Hello, rehab students, faculty and alumni! I am Lesley O Irizarry, a first – year doctoral student in Rehabilitation Counselor Education. I am honored to be the new editor of the Rehab Review, beginning with this issue. Is our intent that you get to know everything that happens in our Program through this publication. Feel free to e-mail me any recommendations for the next issues. Hope you had a great semester !!!
NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OF COUNSELING, REHABILITATION AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT: Dennis R. Maki, Ph.D., Department Chair

The Department has spent a great deal of time and effort over the past years developing strategic plan for the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development. This plan complements the individual program plans submitted and accepted by the department faculty. The plan is intended to provide a clear sense of our priorities and efforts for 5 years. This plan is proposed with one overarching assumption that is the standard assumption of strategic planning: that we are always in the first year of a five-year plan. The performance indicators will be reviewed annually as a basis for revision of this plan. I would like you to be aware of who we see ourselves as and where we see our Department going.

Identity
The Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development is a community of accredited nationally recognized graduate counseling and student affairs professional preparation programs with a diverse faculty and student body who through research, teaching, leadership, and service facilitate the development of human potential and opportunities across the lifespan.

Mission
The Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development prepares students to facilitate human development across the life span; serve local, national and international communities. These goals are achieved through development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate to effective professional practice and to conduct and dissemination of research.

Values
- Respect for individual dignity
- Human diversity including persons, programs and perspectives
- Holistic approach to development over the life span
- Academic programs which embody professional excellence
- Blended curriculum of theory, reflection, research and supervised practice
- Professional ethical practice and personal integrity
- Open communication
- Cooperative, constructive process within a (multidisciplinary) community of consumers, scholars and practitioners
- Systemic inquiry as a basis for teaching and practice

Culture
The culture of the Department has been formed through adherence to our core values. The culture is characterized by collaborative decision making within a community that fosters open and consultative communication.

**Goals**

The University, College and Department have identified the following five goals—one each in the areas of undergraduate education, graduate and professional education and research, diversity, vitality, and engagement—as key to achieving our aspiration. I as always invite your comments regarding our mission and programs.

Go Hawks.

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**From the Coordinator’s Desk**

I have a quick update on several of the major activities and developments that have kept faculty, students and Advisory Board members busy in the last several months. First, I have the pleasure of announcing that effective Summer Semester, 2008, Dr. Jodi Saunders will assume the role of Program Coordinator of the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation. After contemplation and consultation with my colleagues, I decided that this would be an excellent time to make this transition after working in this capacity for many years. We now have the stability of 4 tenured faculty, and an excellent faculty member working toward tenure, a strong Advisory Board, and well-known, accredited, and well-organized academic programs. It was never intended that our administrative positions be long-term appointments. After a number of years of hard work on the part of the entire faculty team, it is now possible for me to return to “just” my own research, teaching, and service responsibilities. I have several research and scholarly projects in active development and a term as President of the American Association of State Counseling Board facing me in 2008 - 2009. I look forward to being able to give them proper attention as a result of this change. Of course, I will continue to actively participate in the GPR and rehabilitation community many other capacities. I will become Clinical Director, Dr, Wadsworth will continue as Director of the Master’s Program, Dr. Maki will become Director of the Doctoral Program and Dr. Estrada- Hernández will continue as Faculty Advisor to UI-ARCA.

I am sure that most of you already know Dr. Saunders through her work in many capacities – Director of the Doctoral Program, Clinical Coordinator, and Immediate Past-Chair of the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling. I imagine that the students, faculty, and rest of the GPR community really won’t experience much of a change in how we function since the entire faculty team has always worked closely together to “get the job done” -- that will not change. We will be
taking Spring Semester to prepare for this transition, and I hope you will join me in 
welcoming her and supporting Dr. Saunders in this new role within the GPR team.

Several other developments have occurred that especially should be 
highlighted:

√ In July the Council on Rehabilitation Education sent us official notification 
that the Master’s Program had achieved re-accreditation for the maximum period of 
8 years, the longest period possible. This accreditation complements our existing 
accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education 
Programs (CACREP) in the area of Community Counseling. I wish to compliment 
Dr. John Wadsworth for his excellent work in preparation for this important 
achievement.

√ We shared sponsorship of an excellent, well-attended workshop program 
with On With Life, a traumatic brain injury facility, in September in Ankeny, IA. 
This program included a superb, multimedia presentation by Michael Paul Mason on 
soldiers who had experienced a TBI in Iraq and the care they receive. He is 
publishing a book, *Head Cases*, in April, 2008 and we are hoping to bring an 
expanded version of this presentation to Iowa City for our Spring Semester 
Colloquium from 2:30 – 5:00pm on Friday, April 25. You won’t want to miss this 
very interesting, emotional and timely presentation that makes us all proud to be in 
rehab.

√ We finalized a specialization in Disaster and Emergency Response 
Counseling with the assistance of Advisory Board member, Peter Teahen of the Red 
Cross. It couldn’t be more timely and needed. While it may take a year to get it 
fully up and running, we will be offering the first course this summer.

√ We have strong talented new Advisory Board members to our group this 
fall to join our incredibly talented and dedicated current members. The first is Dr. 
Peggy Loveless, the President of NAMI-Johnson County. Ms. Loveless is widely 
known and respected for her work in NAMI, and she has been a major resource in 
the Program’s mental health and psychiatric rehabilitation courses for several years 
now. In the second case Dr. Dau-shen Ju has been “re-added” to the Board 
through shifting roles to represent his new employer the Iowa City Veteran’s 
Administration Medical Center. His former role in representing UI Services for 
Disabled Students will be assumed by the new Director of SDS when that person is 
selected. Mr. Jonathan Ice has agreed to join the Board to represent The Iowa 
Department of the Blind. Mr. Ice has taken an active interest in our Program for a 
number of years and will assist us with maintaining the strong relationship we have 
with the Department. We welcome you to our Advisory Board and look forward to 
the work we will do together.
Please read the rest of the newsletter with care since there are many positive stories to tell, and pay particular attention to the spectacular energetic work of our UI-ARCA student organization that has outdone itself this year!

Seasons Greetings!

Vilia Tarvydas

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!

Calendar of Events

Jan 10-12 American Association State Counseling Board Rehabilitation Counseling Consortium – New Orleans.

Feb 14-17 National Council Rehabilitation Education Spring Conference - San Antonio, Texas.

Mar 28-31 American Counseling Association – American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Annual Conference – Honolulu, Hawaii

April 25 Spring Advisory Board Meeting & Spring Colloquium

CRC Examination Information

Students: Are you planning to sit for the CRC examination in 2008/2009 The following link will provide you with information on application dates, application forms, and study materials.

http://www.crcccertification.com/

Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
1835 Rohlwing Road, Suite E
Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008 U.S.A.
847-394-2104
**Highlights from Fall 2007**

**Workshop in Ankeny on Brain Injury**

During the month of September our program had the opportunity to be one of the sponsors of the 7th Annual Education Conference, of On With Life’s. Professors and students that participated of this workshop had the opportunity to learned more about brain injury, the care system for the veterans with this condition and the rehabilitation process.

I heard great things about this conference. The good news is that one of the speaker Michael Mason, spoke on “The Pipeline-The Military Mega Medical Ride” and is author of “**Head Cases**” that is going to be published during the month of April, is going to be with us during the spring workshop.

To find more information about Mr. Mason and his book and when is going to be published you can access [http://www.michaelpaulmason.com/index.php](http://www.michaelpaulmason.com/index.php)

**The Big 3 Consortium**

The UI GPR faculty and a large number of the Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program doctoral students attended the 12th Annual Retreat and Conference of The Big 3 Consortium in September at the Kellogg Biological Field Station of Michigan State University together with our colleagues from Michigan State University (MSU) and Pennsylvania State University. This event had a record attendance this year and included Drs. Maki, Estrada-Hernandez, and Tarvydas, and doctoral students Erin Barnes, Monicke Davis, Mimi Getachew, Michael T. Hartley, and Quiteya Speights from UI. The conference program included presentations by Erin Barnes and Quiteya Speights about the experience of doctoral study at UI, and Dr. Maki about the recent CORE/CACREP merger discussions process and its implications. In addition, considerable time was spent on working through the general design of a Big 3 “connected education” course that will be co-developed and offered to the doctoral students on all three campuses in AY 2008-2009. The UI design team includes Erin Barnes and Dr. Estrada-Hernandez.

**Advisory Board Update**

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – CONDENSED VERSION**

(Note: These have not been approved by entire board)

Friday, October 26, 2007

Room N201 Lindquist Center

PROGRAM FACULTY PRESENT: Vilia Tarvydas, John Wadsworth, Jodi Saunders, Dennis Maki, and Noel Estrada-Hernandez.

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT DURING MEETING: Bettina Hass, Dan Heater, and Brian Manternach.

OLD BUSINESS

   Report of Joint On with Life/RCE Program Workshop: Ms. Fidler Dixon reported that this was the largest attendance ever for this annual workshop with nearly 200 participants. There was good attendance on the part of U of I students. Next year’s workshop will again be planned for a Friday in mid to late September. One of the speakers at this year’s workshop, Michael Mason, may be invited to do the Spring Colloquium for the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation (GPR).

   CORE Final Report: Dr. Tarvydas reviewed the summary of the accreditation notification that was provided to the Board. Congratulations were offered to the GPR for achieving the longest accreditation period that can be awarded: eight years. Dr. Tarvydas thanked the Board for their involvement in the accreditation process.

   Accessibility Issues: Dr. Wadsworth reported that, following the letter sent by the Advisory Board last year and the mention of the issue by the CORE accreditation team, there were several meetings to discuss College of Education accessibility issues. The meetings involved representatives from the Dean’s office, GPR faculty, the College’s Safety and Security Committee, and U of I Facilities Management staff. A survey of the building was done to identify conditions that were not in ADA compliance. A very good outcome of this exercise has been that it will serve as a model for how University personnel from other colleges and programs can work together to address accessibility issues. The collaborative group is now identifying what items can be addressed at no cost and what resources are available to fund those corrections that will cost money.

NEW BUSINESS

   Board Member Candidate: Dr. Tarvydas spoke to the nomination of Peggy Loveless as an addition to our Advisory Board. Ms. Loveless is the President of the local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and is involved in a number of other disability advocacy activities. Mr. Hackett moved and Ms. Fox seconded to accept Ms. Loveless as a new member of our Board. There was
additional discussion concerning whether Board Member Chris O’Hanlon would continue to serve, or have the Evert Conner Center for Independent Living represented by Jim Whalen. It was suggested by Dr. Tarvydas that the Center select the representation.

**Retention of Board Member:** Dau-Shen Ju no longer represents the Student Disability Services (SDS) office as he now works with the Iowa City Veteran’s Administration Center. Mr. Hackett suggested it would be of value to the Board to have representation from the VA Health Services sector as well as Mr. Hackett’s representation of the Benefits Administration sector. Dr. Dau-Shen Ju is being retained as a Board member.

**UI-ARCA REPORT**

Erin Barnes provided this report. Among the activities that this student group has conducted recently are: a mentor/mentee potluck, monthly brown bag information sessions, an upcoming professional poster preparation event, a “meet and greet” socialization activity, numerous activities around Disability Awareness Month, including a fundraiser with a local restaurant, Thai Flavors. Twelve agencies set up displays in the Old Capitol Mall on Disability Awareness Day. Thanksgiving will see an Adopt a Family activity. For Christmas they intend to do a Toys and Gifts delivery to the Ronald McDonald House. The Advisory Board applauded the extraordinary involvement and activity of the UI-ARCA.

**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**Steve Wooderson:** A recent Rehabilitation Services Administration review showed that Iowa met most of the standards and indicators expected by the RSA.

**Jim Whalen:** Mr. Whalen is the Interim Director of the Evert Conner Center for Independent Living. They continue to work with the GPR doctoral program to help develop a code of ethics for independent living centers on a national basis. Sara Johnston reviewed the involvement by students from the GPR and the Counselor Education program, including a national survey of independent living centers regarding their views about using a Code of Ethics; a national presentation given at the American Counseling Association’s (ACA) meeting in Detroit, Michigan in April, 2007; a national presentation given at the APRIL conference in San Antonio, Texas in October 2006, and a scholarly paper in progress.

**Stephanie Beier:** The Principal has been educating their rehabilitation consultants and will be hiring more next year. The Principal recently had a workshop presentation done by the U of I Center for Assistive Technology Education and Research.
Julie Fidler Dixon: Julie mentioned that the Brain Injury Association of Iowa is hiring a Neuro-Resource facilitation staffer in the Waterloo area and can be reached at 1-800-444-6443. She will attend an urgent meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss services for brain-injured civilians and veterans with brain injury in early November, and how these systems might work together in the future.

Jack Hackett: The VA is adding more rehabilitation personnel in Iowa. They are opening an office in northwest Iowa. Mr. Hackett has been appointed to the Governor’s Commission on Brain Injury.

Dau-Shen Ju: More funding has been made available to the medical side of the VA. Over 3,000 more people have been hired nationally. Locally there has been funding approved to relocate in-patient units. A satellite center will be established in Cedar Rapids. Dr. Ju recently helped bring in Mo Armstrong, a nationally known speaker.

Carole Collier: Student Disability Services (SDS) is doing a national search for a new Director. Their office has been moved to the lower level of Burge Residence Hall.

Mike Townsend: Goodwill Industries has continued to have a program for working with homeless veterans in several eastern Iowa communities.

Lowell Brandt: The Department of Corrections has a number of mental health issues that will be addressed over the next few years. The new medical/mental health unit at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center has now opened.

Gillian Fox: LifeSKILLS has had concerns about meeting the new Medicaid documentation requirements. LifeSKILLS has a number of GPR Masters students working with their program. LifeSKILLS is looking for students to work with their Evening Club program that works with people with mental illness.

ORVILLE TOWNSEND RECEIVES HONOR: It was announced that Board member Orville Townsend was attending the Iowa Rehabilitation Association conference where he was received the 2007 Gerald Beyer Award.

PRESENTATION ON ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Dan Heater (Director of Operations and Maintenance) and Brian Manternach (Engineer for Operations and Maintenance) from U of I Facilities Management. The presentation reported the findings of the survey of the Lindquist Center as reported in the Old Business section of these minutes.
PROGRAM UPDATES

Enrollment Report: Dr. Saunders and Dr. Wadsworth reported that they have an all-time high number of doctoral students at 17. They admitted 15 Master’s students this year but 3 have left the Program. Three of the remaining students are on longer tracks so will not complete the Program as quickly as the others. There is a high demand in the state-federal vocational rehabilitation agencies for rehabilitation counselors with a CRC.

MA Specialty Emphasis: Dr. Tarvydas gave a handout describing the proposed Plan of Study for the proposed specialty of Disaster Mental Health Counseling. Dr. Maki discussed the possibility of re-instituting a specialty in Couples and Family Counseling. That program was discontinued at the U of I several years ago and now a similar program at Iowa State University has ended. Dr. Maki hopes to see this specialty established by next fall.

MORE PROGRAM UPDATES

Big 3 Report: The Big 3 Universities had their 12th annual retreat this past year. Their new project will be to offer a new “connected education” (formerly known as “distance learning”) course. U of I people involved in this project include student Erin Barnes, Dr. John Achrazoglou (Director of the Education Technology Center) and Dr. Estrada-Hernandez. This will be a one semester hour course. Advisory Board members encouraged them to look at captioning the course and Dr. Estrada-Hernandez advised that they would be looking at universal design features.

SPRING MEETING

The tentative date for the Spring Advisory Board meeting is April 25, 2008.

Spring Colloquium is scheduled for April 25, 2008

R.E.A.C.H.

Professor Dennis Harper is the Program Director of the new Realizing Educational and Career Hopes (R.E.A.C.H.) Program.

R.E.A.C.H. is a program for students with multiple learning and cognitive disabilities that can offer the opportunity for learning, growth and independence within a caring, learning community.

Find out more information about REACH on the website www.education.uiowa.edu/reach

Now is the time to do it, the program is preparing to admit its first class of 18 to 20 students in august 2008. Be part of this excellent project !!!
Professional News

What is new for the professors?

Dr. Tarvydas

Certificate of Appreciation, Awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration, for work as Prime Study Group Member and Author, 33rd Institute on Rehabilitation Issues on "Improving Employment Outcomes Through Evidence Based Practices in Vocational Rehabilitation" in June, 2007.

President-Elect, American Association of State Counseling Boards.

Chair, CRCC Taskforce on Code of Ethics Revision.

Chair, Iowa Board of Behavioral Sciences, and Chair of the Board’s Disciplinary Committee.

Dr. Estrada

Faculty Advisor for UI-ARCA

Selected to be judge of the 2008 Martin Luther King Research Symposium

Served on the University’s President and Provost Teaching Award Committee

Served as referee for presentation proposals for the NCRE Spring Conference to be held in San Antonio in February, 2008

Provided in-service training to LifeSKILLS Inc employees regarding cultural issues in counseling and helping professions.

Consultant for the National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation of Puerto Rico

Interpreter for Spanish - speaking consumers of the Iowa Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Dr. Wadsworth.

NCRE Region 7 representative to the NCRE Board. The Board represents the Rehabilitation Counselor Education profession, conducts two international
conferences each year, and publishes the journal “Rehabilitation Education”. Key issues facing the Board are increasing the capacity of educational programs to meet the demand for rehabilitation counselor practitioners and educations. Information about NCRE and the Board can be found at the website: http://www.rehabeducators.org/about.htm

Member of the 34th Institute on Rehabilitation Issues which is creating a report that focuses on The Aging Workforce. This report will guide RSA and the rehabilitation counseling profession in serving the growing population of older workers who have a disability. A public hearing to solicit comments on the proposed document will be held in Washington DC in May 2008 and the full report issued sometime afterward. Information about the IRI can be found at the IRI websites: http://www.gwu.edu/~iri/psg.htm and http://www.rcep6.org/IRI/default.htm

Welcome New CRSD Students

This year we have five new students in the Ph D program in Rehabilitation Counselor Education and 11 students in the Master Rehabilitation Counseling Program !!!

Master:

Kristen Allen
Kira Bankson
Laura Berger
Courtney Cook
Vasudha Giduger
Brandi Hemesath

Suzanne Iehl
Elizabeth Lemke
Angela Messer
Amy Raulerson
Jeff Ribble

Ph D

Mimi Getachaw
Candis Hill
Lesley O Irizarry
Tamara Thomas
Tsai Yi-Hua

Welcome and good Luck everyone !!!

Writing Resources

About the Writing Center
The Writing Center, located in N372 LC, is a service available to any student, faculty member or professional in the Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development 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.

**Writing Center Hours (Fall 2007 )**
Monday: 11:00-4:30
Tuesday 9:00-12:30
Wednesday 12:00-4:00 pm

and by appointment or email consultation
(email marjorie-davis@uiowa.edu for appointments)
Office phone: 335-6044

For more information about the writing center you can access http://www.education.uiowa.edu/writing/

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**UI-ARCA News**

This e-mail was sent by Dr. Estrada at end of Fall Semester to all faculty and students to congratulate UI-ARCA on its work this Fall.

Hello rehabilitation students and colleagues,

I could not stop myself from writing this e-mail tonight to tell you how proud I am of UI - ARCA members and their efforts on this Christmas project. Not only we had a great time sharing stories and having some great food, but the toy drive produced more than expected results. We got toys for all the children on the Head Start program and we discovered some great gift wrapping talents!!!

In a more serious note, as faculty advisor, I am very proud of not only this activity, but the other activities that UI - ARCA has done this year like the Disability Awareness Day, the Tai Flavors fund raiser, the Brown Bag Lunch Programs, and the Thanksgiving baskets. I really believe this represents that rehab attitude that strives to achieve accommodating environments for those in needs regardless of how similar or different we all are.

You all should be proud of your efforts. Enjoy a very deserved break and hope you all have safe trips home.

Happy Holidays!

Dearly,

Dr. Estrada-Hernandez
Faculty Advisor, UI - ARCA