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As we wind down with summer and look toward the upcoming school year *The Vermont Connection* Executive Board members are filled with anticipation, excitement, and great expectations. We recognize this year as one of significance for our country during a presidential election year, and for the world as global events continue to have effects on education, communication, and the meaning of connectedness.

In that light, we are pleased to announce the theme of this year's "Moral Conversation" section of the journal, **The Political Landscape and The Academy**. We encourage our alumni/ae and friends to interpret the meaning of this theme in various ways, especially if considering authoring an article. Subsequently, we look forward to the dialogue that we hope will ensue upon publication of *The Vermont Connection*.

Last year's Silver Anniversary volume of *The Vermont Connection* set a high standard for this year's journal. We thank the outgoing Executive Board and graduating members of the Full Board for their incredible amount of effort, patience, example, and commitment to excellence.

The Vermont Connection is entering its second quarter-century, and we are delighted to be building upon the great traditions that were set during the first twenty-five years. We look forward to speaking with you during our annual phone-a-thon at the end of September, working with you as authors submitting articles for this volume of the journal, developing more and deeper bonds with regard to professional development opportunities for current students, celebrating with you at the Premiere of our finished journal next spring, and of course engaging with you in conversation and reflection at the national conferences of ACPA and NASPA.

We are also excited to be electing, in the near future, a First-Year Liaison from the Class of 2006 to join the Executive Board. This position is in its second year and the elected individual will be active in the production of the journal as well as in efforts to document the history of *The Vermont Connection*.

We have a very active Full Board that is looking forward to strengthening bonds of community and producing yet another volume of scholarly work to be proudly published under the name *The Vermont Connection*. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Best Regards,

The 2004-2005 Executive Board

## Are you attending the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference ?

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference will be held from October 24-26, 2004 at the University of Vermont Conference Center. This conference is sponsored in part by the College of Education & Social Services and the Division of Student & Campus Life at UVM as well as ACPA and ASJA. In keeping HESA connected, the full

board of *The Vermont Connection* is hosting a reception for HESA alumni and friends on Monday, October 25 at 7pm in North Lounge (located in the Billings Student Center). Join us for an update on exciting HESA news, connect with current HESA students and reconnect with faculty, friends, and alumni. We hope to see you there!

For more information about the reception contact:  
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For conference information visit:  
<http://learn.uvm.edu/legal/>

## TO THE 2003-2004 TVC EDITORIAL BOARD:



We appreciate your amazing effort and commitment to excellence. Good luck in all your future endeavors.



### 2003-2004 TVC EDITORIAL BOARD

Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje, Brian Arao, Corin Blanchard, Alina Torres, Carrie Williams, Jennifer Ostermiller

## 26th Edition of *The Vermont Connection* CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We invite you to submit an article for publication in the 26th Edition of *The Vermont Connection*

The timeline for article submission, editing, and publishing is below. If you have questions or concerns please contact Content Editors,

Robyn Jeep (robyn.jeep@uvm.edu) and

Katie Gallogly(kgallogl@uvm.edu)

Event	Date
Alumni & Friends Abstract Due	Friday, October 8th
Alumni & Friends 1st Draft Due	Friday, October 29th
2nd Draft from Author Due	Friday, November 19th
3rd/Final Draft from Author	Friday, January 14th
Production Weekend	January 28th-31st
Unveiling of 26th Edition	Late February/Early March

This years "Moral Conversation" theme is  
"The Political Landscape and The Academy"

## Phonathon Announced for September 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2004!

A new academic year has arrived! Amongst the rush of move in, planning retreats, and settling into coursework, the 2004-05 Executive Board is also busily preparing for production of the 26<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Vermont Connection*. Rest assured, this year's journal will continue the tradition of being one of the premier scholarly, student-produced journals in all of Higher Education and Student Affairs. Of course, a task like ours would be nearly impossible without the generous support of the entire HESA community. As TVC moves past the quarter-century mark, we want to ensure that this year's journal continues to be a nexus of information sharing and discussion. We sincerely hope we can count on your support for another thriving year!

Your donations enable the actual production of the journal and are also critical to helping us host receptions at ACPA and NASPA. All this and more could not exist without the support of HESA alumni, family, and friends. Best of luck to you all for an exciting and successful year and THANK YOU in advance for your continued support of *The Vermont Connection*.

We look forward to speaking with you soon!

## TO THE OUTGOING TVC FULL BOARD & HESA Class of 2004:

Thank you for all your support, dedication, and contributions

in making the 25th edition of

*The Vermont Connection* an

outstanding compilation of scholarly work.

Your dedication and teamwork

was outstanding!

All our best in all you do

-HESA Class of 2005



Benjamin, Adam, Michele, Brian, Angela, Joe, Abby,  
Kenechukwu (K.C.), Alina, Carrie, Corin, Jackie, and Joy

## 2004-2005 TVC Faculty Liaison, Bridger Turner Kelly

Greetings from the Green Mountain State! Unbelievably I am beginning my fourth year here at UVM and in the HESA program. It has indeed been my pleasure to work with faculty colleagues who pour their minds, hearts and souls into making the program the best it can be, and to learn alongside the HESA students who represent a bright beacon of hope for the future of higher education.

This year marks the beginning of a new course for me in the program. Research in Higher Education is a required course I am teaching this Fall to second year HESA students. The purpose of this course is to prepare future leaders in higher education to understand, assess, evaluate, and plan programs and policies utilizing current research in the field. In addition to critically analyzing research in higher education published in *The Journal of College Student Development*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Review of Higher Education*, *About Campus*, *Academe*, and *Change* magazine, students will read four books that many of you alums might find interesting as you seek ways to provide a culture of evidence for the types of programs, policies and services you offer to students.

The first text, *Assessment in Student Affairs: A Guide for Practitioners* (1996) by M. Lee Upcraft & John H. Schuh serves as an overview of student affairs assessment and as a guide to assessment efforts in the field. Our own Kathleen Manning and her colleague Fran Stage edited the next text, *Research in the College Context: Approaches and Methods* (2003), and it is a rare text that discusses the various ways research on college campuses is conducted, analyzed and disseminated. Another text authored by a HESA faculty member is *Liberating Scholarly Writing: The Power of Personal Narrative* (2004) by our University Scholar, Robert Nash. Robert has utilized his background in the humanities to develop *Scholarly Personal Narrative*, which seeks to help writers find meaning in their own narrative. We will round out the texts in the course with *The Vulnerable Observer: Anthropology that Breaks Your Heart* (1996) by Ruth Behar. This book of ethnography and memoir examines the observer's relationship with the observed and highlights the role of the self in research.

As faculty liaison to TVC, it is my hope that this course, in conjunction with the other courses my colleagues offer, gets students excited about conducting and writing research that contributes to the betterment of the field. I know this year will be a remarkable one for the student run journal and I am glad to be offering professional development, active engagement, and support throughout the coming year.

## Introducing the NEW HESA Alumni/ae Corner

In another attempt to keep HESA friends and alumni/ae connected, we have started a new section of the newsletter, The Alumni/ae Corner.

Take a look at what these HESA Alums are currently doing:

**Sally Hughes Doherty**, HESA '92 is now the Career and Professional Development Coordinator of the School of Business Administration at UVM.

**Jason Locke**, HESA '96 was named Director of the Undergraduate Admissions Office at Cornell University.

**Paul J. McLoughlin II**, HESA '99 has been named Assistant Dean of Harvard College, with a focus on extracurricular and social opportunities for undergraduate students. In this newly created position, Paul will actively reach out to student groups to help them manage resources and develop programs.

**Kristin Phillips**, HESA '01 received funding from the Spencer Foundation for the next 4 years which she plans to use for a fellowship and to do fieldwork in Tanzania in 2004-2005. She is completing PhD work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

If you have submissions for the HESA Alumni/ae Corner, please email  
The Vermont Connection at vtconn@uvm.edu

Keeping the connections alive...

## HESA AWARD RECIPIENTS 2003-2004

A.L.A.N.A.

### HESA STUDENT OF THE YEAR

A W A R D

**Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje '04**

KENNETH P.  
SAURMANN  
A W A R D  
Joy Pelke

The University of Vermont

### DOCTORAL STUDENT SCHOLAR

A W A R D (SOCIAL SCIENCES)

**Dr. Jacob L. Diaz '01**

JACKIE  
GIBBONS  
PRACTICUM SUPERVISOR  
A W A R D  
Klm Howard '01

SALVA DIGNITATE  
A W A R D

**Mela Dutka '82**

**Richard Gatteau '95**

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR  
AWARD  
RECIPIENTS

**DeMethra L. Bradley** is from both California and Arkansas. She graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2000, then worked as a full-time professional in Residential Life. Areas of interest are admissions, judicial affairs, and the Semester-at-Sea program. This summer DeMethra served as the on-site Director for UVM's Upward Bound Summer College.

**Valerie Bagley** is from Anchorage, AK and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her professional interests are residence life/RA development, Greek life, and student activities. This summer Val worked with Summer Conference Housing at UVM.

**Nicole Chabot** is from Auburn, ME. She did her undergraduate work at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA and then came straight to HESA. She's interested in student activities and leadership.

**Darrell Goodwin** comes from Chicago, having completed his undergraduate degree at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA. Areas of professional interest include the Dean of Students office, judicial affairs, leadership development, and multicultural affairs.

**Sadika Sulaiman** comes from California where she completed her undergraduate degree at UC Santa Barbara in 2003. She is interested in various aspects of the field of education. This summer Sadika served the Coordinator for the Summer Enrichment Scholarship program through the UVM ALANA Center.

University of Puget Sound (UPS) graduate **Czarina Ramsay** grew up in Anchorage Alaska. She majored in Comparative Sociology with an emphasis in Cultural Anthropology. Before HESA, she worked as an ETS Advisor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and also volunteered at Colegio Episcopal in Panama City. She is interested in the field of multicultural education and programming. This summer Czarina completed a Student Affairs internship at UPS.

Hailing from Ithaca, MI, **Becky Wieferich** spent the last four years completing her undergraduate degree in Athletic Training at Hope College in Holland, MI. She also completed her certification exam in Athletic Training. Becky is interested in athletic training, student services, and residential life. Becky spent her summer as an Athletic trainer for basketball and soccer camps at Johnson State College.



Pictured Above (L to R, B to F): Sadika Khristian Malika Valerie Alin Nicole, Shelley, Simon, Lara, Robyn, Suzanne, Darrell, Czarina, DeMethra, Jen, Lael, Justin, Becky, Katie. not pictured: Anne and Andrew.

**Malika Carter** is a Cleveland, Ohio native. She attended Cuyahoga Community College, where her major was Stenography/Court Reporting. Later, she transitioned to Cleveland State University where she obtained a B.S. in Middle Childhood Education with a licensure in Reading & Language Arts and Science, grades four through nine. This summer Malika performed an ACUHO-I internship in Texas and traveled to Mexico as part of her research on Latino/a identity development.

At the University of Dayton, **Justin Bayer** majored in Business Management. After he graduated, he worked as Director of Pastoral Ministry and Retreats at the Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, OH. Justin is currently the UVM Honors College Student Leadership Coordinator and continuing the HESA program part-time.

Home includes, but is not limited to, Colorado, Alaska, and Germany for **Katie Gallogly**. She is a Colorado State University graduate and worked as a preschool teacher prior to HESA. She is interested in orientation, leadership development, and outreach. This summer Katie served as a Graduate Orientation Leader at UVM.

**Suzanne Jolly** is from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. She attended Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC. She worked for her alma mater in residence life before moving to Vermont. She is particularly interested in international student services.

Derry, NH native **Lara Scott** graduated from Keene State College. After graduation. She spent a year of service in Baltimore, MD. Her interests include residential life, community service, and service learning. This summer Lara was an instructor for the Summer Discovery Program and worked in residential life at UVM.

**Lael Croteau** hails from Keene, NH. She is a graduate of Saint Michael's College and worked as an admissions counselor there for 3 years prior to entering HESA. Lael is particularly interested in the first year experience, leadership, and service.

Born and raised in Colorado, **Robyn Jeep** graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO in 2003 with a degree in psychology. After finishing HESA (and maybe taking time for some R&R) she hopes to pursue her professional interests in orientation and first-year student programs.

**Khristian Kemp-DeLisser** is a native of Connecticut. He earned a bachelors degree in Journalism from Syracuse University. Khristian likes teaching and learning and can't imagine a better place to live and work than on a college campus. This summer Khristian served as a Creative Writing teacher and supervisor for students at the Center for Creative Youth in Connecticut.

**Jen Ostermiller** completed her undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies at UVM. She then moved to Durham, NH and worked as a Project Manager for a non-profit healthcare organization for two years. Her interests include teaching, leadership development, multicultural education, and administrative work. This summer Jen worked in the Office of Orientation at UVM.

**Anne Smith** and **Andrew Flewelling** are part-time HESA students. **Anne** serves at the Victims Advocate at the UVM Women's Center. **Andrew** serves as the Program Manager of the Robert Wood Johnson grant. Both will be graduating with the Class of 2005.

Andover, NJ native **Shelley Luff** finished her undergraduate degree in Public Relations at Millersville University in Millersville, PA. She is interested in leadership programs, student life, and alumni relations. This summer Shelley worked in the offices of Alumni Relations (focusing on ALANA student initiatives) and Community-University Partnerships.

**Simon Hara** comes from Berkeley, CA and graduated from UC Santa Barbara where he worked in residential life after graduation. His professional interests are multicultural affairs, admissions, and career services.

**Alin Wakefield** is from Sacramento, CA. He majored in Government at California State University, Sacramento, graduating in 2003. His current fields of interest include career services, leadership development, and minority student retention. This summer Alin performed an internship in the Student Activities Office at Harvard University and managed a summer residence hall.

**Adriana Alicea** graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Public Relations in and Spanish Literature in 2004. Her assistantship at UVM is in Residential Life. Her areas of interest are residence life, judicial affairs, and the Dean of Students Office. Adriana aspires to become a Vice-President of Student Affairs.

**Katie Bisang** graduated from Champlain College in 2003 with a BS in Professional Studies/Paralegal Studies. Before coming to HESA, she worked as the Secretary to the Dean for the Dean's Office in the College of Engineering and Mathematics at UVM. Katie is a part-time HESA student.

**Sabrina T. Kwist** graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Women, Culture and Development. After graduation she served as an Assistant Resident Director for one year. She then worked and lived in southern and eastern Africa. When Sabrina returned to the U.S. and UCSB and served as the RD and Program Coordinator for the Freshman Summer Start Program. During the past two years she has served as the Assistant Student Leadership Coordinator at UCSB. Her interests are in the areas of recruitment, retention, and assessment.

**Jason Cha** is a 2002 graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in Business Management. After graduation he worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a Business Systems Analyst. Jason's areas of interest are academic advising, career counseling, spirituality, and first year programs.

**Gina Ippolito** graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in Sociology and Italian Cultural Studies in 2003. After graduation she worked professionally for Housing and Residential Life at UCSB as an Assistant Resident Director. She is interested in pursuing a career in education either administratively or hands on in a teaching position.

**Kimberly Herrera** attended Stony Brook University where she graduated with a BA in Sociology in 2003. After graduation she became a Residence Hall Director at her alma mater. Kimberly's primary area of interest is working with students in all capacities, although she particularly enjoys programming.

**Sue Bette** graduated from Saint Michael's College in 2001 with a major in History and a minor in Religious Studies. She served as the head coach for women's lacrosse at Sienna College for 2 years. And, is currently the assistant coach for women's lacrosse at her alma mater. Sue is an intern with the UVM Campus Recreation Department and a part-time HESA student.

**Michael DeBowes** is a 2004 graduate of Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania. Graduating magna cum laude with a BA in Psychology, Michael also got married on May 22, 2004. His current interests include residence life, leadership programs, judicial affairs, and multicultural affairs.

**Aaron Ferguson** graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2003 with a major in Psychology and an individualized major in Marketing, German, and Communications, with a German minor. Since then he worked for a year in the Special Services Department of E.O. Smith High School near UConn. His primary areas of interest are in student advising, leadership, and development.

**Heather Maginnis** graduated in 2001 from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA with a degree in Classics. Since then, she worked for three years as an admission counselor at Providence College in Providence RI. She has particularly enjoyed the counseling and advising components of her past work and would like to continue with something along those lines in the future.

**Stephen M. Sweet** graduated in 2004 from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh with a BA in History. His areas of professional interest are study abroad/international study, residence life, and Greek affairs.

**Todd Lawrence** graduated from Furman University in South Carolina in 2000 with a BA in Political Science. Since then, he has worked in Nashville, Tennessee; Washington, D.C.; served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia; and most recently was residing in Los Angeles. Todd's areas of interest are general student life, student community service, student counseling, and international academic exchange.

**Nicholas Negrete** is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara with double majors in Psychology and Chicana/o Studies. After graduation, he stayed at UCSB and served as an Assistant Resident Director. Nicholas's primary areas of interest are outreach, admissions, and recruitment efforts for students of color.

**Tamia R. Jordan** graduated from The University of Virginia in 2000 with majors in Government and African American Studies. For the last 3.5 years she has worked at the National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) in Charlottesville, Virginia as a Professional Development Coordinator and also worked part-time at the local independent music store, Plan 9 Music. Her primary area of professional interest is student life/activities.

**Amanda Cook** graduated from the University of Washington in 2004 with a degree in Communications. Amanda is interested in gaining an overview of several aspects of the university in an effort to better understand how the whole institution fits together.

**Michael Payne** graduated in 2004 from the University of Kansas with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Leadership Studies. He worked a second summer for New Student Orientation in Kansas before making the move to Burlington. His areas of interest include orientation, student life, admissions, athletics, and judicial affairs.

**Tricia Rascon** is from Diamond Springs, CA. She received a BA in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2004. While at UCSB, Tricia worked in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Orientation Programs, and the Office of Student Life. Her interest in Orientation and First Year programming continues to grow as she begins her assistantship in Orientation Programs at UVM.

**Daphne Wells** is originally from Sacramento, CA. She received a BA in Sociology from the California State University, Chico in 2004. After graduation she completed an internship at Angelo State University where she worked in the Office of the Dean of Student Life to develop multicultural programs. Her primary areas of interest are student retention, orientation & transition, and academic advising.



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**"Education is not preparation for life,  
education is life itself."**

**John Dewey, UVM Class of 1879**

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