Preparing Wright State graduate students for leadership roles in higher education and supporting the development of professionals at all levels
Welcome From the Director

Every academic year begins with such excitement! Our new cohort was extremely busy with classes and GA or job responsibilities in the fall. All of our students are active professionally on and off campus. Although we can’t share every story, a few accomplishments are highlighted in this newsletter including Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA) President Lauren Ouwerkerk being tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK); Graduate Student Association President Nathan Balasubramanian being selected as a NASPA Graduate Associate; and Clarissa Beavers being selected as a TPE (The Placement Exchange) Ambassador. We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students.

Congratulations also to our alumni whose accomplishments are many! Edwin B. Mayes (‘96) received the WSU 2015 Alumni Society Award of Excellence. Edwin presently works at Case Western Reserve and is the President of the WSU African American Alumni Society. We hope you enjoy reading his story. To all alumni, please share with us your successes. We want to hear about them!

New to the SAHE family is Kyra Robinson, our SAHE coordinator, who has amazing experiences. New adjunct faculty include Dr. Tammy Kahrig, assistant dean in the College of Education and Human Services; Dr. Hazel Rountree, university ombudsperson in the Provost Office; and Brook Johnson-Leppla, event and marketing coordinator in the College of Business. As noted in their stories, they bring a wealth of experiences to the classroom, and we are fortunate to have them join us.

We are so fortunate to expose our students to phenomenal leaders in and out of the country. Toward the end of fall semester sixteen distinguished guests visited from Anglia Ruskin. During the week of November 30 there were many meetings and events for the guests to discuss issues with university constituents. SAHE students and faculty met the guests at a luncheon the first day of their visit and heard Julie Walkling, Director of Student Services at Anglia Ruskin, discuss “Student Services in the UK.” Five SAHE students will intern at Anglia Ruskin this summer. Dr. Roxanne DuVivier has done a phenomenal job in providing leadership for our partnership with Anglia Ruskin.

In June, nine students will participate in the second Study Abroad Trip to Paris for the course on “Global Diversity in Higher Education in Paris, France”, which I will teach. Students will visit colleges and universities, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), various museums, and historical sites among other things. They will also travel to other parts of France. We hope you enjoy reading more about these international initiatives in this and forthcoming publications.

Even as we are in the midst of things for this academic year, we started interviewing in January for the 2016-2017 cohort. We have received 48 applications to date. We greatly thank all of you for helping us to recruit a diverse pool of applications every year. It is an absolute joy for all of us to work with each cohort.

To everyone, thanks for all that you do for the SAHE program. The program is successful due to the hard work of all constituents. Enjoy the second half of the academic year and remember to take good care of yourself.
SAHE Welcomes New Staff & Faculty Members

Kyra Robinson

Kyra M. Robinson is the new Educational Leadership program coordinator in the Department of Leadership Studies. She will be working with the SAHE program among other programs. Kyra has built her career in postsecondary and higher education. Recently, she returned to Wright State University after having served as the part-time program assistant in University of Dayton's Upward Bound Program. When she is not working at the office, she takes on the duties of her other job -- that of mother to her two children. Prior to this most recent position, she was employed as an academic advisor at Wright State University and held comparable positions at Wilberforce University and Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis. Additionally, she served as a communication specialist with Dayton Public Schools. Kyra and her husband Chet are native Daytonians. Additionally, Kyra has a bachelor's degree in English from Fisk University and a master's degree in Journalism from Ohio University.

Dr. Tammy Kahrig

Dr. Tammy S. Kahrig taught SAA 7640, Program Evaluation and Assessment in Higher Education, in the fall. Dr. Kahrig has been working in higher education since 1992. Her 23 year career in higher education includes experiences in a wide range of functional areas including academic advising, new student orientation, first year experience, student athlete services, career services, learning communities, student success and retention, college programs for high school students, registrar’s office, enrollment management, and institutional research and assessment. In her current role as Assistant Dean for Assessment and Accreditation in the College of Education and Human Services at Wright State, Dr. Kahrig is responsible for directing the assessment activities across the college for the purposes of program development and evaluation, state authorization, national accreditation, and institutional effectiveness.

Dr. Kahrig previously served on the student affairs in higher education faculty at Clemson University where she taught assessment and evaluation in higher education, research in higher education, higher education administration, and practicum/internship. Dr. Kahrig also taught and worked with the SAHE programs at Ohio University and the University of Tennessee and has worked in private institutions and the community college sector. Dr. Kahrig earned her M.Ed. in College Student Personnel and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Ohio University.
**Dr. Hazel Rountree**

Hazel Rountree, J. D./Ph.D., is teaching SAA 7630, Diversity Issues, this spring. Dr. Rountree has spent over three decades teaching, mentoring, and inspiring students of all ages to move outside of their “comfort zone” and into the “Path of Success.” After working many years in the not-for-profit community, Dr. Rountree returned to her educational roots and is dedicated to initiatives that empower people to improve their quality of life. With her background as a teacher, counselor, administrator and community activist, she was elected as a member of the Dayton Board of Education for a four-year term. She is committed to working with parents, educators, community members, and most importantly, students from diverse perspectives to insure all students’ access to a high-quality education.

Dr. Rountree has earned numerous degrees, including a Juris Doctorate in Law and Ph.D. in Public Health. In addition, she has earned awards for community service, teaching, program development, and leadership, and most recently the Ohio School Board Association’s 2016 “Al Kettlewell Award” for leadership as a school board member. Her presentation background includes international, national, and regional conferences on diversity and student achievement. Moreover, she is the founding president of the Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration.

**Brooke Johnson-Leppla**

Brooke is teaching SPM 7080, Marketing and Public Relations in Sports, this spring. Brooke is a 2005 graduate of the Raj Soin College of Business and a 2011 graduate of the College of Education and Human Services with a Masters of Education in Student Affairs and Higher Education and the Sports Management Certificate. She is approaching 10 years serving as a staff member at Wright State University and currently holds the position as the Marketing and Event Coordinator for the Raj Soin College of Business. In addition to her time at Wright State University, Brooke worked for the Dayton Dragons for four years in various capacities, including their sponsor services department as well as their entertainment department.
2015 Cohort Experiences

WSU SAHE Welcomes the 2015 Cohort

Wright State University and the SAHE program welcome 22 new and eager students in this year’s cohort. This class consists of people from some diverse and unique backgrounds and experiences. Five of the students hail from undergraduate institutions outside of the state of Ohio including Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and Georgia. One student is from India. Seventeen of the students hold a graduate assistantship (GA) position within the university. Two students are full-time employees at Wright State University. We wish the 2015 SAHE cohort the best of luck on the start of their journey into Student Affairs!

Introduction to Student Affairs Annual Field Trips

First-year SAHE students took a field trip to Central State University, Cedarville University, Columbus College of Art and Design and The Ohio State University in their Introduction to Student Affairs in Higher Education course with Dr. DuVivier. The purpose of the trip is for the first year students to be introduced to the different types of institutions: research-based, religiously-affiliated, and historical-black college or university. First-year student Kate Bummhoffer enjoyed the field trip experience stating, “This field trip was great, because it gave us real world contexts for the information we’ve been learning in class. I knew absolutely nothing about HBCUs, so I loved seeing Central State and hearing from their staff. As a graduate of a religious elementary school, it was also very interesting for me to see such an environment on a higher education level at Cedarville.”
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SAHE Internship Fair
On November 3, 2015 the Student Affairs in Higher Education program hosted the Annual Internship Fair for the first-year students. Wright State University was represented well with staff members from Alumni Relations, Orientation, Tutoring Services, Honors Program, Housing and Residence Life, Undergraduate Admissions and many others. Central State University, Antioch College, Clark State Community College, University of Cincinnati Blue Ash, and Wittenberg University also had representatives from their campuses participating in the Internship Fair.

SAHE Student Spotlight

Lauren is tapped in a Leadership Honor Society

Recently, Lauren Ouwerkerk was “tapped” into Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leadership Honor Society. Wright State's Circle was founded in 2004 and recognizes exemplary student involvement and achievement in the areas of athletics, campus or community service, journalism, speech and the mass media; social and religious activities, campus government, and creative and performing arts. The Honor Society focuses on individuals who have “exemplary student involvement and achievement”. You must be in the top 35% of your class and hold a leadership role in one of the phases of campus life. Lauren commented on her induction, “It is a great honor from Wright State to be nominated and tapped into this society after my many years of leadership on campus. I am extremely excited to be a part of this organization and look forward to working with them in the year.”
**Nathan Balasubramanian NASPA Graduate Associate**

Lakshmi Nathan Balasubramanian, first-year SAHE student, is a Graduate Associate for the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA). He has the honor of working with other NASPA Graduate Associates around the world and with on-campus Graduate Assistants. He is also a member of the NASPA Knowledge Community. Nathan, a busy scholar, having co-authored an article named "When the Accessible Becomes Inaccessible: Insight into Technology and Social Media Usage Abroad", which was published by NASPA. He is currently working on an article titled "Indian Higher Education System: Hurdles Leading to the Downfall of the World's Oldest and Largest Higher Education Model" for NASPA and IASAS (International Association of Student Affairs and Services). Nathan was also one of the instructors for the 2015 NASPA Techne, an interactive online event and is also a program reviewer for the 2016 NASPA Annual Conference. He has truly been busy his first semester in the SAHE program!

**Clarissa Beavers TPE Ambassador**

Clarissa Beavers, a first-year in the program, is the TPE (The Placement Exchange) Ambassador. At Wright State, she serves as the main communication conduit to her peers and faculty. She says, “It is my duty to provide up-to-date information to my peers and prospective candidates on campus about all of the positions available within Student Affairs through The Placement Exchange.” Recently, Clarissa hosted a webinar “watch party” experience for both cohorts on Work-Life Integration hosted by TPE. The students within this first-year cohort are off to a great start. Thank you, Clarissa, for representing Wright State, SAHE program and providing our students with additional educational experiences.
SAHE Students Travel Near and Far

"Étudier à l'étranger à Paris 2016" (Study Abroad in Paris)

There is nothing like studying abroad in another country. International experiences change the lives of countless college students every year. “The U.S. is sending and receiving more students abroad than ever before....The number of American students studying abroad increased by 2 percent between the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years to 289,408. The number of American students going to other countries has nearly doubled since 2000” (US News).

A second group of SAHE students will be studying abroad in France the summer of 2016. Sarah Callihan, Taylor Ridenour, Adrienne Davenport, Elizabeth Groll, Cody Benedict, Taylor Watkins, and Clarissa Beavers will take SAA 6620 “Global Diversity in Higher Education in France” course in Paris from June 5-25 taught by Dr. Carol Logan Patitu, Professor and Program Director of the Student Affairs in Higher Education master’s program and Director of the Sports Management Certificate Program. The students participating in the study abroad trip will learn about major issues facing student affairs and higher education in France; the culture and subcultures of France; the global diversity that exists throughout the country; and will visit UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

The rich learning experience will not be limited to Paris. The students will travel to Niece, Monaco, Caen, Versailles and Normandy (for a tour of D-Day and the Normandy Beaches). The group will visit different types of institutions, various museums in Paris, and historical sites. Students will be doing cultural activities throughout the course. Some of the cultural activities will include: the Indian Ethnic Walk, Black Paris Tour, Eye Prefer Paris Tour, Jewish Neighborhood/Museum, Chinatown, Holocaust Memorial, Louvre Art Museum, Museum of Jewish Art and History, Musee d’Orsay, Museum of French History, and the Carnavalet Museum.

From L-R: Dr. Carol Patitu, Cody Benedict, Taylor Ridenour, Clarissa Beavers, Elizabeth Groll, Sarah Callihan and Adrienne Davenport

Students are looking forward to the educational journey. Elizabeth Groll, who is majoring in French, Studio Art, and Finance, stated, “I am going on the trip to enhance my knowledge of French culture and expand my academic horizons. I also love meeting new people and trying new things. I am hoping to learn about the different cultural centers of Paris and how
the French education system is different from our own.” Adrienne Davenport stated, “I am going on the Paris trip because I believe it is imperative to experience cultures different than your own. I never had the opportunity to study abroad during my undergraduate studies, so I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to go now!”

Learning about diversity including global diversity is important. Taylor Ridenour stated, “I am going on this trip to diversify my experiences in the program. While it is important to learn about domestic diversity, it is equally as important to learn about global diversity. Higher education is a global field; therefore, I must expose myself to as much as possible so that I can become a more effective professional. I have been to Paris before, but not on a trip like this one. I am most excited to learn about the higher education system in Paris, France. I’m interested to see how American and Parisian institutions compare and contrast. Of course I am also excited to sightsee with some of my cohort members in a beautiful city!”

This is the first time that some students have ever studied abroad. Clarissa Beavers stated, “I believe going on the trip to Paris will broaden my knowledge so that I can help others. In addition, I have never studied abroad and do not want to miss out on the opportunity to do so. Being a student from a low-income background prevented me from being able to participate in study abroad in my undergraduate career. I am certain that going on this trip will enhance my growth as a professional and increase my knowledge of another culture of student affairs. Being able to embark on the journey to Paris, I believe, would be life-changing and humbling.”

WSU Sports Management Students Visit Dayton Dragons

This past summer the sports management internship class met at the Fifth Third Field with Brad Eaton, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships with the Dayton Dragons Professional Baseball Team. Brad discussed his role with the Dayton Dragons and other areas and their responsibilities, issues and challenges faced, and provided advice for the students as they prepare to go into the sports/athletics arena. They had a great time and watched players warming up and taking batting practice before the game.


**Additional SAHE Experiences**

**OCPA Careers in Student Affairs Conference**

The 2015 OCPA (Ohio College Personnel Association) Careers in Student Affairs Conference was held on October 18th at Urbana University. Mitch Joseph, Urbana University’s Associate Dean of Campus Engagement, and Brad Puckett, a graduate student in the Wright State University Student Affairs in Higher Education program, hosted the conference this year.

The conference is designed for undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students interested in pursuing graduate studies and careers in Student Affairs. Attendees participated in a Graduate School Fair, where they learned about program options and requirements, networked with Student Affairs practitioners, met peers interested in Student Affairs, began to build relationships, discover career tracks, and get motivated to seek a career in Student Affairs. The conference drew over 160 participants and 10 universities represented their graduate program.

October is celebrated as Careers in Student Affairs Month, a national campaign to increase awareness of the student affairs field. In an effort to capitalize on this initiative, student affairs professionals are asked to promote the profession on their campuses to students by underscoring the true essence of the profession.

Founded in 1976, OCPA supports the sharing of student affairs and higher education knowledge through quality professional development and networking opportunities that enhance student learning and development and encourages collaborative partnerships among undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, practitioners, and professional associations.

Brad Puckett also serves as the liaison to OCPA. He keeps SAHE students informed about various issues involving OCPA. As a conference chairman and member on the E-Board, he contacted graduate programs from Ohio and the surrounding states. He took part in planning the food, securing room space on campus, reviewing program proposal, individual session evaluations, and executing day-of-conference duties. SAHE students Kate Bumhofer, Brigette Gardner, Quenshia Graves, Colton Metzger, Lauren Ouwerkerk, Josh Scacco, and Lindsey Steller and all presented at the conference. Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz, Wright State University’s Vice President for Student Affairs, was the keynote speaker.
**Anglia Ruskin University Visits Wright State University**

The Student Affairs in Higher Education program extended a warm welcome to our colleagues from Anglia Ruskin University, UK who met with WSU counterparts on campus from November 30 though December 4, 2015. This year’s visit promoted a global dialogue on the timely topic of "Fostering Student Engagement. There was a special emphasis placed on discussions surrounding the engagement of students with disabilities and engaging multicultural communities. We're pleased that the visiting delegation of sixteen included many distinguished guests, notably ARU’s Vice Chancellor, Dr. Michael Thorne, his Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dr. Roderick Watkins, and Julie Walkling, Director of Student Services. Featured hosts from Wright State University's community include President Hopkins, Student Affairs Vice President Abrahamowicz, Dr. Jill Lindsey, Chair of the CEHS Leadership Studies Department, and Dr. Roxanne DuVivier, Assistant Professor in Student Affairs in Higher Education and Wright State University's liaison to Anglia Ruskin University in England.

**SAHE Alumni**

**Congratulations to:**

SAHE Graduates who won various University Awards during Summer and Fall 2015

- Joyce Smith, Recipient of the 2015 President’s Awards for Excellence - Excellence in Human Relations

- Julia Acosta, Recipient of the Excellence in Internal Support Services- College of Education and Human Services and the La Amiga Querida Award from the Office of Latino Affairs

**Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony**

25 Years: Amy Johnson

20 Years: Debra Wilburn

15 Years: Shannon Norton and Bryan Martin

10 Years: Nycia Bolds and Cortney Smith
Edwin B. Mayes, ’96 SAHE Alum, Receives 2015 Alumni Society Award of Excellence

Edwin B. Mayes received the 2015 Alumni Society Award of Excellence at the Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony on October 9, 2015. He is a SAHE alum (’96 M.A.). Mayes exemplifies all that this award stands for. Under his leadership, the African-American Alumni Society has grown in the area of alumni engagement, and his outstanding volunteer service is seen in his attendance at more than 95% of all meetings and events.

Edwin holds a bachelor’s degree in business and a master’s degree in higher education administration from Wright State University. He is a doctoral candidate in the higher education administration program at Ohio University.

Edwin has been the Director of First-Year Experience and Family Programs at Case Western Reserve University for the past four years. He is responsible for leadership and vision of all new student, parent and family programs as well as working with enrollment management and on-campus and off-campus partners to coordinate strategies and programs that support students’ successful transition from high school through their first year at the university.

Prior to his role at Case Western Reserve, Edwin served as director of Wright State University’s First-Year Experience. He previously served in administrative roles at Earlham College, the University of Colorado-Boulder, Wittenberg University and University of Michigan.

Edwin has developed and implemented programs to improve student retention and meet the needs of students in transition. He has been a regular presenter on these topics at a number of national conferences.

While at Wright State University, he received two President’s Award for Excellence: Collaborative Units in 2009 and 2011, African-American Teacher’s Association Modeling and Leadership Award, 2011, and Learning Communities Award for Outstanding Innovation in Teaching, 2005. Edwin has also been honored as a Who’s Who in Black Cleveland.

He presently serves as the President of the WSU African-American Alumni Society.
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SAHE Program Fund

Do you want to support a student? It is easy to do through the SAHE Program Fund which supports students attending conferences, studying abroad, and taking part in internships across the country or conducting thesis research projects. Travel scholarships from the fund can supplement any other funds for which a student may be eligible. The short term goal is to convert the fund to an “endowed scholarship fund.” We would greatly appreciate it if you thought of us in helping our current and future SAHE students. A contribution can be made on-line at wright.edu/give. Thank you for your support!

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Alumni Information Update

Please help us stay in touch! If your personal or professional information has changed, please call or email us to let us know. Contact SAHE at cehs-ldr@wright.edu or by phone at (937) 775-4148. We would love to hear what you are up to and keep out alumni in touch. Remember, once a Raider, always a Raider!

Job Search

If you have a job opening that you would like to share with Wright State University, please contact Program Director, Dr. Carol Patitu at carol.patitu@wright.edu or by calling (937) 775-4148. In addition, services provided by the Career Center are not exclusively for current graduates; alumni are welcome to seek services. Call the Career Center to set up an appointment for assistance at (937) 775-2556.
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