Hello Rehab Family
We are back with the new edition of the Rehab Newsletter
Spring/Summer 2009 !!!
Our intention is to keep you informed of the events related to our program, including the people that make up our program. Those people are all of us that show the commitment and interest for our program and in helping people with disabilities. I would like to receive comments or suggestions on anything that you would like to see in the newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it and the rest of your summer!!!

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Newsletter of the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation
The University of Iowa
Program Web Page: http://www.education.uiowa.edu/rehab/
Program Vision
To be the premier graduate rehabilitation counselor education program recognized for its diversity, and known for excellence in teaching, learning and research.

Save the Date!

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From the Coordinator’s Desk

As I complete my first year as coordinator I want to take a moment to share what a tremendous loss it has been for our program, advisory board, students and faculty without the presence of Lowell Brandt. His thoughtful, compassionate and calm approach as an adviser, mentor, colleague and friend is sorely missed. We are pleased to be able to pay special tribute to Lowell in this newsletter through an article based on our interview with his wife Paula.

There are several program and project developments and updates I would like to highlight:

✓ The Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation and ICATER shared sponsorship of an excellent colloquium on April 24th. Dr. Mary Barros-Bailey presented on Technology Ethics in Rehabilitation Counseling. She presented research on and discussed the ethics of computer use within the counseling profession. The presentation was very well received and definitely covered an up and coming area with many of those in attendance asking for more information and presentations addressing these issues.

✓ We will be adding some very strong and talented individuals to our advisory board this Fall. We are pleased to welcome Scott Gil, Director of the Center for Independent Living in Iowa City and Mark Harris, Director of Student Disability Services at UI. We know their talents, knowledge and skills will be a great addition to our board.

✓ Dr. Dennis Maki has just returned from a month at Addis Abbaba University in Ethiopia. We hope to bring you an article on his experiences in the next newsletter.

Please read the rest of the newsletter with care since there are many positive stories to tell and many new features in our newsletter including a community news section and our featured interview section.

Enjoy your summer!

Jodi Saunders
In Memory of Lowell Brandt

As many of you know, Lowell D. Brandt passed away on December 3rd, 2008. His passing was met with extreme sadness by all of those who knew him. All those who met Lowell agree that they had the opportunity to meet a special individual who worked hard all his life for what he believed in. He was an extraordinary man, a son, a brother, a professional, and a wonderful husband to Paula, his wife of 35 years.

Originally Lowell wanted to be a high school history teacher, and received his BA in education from the UI in 1972. However, what began as a post-college job as a correctional officer at Oakdale eventually led him to a counseling position at the Men’s Reformatory at Anamosa and to a career change-of-heart. He graduated in 1979 with a master’s in Rehabilitation Counseling from The University of Iowa. His dedication to the field made him the recipient of the University of Iowa Rehabilitation Counseling Program Alum of the year award in 2004. Paula described the rehabilitation counseling program as “one of the closest things to his heart.” He loved education and mentoring students, and he was always available for the students and program through his participation as a consultant, colleague, clinical site supervisor and as a member of the Advisory Board. To honor his commitment to the rehab counseling program, Paula has requested that memorials be directed to the University of Iowa Foundation for the Lowell Brandt Rehabilitation Counseling Award.

As the Warden of the Iowa Medical and Classification Center at Oakdale for four years, and his career of over thirty five years in the Department of Corrections, Lowell worked hard to increase the quality of services for individuals. He was instrumental in the construction of the Special Needs Unit at IMCC, which was dedicated in his name in his honor on May 13, 2009, which would have been Lowell’s 59th birthday.

But Lowell was more than an excellent professional. He was also an excellent human being who loved to help people and he believed in the importance of respecting all people.

At the time of this interview we had the opportunity to meet some of Lowell’s coworkers as they arrived at the Brandt home to share memories with Paula and give her a book of memories and letters of sympathy from Lowell’s co-workers. We asked them how they would describe Lowell and they tearfully said that he was a wonderful person, strong but kind. They said that he was especially proud of the Special Needs Unit and of shepherding the IMCC through the American Correctional Association’s accreditation process, the first of the state correctional facilities to do so.

Lowell worked hard but also had a good life doing things that he enjoyed such as reading, home improvement projects, travelling and bicycling.

Though Paula has the good fortune to have “no regrets and many good memories” she still “wishes there could be more.” As do we.

Thanks to Paula Brandt for welcoming us into her home and for talking about this wonderful man, professional, and friend that was her husband, Lowell.

While we are sure there are many more things to say in memory of Lowell, we will end with what Paula believes Lowell would say, “Love life.”

Lesley O. Irizarry & Dr. Jodi Saunders
Dr. Vilia Tarvydas have the opportunity of introducing Janis Mendenhall the recipient of the Alum of the Year Award 2008 during the Spring Colloquium and Award ceremony in April 24, 2009.

Ms. Mendenhall had the opportunity to received the Alum of the Year Award in front of her loves one her mom Mary and her husband Jay Mendenhall.

Our colloquium speaker Dr. Mary Barros-Bailey with Dr. Noel Estrada-Hernández

After the colloquium: Stephanie Beier a member of the Advisory Board with Karen Swenson enjoying some appetizers
COMMUNITY

CRCC

Students: Are you planning to sit for the CRC examination in 2009/2010, the following link will provide you with information on application dates, application forms, and study materials.

http://www.crccertification.com/

Writing Center

The Writing Center, located in N372 LC, is a service available to any student, faculty member or professional in the CRSD Department who desires assistance with academic or professional writing. Marjorie Carlson Davis staffs the Writing Center. She has an MA in English from the University of Iowa and has taught college writing for over 15 years. She is also a freelance writer.

Summer Hours: June 2 – July 23
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesdays 12-5 pm.

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.

Please Update your contact information

It’s exciting to hear about the big changes in graduates’ lives—marriage, children, relocation, job changes and promotions. And it’s easy to keep your records up to date. Just follow the link to the Online Personal Information Form and keep us posted!
ACTIVITIES

Once again during the month of October our program had the opportunity to co-sponsor the 8th Annual Education Conference, with On With Life. Students that participated of this workshop has the opportunity to learn more about brain injury, assistive technology, complexities of TBI in context of co-morbid PTSD, and the psychosocial impact of disasters by one of our advisory board members, Peter Teahen. We will once again have this opportunity this Fall – Stay tuned!

During the month of October the UI GPR faculty and a large number of the Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program doctoral students attend the 13th Annual Retreat and Conference of the Big 3 Consortium at the Kellogg Biological field Station, in Michigan together with our colleagues from Michigan State University and Pennsylvania State University. This event has a record attendance from the UI that included Drs. Saunders and Tarvydas, and the doctoral students Quiteya Walker, Nykeisha Moore, Mimi Getachew, Yi-Hua Tsai, Candas Hill, Tamara Thomas, Sara Johnston, Lesley Irizarry, and Mookyong Jeon. The conference program included the presentation of Dr. Suzanne Bruever from Cornell University.

In April the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation in conjunction with ICATER had the Annual Spring Colloquium. Our colloquium speaker was Dr. Mary Barros-Bailey talking about “Technology Ethics in Rehabilitation Counseling”. Dr. Barros-Bailey was the work group leader to the technology section for the 2009 revision of the Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors among other great contributions to the field.

We want to Thanks Dr. Barros-Bailey for a wonderful and interesting presentation!!!

As every semester our Advisory Board had their meeting during the past month of April demonstrating their compromise to our program and the field. During this meeting we counted with the presence of a new member Scott Hill from the Independent Living center who will join the Advisory Board officially for the next Academic year 2009-2010 along with Mark Harris from the University of Iowa Student Disability Office.
Faculty News

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS 2008-2009

DR. NOEL ESTRADA-HERNANDEZ

Journal Articles

Book chapters and Technical Reports

Presentations

DR. DENNIS MAKI

Presentation
**DR. JODI SAUNDERS**

**Journal Articles**


**Presentaions**


**DR. VILIA TARVYDAS**

**Journal Articles**


Book Chapters

Presentations

DR. JOHN WADSWORTH

Journal Articles

Book Chapters

Presentations
Special Congratulations !!!

We want to congratulate our new doctoral candidates who recently passed comprehensive exams !!!

Erin Barnes and Monicke Davis

We also want to congratulate the master students that graduated this year !!!
And we have some of them in the picture
Amy Raulerson, Kristin Allen, Kira Bankson, Laura Berger, Angela Messer, Brandi Hemesath, Elizabeth Lemke, Courtney Cook,
They had the opportunity to celebrate their graduation in a cook out at the Lower City Park organized by UI-ARCA.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams!!!

Eleanor Roosevelt
Our students have been also working in their professional development

**February, 2009 – NCRE, San Antonio Texas**

**Quiteya Walker and Nykeisha Moore**

**Erin Barnes and Sara Johnston**

**Erin Barnes and Lesley Irizarry**

**Lesley Irizarry, Erin Barnes, and Sara Johnston**

**Candis Hill, Thamara Thomas, and ….. from ….**

**March, 2009 – ACA, Charlotte, North Carolina**

**Nykeisha Moore, Thamara Thomas, and Sudohl Goldsmith**

**2009 - Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

**Lori Magnuson, Tamara Thomas with Dr. Estrada-Hernandez and James Stachowiak from the ICATER**