Vermont Connection

Letter from the Editor

Throughout my two years of participation in The Vermont Connection, I have thoroughly enjoyed being apart of the production of an exceptional journal, participating in professional and social development efforts, and learning from various leadership opportunities within our HESA community. While I value all of the above aspects of TVC, the one aspect that I am most thankful for is the connection created between the HESA cohorts and alumni/ae through this process. These relationships have proven extremely helpful as they have molded the practitioner I strive to be, They accurately portray what TVC is all about-connections. As the Full Board continues our commitment to the production of the 28th volume, we invite you to continue your connection to HESA by enjoying our spring newsletter.

With thanks to many of you, this year's Phone-A-Thon was an absolute success! Despite our need to relocate Phone-A-Thon headquarters after the ALANA Student Center flooded, the Full Board executed an amazing four days of fundraising, connection-building, and fun. Nathan Victoria, Managing Editor, proved his excellent leadership skills by organizing these events and dealing with the chaotic fun that only Phone-A-Thon can produce. Another thank you must also be paid to both the ALANA Student Center for their continued support (flood and all) as well as Pamela K. Gardner '85 and the rest of the Career Services office for supplying us with a space to continue our unforgettable Phone-A-Thon!

This past semester has provided both cohorts with great opportunities for professional and social development. One highlight of professional development has been a writing workshop facilitated by past TVC Advisor Kim Howard '01. Kim provided the Full Board with a helpful workshop and we thank her for her continued commitment to TVC. We also had several fun social events that were skillfully planned by our very own First Year Liaison, Elizabeth Guevara. A highlight from one event was a board game bonding night that took many of us back to our childhood – complete with card games, tasty treats, and fun, fun, fun! Bravo Elizabeth!

With extreme dedication and care, Content Editors Jess Belue and Erin Miller have created a production and editing framework of exceptional value to this year's journal. With their guidance we have just completed Production Weekend. Major thanks to the current UVM HESA community who spent hours reviewing and polishing the journal as it makes its way to final print. We would also like to thank the Director of the Women's Center, LuAnn Rolley, and her staff for providing their space for our successful Production Weekend. Another thank you must be bestowed to our two advisors Merin Maxwell '01 and Patty Eldred '80. Their support and ability to provide unbiased feedback has been a vital addition to the production of this year's journal.

Jenny Granger, Alumni/ae & Public Relations Chair, has done an incredible job at preparing our beautiful newsletters as well as coordinating this past October's HESA Alumni/ae and Friends Networking event. Jenny is also working diligently to create a welcoming and memorable TVC reception at this year's NASPA/ACPA joint conference meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there as we will share very exciting news and announcements about our very own HESA community nationwide!

My participation as Editor of this organization has taught me many things about myself as well as others. I am incredibly thankful for my time in this challenging role as it has allowed me not only to aid in the production of an intriguing and diverse journal, but also to truthfully honor and thank the greater HESA community. You are The Vermont Connection and I am extremely proud to soon be apart of the network of excellence that is the HESA alumni/ae and friends community. See you in Orlando!

Peace,

---Adam-Jon Aparicio The Vermont Connection 2006-2007 Editor



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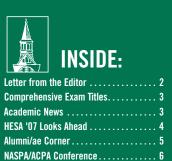
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From left to right, back to front: Adam-Jon Aparicio '07, Jennifer Granger '07, Erin K. Miller '07, Nathaniel Victoria '07, Jessica Belue '07, Elizabeth Guevara '08.



Thanks to our 2006-07 Co-Instructors

In addition to the core HESA faculty, current HESA students benefit greatly both in and out of the classroom from the support of community practitioners. The following individuals have made their mark on the HESA academic experience in 2006-07:

DeMethra LaSha (Sha) Bradley (HESA '05) currently works in the Center for Student Ethics & Standards (CSES) at UVM. Her primary focus in CSES is academic integrity. Sha has co-instructed EDHI 360 for HESA first-years during the Fall 2005 and Fall 2006 semesters. She is currently a doctoral student in the Educational Leadership & Policy Studies program at UVM. During the 2004-2005 year. Sha also served as the Alumni/ae & Public Relations chair for TVC.

Cyndy Craft is a graduate of UVM's Masters/Certification program and an English teacher at Champlain Valley Union High School. She earned her BA in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences from the University of Washington. A mother of three, Cindy loves running, snowboarding, and driving with no traffic. In Fall 2006, she co-taught a course on Religion and Spirituality in Education with Dr. Robert Nash.

Christina Davis is in her second year as an Assistant Director in the Department of Residential Life, overseeing Redstone Campus. She also co-advises the Inter Residence Associate and oversees leadership development initiatives within Residential Life. During the Fall semester, Christina co-instructed EDHI 385: The Student Affairs Profession with Dr. Kathleen Manning.

Suzanne Jolly (HESA '05) works as the Executive Director of Drug-Free Communities in Northfield, Vermont. Her work in substance abuse prevention has allowed her to connect her passion for health prevention, student development and education. She will be working on her first book this year, particularly after an inspiring semester co-teaching Scholarly Personal Narrative (SPN) with Robert Nash and incredible writing students.

Suzanne also looks forward to backcountry skiing and rock climbing in Yosemite this summer and presenting about health and wellness issues for students and staff in her "off time." **Stacey Miller** is the Director of Residential Life at the University of Vermont and has worked at the institution since 2003. She began her career at Stony Brook University in New York in 1993, where she also earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master's in Liberal Studies degree. She is currently enrolled as a doctoral student in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies program at UVM. She also serves as the co-instructor for the Cultural Pluralism course with Kathy Manning. Throughout her career, Miller has presented at various local, regional, and national conferences.

Lara Scott (HESA'05) is currently the Assistant Director of Residential Life at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. Lara's interests include whole student development, leadership development, and experiential learning linked with service and civic engagement. In addition to teaching two Service-Learning courses, Lara is co-teaching the Spring 2007 HESA Capstone course on Ethics with Dr. Robert Nash.

From left to right: Thomas Whitcher '08, Rachel deSimone '08, Deborah Hunter, Andrew Wells '08, Ian Stroud '08.

On behalf of the HESA 2007 and 2008 cohorts, The Vermont Connection wishes to note our gratitude to these practitioners for their contributions this year.



From left to right: Dorian McCoy and Deborah Hunter.

HESA 07's Comprehensive Exam Titles

Adam-Jon Aparicio: Exploring a Forgotten Past: Empowerment through Self Reflection (working)

Jess Belue: Sensitive Footwork: Edgar Shannon's Leadership at the University of Virginia

Guan Jian: Experience is Wealth

Erin Miller: Awareness, Knowledge, Skills: Grappling with Issues of Social Justice in a Six-Week Undergraduate Diversity Course (working)

Gabe Reif: Higher Education's Missing Link: Understanding and Overcoming the Gap between Professors and Student Affairs Professionals (working)

Jonathan Bove: Re-Framing Your Face: The Phenomenon of the Online Persona.

Kristen Crepezzi: Being Fat in College (working)

Alissa Strong: Applying a Service-Learning Model to a Higher Education Program: A Personal Account of Becoming a Reflective Practitioner (working)

Chong Kim: Letters From a First-generation, Korean American, Working-class Female. (working)

Garrett Naiman: You Must Learn: Hip-Hop's Influence on Student Identity Development (working)

Nathan Victoria: Illuminating the Shadows: Higher Education's Role in my Conflicting Identities (working)

Jennifer Granger: Death and Illness Will Interfere: Helping College Students to Cope with Severe Family Tragedies

Jean Pak: Access to Higher Education for Pacific Islanders: A Case Study Approach of the University of California System

HESA Academic News: Class of 2009, Jackie Gribbons, Keith Miser, and Kathy Manning!!

Applications for the Class of 2009 were due on January 1st, 2007. As of press time, the HESA faculty are eagerly reviewing the highly competitive pool of prospective students and look forward to welcoming invited applicants to campus for interviews in March. First and second-year HESA students will be contacted shortly as the hosting and interview process gets underway!

As the Class of 2007 moves into its final semester of the HESA program, they look forward to receiving Masters' degrees alongside **Jackie Gribbons**, who will receive an Honorary Doctorate this May from the University of Vermont. As this is Jackie's last official year on the HESA faculty, we could not be more proud of her. Jackie's service to UVM began in 1966, where she has worked both as an administrator and faculty member.

Jackie, a UVM administrative leader across four decades, founded the university's highly regarded graduate program in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration and held many other leadership roles on campus. She was the last person to hold the title of "Dean of Women" at the university and as UVM's first coordinator of Title IX. She helped to guide the university into a new era of equal opportunity in collegiate athletics. Congrats, Jackie!

In addition, former UVM Dean of Students, **Keith Miser** is receiving NASPA's highest honor: the "Scott Goodnight Award for Excellence as a Dean." **Kathy Manning** is also receiving the Contribution to Literature award from NASPA.

Congrats to Keith and Kathy as well!

The Vermont Connection Journal Receptions: Save the Date!!!

Premiere at UVM:

Friday, March 2nd, 4-6pm in Waterman's Memorial Lounge.

Reception at NASPA/ACPA Conference, Orlando, FL:

The University of Vermont's Alumni and Friends Reception (as listed in the program) Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:30-9pm in Marco Island Room, Marriott Hotel.

Save the dates, we look forward to seeing you there!

HESA 07 Looks Ahead

Jean Pak: I hope to have a job by next year in the area of multicultural affairs or international education.

Garrett Naiman: This summer I will be working as a Residence Director for Semester at Sea, traveling around Central and South America. The universe has yet to reveal to me where I will be after that.

Jess Belue: I plan to join my new spouse at a school yet to be determined, (New York, New Haven, Durham?) as he begins a doctoral program in international relations. I want to pursue leadership development programs or other areas in which I can work with a diverse group of students in a creative university environment.

Gabe Reif: As for next year... I'll be somewhere, probably the northeast. I would like to be working in judicial affairs, admissions, or academic advising. It's all very up in the air.

Jonathan Bove: Working in an admissions office or reslife department somewhere in the Northeast.

Adam-Jon Aparicio: I wish to begin my post graduate career in sunny California to be closer to friends and family. I will focus my job search in residential life where I hope to educate students on issues of social justice, inclusion, and identity development.

Kristen Crepezzi: I think about next year a lot. I think about how I don't know what to do or where to go. Ideally I want to be working in diversity programs, multicultural affairs, or at a women's center, but I'll probably begin with Residence Life. I'm excited and scared because I could go anywhere.

Alissa Strong: I'll go where the flow takes me. I look forward to continuous learning; fresh conversation; time travel; new photographs; professional endeavors; bright challenges.

Nathan Victoria: I'm lucky that I will be following my partner to the wonderful land of Washington D.C., as it gives me a location to focus on. Otherwise, I'd be looking all over the U.S. I know I want to stay affiliated with the academic side of higher education somehow, whether it is undergraduate academic advising, residential learning communities, or maybe even graduate admissions. **Guan Jian:** This year, I would like to work with the Office of International Education, gaining working experience to prepare for my next step and contributing my 9 years experience of being an international student. I'd like to be at a place where I can go deep into opera and classical singing while working in student affairs. I would like to be studying music and offering services to international students and scholars.

Erin Miller: I hope to be working in student activities, student unions, career counseling, or judicial affairs. I'm currently searching predominately in the Twin Cities of MN but am also looking in other great cities across the country, including Chicago, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, and Madison, WI. Most importantly, I'm looking for a place that allows me to bring my whole self to work each day, and to work closely with college students.

Chris Purcell: I am excited and apprehensive about life after HESA! I hope to be working in first-year programs, orientation, or LGBT affairs at a small/mid-size institution.

Jennifer Granger: Looking ahead is what a 2nd year HESA student does best! I am concentrating my job search in the lovely city of Boston, MA to be closer to friends, family, and Boston's sports teams! I am looking for a good work atmosphere hopefully in student activities, student leadership, orientation, and residence life. I am also looking at admissions, alumni, and judicial affairs. I look forward to moving on to the next adventure in my life.



From left to right: Akirah Bradley '07 and Jonathan Bove '07.

Spotlight on First Year Liaison

Elizabeth Guevara hails from Ontario, Southern California. She is a first generation college graduate from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Elizabeth has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. In addition to being the First Year Liaison for The Vermont Connection, she is also the Assistant Residence Director for the Living and Learning complex. Elizabeth is involved in Alianza Latina and is an active member of the ALANA community. She is passionate about family, education, multiracial issues and social justice.

Special Thanks to Liz for representing her cohort this year!



From left to right: Sarah Hoffert '08, David Laxamana '08, and Elizabeth Guevara '08.

TVC Website and HESA Online Directory

Please check out the newly updated (still under construction) TVC Web site. Update your profile and look at the HESA Online Directory site.

TVC Homepage: http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/

HESA Directory: http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/ ?Page=directory_intro.html

Username: hesa Password: vtconn

HESA Alumni/ae Corner ~ Checking in with the Class of 2006

Nick Negrete

Student Services Advisor ALANA Student Center The University of Vermont

"As I completed the HESA Program in 2006, I found myself accepting a wonderful opportunity to stay in Vermont and UVM. to serve as the Student Services Advisor for the African, Latino, Asian, and Native American (ALANA) Student Center. The experience I have had so far has been amazing, and I am learning so much everyday from my colleagues and students! I plan to go back to the West coast eventually, and I know I want to continue my work in multiculturalaffairs for some time. I am not entirely sure in what capacity I will serve in this specific area, but I know that I want to continue my support, advocacy, and development of students of color in our institutions of higher education. Burlington has been a great place for me to really find myself in many ways. Although I am so far from my family in California. I have found my UVM and Burlington family here, and I am so thankful I have colleagues who were in my cohort who decided to stay at UVM as well! I am still learning everyday, and one thing I value the most are the relationships I have developed in my time at UVM and in the Burlington community. When I decide to move on, I will truly miss a home that I helped create with many other people!"

Tamia Rashima Jordan

Office of Student Activities and Facilities Duke University

"I live in Chapel Hill, NC but I work down the road in Durham at Duke University. I am a Program Coordinator/Advisor for the Duke University Union (DUU). DUU is the main student programming body on campus. I currently advise Major Attractions, Major Speakers, Special Events, Onstage, and I co-advise Broadway at Duke. I plan to stay put for a little while but I hope my professional future holds more student activities hopefully closer to home in the Northeast. Besides, UVM brought some truly amazing people into my life ...I miss working with, for, and around people who truly supported and cared about me. I also miss the value placed on Social Justice and what that meant to the work I did in HESA, my assistantships, and practicum. UVM HESA is a well respected program out here in the field. We have so much to be thankful for and a lot to live up to. Also so much has changed over the past year. It's been a whirlwind to say the least. Buckle your seatbelts 2nd years and good luck!"



From left to right: Sarah Hoffert '08, Hannah Roberts '08, and Sarah Reid '08.

TVC Advisors for 2006-2007

Patty Eldred '80 left UVM after graduation planning to stay east of the Mississippi and landed at Illinois Wesleyan University as Assistant Dean of Students. After five years she had the good fortune to return to UVM as Assistant Director of Continuing Education, a position she held for five years until moving to Administrative & Facilities Services (AFS) in 1990. She is now Director of AFS Auxiliary Services overseeing the University Bookstore, Print and Mail Services, Conference and Event Services, CAT card Service Center and Davis Student Center Operations. She also works with AFS staff on division wide continuous improvement efforts and personnel issues including recruitment and collective bargaining. Patty serves on the board and is currently Vice President of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services. She is married to Wes (a retired UVM staffer), has a 16 year old daughter (be careful - she has her learner's permit!), enjoys summer's on the lake on the family's tug-trawler and motors around town in a hyper-blue mini cooper convertible!

Merin (Eglington) Maxwell is a 2001 graduate of the HESA program and is originally from the California Bay Area. She came to UVM with no thoughts of staying in Vermont beyond her two years in HESA, and yet here she is, seven-plus years later. Merin has worked in Development and Alumni Relations at UVM for four-and-a-half years and currently holds the position of Director of Young Alumni and Student Programs. Her frequent travels take her all over the U.S., especially Boston and New York, to steward alumni, as well as to California and Ireland to visit her family and in-laws. Merin married her partner James (whom she met at local watering hole Red Square, of all places) last summer in his hometown in rural Ireland. In her free time she likes to read, watch television, and take Pilates classes. She is excited to be working with another great group of HESAn's as TVC co-advisor.

NASPA/ACPA Joint Conference March 31st-April 4th 2007, Orlando Florida

Conference Information:

UVM HESA Current students, Alumni/ae, Faculty, and Friends Presenting this year:

Pre-conference:

Program: Thought About Shaping Education as a Faculty Member? Transitioning from Student Affairs Administrator to Professor *Presenters:* Sarah Marshall, Patrick Dilley, Anne Hornak, Megan Gaston, Matt Wawznyski, and Jeni Hart '93.

Program: Auxiliary Services: Critical Issues for Student Affairs Officers, Saturday, March 31st, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM. *Presenters:* Patricia Kendig Eldred '80, University of Vermont; Ronald Martel, Johnson and Wales University; Jeffrey Pittman, Regent University.

Program: From Ambivalence to Action: Institutional Steps Towards Becoming a Multiculturally Affirming Campus, Saturday, March 31, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. Pre-Meeting Workshop (Half-Day) Presenters: Michael M. DeBowes '06, The University of Vermont; Pamela K. Gardner '86, The University of Vermont; Jacob L. Diaz, Seattle University; Sabrina T. Kwist '06, The University of Vermont; Alvin A. Sturdivant, The University of Vermont; Lacretia E. Johnson, The University of Vermont; Jamie Washington, The Washington Consulting Group.

Program: Feminist Leadership in Student Affairs: A Critical Look at Scholarship and Practice, Tuesday, April 3rd, 3:30 PM-4:45 M, Rm. Osceola Ballroom 3 - Gaylord *Coordinating Presenter:* Marlene Kowalski-Braun, Grand Valley State University. *Additional Presenters:* Eloise Stiglitz, San Jose State University; Jeni Hart '93, University of Missouri-Columbia; Jane Rosser, Bowling Green State University; Jody Jessup, Michigan State University.



Conference:

Program: On the Bookshelf: The Latest Literature in Student Affairs, Tuesday, April 3rd, 3:30 PM-4:45 PM Rm. Osceola Ballroom 5 - Gaylord Coordinating Presenter: Kathleen Manning, University of Vermont. Additional Presenters: Judy Rogers, Miami University.

Program: The Scholarly Practice of Student Affairs Work: What Would Success Look Like? Tuesday, April 3rd, 8:30 AM–9:45 AM Rm. Vinoy - Marriott. *Coordinating Presenter*: Stan Carpenter, Texas State University-San Marcos Additional Presenters: Kathleen Manning, University of Vermont; Salvador Mena, Goucher College; Margaret Jablonski, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Program: Where I'm From: Authentic Expressions of the Whole, Monday, April 2nd, 10:15 AM–11:30 AM Rm. Destin 1/2 - Gaylord *Coordinating Presenter:* Kathleen Manning, University of Vermont *Additional Presenters:* Susan Borrego, California State University Monterey Bay; Adam-Jon Aparicio, University of Vermont.

Program: Reorganizing, Renovating, and Restoring Student Affairs Divisions: Traditional and Innovative Models for Practice. Tuesday, April 3rd, 10:15 AM–11:30 AM Rm. Gainesville 1/2 - Gaylord *Coordinating Presenter:* Kathleen Manning, University of Vermont. *Additional Presenters:* John Schuh, Iowa State University; Jillian Kinzie, Center for Postsecondary Research and NSSE Institute.

Program Title: Securing Support for Your Research Project from the NASPA Foundation, Monday, April 2nd, 8:30 AM-9:45 AM Rm. Sarasota 1/2/3 – Gaylord *Coordinating Presenter:* John Schuh, Iowa State University. *Additional Presenters:* Michael Cuyjet, University of Louisville; Kathleen Manning, University of Vermont.

Program: Rethinking Educational Sanctions: The Project Discovery Program, Monday April 2nd, 1:45 PM–3:00 PM *Presenters:* Darrell Goodwin, Seattle University Michael DeBowes '06, The University of Vermont. **Program:** Doing Scholarly Personal Narrative Writing for the Dissertation or Thesis, Tuesday, April 3rd, 10:15 AM–11:30 AM, RM Chicago-Marriott.

Program: The Rules are Different: Student Affairs at Highly Selective Colleges and Universities, Wednesday, April 4th, 8:00 AM-9:15 AM Sun Ballroom 3 - Gaylord Hotel.

Presenters: Karen Warren '97, Student Affairs Coordinator at the University of California, Berkeley and Paul J. McLoughlin II '99, Assistant Dean of Harvard College

Program: Racial Aikido: Equipping Students of Color at Predominantly White Institutions, Tuesday, April 3rd, 10:15 AM–11:30 AM, Rm. St. Louis - Marriott *Coordinating Presenter:* Nicholas Negrete '06, University of Vermont *Additional Presenters:* Beverly Colston, University of Vermont; Sherwood Smith, University of Vermont; Sabrina Kwist '06, University of Vermont; Patricia Nguyen '08, University of Vermont; John Mejia, University of Vermont

Program: Transitions of Both New and "Lightly" Seasoned Professionals in the Field of Student Affairs: The Return of Young, Fly and Flashy, Tuesday, April 3rd, 12:00 PM–1:15 PM, Rm. Sun Ballroom 4 - Gaylord *Presenters:* DeMethra LaSha Bradley '05, Toyia Younger, and Darren Pierre

Program: The History Project: Reflections on the Student Affairs Profession: A Program of Oral Histories from Individuals Who Have Had Major Influences on the Development of the Student Affairs Profession. *Presenters:* Dr. Michael R. Laliberte, Vice President for Student Affairs at Boise State University and Brian McDonald HESA, Boise State University *Prostrying*, Lakin Criphone and Bebert Nach

Featuring: Jackie Gribbons and Robert Nash

Program: Igniting the Fire of Cross-Campus Conversation about Religious Difference, *Presenters:* Robert Nash and Jeni Hart '93.

Program: Under Fire: Creative Crisis Management at an Israeli University *Presenters:* Anat Levtov '01.

Update from the Content Editors

Many thanks to those who have been working diligently over the last few months to prepare the journal. The following editors have contributed throughout the fall editing process: Adam-Jon Aparicio, Raja Bhattar, Jon Bove, Randy Brown, Sarah Childs, Kristen Crepezzi, Rachel DeSimone, Patty Eldred, Dara Forsthoffer, Jenny Granger, Elizabeth Guevara, Sarah Hoffert, Jonathan Hopkins, Dave Laxamana, Merin Maxwell, Stephanie Moreira, Garrett Naiman, Tricia Nguyen, Jean Pak, Audrey Place, Jennifer Prue, Chris Purcell, Sarah Reid, Gabe Reif, Hannah Roberts, Laura Semenow, Alissa Strong, Nathan Victoria, Andrew Wells, Thomas Whitcher, and James Willette.

We are grateful to these editors, all those who contributed during production weekend, and all of those writing for the journal. Special thanks to our invited authors: Jackie Gribbons, Simon Hara, Rob Kelly, Pat Lampkin, and Keith Miser. We are looking forward to introducing the articles, authors, and special reflections at the upcoming journal premieres at UVM and at the Vermont Reception during the NASPA/ACPA Conference.

-Erin K. Miller '07 and Jessica Belue '07



From left to right: Jessica Belue '07, Adam-Jon Aparicio '07, Jennifer Granger '07, Erin K. Miller '07, and Nathaniel Victoria '07.



From left to right: Patricia Nyguyen '08 and Adam-Jon Aparicio '07.



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