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## DEAR ALUMNI/AE AND FRIENDS,

As the days get cooler and the breeze brings with it a touch of fall, we embark on our 2005-2006 Vermont Connection journey. This year's Editorial Board is in full swing preparing for another great semester here in Burlington, VT. We invite you to take this voyage with us into The Vermont Connection's 27<sup>th</sup> volume. Last year's production was outstanding and we strive to continue the journal's tradition of excellence.

The HESA program is undergoing changes: Jackie Gribbons is taking another step toward retirement, Pamela Gardner will assume many of Jackie's duties including professional development and practicum direction, and Bridget Turner Kelly is transitioning to a faculty position at Seattle University. There is an air of transformation and excitement as the 2005-2006 year commences.

Movement in the HESA program only reflects the steady changes in academia. Hoping to go along with the idea of transformation, the theme for this year's Moral Conversation section will be "The New Generation of Higher Education: Changes, Challenges, and Innovation." The higher education system, though it may be slow to drastic change, is constantly formed and reformed by all those who make up campus communities. Where will academia go next? To what new heights will our students, faculty, and staff members bring us? We hope that you will interpret this idea as you wish and consider contributing a piece in connection with the theme.

We welcome the entering Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration Class of 2007. They are getting settled and we are excited to introduce them to the journal and the many ways they can be involved. In the position's third year, a hard working, fun-loving HESA student will soon be elected as the First-Year Liaison. We anxiously await the presence of this sixth Editorial Board member and the participation of all current HESA students on the Full Board.

The Vermont Connection is aptly named as it serves as a link between current and former HESA cohorts. We continually learn from one another's experience and wisdom. We hope that you will choose to keep the connection alive through your involvement in late September's Phone-A-Thon, article writing, and celebration of the finished product. Additionally, we are excited to meet with you in person at NASPA and ACPA.

Thank you for all the amazing ways you have contributed to The Vermont Connection. We are proud to work together again to create another high quality, scholarly journal of higher education. Come along for the ride.

Warm regards,  
Amanda L. Cook



Pictured from left to right – Heather Maginnis, Nick Negrete, Tamia Jordan, Amanda Cook, Tricia Rascon

Check out the HESA webpage: <http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmhesa/>

## TO THE 2004-2005 TVC EDITORIAL BOARD:



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



### 2004-2005 TVC EDITORIAL BOARD

Pictured from left to right—Robin Jeep, Alin Wakefield, Jen Ostermiller, Amanda Cook, DeMethra Bradley, Katie Gallogly

## TO THE OUTGOING TVC FULL BOARD & HESA Class of 2005:

Thank you for your support, dedication, and contributions in making the 26th volume 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-



Pictured from left to right - Bottom row: Khristian Kemp-Delisser, Anne Smith, Katie Gallogly, Jen Ostermiller, Lael Croteau; Second row: DeMethra Bradley, Sadika Sulaiman, Malika Carter, Shelly Luff, Czarina Ramsay, Darrell Goodwin; Third row: Simon Hara, Nicole Chabot, Becky Wiefich, Justin Baer, Valerie Bagley, Lara Scott, Robin Jeep, Suzanne Jolly; Top row: Andrew Flewelling, Alin Wakefield

27th Volume of *The Vermont Connection*

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We invite you to submit an article for publication in the 27th Volume of *The Vermont Connection*

The timeline for article submission, editing, and publishing is below.

If you have questions or concerns please contact Content Editors,

Heather Maginnis (Heather.Maginnis@uvm.edu) and

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Event	Date
Alumni/ae & Friends Abstract Due	Friday, October 7th
Alumni/ae & Friends 1st Draft Due	Friday, October 28th
2nd Draft from Author Due	Monday, November 21st
3rd/Final Draft from Author	Monday, December 19th
Production Weekend	January 27th-30th
Unveiling of 27th Edition	Late February/Early March

A new academic year has arrived! Amongst the rush of move-in, planning retreats, and settling into coursework, the 2005-06 Editorial Board is also busily preparing for the production of the **27<sup>th</sup> Volume 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/ae, 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!

This year's "Moral Conversation" theme is

"The New Generation of Higher Education: Changes, Challenges, and Innovation"

## HESA AWARD RECIPIENTS 2004-2005

KENNETH P.  
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STUDENT ALANA STUDENT  
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**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR  
AWARD  
RECIPIENTS**

### UVM HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND UPDATE

Written by Jacob Diaz, Ed.D., HESA '01

Although the program was "officially" cancelled, a number of HESA alumni made their way to the Green Mountain state to visit with friends and take a leisurely stroll down Church St. Rick Gatteau '95, Perri Shapiro, '95, Robert Kelly, '96, Jacob Diaz, '01, Michael DeBowes, '06 and Bridget Kelly, faculty in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program, had dinner together and shared stories about career paths, funny moments and critical choices in their experiences in higher education.

Also in town were Surabhi Lal, '00 and Patrick Buckley, '00 who dropped in to visit at Nicholson House and catch up on the latest events happening at UVM. All in all, a good time was had, and we look forward to the next time HESA alum may gather again.

### UVM HOSTS NASPA MUFP SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE!

Written by Nick Negrete, HESA '06

This summer the University of Vermont served as the on-site host for the annual National MUFP Summer Leadership Institute conducted by NASPA. Twenty-five students from across the nation gathered together for three days for an experience of a lifetime. The Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) provides students with an opportunity to network with faculty and student affairs practitioners while learning more about the student affairs profession, grooming these young adults for a successful career in student affairs. The SLI provided students with workshops such as cultural competency, looking ahead to graduate school, ethics, and resume building. NASPA faculty members and UVM faculty and staff created a successful experience for everyone, facilitating these workshops, and sharing their expertise.

In addition to the workshops provided, students had the opportunity to work on case studies, developing their student affairs philosophies, and gaining insight from their case study advisors. The students were extremely excited about the closing event, which entailed a dinner cruise over Lake Champlain on the Spirit of Ethan Allen, where they enjoyed great food and good company. Every student, faculty, and staff member left UVM with an awesome experience and nothing less. Undoubtedly, the Summer Leadership Institute is a promising program ensuring competent future student affairs professionals, and it was a privilege for the University of Vermont to have served as the on-site host. Special thanks goes out to Robert Kelly, Adriana Alicea-Rodriguez, Juan Guardia, Marisa Rivera, Tess Shier and Nick Negrete, who all worked hard to continue the legacy of the Summer Leadership Institute.

## Welcome HESA Class of 2007!

We wish you the best of luck as you endeavor upon this new experience.

Pictured from left to right – Bottom row: Kristen Crepezzi, Randy Brown, Adam-Jon Aparicio, Garrett Naiman, Akirah Bradley; Middle row: Jean Pak, Raja Bhattar, Alissa Strong, Jennifer Granger, Dara Forsthoffer, Chong Kim, Nathan Victoria, Erin Miller; Top row: Jonathan Hopkins, Christopher Purcell, Jonathan Bove, Jian Guan, Jessica Belue, Gabriel Reif; Not pictured: James Willette



**Adam-Jon Aparicio** is originally from Rancho Cucamonga, CA. He graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 2005 majoring in Sociology. His assistantship while at UVM is as Graduate Assistant for Career Services. As an undergraduate student he was heavily involved with residential life.

**Jessica Belue**, AKA Jess or J, is from Florence, Alabama. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 2004 majoring in American Studies. Her undergraduate involvement includes the Virginia Belles, Orientation, University Guide Service, Inter-Sorority Council, and Class of '04 Trustees. In her UVM assistantship, Jess serves as Senior Class Council Advisor.

**Raja G. Bhattar** graduated from Boston University in 2005 with a degree in Psychology. His undergraduate involvement includes community service work and work with his campus' student union. Raja is currently Head Resident at Champlain College.

**Akirah Bradley** is from Philadelphia, PA. She graduated from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania in 2005 majoring in Business. While at UVM Akirah's assistantship is Assistant Residence Director on Main Campus. Akirah's undergraduate involvement includes Black Student Union President/ Co-Advisor (not simultaneously), ACT 101 Peer Counselor, Multicultural Tele-Recruiter, Support Mentor, Intern for VP of Student Affairs, NASPA MUFP, Member of LASO, Member of MISO, and Women of Power. Akirah has also worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

**Randy Brown** is from North Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated in 2005 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville majoring in Management. His undergraduate involvement includes ASG (Associated Student Government), MUFP (Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program), BSA (Black Students Association), and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. His assistantship while at UVM is ARD.

**Jonathan Bove**, more commonly just plain Bove, is from Rutland, VT. He graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2005 majoring in Communications. His assistantship while at UVM is in Residential Life serving as Graduate Assistant for Recruitment, Selection, and Training.

**Kristen Crepezzi** is from Barnegat, New Jersey. She graduated from Rutgers University in 2005 majoring in Philosophy. Her undergraduate involvement includes Residence Life, Rutgers University Dance Marathon, First Year Interest Group Seminar Peer Instructor, Take Back the Night, Cabaret Theater, and Folk Festival. While at UVM she is working in the Department of Student Life with Campus Programs.

**Dara L. Forsthoffer** is from Newtown, PA. She graduated from the University of Vermont in 2004 majoring in Biological Science. Dara's assistantship while at UVM is in the Office of the Provost working as Graduate Assistant for Academic and Leadership Development. As an undergraduate student, Dara was involved in many programs including Campus TV, Orientation, Dean's Student Advisory Committee, and Alternative Spring Break. Dara has also worked as Business Manager for Student Life, Ropes Course Facilitator, Judicial Council Member and Adventure Leadership Program Leader.

**Jonathan Hopkins** is from Madison, WI. He graduated from Beloit College in 2001 majoring in History. While there Jonathan was involved in Men's Swimming, Intramural Volleyball, life guarding, residence life and worked as Assistant Teller Supervisor. He now serves as Graduate Assistant in the Office of the Dean of the College of Education and Social Services.

**Chong Kim** was born in South Korea, but is from Torrington, CT. She is a class of 2005 graduate from the University of Vermont majoring in Education and History. Her assistantship while at UVM is as an ARD. While an undergraduate student, Chong was involved as RA, Advocat (campus tour guide), Co-founder of Student Promoting Education and Ethnic Diversity (S.P.E.E.D), Asian American Student Union, and Mortar Board Honor Society. She also worked as Student Service Center Representative, and Desk Assistant.

**Garrett Naiman** is from Northridge, CA. He graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara in 2000 majoring in Anthropology and Religion. His assistantship while at UVM is ARD. Garrett spent four years as an Outreach Counselor for Admissions. His hobbies include reading, films, hip hop music, and basketball.

**Jennifer Lynn Granger** is from West Springfield, MA. Her assistantship at UVM is Graduate Assistant for Alumni & Parent Programs serving as the Class Councils Advisor. Jennifer graduated from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 2005 majoring in History. As an undergraduate student she was involved in many programs including as Senior Class President, President, VP, and representative for Residence Halls Congress, Emerging Leaders Symposium Coordinator, and member of the UMass Dartmouth Alumni Board of Directors. Jennifer has worked as New Student Orientation Coordinator, Family Orientation Leader, New Student Orientation Leader, UMass Pass Office Supervisor.

**Jian Guan** is from Harbin, China. He graduated from the University of Hawaii at Hilo in 2005 majoring in Psychology. While there he served as Senior Resident Assistant and Peer Assistant for Minority Access and Achievement. His hobbies include opera music, running, swimming, biking, and scuba diving. While at UVM he serves as Coordinator of Civic & Judicial Programs.

**Jean Pak** graduated from UC Davis in 2004 with a major in Economics. While at UVM her assistantship is as Coordinator of Student Ethnical Development. Jean's undergraduate involvement includes student activism, diversity arts programming, student affairs internship, community activism, womyn of color conference, and more. She also worked in a cross-cultural center as a bookkeeper.

**Erin Miller** is from Portage, Wisconsin. She graduated from Macalester College in 2005 majoring in Psychology and Music. As an undergraduate student Erin was involved on Program Board, Orientation, Summer Conferences, Music Department Ensembles While at UVM Erin is Graduate Assistant for the Davis Student Center.

**Gabriel Reif**, AKA Gabe, is from Amherst, MA. He graduated from Brandeis University in 2004 majoring in Biology. While at UVM Gabe is working as Graduate Assistant for the Honors College. His undergraduate involvement includes Orientation, Student Government, Admissions, Club sports Work Experience (Student Affairs or Other) Admissions Counselor at Paul Smith's College.

**Alissa B. Strong** is from Berlin, NJ. While at UVM Alissa is working as Graduate Assistant for Health Promotions. She graduated from Rutgers University in 2004 majoring in Communications. Her undergraduate involvement includes Residence Life, Orientation, On-Campus Events, Habitat for Humanity, and Senior Council. Her work experience includes Resident Advisor, Events Coordinator, Orientation Leader, Welcome Week Coordinator, and Research Assistant.

**Christopher Purcell**, AKA Chris, is from Lakeville, MA. He graduated from Western New England College in 2005 with a major in Government. While at UVM, Chris's assistantship is as Graduate Assistant for Conference and Event Services. His undergraduate involvement includes Resident Advisor, Student Senate President, Student Senate Legislative Chair, Orientation Group Leader, and Freshmen Seminar Assistant.

**James Willette**, AKA Jamie, is from South Burlington Vermont. He graduated from Champlain College in 2005 majoring in Professional Writing. While at UVM Jaime's assistantship is in LGBTQA Services. His undergraduate involvement includes Resident Assistant, Senior Resident Assistant, Peer Tutor, Conduct Review Board, Literary Magazine editorial board.

**Nathan Victoria**, AKA Nate, is from a Philadelphia Suburb named Media, PA. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 2005 with a double major in Psychology and Dance. While at UVM, Nate's assistantship is as Graduate Assistant in the Office of Student Services for the College of Education and Social Services. His undergraduate involvement includes Resident Advisor, Senior Class Gift Chair, Cardinal Key Tour Guide, and member of the Precision Dance Co.

**Adriana Alicea** graduated from Marquette University with a degree in Public Relations and Spanish Literature in 2004. This summer, Adriana did NASPA's study abroad program in Australia, then went to New Zealand for vacation. Later in the summer she worked with NASPA's Summer Leadership Institute and in Res. Life. Her favorite summer movie was *For Love or Country: the Arturo Sandoval Story*.

**Sue Bette** graduated from Saint Michael's College in 2001 with a major in History and a minor in Religious Studies. Sue currently works at St. Mike's College as Assistant Women's Lacrosse Coach. She spent her summer kayaking in Alaska & bartending in Lake George, NY.

**Katie Bisang** graduated from Champlain College in 2003 with a BS in Professional Studies/Paralegal Studies. She spent her summer working in Residential Life, coordinating off-campus apartments for students.

**Jason Cha** is a 2002 graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in Business Management. He spent his summer with his family, working in a warehouse ticketing novelty gifts. His best read this summer was *Trusting God* and fav movie he watched this summer was *Kill Bill* volumes 1 and 2.

**Michael DeBowes** is a 2004 graduate of Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania, graduating magna cum laude with a BA in Psychology. Mike spent his summer continuing his grad assistant role in CSES in addition to working on special projects in Residence Life as an Assistant to the Director. His favorite summer movie was *Crash*.

**Kimberly Herrera** attended Stony Brook University where she graduated with a BA in Sociology in 2003. Kim spent her summer working at UVM in Res Life coordinating IRA's fall training and retreat. She also attended the NCORE Conference on Race and Ethnicity in NYC and visited various places such as Maryland, Boston and Orlando. Kim's best summer read was *Harry Potter #6* and favorite summer movie was *Crash*.

**Tamia R. Jordan** graduated from The University of Virginia in 2000 with majors in Government and African American Studies. She spent her summer as an intern in the Office of the Dean of Harvard College as well as Summer Housing Director for Harvard's Eliot House. While in MA, Tamia did a lot of sightseeing including visiting Provincetown on Cape Cod as well as museums, zoos, and Boston's historical sites. Tamia's favorite summer movie is *Rize* and favorite book summer read is *Some of My Best Friends* written by UVM professor Emily Bernard.

**Heather Maginnis** graduated in 2001 from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA with a degree in Classics. She spent the first part her summer working for UVM Orientation and spent the rest of her time traveling to RI, MA and CA for some much needed vacation before heading back to UVM in August.



Pictured Above (L to R, F to B): Amanda Cook, Katie Bisang, Kimberly Herrera, Sue Bette, Tricia Rascon, Adriana Alicea, Jason Cha, Steven Sweet, Sabrina Kwist, Tamia Jordan, Gina Ippolito, Nicholas Negrete, Michael DeBowes, Daphne Wells, Todd Lawrence, Heather Maginnis, Michael Payne, Aaron Ferguson.

**Stephen M. Sweet** graduated in 2004 from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh with a BA in History. He spent his summer working with summer academic housing and serving on several committees in the Department of Residential Life. His favorite summer movie is *Spanglish*.

**Amanda Cook** graduated from the University of Washington in 2004 with a degree in Communications. Amanda spent her summer doing an internship at the University of Hawaii at Hilo working in the Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center. Her favorite summer movie is *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*.

**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. He spent his summer as a Ropes and Challenge Course Director at a day camp in CT.

**Gina Ippolito** graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in Sociology and Italian Cultural Studies in 2003. She worked in her assistantship for two months and spent a month with family and friends in California. *Usual Suspects* was Gina's favorite movie she watched during the summer and *Dark Tower VII* by Stephen King was her favorite read.

**Sabrina T. Kwist** graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Women, Culture and Development. Sabrina spent her summer working with Nick Negrete coordinating the Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program at UVM living in the halls with 24 incoming ALANA students who will take UVM by storm in the Fall! She also became an auntie to Hayden John Parslow.

**Nicholas Negrete** is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara with double majors in Psychology and Chicana/o Studies. During the summer, Nick served as a Co-Coordinator for the Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program (SESP) through the ALANA Student Center. He worked with some of the most amazing students, and had the privilege of serving as a mentor and role model for these students. Nick also traveled a bit to visit friends and family. Nick's favorite book he read this summer is *Down for Whatever*, by Frederick Smith. He couldn't put it down!!

**Michael Payne** graduated in 2004 from the University of Kansas with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Leadership Studies. He worked at his assistantship through June, completed 2 summer courses, and spent 10 days in Colorado. Michael's favorite summer movie was *Crash* and found *Magical Thinking* by Augusten Burroughs wickedly funny and takes top honor on his summer read list.

**Tricia Rascon** is from Diamond Springs, CA. She received a BA in English from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2004. She spent her summer meeting incoming UVM students and parents, then basking in the California sun!

**Daphne Wells** is originally from Sacramento, CA. She received a BA in Sociology from the California State University, Chico in 2004. She spent her summer traveling to Australia with the NASPA/ACPA/AUCI Study Tour and then she took a vacation to New Zealand. Daphne's favorite summer movie, hands down, was *Crash!* The best book she read this summer is *Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America*.

# A CLOSER LOOK... Inside This Newsletter

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

John Dewey, UVM Class of 1879

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