Students, and SPA membership.

The following awards will be presented this year: The Chancellor's Award, The Norman Bassett Awards, Award for Excellence in Student Affairs, Leadership in Social Justice Award, the SPA Frontline Award (for classified staff) and the Spa Campus Impact Award.

**The deadline for nominations is
Friday, March 14, 2008**

If you have any questions regarding the SPA Awards, please contact Consuelo López Springfield, Awards Committee Chair, at cspringf@wisc.edu

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Coming in March . . .

**Read *The Tortilla Curtain* with your
Friends in SPA !!**

Join your colleagues for great discussion of this timely and provocative novel. The first 20 participants to sign up get a free copy of the book. To sign up and for more information, please contact Kristin Lenicheck, SPA book club chair, at Lenicheck@odos.wisc.edu.

Hopefully you can join us!

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