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Legal Issues Conference

Are you attending the Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference at The University of Vermont?

The 16th Annual Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference will be held from October 8th-10th, 2006 at the University of Vermont (UVM) Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Conference Center. This conference is sponsored by the UVM College of Education & Social Services

and the UVM Division of Student & Campus Life. It is also co-sponsored by the American College Personnel Association and the Association for Student Judicial Affairs. For conference information, visit learn.uvm.edu/legal.

In keeping with our theme of “connection”, the full board of The Vermont Connection will host a reception for Higher Education & Student Affairs Administration (HESA) alumni/ae and friends in October; more information will be posted soon on the HESA list-serv. For more information about this reception, contact: Jennifer Granger at jlgrange@uvm.edu.



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The Vermont Connection 2006-2007 Editorial Board: from left to right, Jessica Belue, Adam-Jon Aparicio, Jennifer Granger, Erin Miller, and Nathaniel Victoria.

Farewell to the Graduating Members of the 2005-06 Editorial Board

We appreciate your amazing effort, hard work, and commitment to excellence. Here's to keeping the connection alive!

With gratitude...



Letter from the Editor

Greetings from the world of HESA! As we here in Vermont say goodbye to summer and hello to another beautiful New England fall, the HESA program is continuing its tradition of building connections as we welcome the class of 2008. We welcome them as well as you, a true member of The Vermont Connection (TVC), to join us as we work diligently in production of this year's journal.

As many of you have come to know, TVC has for many years acted as the informal association for current HESA students. We, the 2006-2007 Editorial Board, hope to continue the tradition of building a strong HESA community: one that continues to produce a respectful academic journal while executing a plethora of social and professional development activities and events. While the primary focus of TVC is always to create an outstanding journal, the presence of the social and professional development items on our formal to-do-list provides an alternative means of involvement and participation for the members of our already diverse HESA community.

To begin the implementation of this vision, members of both the 2006 and 2007 cohorts decided to welcome this year's new 2008 cohort with a series of HESA orientation events.

August began with tours of Burlington, a TVC kickoff kickball game (picture below), an outing to the Vermont Lake Monsters minor league baseball game, and has ended with a HESA Gala to celebrate the completion of the first week of classes. Along with these welcoming social events, we have planned upcoming writing workshops, and a HESA alumni/ae networking reception to take place during the month of October. It is our hope that with these formal additions to TVC, our community can work together to both teach and learn from the variety of experiences each member of HESA brings to each academic year.

And now on to the journal! To develop the theme for this year's Moral Conversation section of the journal, the Editorial Board agreed that in light of ever-present conflict in our world, it is our duty as educators to encourage the bridging of different ideals and viewpoints to create a more peaceful and productive world. This year's Moral Conversation is "The Common in Community: Engaging Across Difference in Higher Education". It is our hope that

this theme will provide opportunities for authors to bring their whole selves to a conversation where respect and the search for commonalities replaces fear of judgment, and where the desired result is to build a truly diverse and inclusive community.

As we begin this new academic year with much excitement, we look to our current members, as well as our alumni/ae and friends, for their support, as we continue to strengthen the bonds that connect us. In maintaining this tradition, we encourage you to foster the Vermont connection through submission of an article for publication, through financial contribution during our upcoming phone-a-thon, or through being in touch and offering your valued perspective on our direction as an organization.

On behalf of TVC, I thank you for your support, and look forward to seeing you at this year's joint ACPA/NASPA conference in Orlando!



From left to right, front to back: Sarah Childs, Sarah Hoffert, Rachel deSimone, Erin Miller, Christopher Purcell, Audrey Place, Jessica Belue, Thomas Whitcher, Raja Bhattar, Gabriel Reif, Alissa Strong, Adam-Jon Aparicio, Jennifer Granger, Laura Semenow.

From left to right: Heather Maginnis, Nicholas Negrete, Tamia Jordan, Amanda Cook, and Tricia Rascon.

To the Outgoing TVC Full Board and HESA Class of 2006:

Thank you for all your support, dedication, and contributions to the 26th edition of The Vermont Connection. Your commitment to the journal was evident throughout the writing, editing, and production phases, resulting in an outstanding compilation of scholarly work. All our best in all you do!

—HESA Class of 2007



From left to right: Sabrina Kwist, Tamia Jordan, Gina Ippolito, Nick Negrete, Amanda Cook, Michael Debowes, Katie Bisang, Daphne Wells, Kimberly Herrera, Heather Maginnis, Sue Bette, Patricia Rascon, Michael Payne, Adriana Alicea, Aaron Ferguson, Jason Cha, and Stephen Sweet.

HESA Award Recipients 2005-2006**ALANA HESA Student of the Year Award**

Tamia Jordan & Michael Debowes

Kenneth P. Saurmann Award

Nicholas Negrete

Jackie Gribbons Practicum Supervisor Award

Beverly Colston

University and Professional Association Awards*ALANA Student Center**Outstanding Graduate Student Award*

Sabrina Kwist and Kimberly Herrera

ALANA Advisor of the Year Award

Tamia Jordan & Daphne Wells

*LGBTQA Programs and Services**Outstanding Program Award*

Nicholas Negrete as part of the QPOC

*Dean of Students**Students Support Students Award*

Tamia Jordan

*Women's Center**Student Activist Award*

Kimberly Herrera

*NASPA Region 1**Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year*

Gina Ippolito

Congratulations to all our award recipients!

**28th Volume of *The Vermont Connection*
 "The Common in Community:
 Engaging Across Difference in Higher Education"
 Call for Submissions**

We invite you to submit an article for publication in the 28th Volume of The Vermont Connection. Traditional models of scholarship, as well as alternate forms of expression, are welcome. The timeline for article submission, editing, and publishing is below. Please include with your abstract an outline of your proposed paper. Abstracts should be 200 words or less. If you have questions or concerns please contact Content Editors, Jessica Belue (jbelue@uvm.edu) and Erin Miller (ekmiller@uvm.edu).

Criteria for the selection of articles for the journal are as follows: 1) Proposal of a provocative, creative, or innovative topic; 2) Inclusion of a well-organized and cohesive outline; 3) Presentation of a well-written abstract with appropriate grammar, correct punctuation, and a clear thesis.

Event	Date
Abstracts Due from Current HESA Students	September 26
Abstracts Due from Alumni/ae & Friends	October 3
First Drafts due	October 23
First Draft edits to Authors	November 3
Second Drafts due	November 12
Second Draft edits to Authors	December 3
Third/Final Drafts due	December 13
Production Weekend	January 26-28
Premiere of 28th Edition	Late February/Early March

Phone-A-Thon Announced for September 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2006!

A new academic year has arrived! Amidst the rush of welcoming the incoming students, planning retreats, and settling into coursework, the 2006-07 Editorial Board is spreading the word about what it means to be a part of the Vermont Connection. In the midst of this conversation, we are busily preparing for the production of the 28th Volume of The Vermont Connection, one of the premier scholarly, student-produced journals in all of Higher Education and Student Affairs. Please note that this year's Editorial Board has decided again to welcome the submission of alternative forms of expression in an effort to be more inclusive of all voices. In addition to our work on the journal, we focused much of our effort during the first few weeks of classes to connect first-year and second-year students through a "HESA Orientation", and we will continue to look for ways to foster this connection throughout the coming year.

We want to ensure that this year's journal continues to be a nexus of information sharing and discussion, and your donations enable the production of such an endeavor. Your donations are also critical in assisting us as we strengthen the bonds between current HESA students and our community of alumni/ae and friends, funding networking events such as the joint ACPA and NASPA reception to be held this year in Orlando, FL.

Of course, we cannot make these endeavors successful without the generous support of the entire HESA community, both in time and money. We sincerely hope we can count on your support for another thriving year! 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.

In Case You Forgot About the Class of 2007!

Adam-Jon Aparicio graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2005 with a B.A. in Sociology with an Emphasis in Social Psychology. This summer he interned at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo w/ Dr. Keith Miser and was a nanny for his one-year-old niece Angelina. His favorite summer movie was X-Men III. While in Hawaii, not only did he hike in a VOLCANO, but he also discovered many interesting things that the United States has done to Hawaii's people, its land, and its government. He wants to ask all who read this newsletter to please help end the ignorance... Mahalo (Thank You)!

Alissa B. Strong comes from New Jersey where she also graduated from Rutgers University in 2004 with a Bachelor's in Communication. This summer she worked with UVM's Continuing Education and traveled to Samoa to study intercultural communication. Her favorite summer novel was *The Kite Runner*.

Chong Kim graduated from the University of Vermont in 2005 with a degree in Secondary Education: History and a minor in Psychology. She spent her summer as an ACUHO-I intern for Residential Education at New York University. While in NYC she lived and played in Manhattan and attended her first Broadway show – Avenue Q! Her favorite summer movie was X-Men 3 and her favorite summer novel was *The DaVinci Code*.

Chris Purcell is a 2005 graduate of Western New England College with a B.A. in Political Science. He was in Burlington this summer working as the Communications Coordinator for UVM's Orientation program. His favorite summer movie was *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* and he loved the novel *Me Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris.

Dara L. Forsthoffer is a UVM alumna from the class of 2004 with a degree in Biological Sciences. This summer she continued her assistantship work within the UVM Provost's office. Her favorite Summer Movie was *Benchwarmers*, and she can't wait to see *Invincible* because she loves the Eagles! Dara also enjoyed her summer by relaxing, going to many weddings, seeing Sheryl Crow, and going to Orlando to watch her boyfriend tie the world record for fastest ice cream scooper on the taping of a Food Network, Food Challenge Show!

Jian Guan graduated from University of Hawaii at Hilo in 2005 with a degree in Psychology. He experienced jetlag four times this summer, as he traveled across the world! He traveled to Paris and stayed at the Catholic Monastery, which was very meaningful to him. He also went back to visit China, and he spent time in Hawaii. His favorite book to read while traveling is *You'll See It When You Believe It: The Way to Your Personal Transformation*.

Jonathan Bove, a 2005 graduate of RIT with a B.S. in Professional and Technical Communications, lived in Wolfville, Nova Scotia as an ACUHO-I intern at Acadia University. While in Canada he learned that Canadians sure do love their gravy fries. His favorite summer movie was X-Men III.

Jonathan Hopkins is a 2001 graduate of Beloit College, where he studied History. This summer he happily worked in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at UVM. One of his highlights this summer was reading *The Missing Professor* and traveling with his beautiful daughter Arwen to the vacationer's paradise that is Madison, Wisconsin.

Kristen Crepezzi was busy this summer working in Career Services at UVM, visiting Mickey Mouse, moving to a new place in Colchester, and spending some lovely time visiting her

beloved Jersey shore. Kristen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Political Science from Rutgers College, Rutgers University in 2005.

Her favorite summer novel is *Pride and Prejudice* and she also loves the summer because she can read for pleasure!

Erin K. Miller spent her summer working for DePaul University in Chicago, IL as a NODA (Orientation) intern. While there, she spent her free time enjoying fireworks, museums, summer festivals, and soaking up the sunshine. She hails from Macalester College where she studied Psychology and Music and graduated in 2005. Her all-time favorite summer movies are *Shrek*, *Forrest Gump*, *Jurassic Park*, and *From Justin to Kelly*.

Gabe Reif graduated from Brandeis University with a B.S. in Biology in 2004. This summer Gabe worked in the Center for Student Ethics and Standards at UVM and completed two independent studies, one in which he traveled with Garrett Naiman to Israel to study Israeli higher education, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and his own spirituality. His favorite summer novel is *Freakonomics* by Levitt and Dubner.

Garrett Naiman graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2000 with a degree in Cultural Anthropology and Religious Studies. This summer Garrett traveled to Israel and enjoyed spending time on the west coast getting some California love and sun. His favorite summer movie was *Over the Hedge* and his favorite summer novel is *The Glory* by Herman Wouk.

James Willette recently became a full time employee at Champlain College working as an Area Coordinator with the Department of Residential Life. Jamie graduated from Champlain College in 2005 with a B.S. in Professional Writing (Media). Before beginning this new role, he worked at UVM

for the Upward Bound program. His favorite summer movie was X-Men III, and his favorite novel was The Chosen by Jerome Karabel. He also enjoyed seeing Madonna live in concert in Boston, MA!

Jean Pak is a 2004 graduate of UC Davis, where she studied Economics, Asian American Studies, and Social & Ethnic Relations. This summer, Jean traveled to Samoa, and worked as the Residential Counseling Director for UVM's Upward Bound program. While here in Burlington, she enjoyed the fireworks on the Waterfront. Her favorite summer movie is The Motel and her favorite summer novel is Shug.

Randy Brown is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and worked this summer at Northern Illinois University with an internship.

Raja G. Bhattar graduated from Boston University in 2005 with a Psychology Major and a minor in Spanish. This summer he worked as the Office and Transfer Programs Coordinator for UVM Orientation and he enjoyed living in Burlington for the summer and discovering new things. His favorite summer novel is The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck.

Akirah J Bradley was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She attended and earned a B.S. in Business Administration at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. She was active in Phi Beta Lambda also known as the National Future Business Leaders of America. In addition she was a Minority Undergraduate Fellow through NASPA; she was involved in the Inroads program. On campus she became known as a great student leader through many positions across campus. She was the President of the Black Student Union, Act 101 Peer Counselor, worked in Admissions, and more. Through her career as an under-

graduate she stumbled across the field known as student affairs which brings her to where she is today studying at UVM, one of the best student affairs programs in the country.

Jessica L. Belue worked this summer as a Communications Assistant at the National Association for College Admission Counseling outside of D.C. She also studied Edgar Shannon's presidency at the University of Virginia (from 1959-1974). She is a graduate of the University of Virginia (UVA), class of 2004, with a BA in American Studies with a minor in English. Her favorite summer movie was the animated film Cars. Perhaps her favorite summer moment was being proposed to by her fiancé on the UVA grounds. They will be married next summer in Alabama.

Nathan Victoria received a BA in Dance and Psychology from Wesleyan Univer-

sity in 2005. This summer he interned at Harvard College with Paul J. McLoughlin, II, HESA class of '99. His duties included serving as a Summer Residence Director and Intern for the Office of the Dean. While in Boston, Nathan spent his free time in dance classes and exploring the city. His favorite summer book was the Covering: the Hidden Assault on our Civil Rights by Kenji Yoshino and his favorite summer movie was The Lake House, because it was so bad that it was good.

Jennifer Granger spent her summer in West Springfield, MA, as an intern in the Office of Campus Life at Springfield College. She also enjoyed time with her family and friends, and vacationed in Cape Cod, MA, and California. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth in 2005 with a B.A. in History. Her favorite summer movie was You, Me and Dupree and while on the beach, she enjoyed reading a memoir titled Tabloid Love.



From left to right, front to back: Garrett Naiman, Jonathan Hopkins, Gabe Reif, Chris Purcell, James Willette, Jonathan Bove, Erin Miller, Jessica Belue, Randy Brown, Kristen Crepezzi, Jian Guan, Akirah Bradley, Alissa Strong, Nathan Victoria, Dara Forsthoffer, Jean Pak, Raja Bhattar, Chong Kim, Adam-Jon Aparicio, and Jennifer Granger.

Introducing the Class of 2008!

Hannah Roberts hails from Franklin, MI. She graduated from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2006 with BAs in Communications Studies and English. Her assistantship is as an Assistant Residence Director for Main Campus. While at Ann Arbor, Hannah's involvement included Resident Advisor and program assistant for the living-learning program, summer orientation leader, student coordinator for the freshman mentorship program, campus tour leader, writing center peer tutor, and Division of Student Affairs Advisory Board member.

Andrew Wells graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a BA in Political Science. His hometown is Coarsegold, CA which is near Yosemite National Park. Before coming to UVM he was a Resident Assistant for two years and was also involved in Campus Democrats, the Pastoral Team at St. Mark's parish, and he worked half-time at Vons. He is an Assistant Resident Director here at UVM.

Laura Brina Semenow is from Belo Horizonte, Brazil. She has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations which she received in December 2002 from Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Minas Gerais (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais State) - Brazil. She also has a specialization degree in Social Responsibility Management earned in June 2006 from the same university. Her assistantship is with Orientation and Parent Relations. Before coming to UVM she was involved in Community Service, Study Abroad, Human Rights Study Group, Model UN.

Marnie Owen is currently a resident of Winooski, Vermont, but originally hails from Hanover, NH. She graduated from UVM in 2002 with a BA in Political Science. She works full time in the Office of Transfer Affairs.

As an undergrad, she was in UVM's female a cappella group, the Cat's Meow. She was the business manager and arranged much of the music. She also served on judicial councils.

Ian T. Stroud is originally from Tahlequah, OK and graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2006 with Business Administrative Management degree. During his time at Arkansas, he participated in Judicial Board Committee Member, the Native American Student Association, Multicultural Center Mentor, Intramurals Referee, Summer Conferences, LeaderShape, and the Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MUFP). His UVM assistantship is with Residential Life as an Assistant Resident Director (MSHCR).

Audrey Place has worked for the past four years as an Area Coordinator for Castleton State College in Castleton, VT. She enjoys long walks on the beach and spending time with her lazy cat. Her hometown is Albany, NY. In 2002, Audrey graduated from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT with a concentration on Health and Science. Her assistantship at UVM is with Residential Life as the Research/Marketing/Publications Assistant.

Ben Meoz is originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, and graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in June 2004 with a BA in Sociology. His UVM assistantship is as the Living/Learning Center Leadership Coordinator. While at UCSB, Ben was involved with Residential Life. He is perhaps most famous for winning a fireplace on the TV show *The Price Is Right* in January of 2004!

David Laxamana also hails from the "sunshine state"; his hometown is beautiful San Diego, California. He graduated from San Diego Mesa College in 1992 with an A.A. in Psychology, and from the University of California at San Diego in 1994 with a B.A. in

History. As an undergraduate student he was involved in the following; Summer Bridge, Peer Counseling, and Adopt-a-Commuter. At UVM he works for Residential Life as an Assistant Residence Director.

Elizabeth Guevara is the Assistant Residence Director for the Living and Learning Center at UVM. Her hometown is Ontario, CA. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2005 with a degree in Sociology. At UCSC she was an RA for a year and half, was involved with CREATE (Cultural Resources to Educate And To Empower), the Sociology Alliance, served as a mentor for ChaLE, and participated in the Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP).

Patricia Nguyen is the graduate assistant this year in the ALANA Student Center. She graduated in 2004 from University of California, Santa Barbara as a Cell and Developmental Biology major with a minor in Ethnomusicology. After undergrad, she remained at her institution to serve as a full time Assistant Resident Director for two years; she also served as an advisor for the founding class of Pi Alpha Phi (an Asian American Interest fraternity), the Chinese Lion Dance Team at UCSB, the Asian American Awareness Association, and the Vietnamese Student Association. Her hometown is San Diego, CA.

Rachel de Simone is originally from Hamden, CT. She graduated with B.A. in psychology from Colgate University, Hamilton, NY in 2002. At UVM, she is the Graduate Assistant for the First-Year Experience in the Department of Student Life. At Colgate, she was involved with Residential Life as well as various social justice organizations.

Sarah Maria Childs is from Tucson, AZ. She is a 2005 graduate of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ with a B.S. in Elementary Educa-

tion with an emphasis in Spanish. Her assistantship at UVM is in the Center for Student Ethics and Standards.

As an undergraduate student, Sarah was involved in Alumna Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Hispanic Honor Society, Hispanic Mother-Daughter Mentoring Program, Multicultural Student Center, and NASPA's Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program (MUFP). Sarah is bilingual.

Sarah Hoffert is the Graduate Assistant for Community Service. Originally from Louisburg, NC, she graduated in 2004 from Otterbein College in Westerville, OH with a BA in Sociology with a Family Soc. Concentration. She also has minors in Women's Studies, Language and Culture of the Deaf Community, and Dance. At Otterbein she was involved in Residence Life, Orientation, the Campus Programming Board, the Honors Program, a Women's Issues Group, the Outdoor Adventure Club, and Cardinal Marching Band (piccolo). Sarah also founded the Sexual Health Advocacy Group and the American Sign Language Club at Otterbein.

Sarah Reid is originally from Springfield, OH and graduated from Wittenberg University in 2003 with a degree in English Literature. At UVM she is working with Enrollment Management. Prior to beginning HESA she worked in Admissions and also served as a House Director for the Chi Omega sorority at Wittenberg University for two years. This summer, Sarah backpacked through Europe and went to the Netherlands, Switzerland, Budapest, and Spain. Then she spent two months sleeping in a tent and working as a backcountry guide at a ranch in New Mexico. She climbed the highest peak in New Mexico - Mt Wheeler! She also saw rattlesnake, a bear, and killed a rat in her tent.

Stephanie Moreira is from Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated from the University of South Alabama in May 2006 with a B.S. in Physical Education. At the University of South Alabama she was involved in Alpha Gamma Delta, Residence Life Council, National Residence Hall Honorary, Student Government Association, and Catholic Student Association. Her assistantship is as the Assistant Residence Director for Harris Millis. Stephanie admits that she is indeed addicted to sweet tea.

Thomas Whitcher is from Salinas, CA. He graduated in 2006 from the California State University, Chico

with a BA in History with a minor in leadership studies. At Chico he was very involved as a Residence Hall Association Controller, the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) 2002 Conference Finance Chair, an Assistant Leadership Coordinator for University Housing, the Associated Students (AS) Director of University Affairs, the Executive Vice President and President, and the California Xi chapter of Phi Delta Theta Parliamentarian and Executive Vice President. His assistantship is as the Assistant Coordinator for Community & Leadership Development for Residence Life.



From left to right, front to back: Andrew Wells, David Laxamana, Hannah Roberts, Ian Stroud, Laura Semenow, Marnie Own, Rachel deSimone, Audrey Place, Elizabeth Guevara, Stephanie Moreira, Thomas Whitcher, Sarah Reid, Patricia Nguyen, Sarah Childs, Sarah Hoffert, Benjamin Meoz.

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Announcing Dorian McCoy!

The George Washington Henderson Fellowship Program sponsors pre-doctoral and post-doctoral scholars who are charged with advancing the University of Vermont's research, teaching, and diversity needs and goals.

This year the HESA program welcomes Dorian McCoy as our 2006-2008 Henderson Fellow. Dorian completed his Ph. D in Educational Leadership and Research with an emphasis in Higher Education at Louisiana State University. His dissertation is

entitled: Entering the Academy: Exploring the Socialization Experiences of African American Male Faculty. This fall semester he has joined Deborah Hunter to co-facilitate the course The (Un) Changing Academy. We welcome him to the HESA family!

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