Hello Everyone!

It's Eva again! I hope you all enjoy reading our last issue of The Rehab Review. We have a lot going on in the program and we have also accomplished a lot. I hope you will enjoy reading this issue as well. Please feel free to provide me with your comments and recommendations to yi-hua-tsai@uiowa.edu for future editions. I am looking forward to hearing from you and hope you all have a great summer!

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From the Coordinator’s Desk

We’re #2! What great news—and many thanks to all of you whose contributions have, and continue to help make ours such a quality program. As this academic year winds down, so does my term as program coordinator. Dr. John Wadsworth will take over the position in summer—though regardless of role—will all continue to work together toward becoming # 1!

Have a wonderful summer!

We are #2!!

Our program is ranked second place, tied with Michigan State University, in 2011 under Best Rehabilitation Counseling Programs by US News. Let’s celebrate together and keep up the great work that we do here!


Exposé yourself to the profession

To become a professional, it is important to expand your networking, make yourself visible to the profession, and keep yourself updated with current issues. A great way of doing it is to attend local and national conferences. We introduced the On With Life 10th Annual Educational Conference at Ankeny last time. In this issue, we have a short descriptions on a conference that takes place at The University of Iowa — Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium. Please see Page 6 for more detailed information.
Getting to know the Advisory Board

Members on the GPR Advisory Board are prominent rehabilitation professionals. They are dedicated to provide advice, consultation, and support to our program in both educational and clinical areas. We are lucky to have Mr. Jonathan Ice from Iowa Department for the Blind to introduce a little about himself in this issue.

Jonathan Ice, Iowa Department for the Blind

Mr. Jonathan Ice serves as a rehabilitation teacher in Iowa Department for the Blind and has been on our Advisory Board since 2007. The Iowa Department for the Blind offers training and services on independent living and vocational rehabilitation for individuals who are blind and visually impaired in order to achieve their personal goals.

Q: How did you decide to study rehab counseling or become involved in this field?

JI: I always have been inclined toward the service professions, and I had had thoughts of getting involved in the field of rehab even as a young adult. I didn’t take it very seriously because I often saw rehab agencies as more of the problem than the solution.

In the early 1990’s there was a change in leadership at State Services for the Blind, the state agency in my then home state of Minnesota, and I liked the direction in which the new director, Dick Davis, was taking the agency. I had an informational interview with him and he encouraged me to get the necessary academic and rehab training. I went out and got adjustment to blindness training (something I never had done previously) at BLIND, Inc., in Minneapolis, and then went through the Master’s degree program at Mankato State University – now Minnesota State University – Mankato.

Q: What was your motivation to become a member of the Advisory Board and continue through the years?

JI: About 3 years ago, Allen Harris, then director of the Iowa Department for the Blind, asked me if I would be willing to represent IDB on the UI advisory board, and I agreed to do so.

Jonathan (back line in the middle) with other advisory board members, Dr. Maki and Dr. Wadsworth in 2009 board meeting.

University–Mankato.

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Q: What do you think is the most important role of the members of the Advisory Board?

JI: I see our primary role as bringing outside perspective to this academic program – the perspective of people actually out there practicing the profession. Academicians can get pretty insulated from the "real world," and such checks are necessary. We also have served as a somewhat neutral sounding board for current students, bringing their concerns to faculty for consideration in formulating future policy.

Q: What are you going in your position?

JI: Eleven years ago I switched to a rehab teacher position at IDB, so I am much less involved in the counseling of job-bound younger people, but rather am serving a primarily retired population, providing instruction and the wherewithal to live more independently in their new situation. I always have had teacherly instincts and I like older people, so it has been a good fit.

Recommendations for future professionals reading this ...

JI: Look for a position that feeds your soul and with an agency with which you have common goals and philosophy. I have found such a position, and it has been a good 16 years.

Recommendations or comments in general ...

JI: Rehab counseling can involve a lot of administrative minutiae and constrictions. It is important to master these, but never lose sight of why you are in this job in the first place. It is to provide opportunity for people with disabilities – opportunity that might not be there if not for your assistance. But, while you are important, it also is key to remember that your clients (or whatever euphemism you want to use here) must be the primary actors in this play, and yours is only a supporting role.

Save the Dates

In addition to conferences, you may be interested in these activities.

August 3-5, 2011 32nd Annual Summer School for Helping Professionals (ASSHP)

September 30, 2011 On With Life 11th Annual Fall Conference - "Helping Brain Injury Survivors Thrive"

October 31-November 1, 2011 Fall 2011 NCRE/RSA/CSAVR Conference

TBA The Big 3 Conference

TBA Fall 2011 Advisory Board Meeting
Special Congratulations

Award Winners

Alum of the Year Award of 2010 — Dr. Barbara O'Rourke
Dr. O’Rourke works in the areas of assessment of head injury, learning disorders, and psychosocial adjustment, as well as providing rehabilitative psychiatric treatment to persons in her private practice - Psychiatric Associates, Iowa City. She is also one of our program’s adjunct faculty and has taught a variety of courses in counselor education to graduate and undergraduate students, including Practicum and Internship Supervision, the Psychology of Women, and Interpersonal Effectiveness.

Lowell Brandt Rehabilitation Counseling Award — Neil Santos
The Lowell Brandt Rehabilitation Counseling Award was established to be used to support deserving students pursuing a master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling Program.

Leonard A. Miller Scholarship Award — Kathryn Roberts
The Leonard A. Miller Scholarship Award is given to a first year M.A. student in Rehabilitation Counseling, who has the performance and potential to become an outstanding rehabilitation counselor.

Leslie Santos
Leslie Santos, our second year doctoral student, has been elected as the Student Representative in National Council on Rehabilitation Education. It is an honor to have Leslie from our program to be sitting on the board and represent the student body of NCRE.

Junfei Lu
Junfei Lu, second year doctoral student, presented his poster on Ethical Concerns in Mentoring International Doctoral Students. Junfei won 2nd Place in the poster competition in recognition for outstanding contribution and achievement in diversity research.

Photo: Leslie presented during the NCRE Open Membership meeting

Photo: Junfei at the MLK Jr. Research Symposium on January 28, 2011
The University of Iowa has been held a series of events to celebrate human rights and in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthdate. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Research Symposium is one of the activities that takes place during the celebration. The purpose of the event is to encourage both undergraduate and graduate students to showcase their research projects that are related to diversity. Poster proposal with the focus on diversity issues, such as ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and etc., are encouraged and posters will then be displayed in the symposium.

Ruth and her poster “Psychosocial Adjustment on Employment Services of Older Individuals by Gender and Ethnicity” at the symposium.

Junfei and his poster “Ethical Concerns in Mentoring International Doctoral Students” at the symposium.

Dwaine’s poster “Survival of the Fittest: Stories of Determination and Resiliency”
Students in the Community

UI-ARCA and our Students are involved in community activities and events to support local agency that provides rehabilitation services and raise awareness for mental illness.

Salsa Night

LIFE Skills and UI-ARCA planned a joint fundraising project — Salsa Night — on Friday February 18, 2011 in Iowa Memorial Union Ballroom. This event was to help raise funds for LIFE Skills, Inc. of Johnson County. The responses from the university and community were great and the event was a great success. There were more than 200 people at the event and raised almost $4,000 for LIFE Skills, Inc.

Photo courtesy of Gillian Fox and Lesley Irizarry-Fonseca.

Many Master’s students participated and volunteered at the event.

The ladies that made this night happen. From left to right: Ruth Mercado-Cruz, Leslie Santos, Gillian Fox (Director of LIFE Skills, Inc.), and Lesley Irizarry-Fonseca.
NAMI Johnson County Walk

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Johnson County holds the annual WALK in Lower City Park, Iowa City to support services, increase awareness, and reduce stigma of mental illnesses. On April 30, 2011, UI-ARCA members formed a team of walkers and supported this meaningful activity!

Snapshots from NCRE Conference

Right: Junfei and his poster
Left: Dr. Estrada-Hernandez is describing his research to a participant.

Right: Ki-Hyun and her poster
Left: Chu-Ling, Ruth, and Eva with their poster
Accomplishments

Faculty Publications*

Dr. Estrada-Hernandez


Dr. Maki


Dr. Saunders


Accomplishments

Faculty Publications*

Dr. Tarvydas


* Not in APA Style
Accomplishments

Students Presentation and Publications*

Presentations

Ki-Hyun Kim


Lesley Irizarry and Dr. Estrada-Hernandez


Lesley Irizarry and Ruth Mercado-Cruz

“Teaching about Puerto Rican Culture,” Beyond Tolerance, The University of Iowa, 2011.

Poster Presentation

Chu-Ling Lo, Ruth Mercado-Cruz, Yi-Hua Tsai, and Dr. Wadsworth

“The impact of note-taking within a counseling relationship on therapeutic alliance: Implications for rehabilitation educators” National Rehabilitation Educators Conference, California, 2011

Cassie Storlie, Mashone Parker, Patrice Bounds, and Dwaine Turner


Junfei Lu

“Ethical Concerns in Mentoring International Doctoral Students,” Martin Luther King Jr. Research Symposium, The University of Iowa, 2011

Junfei Lu and Ki-Hyun Kim

Accomplishments

Students Presentation and Publications*

Poster Presentation

Ki-Hyun Kim and Junfei Lu

“Cybercounseling: Yes or No?” National Rehabilitation Education Conference, California, 2011.

Ruth Mercardo-Cruz

“Psychosocial Adjustment on Employment Services of Older Individuals by Gender and Ethnicity,” Martin Luther King Jr. Research Symposium 2011, The University of Iowa

Yi-Hua Tsai


Publication


Turner, D. (Submitted). Professional identity, professional associations, and recruitment: Perspectives of current doctoral students and recent graduates of rehabilitation counseling. Rehabilitation Education.**

Turner, D. (Submitted). The second article is: A comparative study of issues facing rehabilitation counseling: Perspectives of doctoral students and recent graduates. Rehabilitation Education.**

* Not in APA Style

** Rehabilitation Education is the previous journal title published by NCRE. Current journal title by NCRE is Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education.
Community News

Are you planning on taking the CRC exam in 2011 and becoming a certified rehabilitation counselor? The next application deadline is May 16 and the exam dates are October 7-15. The following application deadline is October 15, 2011, and testing dates for this round are March 2-10, 2012. Please check [http://www.crccertification.com](http://www.crccertification.com) for more detailed information regarding application, preparation for the exam, and testing locations.

Your Opinion is Valuable
If you graduated in the last three years from the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation (master and Ph.D.) and you have not completed the survey, please go to [http://www2.education.uiowa.edu/rce/programs/survey.aspx](http://www2.education.uiowa.edu/rce/programs/survey.aspx) It will only take a few minutes, and it will provide the program information necessary to improve and keep offering a program of academic excellence.

Professional Affiliation

**American Counseling Association (ACA)**
The ACA Student membership of $89 now includes liability insurance to ACA student members enrolled and engaged in a master’s degree counseling curriculum at a post secondary institution. Coverage is solely while performing counseling services (e.g. practicum and internship) related to such curriculum.

**National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE)**
The National Council on Rehabilitation Education is a professional organization of educators dedicated to quality services for persons with disabilities through education and research. NCRE advocates up-to-date education and training in the field of rehabilitation and provide students in rehabilitation education the opportunity to create networking and develop leadership roles.
The Mission of the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation (GPR) at the University of Iowa is to prepare qualified rehabilitation counseling professionals who will assist persons with disabilities and other individuals who have barriers in meeting their functional needs in the areas of employment, independent living, and personal or economic development. The Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation prepare these professionals to provide quality rehabilitation counseling services within an interdisciplinary and community-based context, serve as change agents and advocates for their clients, and sources of specialized knowledge and consultants for professionals, employers and others in the communities that they serve.

For more information about the program or previous issues of newsletters, please follow the links:

Program
Newsletter

Please update your contact information
It is always pleasant and exciting for us to hear what happened and what have changed in your life. In addition, we will be able to provide you with recent news of the department and program. Please fill out the Online Personal Information Form and keep us and you posted.

Program Vision
To be the premier graduate rehabilitation counselor education program recognized for its diversity, and known for excellence in teaching, learning and research.