

## Greetings From WIU!

By Sara Watterson (CSP '02)

It is my privilege to be working with the CSP program as the Program Manager this year. This is my first year in the po-

sition but being an alum and past employee of Western has definitely helped my transition to the new position. The program manager is a new position here at Western Illinois University and it is a collaborative position between Student Services and the Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies academic department. This year I've had the wonderful opportunity to supervise the CSP Graduate Assistants, Joseph Haferman and Jen Weig, and I can guarantee that they are doing a fine job of maintaining our program's fabulous reputation! Both grads can assist you or your students with any questions they may have about Western or the CSP Program. Their office number, should you want to direct a student to them (and I hope you do!) is 309-298-1623 and their emails are as follows: JL-Haferman@wiu.edu or JL-Weig@wiu.edu.

As usual we will be holding two sets of CSP Days this spring. The first set will be held Tuesday, February 19 through Thursday, February 21. The second set will be held a month later from Wednesday, March 19 through Friday, March 21.

The format will be very similar to past years. Candidates will have the opportunity to learn about the town of Macomb through a presentation by the Macomb Chamber of Commerce, relax and unwind in our hospitality room after interviews, and interview with all of our interesting assistantships in the Division of Student Services. We are keeping many CSP days traditions such as the Art Gallery Social, the sample class, and the WISPA social! We are working very hard



The 2007-2008 CSP team of Sara Watterson, Joseph Haferman, and Jen Weig

already to plan and prepare for CSP Days. Western is one of the best and most talked about CSP programs in the nation!

We know that you, the alumni, are our best recruiting "tool" and we want to genuinely thank you for your loyalty and dedication to this program. We hear your names daily as people apply to the program on recommendation from YOU, and we want you to

know how much we appreciate your constant and continued support through the outstanding students you send in this direction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for information such as brochures and/or program requirements, questions, or anything else you may need! I am always happy to visit with any WIU Alum!

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**- Sara Watterson, Program Manager**

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# Another Year to 'Keep on Truckin'!

By Dea Forney

Greetings everyone! I hope things are going well. I am writing this right after Homecoming. It was great to see several of you during the weekend. It was also good to see so many of you at the WIU social at the ACPA/NASPA conference last spring in Orlando, though I had to leave sooner than I wanted because of an early morning shuttle back to the airport. I'm sorry I missed those of you who came for the alumni institute. When I heard Garry announce the dates in Orlando I was disappointed since I was already scheduled to be out of town at that time.

We once again have great first and second year student cohorts, and I am enjoying working with them in the classroom. The addition of Sara Watterson as our

CSP Program Manager has been a wonderful support for the program (and for Tracy and me as well!). It was also fun to have Nancy Evans back as a guest speaker. Tracy bought her services (I can come up with no better way to say that!) through a silent auction for ACPA's Educational Leadership Foundation.

This fall I was a keynote speaker at MMOGSISP (for anyone who may not remember – Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in Student Personnel). The students at Indiana University hosted the conference, which marks its 30<sup>th</sup> year this year. I spoke about changes and constants in the field over that time period as well as about changes and constants in students.

I also had an article come out in the August issue of *Trends*, published by GLA-CUHO. It deals with use of student devel-



Dea Forney

opment theory in the residence halls. And speaking of student development theory, we are hard at work on the second edition of *Student Development in College*. Producing this new edition has been far more complex and time consuming than I ever imagined. We have a 2008 deadline and a 2009 publication scheduled. Stay tuned!

I mentioned Nancy Evans earlier. You might be interested to know that Nancy and I, along with Dan Salter, who was our senior author, received a research award from the Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education for an article we did on the Myers-Briggs Inventory. Remember those LSIs and MBTIs many of you filled out multiple times while in the program? That was our database.

I continue to try to get back to Pennsylvania whenever possible to see family, especially my niece, who is now 4. This summer she asked me why I had such a big head! I said it was because I had a big brain. She bought it! Her career goal right now is to become a rock star (can you tell that we're related?). So, I may still have a chance to become a back up singer!

I hope to see you at NASPA in Boston or ACPA in Atlanta in the spring. Best to you all. Take care.



First-year students Patrick Walsh, Vern Klobassa, Johnny Kryst, Jen Weig, Beth Schoenwetter, Terri Romeo, and Jessica Gunzburger show their support for Dea after her keynote speech at MMOGSISP 2007 (Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in Student Personnel).



# Tracy Celebrates Ten Years of 'Trusting the Process' at WIU

By Tracy Davis

I've now been teaching in the College Student Personnel (CSP) Program at Western Illinois University (WIU) for ten years. As I reflect on all that I've experienced I'd like to share two insights. First, one annual occurrence consistently stands out to me: many current students are anxious to leave while, at the same time, many alums miss the classroom or mourn the opportunity to have a cohort with whom to exchange ideas. It reminds me to focus on here and now - after all, as Jon Kabat Zinn reminds us, everywhere you go, there you are.

Second, in my ten years of teaching in the CSP Program, I have also learned to recognize that I am still unfinished. When I started here a decade ago, I felt I needed to prove how much I knew...how competent I was. Ten years later, I find wisdom in realizing how unfinished I really am. The older I get, the more research I do, the more I read, and the more I challenge myself, the more I am aware that I still am learning. In fact, this perspective helps me stay "in it" as opposed to "getting it". In teaching, mentoring and social justice work, I believe "being in it" may be more important than knowledge or intellect.

A group of WIU CSP and Student Services alums, faculty, and staff met this summer for a reunion and to become a little less "unfinished" during the inaugural WIU CSP Summer Institute. While we had solid professional workshops, we also had a lot of fun. I have some good stories from the golf outing, but what happens on the golf course stays on the golf course. I hope you'll consider attending the next institute at the end of June 2008.

The new cohort of CSP students is lively in the classroom, talented and, as you'd expect, deeply experiencing their transition into new student affairs professionals. Out of the more than 50 candi-

dates who we interviewed last spring, we selected an outstanding cohort of 22 students. Thank you to the many dedicated alums who have referred many of these students. As you know the health of this program depends, to a large extent, on our alumni base. As an alum of this program, you are in the unique position of interacting with potential candidates and being able to provide a first-hand perspective regarding the academic program, assistantship sites, and local WIU and Macomb communities. If you currently have students you would like us send information to, please contact one of our CSP Recruitment Team members: Jennifer Weig at JL-Weig@wiu.edu or Joseph Haferman at JL-Haferman@wiu.edu.

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**-Tracy Davis, professor**

The biggest change in the CSP Program is the addition of a CSP Program Manager to lead recruitment, admissions, alumni services, orientation and special projects. The position was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Garry Johnson, the Dean of the College of Education Bonnie Smith-Skripps, and the CSP Program. Sara Watterson (CSP '02) was selected on an interim basis until a full search can be performed early in 2008. The CSP Program has benefited tremendously from Sara's mindful leadership, outstanding recruitment efforts, and mentorship and advising of current students.



Tracy Davis

We are very fortunate to have her.

The program is doing quite well. We are fully integrated into the Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies department where we benefit from great colleagues and stability. Dr. John Maguire is no longer with WIU and we hope to have a replacement in the next two weeks. Dr. Cody, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Bracey all continue to provide classroom instruction. In other program news, the summer internship, while no longer required, has been replaced with what is a comparably successful class that gives students credit for internship-like experiences. A large majority of students continue to choose this option as part of their curricular portfolio. I also want to thank everyone who has contributed to the WIU CSP program. Your generous contributions provide for an annual Alumni Scholarship, funding for students to attend professional conferences, and now can assist in the new WIU CSP Summer Institute for alums.

Finally, I hope to see you this spring at the Oshkosh Placement Exchange, in Atlanta for the American College Personnel Association Conference, or the WIU CSP Summer Institute in June.

# Notes from the Vice President for Student Services



Garry Johnson

By Garry Johnson

## University Updates

### New employees include:

- **Casey Connors** – Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions
- **Diane Cumbie** – Assistant Director of Student Activities for Programming
- **Christina Dodd** – Residence Hall Director of Corbin
- **Lauren Teso** – Complex Director of Lincoln/Washington/Grote

### Re-positioned employees include:

- **Ann Comerford** – Director of Student Activities
- **Matt Bierman** – Director of Residential Facilities
- **Sara Watterson** – Supervision Field Specialist, Education and Interdisciplinary Studies
- **Joan Maze** – Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Leadership Services
- **Jennifer (Mason) Tibbits** – Academic Advisor for Non-Traditional Programs
- **Jennifer Schreiner** – Complex Director of Wetzel

Fall 2007 marks the completion of multiple construction and renovation projects on campus. Over the summer, the Casa Latina building was demolished and the offices were relocated to the fourth floor of Olson Hall. At the end of September, the ceremonial groundbreaking was held for the new Multicultural Center which will be located where Casa Latina stood. This 14,000 square foot structure will house the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, the Casa Latina Cultural Center, the Women’s Center and the International Friendship Club. The building is unique in that it will be constructed under green standards, including the installation of a grass roof (see page 8 for more information about the multicultural center).

The expansion of the Donald S. Spencer Student Recreation Center has begun. The center celebrated its 10th anniversary this month and the \$6.2 million, 21,000 foot addition is progressing rapidly. A webcam of construction activities can be viewed on the university’s website. This expansion will increase the size of the weight room, add two arena courts which will increase the size of the track, and add cardio space. The expansion is expected to be completed in approximately two years.

A Housing and Dining Services Master Plan was developed after the completion of a facilities condition assessment in the summer of 2007. This plan will direct the maintenance, enhancement, and construction associated with campus residential facilities. Projects include fire suppression sprinklers and elevator re-

placements in residence halls, completion of a pedestrian bridge to East Village, renovation of the activity center in North Quad and Adams Street dock area renovation in South Quad as well as upgrading lounges and landscaping around buildings.

Phase I of the Hanson Field renovations has been completed except for minor interior work and was dedicated dur-

ing half-time of the Homecoming football game on September 29, 2007. New bleachers, increased seating capacity, a new entrance, restrooms and concession stands were all added. Phase II includes additional bathrooms and concessions to the press box side.

We have had a few staff changes. Some of our staff members have left for greater career opportunities, others have taken on new responsibilities and, of course, we’ve welcomed new members to our family.

The fall semester is coming to a close after being very successful for the Division of Student Services. If you are in or around town, please be sure to drop in and say hello! We’d love to hear from you. Also, hopefully we will see many of you at the ACPA conference in Atlanta or the NASPA conference in Boston. Happy Holidays!

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**-Garry Johnson, Vice President for Student Services**

# WISPA

Western Illinois Student Personnel Association

## SPOTLIGHT

By Jess Wilke, WISPA President

The beginning of this fall semester has been full of exciting events for the Western Illinois Student Personnel Association. The members of WISPA have been working hard to take part in professional development opportunities, support charities and events around campus, and to have a bit of fun while we're at it!

As usual, WISPA is sponsoring professional development opportunities this semester to help first and second year CSP students make the most of their time at WIU. In addition to the Practicum Information Session, which provides an opportunity for practicum supervisors and first year students to meet, WISPA will be sponsoring the Internship Information Session on November 2nd. *If you have information that you would like to share about an internship or professional development opportunity, you may contact the WISPA Professional Development Chair, Anna Valiavska, at A-Valiavska@wiu.edu.*

WISPA took advantage of October as Careers in Student Affairs month, programming WISPA week this past week. WISPA week opportunities included making fall greeting cards for residents at the Elms, and the annual First Year appreciation party at the International House with lots of food, games, dancing and a hit single to the tune of *Baby One More Time* by the current executive board. WISPA also had the opportunity to partner with the CSP department to bring a panel discussion with several campus professionals to a group of about 25 undergraduate students interested in learning more about careers in Student Affairs. This opportunity will extend throughout the next month with opportunities to learn more about the search for the right program, as well as the application process

We've also managed taken the time to socialize among the two cohorts with our Labor Day picnic at Everly Park and our Big Pink Volleyball teams. We are also looking forward to our Holiday Extravaganza at the beginning of December!

We greatly appreciate the feedback and support of our CSP alumni. If you are interested in supporting WISPA, you may contact the current president, Jessica Wilke at JM-Wilke@wiu.edu.

## Upcoming Events for professionals and prospective students

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### February 1, 2008

CSP Application Deadline  
for Fall 2008

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### February 19-21, 2008 & March 19-21, 2008

CSP Interview Days  
Macomb, Illinois

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### March 8-12, 2008

NASPA Annual Conference  
Boston, Massachusetts  
[www.naspa.org](http://www.naspa.org)

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### March 29-April 2, 2008

ACPA Annual Convention  
Atlanta, Georgia  
[www.myacpa.org](http://www.myacpa.org)

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### June 26-27, 2008

CSP Summer Institute  
Macomb, Illinois  
[www.wiu.edu/csp](http://www.wiu.edu/csp)



# CSP Class of 2009



Front row (L to R): Robin Banks, Rebecca Groves, Beth Schoenwetter, Andrea Robinson, Kaylee Mask, Jen Weig  
 Center row (L to R): Elizabeth Boucek, Joseph Haferman, Jamar Orr, Ashlee Canty, John Kryst, Patrick Walsh, Jacob Eisch, Terri Romeo, Tim Johnson, Scott Kohen  
 Back row (L to R): Vern Klobassa, Melina Strohman, Daniel Hernandez, Alycia McCullough, Jessica Gunzburger, Stephanie Milner

## Assistantship Sites 2007-2008

Academic Advising.....	Kaylee Mask, Tim Johnson
Alumni.....	Daniel Hernandez
Counseling.....	Robin Banks
Career Services.....	Alycia McCullough
Casa Latina.....	Elizabeth Boucek
CSP Recruitment.....	Joseph Haferman, Jen Weig
First Year Experience.....	John Kryst
Office of Student Activities.....	Ashlee Canty, Vern Klobassa, Jamar Orr, Terri Romeo, Melina Strohman
Student Development and Orientation.....	Andrea Robinson
University Housing and Dining.....	Jake Eisch, Jessica Gunzburger, Scott Kohen, Stephanie Milner, Beth Schoenwetter, Patrick Walsh
Women's Center.....	Rebecca Groves

## FIRST YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Outstanding Presentation  
at MMOGSISP  
(Midwest Meeting of  
Graduate Students in Student  
Personnel)  
Terri Romeo & John Kryst**

**Nell Glynn Koester  
Memorial Scholarship  
Jen Weig**



# CSP Class of 2008



Front row (L to R): Stephanie Hairgrove, Julie O'Brien, Nicole Remy, Megan Thurston, Anna Valiavska, Elizabeth Hudnall, Jennifer Shields  
 Center row (L to R): Diana Ibragimova, Ali Norton, Ryan Macleod, Marc Mobley, Jess Wilke, Julia Pond, Matthew Tombaugh  
 Back row (L to R): Ashley Weets, Adrienne Johnson, Joseph Anderson, Ryan Cohenour, Marshall Kole, Jaclyn Carden, Kevin Merrill

## Internship Sites—Summer 2007

Ashley Weets.....ACPA-International	Jaclyn Carden.....North American IFC
Ali Norton.....Brown University	Matt Tombough.....Rutgers-Newark
Stephanie Hairgrove.....Boston College	Jennifer Shields.....Southern Methodist University
Ryan Macleod.....California College of the Arts	Anna Valiavska...Texas Christian University
Elizabeth Hudnall.....DePaul University	Nicole Remy.....Tri-State University
Adrienne Johnson.....Drexel University	Julia Pond.....U of California-Riverside
Marc Mobley.....Florida Int'l University	Jess Wilke.....UNC-Charlotte
Kevin Merrill.....George Mason	Diana Ibragimova.....U of San Francisco
Marshall Kole.....Iowa State University	Julie O'Brien.....Western Illinois University
Joseph Anderson.....Ithaca College	Ryan Cohenour...Western Illinois University
Megan Thurston.....Loyola College in Maryland	

## SECOND YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**CSP Alumni Scholarship**  
 Jessica Wilke  
**GLACUHO Graduate Student of the Year for Illinois**  
 Megan Thurston  
**GLACUHO Case Study Winners**  
 Ryan Cohenour and Joseph Anderson





Staff, faculty, students and administrators gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking on September 28, 2007.

# Multicultural Center Breaks Ground at Western

By Joseph Haferman

WIU is in the beginning stage of building a new Multicultural Center on campus on the site where the old CASA Latina building used to stand. The new Multicultural Center will house the Women's Center, CASA Latina, Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, and the International Friendship Club. However, what marks this building as different is that it will be built under completely "green" standards, including a grass roof, which has a 40 year life span and will include grasses native to Illinois. Other standards that will make this new structure "green" are a geothermal system, the use of energy efficient fluorescent lighting, building with recyclable materials, such as bamboo flooring, and by not building a parking structure, which encourages pedestrian traffic as well as the use of public transportation.

Ground breaking for the new Cultural Center took Place on September 28, 2007, with construction beginning in October. The main floor of the building will be comprised of four lounges, a computer lab, and a dance theater area. However, the second floor of the new structure will be filled with three office suites, housing each of the three offices moving to the new center, as well as two group study areas and a library lined atrium.

This new center will impact CSP as two of the current directors, Janine Cavicchia, of the Women's Center, and Belinda Carr, of Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center, are graduates of WIU's CSP program. Also, this new center will enrich the experiences of many current and future CSP students. The three centers offer a number of assistantships, currently held by Rebecca Groves in the Women's Center and Elizabeth Boucek in Casa Latina, as well as practica opportunities for CSP students like Julia Pond in the Women's Center.

Completion of this project is slated for November of 2008.



Artist's rendition of the New Multicultural Center on Murray Street.



## Job Updates

- **Christy Bear** has accepted a position as an Academic Advisor at the University of Arizona.
- **Jeremy Bradt** has accepted a position as Manager of Student Information Services at Highland Community College in Freeport, IL.
- **Patrick Dockins ('00)** has accepted a position with the association management company called CM Services
- **Dustin Fritsche ('01)** has accepted a position at Southeast Missouri State as Assistant Director of Residence Life for Academic and Leadership Development
- **Meagan Hagerty** accepted a position with Semester at Sea and began her adventure on August 23, 2007
- **Megan Johnson** is in pursuit of a doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Iowa
- **Tiffany Lowe ('01)** is now at Appalachian State University
- **Randy Maus** accepted the position of Associate Director, Housing Services and Residence Life at University of Calgary
- **Roger Nasser** has accepted a new position as the Director of Residence Life at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois
- **Zachary Nicolazzo** has accepted the position of Violence Prevention Specialist at the University of Arizona
- **Cheryl Panzini** has started a new career with Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals as a sales representative.
- **Nickara Pratt ('06)** recently moved back to the Bahamas and began a new job at the College/University of the Bahamas as Assistant Director of Activities and Student Development.
- **Heather Stalling** accepted a position as Academics Initiatives Manager in the Office of Residence Life at the University of Iowa
- **Jennifer Smith ('00)** has accepted a position at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science as Coordinator of Student Housing.
- **Pete Smithisler** has been named Executive Vice President of the North American Interfraternity Conference.
- **Angela Swenson** has accepted a position as the Social Norms Coordinator for the Stevens Point Area Senior High School
- **Cam Theriault ('02)** has left the corporate world to work at the University of Southern Maine for the Upward Bound program.

## Recent Graduates

- **Sarah Allard ('07)** is at Pacific Lutheran University
- **Alana Barnes ('07)** is at Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton
- **Jessica Berkey ('07)** is at Furman University
- **Jeremy Brzozowski ('07)** is at Nova Southeastern University
- **Jude Butch ('07)** is at George Mason University
- **Nina Caliguiri ('07)** is at Carthage College
- **Melissa Fitzgerald ('07)** is at Franklin and Marshall College
- **Terri Frysh ('07)** is at University of Buffalo
- **Christy Heaton ('07)** is at the University of New Orleans
- **Megan Hockert ('07)** is at Syracuse University
- **Veronica Hunter ('07)** is at Lehigh University
- **Jasyrna Johnson ('07)** is at Illinois Institute of Technology
- **Emily Mahler ('07)** is at University of Missouri at Columbia
- **Jacueline McKenna ('07)** is at University of Iowa
- **Danielle Nied ('07)** is at Colorado State
- **Benjamin Parks ('07)** is at University of Iowa
- **Kelly Roberts ('07)** is at George Mason University
- **Christopher Sewalish ('07)** is at Texas Christian University



Dr. Tim "There's always next year" McMahon supports CSP alumni and, of course, the Cubs.

## Births

- **Stephanie Greiner ('01)** gave birth to a baby boy in August 2007
- Jocelyn Diane Heckman was born to Mike and **Caroline Heckman ('00)** on November 11, 2007.
- Brian Christopher Loveall was born to **Chris Loveall ('00)** on June 22, 2007.
- Sydney Robin Richards was born to **Dani Richards ('00)** on April 1, 2007.
- George Matthew Suwalski was born to **Matt and Sara Ann Suwalski ('02)** on March 15, 2007.
- Reid Thomas Williams was born to **Lindsay ('02) and Brad Williams** on January 4th, 2007.

## Marriages and Engagements

- **Jaclyn Bellotti** has been recently engaged.
- **Asra Kamal ('00)** was married in July of 2007.
- **Nicholas and Ashley Katz** were married this past summer, 2007.
- **Cheryl Panzini** was married July 22, 2007.
- **Cheryl Weiss ('00)** was married on July 22, 2007

Did we miss you?

Send all WIU CSP alumni updates, including your name, the event, and your graduation year, to:

[csp@wiu.edu](mailto:csp@wiu.edu)