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Frontline

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From the President

I woke up last week and wondered...what happened to the ninety degree days? Where did my summer go and did I accomplish what I wanted to do? I hope you made it through this past rainy week and are shifting gears to embrace this new semester! Welcome back (*to those who had time off this summer*) and hi again to those who were on campus hard at work (*ie: reading by the lake*). I am honored to be your SPA President and thankful to work with such an energetic, hardworking exec board. This year, one of our goals is to revisit the SPA mission. The Student Personnel Association exists to create cross-campus connections

among people who work with students to support, enhance and reinforce the learning mission of the university. As a board, we will be seeking ways to increase SPA's value to our campus community and how to increase its' member support. Please look for more updates on this topic in our future newsletters and at events. Speaking of events, I hope to see all of at our **Fall Reception on Monday, September 22nd**. This was the first SPA event I attended and found every-



Nancy Kujak-Ford

one so welcoming that I forgot I was a new member. It was this type of supportive environment that made me so drawn to the SPA organization. Becoming a member and being active in a committee (or two) provided me the growth I needed in my day to day job and built connections across this broad campus. I hope it can *or does* the same for you. My door (cubical) is always open for any ideas to keep this tradition going on campus and I am willing to take any meeting to another location...*my desk is only 67 steps from the lake!*



Come to SPA's Annual Fall Kick Off Meeting
on

**Monday, September 22, 2008
4pm – 6pm
Virginia Parlor, Lathrop Hall**

Come and join us, bring your colleagues, find out more about our committees (see last page) and receive a complimentary beverage.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

~ Your SPA Executive Board



Meet your 2008-09 SPA Executive Board



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A Note from Dave Black, President-Elect

I am very excited to be your president-elect. My main goal this year is to plan a spring conference that is fun and interesting to our membership. Please email or call me with your ideas at dsblack@wisc.edu or 2-9542. I strongly support President Nancy Kujak-Ford in her efforts to focus our efforts on energizing our current members and attracting non-members to our organization. Thank you and I look forward to meeting you at one of our events this year.

Welcome back!

By Ann Dingman

Fall is here with a vengeance. The nights are colder, the mornings are darker, and the 80 bus is much more crowded than just a few weeks ago. As our work swells to meet the needs of students across campus, please keep in mind the importance of SPA. I hope you can take time to attend our fall reception and the other events we'll hold throughout the year. I am sure my term as past-president will be over before I know it, and I hope it's one to remember fondly. Part of my duties is to chair the SPA awards selection committee, made up of the 2008 award recipients. It's never too soon to look around your office and note the unsung heroes who deserve our recognition. This year, please make plans to nominate someone for our awards in the spring. It will come in the blink of an eye! Enjoy the beautiful autumn in Madison.



Dear Colleagues,

Plan 2008 is coming to an end. Join us to celebrate our progress and address our future goals at the 9th Annual Diversity Forum:

Tuesday, September 23
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Memorial Union

The theme this year is "Beyond Plans and Promises: Active Leadership for the Future" so come exercise your leadership and share your experience! Learn more about the 12,000 year history of indigenous peoples and nations in the Great Lakes through songs, music, table displays, videos and more. Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Professor of Sociology at Duke University will speak on "Racism, Discrimination, Colorblindness, and the Diversity Puzzle at HWCUs." Other speakers and break-out sessions will include Provost Pat Farrell, Vice Provost for Diversity and Climate Damon A. Williams, Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Programs Steve J. Stern, and Chancellor Biddy Martin.



Eduardo Bonilla-Silva
Ph.D., 1993
Wisconsin

This event is free. Everyone is invited to attend the whole event, or portions. Schedule and registration for a free lunch are available at: www.diversity.wisc.edu/forums.php. For interpreters, captioning, or disability-related accommodations, please contact Paula Gates at gates@bascom.wisc.edu or 608-265-5228.

Faculty members are encouraged to allow students to attend the forum as a substitute for a regular class, whenever possible. Unit supervisors are encouraged to stagger attendance by staff to allow everyone to participate. Staff members may attend without loss of pay after receiving approval from their Supervisor.

Please forward this invitation to others in your units and departments.

Sincerely,

Damon A. Williams, PhD
Vice Provost & Chief Diversity Officer

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SPA Committees You Can Join...

SPA Annual Conference – Chair: Dave Black (President-Elect)

The annual SPA Conference is a showcase professional development event on a chosen theme of interest for the membership. The conference traditionally features keynote speakers, breakout sessions, lunch, and door prizes. Themes are chosen by the Conference Planning Committee, with input from the SPA Executive Board. The committee also plans the breakout sessions, schedules the speakers, promotes the conference, and assists during the day-long event. This year's conference is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009. (Timeline: mid-fall/spring)

SPA Awards Luncheon Committee – Chair: Kristin Lenichak

The SPA Luncheon is held each spring, typically the last Wednesday in April. Its primary goal is to recognize and present the SPA Annual Awards. The committee plans the menu, decorations, and publicity for the event. This year's luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009. (Timeline: spring semester)

Note: The Awards Luncheon Committee plans the luncheon itself. The Awards Selection Committee is made up of the prior year's award recipients and chaired by the Past President (Ann Dingman). This group oversees the nomination process and selects award recipients.

Book Club – Chair: Heidi Lang

The SPA Book Club was created to provide members with the opportunity to read and discuss books in the student personnel field that touch upon issues and dilemmas encountered in daily campus life. The committee recommends particular readings/ books, organizes chapter or book club facilitators, and promotes the "club." (Timeline: late fall/spring and summer)

Social/Volunteering Committee – Chair: Heather Cote

SPA Socials, held in informal settings, provide opportunities of social interactions for new and seasoned professionals. The Social Committee selects the locations, creates the timeline and promotes the events. (Timeline: academic year)

Careers in Student Affairs/Field Days – Chair: Will Lipske and Raul Leon

The Careers in Student Affairs panel is planned in the fall and/or spring semester and assists students who are considering careers in the field of student affairs. The panel is an opportunity for students to learn from and get an overview of the diverse field of student affairs. Graduate programs have also provided information about their program. Committee members determine the panel representatives, promote the program, organize the inclusion of graduate programs information and update a membership resource guide. This program has evolved from the original concept of the Professional Exchange Program. In collaboration with MACAA (Madison Association of Career & Academic Advisors) and SPA membership, this program offers a great opportunity to learn how other offices on campus on how they function and how they serve the students on campus. This is a great way to meet new people and learn about offices on campus. (Timeline: mid to late fall and/or spring semester)

SPA Forums – Chair: Katia Albright

SPA Forums are held monthly throughout the year as either a "brown bag" over the lunch hour or some other time in the afternoon. They provide an informal opportunity for the membership to get together and talk about relevant campus topics or other issues of interest. The committee members determine topics with input from the executive board, schedule speakers/facilitators, and promote the events. (Timeline: academic year)

Membership & Recruitment – Chair: Heather Cote (Membership Coordinator)

Committee members interested in this committee would assist with the SPA membership recruitment drive, promote and encourage SPA membership throughout campus. This is not a "formal" committee and will meet on an as-needed basis throughout the year. (Timeline: fall and/or spring semester)

Newsletter – Chair: Michaela Aust (Publicist/Historian)

The newsletter, *Frontline*, is a quarterly production, typically following a September/ October, November/ December, February/March, and April/May schedule. This is not a "formal" committee, but all SPA members can contribute articles throughout the year. (Timeline: academic year)

... come talk to us at the Kick Off Meeting about joining a committee.

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