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EVENTS:**

**Upcoming Test:**

**-National Counselor Examination:** April 17, 2010. Pittsburgh & Scranton, PA

**Poster Sessions!**

**-November 18, 2009:**  
Located in Brennan Hall, Room 509 from 4:30-7:10 pm!

**Announcement!**

-CHS Department Coffee Talk! Thursday, November 19 from 11:30-1pm! MCG 461!

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# COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!



### FACULTY HIGHLIGHT, NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR: DR. LEEANN ESCHBACH

As Chair of the Counseling and Human Services Department, I'm pleased to be sharing with you with this premier issue of our department newsletter. Our department has a long and rich history with both the University of Scranton community and the Scranton and Northeast Pennsylvania communities. As a new Chair, I feel more comfortable sharing some activities of the past Department Chairpersons as they are the individuals who have made accomplishments and moved our department forward.

Dr. Oliver Morgan just concluded serving our department as Chair for the past 12 years. Dr. Morgan led us through numerous accreditations, program updates, specializations, and the list goes on and on! There was always a steady stream of faculty to his office sharing what new ideas we wanted help putting them into practice.

Prior to that, Dr. David Hall served as Chair since our department was configured to encompass the 3 graduate counseling programs and undergraduate program we currently offer. Dr. Hall led us as we separated from the Human Resources and Health Administration Department. When we were all in one department, we used to joke about the administrators in our department making swift decisions and us counselor-types "processing everything" at department meetings.

We moved into McGurkin Hall in 1998 as the Counseling and Human Services Department and Dr. Hall was instrumental in advocating and configuring the Counselor Training Center as it is. We will always be indebted to his work, which explains why we honored our colleague with the "David W. Hall Counselor Training Program".

Approximately 11 years ago, Dr. Antonio Tena from the Universidad Iberoamericana, the Jesuit university in Mexico City, spent a year teaching with us in our department. Antonio's presence with us propelled active faculty involvement in the Collaborative counseling program between our two universities. Most all of our faculty spent time teaching at Ibero.

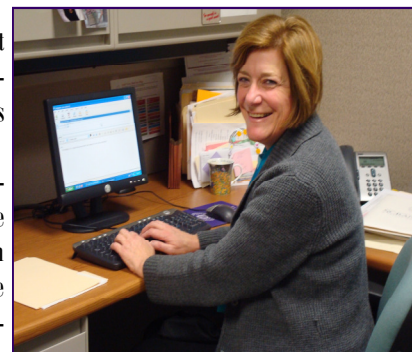
As I'm working backwards chronologically, another significant event for me in our department was in the early 1990s when the School Counseling Program moved from the Education Department to join the Rehabilitation Counseling and Community Counseling Program. I can't understand how for several years we had 3 graduate counseling programs in 2 academic departments!

It is reflective of the competence of the current counseling programs that both the Rehabilitation and School Counseling have been accredited academic programs at the university since the mid-1960s. They both earned the exemplary reputations in the Northeast Pennsylvania communities that we enjoy today!



**McGURKIN HALL,**

**COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



Our department has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Counseling Association as the Outstanding Counselor Education Program in Pennsylvania in both 1993 and 2005.

I started listing the state and national awards that have acknowledged our faculty over the years. It is too numerous to list! Rather, I suggest you ask any faculty member and they would be able to share with you an award acknowledging either their superior teaching, academic, service or professional organization accomplishments.

I feel fortunate to be leading our growing department as we continue the excellent reputation we have enjoyed and put several faculty members' new program ideas into action. Keep watching what the Counseling and Human Service faculty are up to!

*LeeAnn M. Eschbach, Ph.D., NCC, LPC, Associate Professor,  
School Counseling Program Co-Director*

# COMMUNITY COUNSELING



**This program is designed to prepare individuals for counseling and related positions in a variety of public or private agencies. In this profession, you will help individuals of all ages, cultures and capabilities reach their maximum potential in their personal lives and careers.**



**American Counseling Association Annual Conference** is coming to Pittsburgh March 18-22, 2010! More than 3,500 counseling professionals will gather in Pittsburgh, PA for the largest conference in the world dedicated to the counseling profession! This year's Keynote Speakers include Patti Digh, co-founder of *The Circle Project* and author of numerous books, and Gerald Corey, one of the most renowned individuals in the profession! The Pennsylvania Counseling Association is a co-sponsor and is offering a number of introductory sessions including "Domestic Violence and Trauma-Informed Best Practices," as well as "Making Responsive Art to Enhance Counselor Self-Awareness and Empathy." Other topics include "Vicarious Trauma and Vicarious Resiliency in Cultural Context," and "Effective Techniques for Dealing With Highly Resistant Clients." Register today for discounts on housing and special fall professional and student rates!

**National Organization of Human Services (NOHS), join today for a low student membership rate of \$35!**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Amy Banner**, who will be joining us this spring as a professor in the community counseling program after successfully completing her doctoral dissertation at the University of North Carolina Greensboro! We look forward to welcoming her this Spring semester!

**Did You Know? ACA Counseling Awareness Month is April!** Share your ideas with fellow students and faculty and look for upcoming information on how to participate!

# SCHOOL COUNSELING



*Professional School Counselors are an integral part of the overall educational mission of the school. Counselors work with all students through comprehensive school counseling programs which provide both prevention and intervention services. School Counselors assist in developing personally/socially, academically and career knowledgeable students at the elementary and secondary level, while implementing standards of the ASCA National Model.*

**Stay Tuned!** The Poster Session will be held on Wednesday November 18, 2009!

**University of Scranton Professor Presents at National Conference.** On October 14-18, co-director of the School Counseling Program, Dr. Kevin Wilkerson travelled across the country to San Diego, California for the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) *Transformative Actions: Expanding Social Respect and Relational Consciousness* Conference! Here Dr. Wilkerson presented research in a content presentation entitled, "Emerging Opportunities: The Confluence of Transformed School Counselor Duties and Principle's Responsibilities." His presentation highlighted findings indicating that transformed school counselors and principles are working toward the same end: improved student outcomes. He also discussed implications of these findings for school counselor training programs. Dr. Wilkerson enjoyed the beauty of San Diego, and found the conference to be personally and professional motivating!

The 2009 Fall Semester began the new School Counseling Program Revisions, which are receiving positive feedback. Particularly, the new SC Research Methods Course is proving extremely practical for future school counselors and provides tools and strategies that will allow a new school counselor to immediately implement data collection procedures! Other new courses include Systemic Leadership and Coordination and Collaboration!

## Upcoming Conference Information:

- Pennsylvania School Counselor Association Conference:** Lancaster, PA. May 20-22, 2010. Registration information available soon from [www.pasca-web.org](http://www.pasca-web.org)
- American School Counselor Association Annual Conference:** Boston, MA. July 3-6, 2010. Online Registration begins January 2, 2010 at [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)



# REHABILITATION COUNSELING



*A rehabilitation counselor is a counselor who possesses the specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to collaborate in a professional relationship with people who have disabilities to achieve their personal, social, psychological and vocational goals (CORE, NCRE).*

This semester started off with a bang as The University of Scranton hosted the 8th Annual Northeastern US Conference on disability! Rehabilitation professionals in the public and private sectors came together with educators and students to collaborate on the hot topic of Transition. With the upcoming poster sessions on November 18th, we look forward to student presentations on such important matters as Veteran Rehabilitation, Traumatic Brain Injury, Substance Abuse and Addiction Treatment, and much, much more!

Students in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program have the terrific opportunity to travel to other universities during the summer months to take courses. This past summer, Mackenzie Eichhorn, Hope Mirarchi, Amanda Spott, and Moira Tumulty traveled to Southern University in Louisiana to take a two-week intensive Research Methods course. With the great city of New Orleans nearby, these women did major research alongside students from across the country, networked with professionals in the field, and were able to soak up some southern culture; all the while earning 3 credits! Stacy Gruver flew across the country to experience Western Oregon University's Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program. There, she earned 6 credits over the course of a month, taking courses that specialized in working with the adult deaf and hard of hearing population. Stacy had a very rewarding experience and would recommend it to others!

Director of the RC Program, Lori A. Bruch, Ed.D., CRC, LPC, and Rebecca Spirito-Dalgin, Ph.D., CRC, CPRP, serve as wonderful mentors to all students in the RC Program. Dr. Bruch was recently appointed to the Council on Rehabilitation Education's (CORE) Accreditation and Standards Committee, a highly competitive and prestigious position that she is proud to hold. Dr. Spirito-Dalgin currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association and works tirelessly to help improve the quality of life around the state for persons with disabilities. Their involvement in such organizations has influenced students to join national list serves and advocacy groups, in order to get involved in Disability Culture and better prepare for future professions.

## Upcoming Conference Information:

### -National Rehabilitation Association Governmental Affairs

**Summit:** Alexandria, VA. March 14-16, 2010.

Information available at [www.nationalrehab.org](http://www.nationalrehab.org)

### -Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association 2010 Professional Development Institute (PDI): *Leveraging Change: New Days, New Ways*

Harrisburg Area Community College Harrisburg, PA. April 22, 2010

Information available at <http://www.nationalrehab.org/pennsylvania>

*"That we care enough  
to come, to remember  
what we see, to keep  
our promises"*

*- Eleanor Roosevelt*

**CORE** Council on Rehabilitation Education



Commission on  
Rehabilitation Counselor  
Certification (CRCC®)

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

*The undergraduate program in Counseling and Human Services has a multi-disciplinary perspective with special emphasis placed on the achievement of excellence in academic and professional competencies. The program prepares students for work in a variety of settings as counseling and human service professionals who situate their work within cultural, family, and community contexts.*



**The Department's New Assistant Professor, Dr. Paul Datti,** is taking over as director of the Undergraduate Counseling and Human Services Program after a long and wonderful run from our own Dr. Jacob and Dr. Toloczko. Feel free to visit and get to know Dr. Datti, for we are very excited to have him on board! Dr. Datti reports that prospective undergraduates responded well to our table at both open houses on October 25 and November 8. The students and their families seemed energetic and curious about our comprehensive program. **THANK YOU!** to all students who helped out with the open houses and for following up with prospective students!

### **WHAT IS THE BEST ASPECT OF BEING A COUNSELING AND HUMAN SERVICES MAJOR?**

"The people that surround me are definitely the best part about this major. The faculty is always willing to help, they want us to succeed, and they love what they do. The students are not just my peers, but my close friends. We help each other, and we are happy when we all do well. The people that contribute to this major put their heart into their work and make it a great environment for everyone."

**-AMIE LEONARD, JUNIOR, CHS**

**CHS Coffee Talk!** On October 29, 2009, the Department of CHS held an informal sit-down lunch discussion where students and faculty had the opportunity to mingle and discuss important, relevant topics over free doughnuts and coffee. The department gives a special thanks to Java City in the library for donating the coffee and milk for the event! **The next session will be held on November 19, 2009 from 11:30am until 1:00pm in MGH 461 with a featured topic discussing "spirituality conflicts in counseling."** Feel free to come and go as you please and enjoy some delicious coffee & Krispy Kreme!"

## UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

### Collaborative Community Counseling Program!

The University of Scranton, in conjunction with Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, participates in a program which strives to prepare bilingual, culturally-sensitive counselors to work with Spanish-speaking individuals, families, and communities. Students live with a Mexican family, study, and work in Mexico City for a minimum of one semester.

#### **DO YOU:**

- Possess a solid foundation of the Spanish language?
- Strive to become a culturally sensitive and aware counselor?
- Have an interest in studying and traveling abroad?

#### Sound Interesting So Far? Keep Reading!

The Universidad Iberoamericana has over 11,000 students including approximately 800 graduate students. There are approximately 2,000 faculty members which ensure that students benefit from personal attention. The language of instruction is Spanish. A Spanish Language and Latin American Culture Program runs each semester and during the six week summer program for those students who are in the process of acquiring Spanish proficiency. The Universidad Iberoamericana has architecture, communications, computer, design, engineering, chemistry, nutrition, photography, physics, and psychology laboratories and workshops with state-of-the-art equipment. Other facilities include health services, cafeterias, auditoriums, book store, art supplies store, and recreational areas for sports!

**If you have any input, suggestions, or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Elizabeth Jacob at [jacobe2@scranton.edu](mailto:jacobe2@scranton.edu)!**



*Este programa permite a estudiantes que la oportunidad de entrar en iniciativas globales cooperativas, el servicio que aprende y programas sociales de justicia.*

# Professional Organizations:

**XAP**

Chi Delta Rho is the local chapter of *Chi Sigma Iota* Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International. Chi Sigma Iota is an international honor society for counselor educators, students, and professionals. The purpose of the Honor Society is "to promote scholarship, research, professionalism and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the field of counseling." Students eligible to join CSI will have completed 12 credits and must have maintained an overall scholastic average of 3.5 or better while enrolled in the program.



The *Tau Upsilon Alpha* (TUA) National Honor Society is sponsored by the National Organization for Human Services and the Epsilon Chapter is available to recognize academic excellence of undergraduate Counseling and Human Services students. The chapter supports the mission of NOHS "to honor academic excellence; to foster life long learning, leadership and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity." Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Jacob at [Jacob2@scranton.edu](mailto:Jacob2@scranton.edu), Faculty Moderator for TAU for information and the criteria for membership!

# Useful Links and Resources:

<http://www.cacrep.org/>  
<http://www.core-rehab.org/>  
<http://www.counseling.org>  
<http://www.cshse.org/>  
<http://www.ncate.org/>  
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/>  
<http://www.pasca-web.org>  
<http://www.schoolcounselor.org>  
<http://www.uia.mx/>

Visit <http://academic.scranton.edu/departments/chs/links.shtml> for a full listing of links to the American Counselor Association and its member associations, as well as links to other professional organizations, information about program accreditation and certification, and licensure boards and councils.

**Remember to stay updated and read your CHSL Listserv emails! They contain valuable and time sensitive information regarding upcoming meetings, job opportunities, and much more!**