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Photos from Student Affairs 101 at WIU and NASPA Regionals in Iowa.



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Listed from left to right, bottom to top*

MEET THE NEW COHORT

Name	Alma Mater	Employment
Meaghan Lynch	Eastern Michigan University	Leadership Education
Blair Canedy	Illinois State University	CESL
Kasie Thompson	Western Illinois University	IWU Student Engagement
Brandt Swanson	Dennison University	Retention Services
Janae Brown	James Madison University	Retention Services
Jennifer Garcia	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Student Conduct
Omar Gómez	Marquette University	Visor Center
Jessica Estes	Augustana College	Housing
Crystal Jones	Illinois State University	Visor Center
Gracie Nilsson	Centre College	Orientation
Jorge Manzanares	St. Mary's University	Off-Campus Services
Jena Self	U Wisconsin-Platteville	EMDH (full time)
Kaytee Johns	U. Wisconsin-LaCrosse	Housing
Melissa Ramirez	Illinois Wesleyan University	Admissions (full time)
Jessica Coates	Fitchburg State University	Gamsky Fellow
Riad Hossan	International Islamic University Chittagong	Criminal Justice Advisor
Ryan Downing	Illinois State University	Financial Aid (full time)
Katie Patrick	Central Michigan University	Orientation
Tim Farmer (not pictured)	Illinois College	Student Conduct

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

Congrats, on graduating y'all! Thank you so much for being incredible mentors, friends, and hosts this year & for making grad school ridiculously fun! Can't wait to see all of the ways you will positively impact students and higher ed in the years to come!
xoxo Janae Brown

Congratulations graduates! You have persevered through so much and deserve the world. Continue to do good and to be yourselves amid a conforming world! -Ryan Downing

Class of 2020: You did it! Thank you for being amazing mentors and great friends. The future of Student Affairs is in good hands with you at the ropes.
All my best,
Jena Self

Congrats grads! You've got a lot to be proud of.

Beyond all of your scholarly accomplishments and professional work, I want to make sure you all know that you created a place where we can all feel included and can build an incredible grad school experience. You set the tone & made this place special.

4 Love, Gracie Nilsson

CSPA Class of 2020: It has been an honor and a pleasure working with all of you! Looking forward to seeing your future successes! So proud of ALL that you have accomplished and overcome! -Dr. Phyllis

"We have great confidence in you, and we have a lot of reasons to be proud of you" -Ben Wells



Thank you to everyone who has supported us first-years through our time here at ISU. We have been blessed with the best mentors through your support. Good luck with everything y'all set out to do, you're going places!
-Blair Canedy

Congratulations CSPA graduates!! I am so proud of your accomplishments! I really enjoyed being a part of your first year cohort and learning so much from each other! You are a very special group of wonderful humans! Go out and do great things! Please be sure to keep in touch! You are the good! -Sarah Nafziger

To the class of 2020: I wish you all of the happiness and joy in your lives as you have brought to others. Thank you for being a part of my journey. I love you all. -Gavin

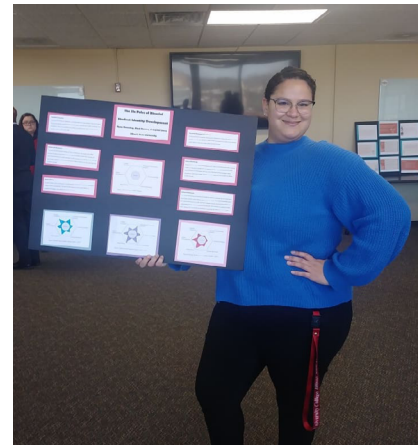
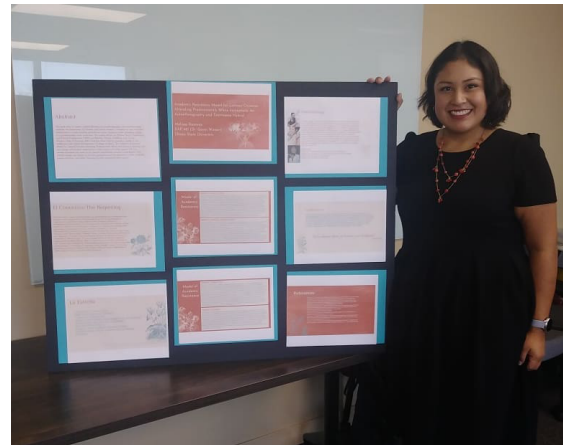
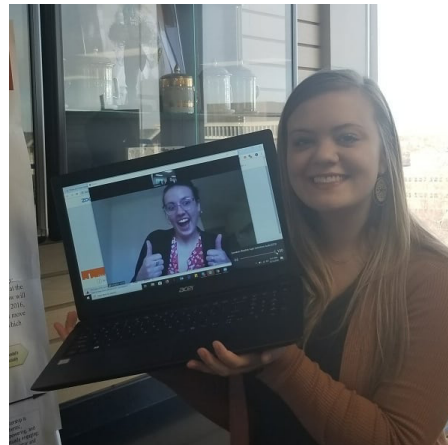
"If you feel like you don't fit in this world, it is because you are here to help create a new one." Author: Unknown
I know you all will create new opportunities for students and colleagues. You all are very creative and will do wonderful things in this world. I'm glad our paths have crossed and wish you all the best in your endeavors!
-Shayla Dennis

Congratulations on making us proud! You did it! Wishing you good luck for the new beginning in life. May you reach all your goals. -Riad Hossan

Congratulations Class of 2020! Thank you for being incredible friends, mentors, and peers. I'm so grateful for our time together and so proud of you all! Wishing you all the best on your journey forward.
-Jess Coates

I wish you all the best! I am grateful to have known you all and share a piece of my experience with you. Much love!
-Crystal Jones

THEORY RESEARCH



This year in EAF 461 – Student Development Theory our students worked individually and collaboratively to make meaning of the experiences of student development through creative research projects. As the culmination of this project, students were asked to develop a research poster for an in-house symposium attended by various members of the ISU community. Whether you were able to attend during the event, or are just now witnessing our student's brilliance, thank you for your support of our student's learning process! -Dr. Gavin Weiser

- Topics Included**
- Latina/o/x Transfer Support Theory
 - Not Too Big to Think: Challenging Systems of Oppression Against Students of Size
 - Six Poles of Biracial Student Development
 - Executive Skill Development in Student Athletes
 - Faith Salience
 - Theory of Reactionary Status for First Generation Women Students
 - Collegiate Experiences of Latinx DACA Students
 - Academic Resistance Model for Latinas/Chicanas Attending PWIs: an Autoethnography and Testimonio Hybrid



The Front Porch Project was launched by an East Coast photographer in the early days of national quarantine and social distancing during COVID-19. She would go to people's yards and take photos of families or households standing on their porch in all their quarantine glory! The goal was to embrace the message that we are all in this together, separately. I loved the idea and advertised the photo project the next day. After booking 18 photo sessions, I was excited and ready to get out of the house and snap some memories. For some, this was an excuse to put on their Sunday best for a new family photo, and for others it was a time to remember working from home, being stuck with your favorite roommates, or to remember your resilience as you braced this uncertain time. I believed that by participating and offering front porch photos for people, I could do my part in trying to bring an extra smile their way. I had a wonderful time and was fortunate to capture photos of some current CSPA students, an alumna and her family, as well as Dr. Weiser's family. -Jena Self



THE PORCH PROJECT

STUDENT AFFAIRS GRADUATE ASSOCIATION

SAGA 2019-2020 BOARD

Co-Presidents

Catherine Jahns and Georgina Lozano

Treasurer

Jessica Coates

Professional Development Co-Chairs

Jordan Prats and Jessica Estes

Social Co-Chairs

Charlotte Coberley, Gracie Nilsson, and Emily Rosenquist

Advisor

Dr. Phyllis McCluskey-Titus



MEET THE GAMSKY

Photos from our team-building social at the high ropes course!



Hello everyone! My name is Jessica Coates, and I'm the 2019-2021 Gamsky Fellow here at Illinois State University. I grew up in Massachusetts and earned my bachelor's degree in Communications Media at Fitchburg State University, only an hour away from my hometown. It was at Fitchburg that I first learned about student affairs and higher education, and I loved it right away. I spent a lot of time getting involved in several clubs, attending conferences, and working for my campus center. I remember attending NACA as a sophomore and realizing that a career in student affairs was not only a possibility for me, but that it was exactly what I was looking for.

My time as the Gamsky Fellow has been such a unique experience, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities it gave me

to contribute to the future of the program. I was able to create content for social media, organize our GRAD interview days, and create a monthly newsletter for current students in the program with information on events and professional development opportunities on campus. I learned a lot about the behind-the-scenes administrative side of student affairs, which was a nice change of pace for me!

In the summer, I will be transitioning to my new role as the advisor for the Heartland Activities Committee. I'm so excited to be following my passion of working with students creating programs for their campus, and I look forward to my growth as an advisor. Here's to another 25 years of CSPA!

CSPA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

The first CSPA class at Illinois State University was admitted in the fall of 1994, and this fall, 2019 we began the celebration of the 25th (silver) anniversary of our program. As usual, we welcomed new students at the annual party at Dr. Marcia's, complete with silver decorations and 25th anniversary napkins. At Homecoming we had a decorated 25th anniversary table in the College of Education tailgate tent and welcomed alums and current students with celebratory buttons, CSPA swag, and silver-wrapped candies to mark the occasion. The highlight of the year was the recognition and celebration of the 25th anniversary at the annual EAF Gala, which was emceed by our own Dr. Todd Jenkins (2011). We had 25 current students and alums present to witness the CSPA Alumni of the Year Award presented to Dr. Adrienne Coleman (2002).

Over the past 25 years the CSPA program has graduated over 450 students. Our graduates are serving in positions as faculty, senior student affairs officers, deans of students, coordinators and assistant/associate/directors of offices of all kinds, advisors, researchers, policy makers, and full-time/part-time students in doctoral or other advanced degree programs.

Happy anniversary CSPA!! We look forward to enrolling students and making a difference in student affairs and higher education work for the next 25 years!!

-Dr. Phyllis McCluskey-Titus



From left to right:

Faculty, Students, and Alumni at the EAF Gala

Faculty, Students, and Alumni at Homecoming

Dr. Todd Jenkins (2011) as the MC for the EAF Gala

CSPA 25th Anniversary table decorations

2019-2020 CSPA ADVISORY BOARD

Practitioners

John Biernbaum

Associate Vice President, Student Services
Western Illinois University

Brandon Common, PhD

Assoc. Vice President for Student Affairs
Illinois Wesleyan University

Scott Peska, PhD

Assistant Vice President of Student
Services
Waubonsee Community College

Raphaella Prange

Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of
Students
Millikin University

CSPA Program Alumni

Terrance Bond, 2010

Associate Director of Equity, Compliance,
and Title IX
Heartland Community College Terrance.

Ja’Niah Downing, 2010

Senior Assistant Director of Admissions
Purdue University downingj@purdue.edu

Marci Rockey, PhD, 2005

Project Coordinator
Office of Community College Research and
Leadership
University of Illinois

Jeremy Schenk, PhD, 2002

Executive Director, Norris Student Center
Northwestern University

Erin Thomas, PhD, 2002

Director of Assessment and Engagement
Initiatives
Illinois State University

Rachel Webb, 2016

Director of On-Campus Graduate
Admissions and International Student and
Scholar Services
Bradley University

Ex-Officio

Marcia Escott Hickrod, Program Advisor

Lydia Kyei-Blankson, Faculty

Phyllis McCluskey-Titus, Program
Coordinator, Faculty

Mohamed Nur-Awaleh, Faculty

Jim Palmer, Faculty

Len Sutton, EAF Department Chair

Gavin Weiser, Program Coordinator,
Faculty

Stella Wang, Gamsky Fellow 2018-2020

Jessica Coates, Gamsky Fellow 2019-2021

CSPA May/August/December 2019 Positions Accepted!

<i>Lana Summers</i>	Academic Advisor	Illinois State University
<i>Miranda James</i>	Area Coordinator	Reed College
<i>Ny Shaw</i>	Coordinator, Student Support Services	Western Kentucky University
<i>Sam Rowe</i>	Residence Hall Director	Aurora University
<i>Clare Kost</i>	Academic Advisor Metropolitan	State U of Denver
<i>Alexis Plater</i>	Community Director	George Mason University
<i>Michael Nave</i>	Asst Director, Student Life	Ivy Tech Community College
<i>Amanda Cox</i>	Peer Mentor Program Specialist	University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
<i>Adam Guenther</i>	Residence Hall Director	St. Cloud State University
<i>Alexa Bilich</i>	Community Service Coordinator	University of North Texas
<i>Violet Benn</i>	Hall Director	University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire
<i>Dynae Trone</i>	Academic Advisor	University of Colorado—Bolder
<i>Paige Buschman</i>	Career Services Coordinator	Illinois Central College
<i>Asiah Claiborne</i>	Coord. of Student Organizations	University of North Texas
<i>Janelle Jones</i>	TRiO Advisor	Illinois State University
<i>Aleta Riley-Tellis</i>	Legislative Analyst	Illinois Senate Democrats
<i>Ashley Shoemake</i>	Coord. Student Union	University of Texas—Dallas

Part-Time Students in New Jobs

<i>Aston Karner</i>	Chicago Area Admissions Counselor	Illinois State University
<i>Connor Sampson</i>	Academic Advisor	University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
<i>Ashley Pritts</i>	Title IX Investigator	Illinois State University

2019 JOB PLACEMENTS

2019 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

**Dr. Adrienne
Coleman**



The College Student Personnel Administration (CSPA) Alumni Award recognizes the accomplishments of our CSPA graduates who have moved into senior positions of responsibility, who have enhanced their learning through advanced study, and who are influencers in the student affairs profession. This year's award is presented to Dr. Adrienne Coleman. Dr. Coleman, Adrienne, is a 2001 graduate of the CSPA master's degree program. She earned her bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois University in community health and preventive medicine, a first master's degree from Illinois State University in public health education, and a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Argosy University Chicago. As a CSPA student, Adrienne held a position at Illinois State as a health educator. After graduation, she took a position at Rutgers University as a program development specialist, research assistant and adjunct faculty with the Bloustein School of Public Health. She joined the Illinois Math and Science Academy in 2009. Currently, Adrienne serves as the Director of Equity and Inclusion at IMSA. In this role, she assesses potential barriers and develops strategies focused on recruiting and retaining a diverse underrepresented student population and designs training initiatives on cultural competency, gender differences, disability, and sexual orientation designed to increase awareness and support of equity and inclusion values, while maintaining compliance with applicable laws. Adrienne is also a nationally recognized speaker and founding consultant of Candid Conversations Matter, a company created to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion work. As a consultant, she has assisted educational institutions, social-service organizations, law enforcement, government agencies, and international groups.

ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

NEW JOBS

Jimmi Nicholson (2001), Director of Law Admissions, University of Kentucky

Jason Ramirez (2002), Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, University of Utah

Sara Kohout (2007), Student Services Administrator, VCU Physical Therapy, Virginia Commonwealth University

Lizette Rebolledo (2009), NODA Equity & Inclusion Officer

Dr. Valerie Thompson (2009), Assistant Professor in the Student Affairs program, Wichita State University

Tony Marotta (2010), International Admissions & Office Coordinator, Joliet Junior College

Dr. BriAnne Danielson (2011), System Director of Student Services, Herzing University

Jessica Impallaria (2011), Associate Director of Development & Alumni Relations, UNLV College of Liberal Arts

Archie Messersmith-Bunting (2013), Learning & Development Consultant, Taylor-Made Learning

Janelle White (2013), Director of Multicultural Programs, Valparaiso University

Ramo Stott (2014), Professional Development Coordinator, Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee Knoxville

Kate Wehby (2014), Education Specialist, National FFA Organization

Skylar Guimond (2015), Director of Student Engagement, Heartland Community College

Rachel Webb (2016), started term as Registrar, NAFSA Region V

Salem Awwad (2017), Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, University of Kentucky

Foster McDaniel (2017), Coordinator, Student Organization Development, University of Maryland, College Park

Samia Cooperider (2017), Assistant Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Eberly College of Science, Penn State University

Travis Huber (2018), Program Manager for Independent Learning, University of Wisconsin Extended Campus

Meghan Jack (2018), Academic Advisor, George Mason University

Marjorie Miller (2018), Assistant Director of Student Involvement, Illinois Wesleyan University

Janelle Jones (2019), Associate Director for Career and Technical Education, Illinois Community College Board

AWARDS

Dr. Todd Jenkins (2011), was inducted into the 40 under 40 class of 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas

Brent Kane (2015), was awarded the Herb Sanders Award for academic advising

Amanda Papinchock (2015), was awarded the Outstanding New Undergraduate Advisor Award

Sarah Roth (2018), was awarded the Illinois State University Living Our Values award

Melissa Ramirez, was named a James A. Alexander Newcomer recipient award winner from the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling

Illinois State University Impact Awards

Daphne Walker (2001), Academic Advisor, Kinesiology and Recreation

Corey Burgess (2011), Program Coordinator, University College

Brent Kane (2015), Academic Advisor, College of Business

Amanda Papinchock (2015), Academic Advisor, University College

Sarah Roth (2018), Academic Advisor, Honors Program

Jazmyn Thomas (2018), Academic Advisor, University College

Lana Summers (2019), Academic Advisor, University College

Sarah Nafziger, Academic Advisor, University College

Omar Gómez, Graduate Assistant, University College

PERSONAL UPDATES

Dr. BriAnne Danielson (2011) married Brendan Danielson

Janelle White (2013) married Brandon White on January 18, 2020

Jena Self married Louis Self

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Diana Sims-Harris (2006), earned her PhD from IUPUI

Dr. Valerie Thompson (2009), earned her doctorate from University of Oklahoma

Omolola Anaman (2011), will graduate with her PhD from the University of Iowa in December 2020

Dr. BriAnne Danielson (2011), earned her EdD from Northeastern University



From left to right:
Dr. BriAnne and
Brendan Danielson
Janelle and Brandon
White
Jena and Louis Self
1st years at the Dr.
Jo Ann Rayfield
Archives
ISU Women's
Basketball Game



ILLINOIS STATE CSPA BOOK CLUB

In place of the Alumni Institute this year, we will be hosting a book club through zoom featuring *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell.

The first meeting will be on June 1st at 12 pm CST at this link: <https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/j/99977954077>. We'll be discussing the intro to the end of Part 1.

The second meeting will either be June 29th or July 6th, as determined by those in attendance at the first meeting. We'll be discussing Parts 2 and 3 here.

The third meeting will be August 3rd, and we'll be discussing Parts 4 and 5 to finish the book.

We hope to see you there!

**STAY IN
TOUCH!**

Keep us updated with jobs, awards, and academic achievements through this Google Form: bit.ly/CSPAUpdate. You can also let us know which conferences you will be attending so that current students can connect with you there.



Connect with us on social media @ISUCSPA!