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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear NCRE Community,

Thank you for helping to make the spring 2014 conference in Manhattan Beach a success! We had more than 350 attendees, among who presented stellar research, cutting edge interventions, information on a broad range of topics.

As we enter the second half of 2014, my primary focus remains on legislation, specifically bill S1356. I am grateful to our members who contributed out of pocket to support legislative advocacy. A very special thanks to the faculty at VCU who made up the difference needed to reach the targeted fundraising amount. At the Spring CSAVR meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, I had the honor to represent NCRE as a panel member of the Coalition united to amend bill S1356. The Coalition membership includes CSAVR, NCSAB, and National Federation for the Blind (NFB), National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), APSE and the Collaboration to Support Self Determination (CSSD). My presented message was well received. The following day, membership met with their elected officials to express their concerns regarding bill S1356.

I will continue to send out legislative alerts as the bill S1356 is in conference in both the House and the Senate. It is very important for us to collaborate across the country and contact your elected officials in Washington, DC and inform them that it is imperative that Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) for rehabilitation counselors must be maintained. While we appear to be making headway against the move of the Rehabilitation Services Administration to the US Department of Labor, it is an uphill battle on the CSPD standards.

As they say in Washington, D.C., the first priority for a politician is to be elected. The second priority is to be re-elected. As a registered voter in your state, your voice matters. Even if you wrote to your elected officials several months ago, contact them again. Let your voice be heard!

Please continue to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I will continue to do my best to represent NCRE to the best of my ability.

Maureen McGuire-Kuletz
NCRE President
NEWS from the NCRE Administrative Office

Greetings Colleagues!

As another semester is coming to an end and you begin to wrap things up I hope you are making plans for a wonderful summer break.

NCRE Website

A new feature we added is the Job Board. The NCRE website is the primary source for reaching rehabilitation educators. Our website receives over 18,000 visits per year from 96 countries and territories and 52 states/regions within the United States.

Currently we have 13 job postings. Please make sure to check each announcement as the deadline dates vary.

You can access the job board in two ways:
- NCRE homepage, please scroll to the middle of the page and on the right sidebar you will find “Recent Job Announcement” located at this link: http://www.ncre.org
- Resource tab, located at this link http://www.ncre.org/jobboard.html

If you are interested in posting a job or a job seeker please contact the administrative office for more details at info@ncre.org

14th Annual Spring Conference

We recently had our 14th Annual Spring conference in Manhattan Beach, CA, March 12-14, 2014.

The theme for the conference was “Disruptive Technologies in Higher Education: Preparing Future Leaders and Professionals”.

We had 357 attendees from all points of the U.S. to include international presence from Sydney, Japan, Taiwan, China and Canada.

We had 156 students and of this 85 were Master’s levels students in attendance. We had our 2nd Annual Master’s Level Student Recruitment Fair with VR recruiters from Idaho and Pennsylvania. We are pleased to see so many students participating at all levels.

Our Keynote Speaker was Paul Schiff Berman. Paul currently serves as the Vice Provost for Online Education and Academic Innovation at The George Washington University, as well as the Manhattan Professor of Law at GW Law School.
Paul was video conferenced for his keynote address on “The Future of Online Education: Lessons from the Internet Circa 1998”.

The Council on Diversity and Equity established the Dr. Ted Daniels Scholarship Fund to annually support students to attend NCRE training conferences to interact with rehabilitation educators and professionals.

We had our 2nd Annual Ted Daniel’s Silent Auction and would like to thank everyone who donated item and our winning recipients for their gracious support. We look forward to announcing the Ted Daniels’ Scholarship in the months to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who contributed to the preparation of the conference (planning committee, lead proposal reviewer team, proposal reviewers, awards committee, and student volunteers leaders) as I appreciate your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

NCRE/RSA/CSAVR Fall 2014 Conference

This year, the conference planning committee is soliciting papers consistent with a timely and critical theme: “Back to the Future: “Embracing the Journey”. The conference will be held in Arlington, VA from Sunday, November 2 - Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

This year’s conference is designed to focus on universal design and assistive technology, knowledge translation, and the development of students and new professionals. The conference features the following tracks: Developing the rehabilitation professionals of the future in the US and Internationally, Developing Effective Business Partnerships, Research to Practice: Knowledge Translation and Universal Design/Assistive Technology

The Call For Papers is now open and the deadline date to submit is Sunday, July 13, 2014, at 9:00pm PDT. More detailed information on how to submit your proposal and much more can be found at this link http://www.ncre.org/fall.html

The link for the hotel is Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel

The main airport hub to fly into is Ronald Reagan Washington National – DCA, which is 1 mile from the Renaissance Arlington Hotel. There is an airport shuttle service, which is complimentary.

Registration details along with hotel link to make your reservation to follow in August 2014. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!
NCRE Spring 2015 Conference

Our 15th Annual NCRE Spring conference planning is underway. The conference will in Newport Beach, CA at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – Friday, April 24, 2015**.

Call For Papers will be announced by **June 2014**. Here’s a head’s up to be on the lookout for the announcement. More detailed information will be available and posted to the NCRE website in the months to come at this link [http://www.ncre.org/spring.html](http://www.ncre.org/spring.html)

The link for the hotel is **Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa**

Registration, hotel reservations, sponsorship opportunities and much more will open in mid **November 2014**.

**Nearby Attractions:**
- Disneyland – 25 minutes from hotel.
- Fashion Island – Across the street, adjacent from the hotel (100 retail stores, 40 restaurants, and much more).
- Balboa Island – 4 miles from hotel.
- Corona Del Mar Beach – 2 miles from hotel.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

If you have any questions or would like to know how you can become more involved in NCRE please contact me.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you as the Chief Operating Officer and look forward to working with you.
REGIONAL UPDATES

Region 1 Update: Submitted by Michael Accordino, Region 1 Representative

Central Connecticut State Univ.
CCSU is working on conversion to Clinical MH & Rehab Counseling standards & 4th year of RSA Long Term training grant.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Currently hiring one new faculty. May have 1-2 more openings next year. Restarted the Dual Degree/Advanced Senior program. Working on conversion to Clinical MH & Rehab Counseling credential. Applied for RSA 84.129 Rehabilitation Long-Term Training grant. Most of our graduates are employed by MRC, CT-BRS, and ACCESS-VR in NY. Mike Accordino is currently on sabbatical conducting a study in collaboration with Tom McCarthy at Assumption College entitled “Comparing Traditional and Distance Formats of a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Course”.

UMASS-Boston
GPD: Sheila Fesko
Full time faculty: James Soldner, Dimity Peter

Programs / Concentrations: 60 credit MS in rehab counseling degree. We are in the process of establishing both a 48 credit MS in rehab counseling, as well as a 60 credit MS in clinical rehab counseling degrees.

Currently, we have the following concentrations within the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development (SGISD), in the the rehab counseling program is now housed: 1) Rehab Counseling, 2) Vision Studies, 3) Transition Leadership, and 4) Individualized plan of study. We also now have a Ph.D. Program in Global Inclusion and Social Development, in which doc students can have a concentration in any of the previous concentrations mentioned. Also, a Disabilities Studies concentration is currently under review by grad studies.

Most of our graduates are employed by MRC and other CRPs in the local Boston and MA/New England area. I hope this information is helpful.

Southern Maine
In the process of doing the Clinical RC conversion for our PSR track in the fall of 2014. I'm also moving a proposal forward to develop a 3-2 accelerated degree with the UMF undergraduate program. We are also graduating our first cohort of 5 students from UM in Machias this spring, which is a distance option that delivers our RC degree over a 3 year period.

University of Maine at Farmington
Rolling out a new proposed RS-UMF & RCE-USM Accelerated Program regarding the Master of Science in Counseling, however, it will not be finalized until March 21st. Charlie Bernaccio from USM has been collaborating on this proposal for a couple of years and they are eager to commence
Cornell University
Wendy Strobel Gower, from the grant funded center focused on disability and work in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations reported the following:

Work Life Balance Research:

LaWanda Cook, Ph.D. from the Employment and Disability Institute was awarded a Field Initiated Research Grant entitled “Finding a Balance: Work, Life, and Disability”. For individuals with disabilities to enter into meaningful and sustainable employment, consideration must be given to how work fits into the rest of their lives, including daily disability management. Ultimately, this research will help people with disabilities to obtain employment and provide insights as to how they can have longer, more satisfying work lives. Findings from this research will also provide information for employers about workplace benefits and policies which support effective work-life management of individuals with disabilities.

PROMISE Grant:

The Employment and Disability Institute (EDI) in the ILR School worked collaboratively with the Governor of New York State, and seven primary state agencies, to successfully secure a $32.5 million grant to test innovations and new approaches to supporting the successful adult outcomes of youth with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income. EDI will manage the implementation of 20-25 demonstration sites located in three regions of New York State. Specifically EDI will: manage local providers to ensure fidelity of the research intervention to improve employment and education outcomes for these youth across project partners; design, conduct, and monitor the research and evaluation of the interventions; design, implement and evaluate organizational capacity building efforts; support state oversight and evaluate engagement of state agency partners and stakeholders; and, produce scholarly publications of results regarding the effectiveness of different interventions in improving employment and education outcomes for youth with disabilities in New York State.

Hilbert College
Kathryn (Kate) Regan Eskew, MS, CRC, Associate Professor in Human Services and Rehabilitation Services reported that at Hilbert College we are an undergraduate rehabilitation services program. In conjunction with St. Bonaventure University, a new master’s in rehabilitation counseling was initiated this fall. Given that both schools are Franciscan and we are in the process of looking to ways to collaborate, it seems that in the next year we will have a seamless transition from the undergrad to graduate program. Both colleges are also going to pursue accreditation. I am the contact for Hilbert College, Barbara Trolley is the contact for St. Bonaventure University.
Hofstra University
Andrea Perkins Nerlich, Ph.D., CRC, CVE, reported that the Hofstra Rehabilitation Counseling Program and its faculty have been hard at work this year. We have experienced an increased enrollment in both of our Certificates of Advanced Study options, for Category R and for those returning for coursework to seek licensure as a mental health counselor in the state of New York. Dr. Mitus just completed the application to compete for another Long-Term Training Grant with RSA, and will be submitting for review a CORE-CACREP self-study for accreditation as a clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program. If granted, the accreditation will apply to the 60-credit Rehabilitation Counseling in Mental Health program. Dr. Nerlich, as advisor to the Rehabilitation Counseling Student Association (RSCA), organized a well-attended networking event “Connecting for Careers” in November, which featured 6 panelists from unique sectors of rehabilitation counseling services offering advice to students on their career search and professional development. The RCSA will be organizing another event at the end of the year priming students for interviewing for fieldwork and jobs. This semester, Dr. Nerlich is teaming with ACCES-VR (NY state VR) to develop a class project in her Foundations of Transition class; students are designing content for future web-based modules that will teach students with disabilities and their parents about post-school options and paths to achieving them. The Program is furthering its strong relationship with ACCES-VR by co-hosting their Nassau County Vendor Fair, an opportunity for state VR counselors to learn more about various community rehabilitation providers; and the 14th Annual Winning Edge Conference, a free annual professional development conference for rehabilitation professionals. The Hofstra RC Program is already looking forward to the 2014-2015 academic year when the program will be celebrating its 45th anniversary!

Hunter College CUNY
Arnold Wolf, PhD, reported that we continue to provide the CORE approved program to 83 students with 18 persons having graduated in the last year. Dr. Cardoso and Dr. O'Neil, Emeritus, are developing the Clinical Rehabilitation Program for potential submission this year. Since New York State only has LMHC license available for counselors, this will likely give rehabilitation students a clear pathway to licensure which has not been the case thus far.

SUNY at Buffalo
Dr. David Burganowski reported the following Highlights of the SUNY at Buffalo Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Currently have 97 students active in the program. 10 additional students that are presently taking a leave of absence for various reasons.
- 27 on-campus students; 67 online students
- Our online program is fully online; Meaning students are able to complete the entire program in their own community.
- Approximately 23% of our students are minorities; 18% have self-identified as having a disability.
- We have students from all over the globe currently enrolled in our program.
- In spring 2012, CORE reviewed our program and awarded us full accreditation status for a term of eight years.
As a result of both, program growth and CORE’s recommendation, the program has hired two additional faculty: an Assistant/Associate Professor (Dr. Chia-Chiang Wang) and a .5 FTE Clinical Coordinator (Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo). We were also allowed to hire a part-time Staff Assistant.

Current faculty include the following:
- Six full-time faculty within the department of Counseling and Educational Psychology.
- 15 adjunct faculty

Submitted by John Keegan, Ph.D, CRC

**Region III Submitted by Carolyn Hawley, Region 3 Representative**

**The George Washington University**

The GW TACE is in the final year of the RSA grant and wrapping up activities.

The GW Rehabilitation Counseling program offered the 15th Annual Rehabilitation Symposium on April 17, 2014. This provides an opportunity for students, former students and internship supervisors to learn and discuss current topics in the field. Ms. Kelly McKee, a graduating master’s degree student, was awarded the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association (PRA) Student of the Year for 2014.

**University of Pittsburgh**
PhD Student Kristin Graham, MS, won ARCA Doctoral Student of the Year
Faculty member Patty Costantini, RN, MED, CRC, LPC Elected CRCC Board of Directors-President Elect

Faculty Member Jamie, Schutte, PhD elected CRCC Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer

**Virginia Commonwealth University**
Program is moving from 48 credit hours to 60.

**West Virginia University**
Margaret Glenn, PhD, CRC has returned to the position of Program Coordinator following Sabbatical

**Region IV Submitted by Brenda Cartwright, Region 4 Representative**

**Alabama State University by J. Chad Duncan**
Since the Fall 2013 NCRE conference, considerable changes have occurred in the Department of Rehabilitation Studies. The biggest change and loss was of our dear colleague, Dr. D. Gent Dotson who unexpectedly passed away in the second week of Spring classes. His loss is still being felt by the students and those who cared about him dearly. We have established the Dr. D. Gent Dotson Student Success Fund in honor of his never yielding passion for the success and support of all students, especially those in rehabilitation services.
The second change in the department has been the change in leadership which occurred in late November 2013- Dr. Steven Chesbro became Interim Chair of the department, Dr. J. Chad Duncan was appointed as interim program coordinator, and in Rehabilitation Services, Dr. Joseph Pete was appointed interim program coordinator.

Earlier this year 2014, Rehabilitation Counseling had their CORE site visit.

Soon to be official, we will have two positions open within the Department, one for Chair of Rehabilitation Studies and one specifically for the undergraduate program. The undergraduate program has grown leaps and bounds since 2011 with 32 students. Now the program has grown to over 200 majors, under the coordination of Dr. Pete, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Duncan, and the late Dr. Dotson.

The Rehabilitation Counseling program will be graduating its largest class of 20 students in Spring 2014, if all goes well.

**Florida Atlantic University by Michael F.**

Florida Atlantic University is experiencing great growth and success in the rehabilitation counseling program, with a new assistant professor position expected next fall. The program once again this year had all students pass the CRC exam which is used as the exit exam in the program. Average starting salary for graduates over the last five years continues to be high at $42,340, with the majority of our students finding employment before graduation. We continue to maintain a Category R program with expansion in the near future with online courses. The veterans with disability program and research at the university continues to enjoy good collaboration as FAU research works to put rehabilitation counselors into the VA system in multiple areas.

**Georgia State University by Dr. Dennis D. Gilbride**

There are two major initiatives at GSU that I will highlight. First, we are in the process of moving from a 48 to 60 credit program so that we can apply for CACREP/CORE accreditation for a Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling program. We hope to complete the process within the next school year and if all goes well, admit students into the new program Fall 2015.

We have also added a Rehabilitation Counseling Track in our CACREP Counselor Education and Practice doctoral program. We will have our first student in this new track in Fall 2014. Our goal is to admit 1 to 2 students per year in this doctoral track. Students will graduate with a CACREP doctoral degree and expertise in disability. Students will take courses in our department (Counseling and Psychological Services) and in GSU’s college of Public Health.

We have a full master’s cohort group this year (20 students), 95% CRC pass rate, and almost all of last year’s graduates had job offers by the end of their internships.
Debbie Berens just won The Lifetime Achievement Award in Life Care Planning presented by the International Academy of Life Care Planners, a section of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP).

Dennis David Gilbride won the James F. Garrett Award for a Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Research Award, 2013 from the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, presented at the American Counseling Association Convention.

Atlanta is putting in a trolley system downtown that should be running by summer. Come visit!

**North Carolina A&T State University by Quintin Boston**
The Rehabilitation Counseling Program in the Department of Human Development and Services at North Carolina A&T continues to grow. The RC faculty continues to promote student advancement and professional development.

The 2014 REMBA conference will occur on Thursday, April 10-Friday, April 11 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. A variety of topics will be addressed during the conference, including trauma-informed care, drug addiction etc. As a result, participants will have the opportunity to complete up to 14 contact hours useful for counseling certification and licensure. The cost to register for the REMBA conference is $50 for students and $90 for professionals. All registration fees should be paid by Friday, April 4.

Interested parties can register online by visiting [https://ncat.gosignmeup.com/remba](https://ncat.gosignmeup.com/remba) For more information, please contact the REMBA conference coordinator, Dr. Rochelle Cassidy, at rembaconference@gmail.com or 336-285-4389.

**South Carolina State University by David Staten**
We are gearing up for our CORE re-accreditation in 2015-2016.

Dr. David Staten was named the Alumnus of the Year for The University of Iowa's Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program.

Dr. David Staten was appointed as the Leadership Task Force Chair for the American Counseling Association.

Dr. Cassandra Sligh-Conway, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, was named President-Elect for the National Association of Educational Research.

**University of Kentucky by Ralph M. Crystal**

The sun is shining and the afternoon temperature has inched back up to 20 degrees, so we are back at work. Fortunately, it was not as bad as the initial forecast was; we only got a little bit of ice and 5-6 inches of snow!

**University of Tennessee-Knoxville by Wayne Mulkey**
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville has a new interim Program Coordinator Wayne Mulkey, Ph.D., CRC. We continue to provide on-campus and on-line graduate training to around twenty (20) students. Faculty include: Dr. Amy Skinner and Dr. Patrick Dunn. Part time faculty is Ms. Lisa Rimmell. The Rehabilitation Counseling Program is housed in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences ……in the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling.

We are preparing for our 2015 CORE Review. Also, the University submitted a recent proposal to RSA for Student Funding.

**Winston Salem State University by Yolanda Edwards**

Winston Salem State University is in the process of hiring a new Assistant/Associate Professor position for Fall 2014. Winston Salem State University Rehabilitation Counseling program is establishing a new global initiative. Dr. Brenda Cartwright traveled to Ghana to visit Cape Coast University in February 2014 to establish a partnership with their counseling and guidance program.

**Region V Report: Submitted by Eun-Jeong Lee, Region 5 Representative**

**Northern Illinois University**

Dr. Daniel Boutin achieved tenure and promotion to Associate Professor! The team of students from NIU was selected as a winner of the ARCA sponsored Understand Rehabilitation Counseling project. Students created a video to increase awareness for and understanding of rehabilitation counseling. A link to the video follows: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKRUiPZkbQ.

A search is underway for a full-time, masters-level clinical faculty member

Drs. Daniel Boutin, Bryan Dallas, and Amanda McCarthy will be presenting at the spring NCRE conference.

**Region VI Report: Submitted by Denise Catalano, Region 6 Representative**

**Stephen F. Austin**

Students involved in the Rehabilitation Career Planning Clinic provided vocational testing and career guidance to at-risk adolescents in the surrounding community.

**University of Arkansas – Fayetteville**

Brent T. Williams, associate professor, is the principle investigator of a $32 million, five-year Promise grant (Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income) awarded to the College of Education and Health Professions by the U.S. Department of Education. The federal program is aimed at improving the education and career outcomes of low-income Arkansas teenagers with disabilities. The award is believed to be the largest research grant ever received by the University of Arkansas. Stephanie Lusk, assistant professor, edited the forthcoming textbook Counseling the Addicted Family that will be published by Aspen Professional Services in 2014. The College of Education and Health Professions academic program at UA-Fayetteville ranked
eighth in the nation according to Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin for the number of research articles published by faculty in peer-reviewed publications.

**University of North Texas**
UNT has filled two faculty positions - Jessica Brooks from the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been hired for a tenure-track research position, and Rachita Sharma from University of Texas – Pan American for a clinical lecturer position. The UNT rehabilitation counseling program continues to assist rehabilitation counseling doctoral students nationwide get experience in teaching master’s level on-line courses through available teaching assistantships.

**University of Texas- Pan American**
Nichole Valenta was honored at the NCRE 2014 Spring Conference as the Undergraduate Student of the Year.

**Region VII Report: Submitted by John Wadsworth, Regional 7 Representative**
No report at this time.

**Region VIII Report: Submitted by Jill Bezyak, Region 8 Representative**

**The University of Northern Colorado by Jill Bezyak**
The University of Northern Colorado continues to experience growth in the Master’s Program in Rehabilitation Counseling and the undergraduate program in Human Services. Dr. Jill Bezyak, Associate Professor at UNC, recently began work with the Rocky Mountain ADA Center and is now serving as the PI for all research activities on the project.

Research and service learning opportunities continue to be incorporated into both the undergraduate and graduate programs. This spring a new interdisciplinary course is being offered to undergraduate students. The course focuses on improving physical and mental health through a variety of interventions in order to promote wellness among college students.

**South Dakota State University by Alan Davis**
South Dakota State University is currently running at capacity in terms of enrollment with a healthy number of applicants awaiting the fall admissions decisions. Students have been busy with service projects as part of a re-energized Chi Sigma Iota chapter, which includes students from the other counseling specialties.

**Montana State University by Terry Blackwell**
Montana State University has a new full-time Assistant/Associate Professor tenure track position, which will begin in the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Region 8 TACE Center by Scott Sabella**
The TACE grant is in the middle of its 6th year extension funding. The Region 8 TACE Center continues leadership and supervision initiatives through collaboration with the TACE Region 10 and Paul Dziedzic for the Emerging Leaders series of workshops. It is a 3 workshop series for the developing administrative leaders in state VR.
The Region 8 TACE Center is also preparing to begin work with Jared Schultz on a clinical supervision training program developed by Jared and Jim Herbert (Penn State) with a plan to pilot this training with a couple states in Region 8.

Other key general needs being met by the TACE Center include DSM-5 changes and ICD coding, working with employers, working with ex-offenders, fiscal management, working with difficult client behaviors, and appropriate documentation of rationale at the key points within a client’s case file.

**Rocky Mountain ADA Center by Candice Alder**
The ADA National Network would like to announce the ADA Symposium in Denver, CO, June 15-18 with comedian Josh Blue as one of the featured speakers. New trainings offered by the ADA Network include ‘The ADA and Religious Institutions,’ ‘Self Evaluation and Transition Planning for ADA Compliance,’ and ‘The Access Board Webinar: Open Questions and Answers.’

**Region IX Report: Submitted by Aisha Shamburger Rousseau Region 9 Representative**

**California State University, Fresno by Jenelle Pitt**
The Assistant Professor in Rehabilitation Counseling Search at California State University, Fresno is still underway. Dr. Jenelle Pitt received the Unsung Hero Rosa Parks Award from the Center for Women and Culture at Fresno State on Friday, February 28, 2014. This award is reserved for a faculty or staff member that is committed to the success of students and is devoted to inspiring students to achieve excellence in all aspects of their life. Dr. Pitt was also selected as this year's recipient of the Rehabilitation Educator of the Year Award, which will be presented at the upcoming NCRE Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 14, 2014.

**California State University, Sacramento by Guy Deaner**
California State University, Sacramento is in the process of hiring for a new faculty member. The position is a combination of Vocational Rehabilitation and Career Counseling.

**San Diego State University by Charles Degeneffe**
The San Diego State University Rehabilitation Counseling Program (RCP) has hired Dr. Mark Tucker as a new Assistant Professor who will start in Fall 2014. Dr. Tucker currently works on several grant and contract projects at the SDSU Interwork Institute and teaches part time in the RCP. The RCP is hosting 16 colleagues from the Netherlands in March, who are visiting in Sacramento and San Diego to learn more about our services for transition-age youth. This is the fifth group who has visited, and is based on an ongoing collaboration between SDSU and nTransition that has focused on training around transition services and person-driven planning. Other outcomes include a student internship in the Netherlands for a semester, and travel abroad for 11 RCP students in June 2013 who visited transition and rehabilitation programs in the Netherlands and in Ireland. The RCP shares information on our international collaborations, RCP student and faculty international trips (including the trip to the Netherlands and Ireland), and current research by students and faculty through our Brown Bag Lecture Series. Brown Bags are open to the public at no cost and broadcast live and archived through the Interwork Institute website at [http://interwork.sdsu.edu/main/training/brownbags](http://interwork.sdsu.edu/main/training/brownbags).
San Francisco State University by Julie Chronister
SFSU’s rehabilitation counselor training program is excited to announce our new faculty member, Sandra Fitzgerald, PhD, CRC. SFSU’s rehabilitation program also has a new name, “Clinical Rehabilitation-Mental Health Counseling” and has applied for the dual CORE-CACREP program accreditation. The rehabilitation program completed its 5th year of a Long Term Training grant, and we have placed over 15 graduates in public VR over the past 5 years. The new faculty member will also serve as a faculty liaison to our State VR program to insure continued field placement and employment opportunities for our students and graduates. SFSU’s rehabilitation program has a thriving Rehabilitation Student Association which provides students with peer support, advocacy, workshops and networking. In addition, our students and program work collaboratively with the University’s Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability.

University of Arizona by Chih-Chin Chou
University of Arizona’s rehabilitation program has a new name, “Counseling” with an emphasis in either Rehabilitation Counseling and Mental Health or School Counseling. We have also applied for the dual CORE-CACREP program accreditation.

University of Hawaii at Manoa by Kathryn K. Yamamoto
The University of Hawaii at Manoa currently has 2 cohorts of students. We enjoy the diversity of the student participants in this online program. We will be interviewing applicants for the 2014 cohort at the end of this month.

Region X Report: Submitted by Tina Anctil, Region 10 Representative

IDAHO
University of Idaho by Susan Stuntzner
At U of I, we are recruiting for a new cohort of students which will start in May of 2014. Students are currently being recruited for Coeur d'Alene and Boise. February, 2014, University of Idaho was approved to offer Category R. Faculty are working to plan on how to roll out this program. UI applied for this year's RSA grant. We are exploring the possibility of adding the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Track.

OREGON
Western Oregon University by Julia Smith
Points of Interest – Program Review
The RCE program is moving toward dual accreditation of CORE and CACREP. With that in mind, we have gone through the program change process to add a third track to the program. Currently there are two tracks, RC (general rehabilitation) and RCD (deaf specific) which both require 81 quarter hours. We have added a mental health track that will be 90-quarter hours and we changed the name of the program from Rehabilitation Counselor Education (RCE) to Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (RMHC). These changes will take place fall, 2014. In addition, we are planning for a 40th RCE Program Anniversary celebration, which will take place in September, 2014.

Portland State University by Tina Anctil
• We currently have 35 full-time students in the three-year master’s degree program.
• We officially changed our name to Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and all students enrolled are completing a 90-quarter credit master’s degree.
• We will submit a CORE/CACREP Clinical Rehab Counseling Self-Study for the February 2015 deadline.
• We are in our 4th year of the RSA Long-Term Training and are supporting 18 students this year.
• We submitted a proposal for the 2014 RSA Long-Term Training grant. There are a record number of RC openings at OVRS and the Commission for the Blind, and the RSA funding is critical to help fulfill the hiring needs in Oregon.

WASHINGTON
University of Washington
Rehabilitation Sciences Ph.D. Program: submitted by Kurt Johnson
Although our admissions deadline for our next cohort of Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences has passed, we could still consider a qualified applicant (http://rehab.washington.edu/education/degree/rehabsci/default.asp). This is an interdisciplinary program with a focus on training excellent rehabilitation researchers and academics. We also are accepting applications for a fellow position in our Advanced Training on Outcomes in Rehabilitation Research program (http://rehab.washington.edu/education/fellowship/uwatorr/default.asp).

The Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation by Kathe Matrone
The Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation, University of Washington is actively involved in several training events and technical assistance activities this spring. A series of trainings has been offered on working with individuals with personality disorders and substance abuse challenges. This three day training focuses both on the clinical aspects of personality disorders as well as how to work with individuals in the rehabilitation process.

The National Certificate in Employment Services will be offered in Seattle, Anchorage and Juneau. The Certificate in Employment Services (CES) concentrates on practical employment strategies for people with disabilities, and provides an overview of significant disabilities; practical strategies for career development, job development, and job support; and rehabilitation issues/ current trends.

The 2014 Emerging Leaders Series is accepting nominations thru March 28th. This is a 3 session program is designed and enhance the leadership skills of managers working in state rehabilitation agencies, non-profit programs, and other rehabilitation focused organizations.

In addition, the Center offers ongoing webinars and on-line training. Topics for this spring include an overview of the DSM-5 and Baby Boomers & Unacknowledged Disability. The NW ADA Center has developed an on-line training program in Respectful Interactions: Disability Language and Etiquette. The TACE Northwest is waiting for the NPP for TACE refunding to be published in the Federal Register soon.
Western Washington University: Submitted by Beth Boland

- WWU currently has 39 students in the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling.
- 17 students are on target to graduate in August with an additional 2 students on target to graduate in December.
- We are in the process of recruiting for Fall 2014. The priority deadline is April 1st, but we accept applications until June 1st, depending on space availability.
- We have one RSA Long-Term Training Grant, which is currently supporting 16 second-year students.
- We have applied for a second RSA Long-Term Training Grant to focus on second year students who have made a commitment to complete internship at a state VR agency.
- We received a one-time $20,000 scholarship from GENEX Services, Inc. in the Fall for new students in the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling, which is partially supporting 12 first-year students.
- We have hired a new tenure-track Assistant Professor, Dr. Dana Brickham, who will begin teaching this summer.

International Representative - NCRE Board Report by Elias Mpofu

a) Both the NCRE and the Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors (ASORC) have mutually hosted a sponsored delegate each at their conferences. The NCRE hosted delegate David George, who is ASORC Executive Member (Fall 2013). This reciprocated previous hosting of NCRE Delegate David Strauser by ASORC at their 2011 biennial international conference. I project more collaborative delegate exchanges continuing including partnerships with allied practice communities.
   a. The University of Sydney’s Rehabilitation Counseling program renewed its institutional membership of the NCRE for year 2014. This will continue for the foreseeable future.
   b. I dialogue the Finnish JAMK University of Applied Sciences, School of Health and Social Studies Rehabilitation Counselling programme to consider membership of the NCRE (November 2013). They were keenly interested and am still to hear from the NCRE Admin Office whether they have applied for institutional membership.
   c. A systematic approach is needed to encourage and international program memberships of the NCRE. Much can be achieved in currently internationally networked members used their partnerships to leverage membership enrollment.

b) The Research collaborations include:
   a. Publication of special issue of the Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counselling (Vol 19, 2) on Family and TBI Rehabilitation to publish this October Guest Edited by Dr. Charles Edmund Degeneffe. This attracted contributions from leading scholars in the field and from across 5 counties and three continents [EU, Australia, North America, South America]. Ten NCRE members on the Editorial Board of the Australian Journal of Rehabilitation Counselling (AJRC)
   b. Two edited books to publish with Springer to submit by June 2014; one with a focus of family participation (edited by Dr. Michael Millington) in rehabilitation and the other on community-oriented health services (edited by Dr. Elias Mpofu).
Many NCRE membership are contributing authors, and particularly to the title on family involvement in rehabilitation service delivery.

Trent Landon, Student Representative

Some students have asked about volunteering on committees. I wonder if we couldn’t announce committee chairs at the student social and solicit volunteers at that time, as well as by having some type of signup sheet at the front desk?

Student attendance at the fall conference was good. The one on one style of the Student Social was well received. Might be hard to replicate at the Spring Conference due to sheer numbers, but it has led to an attempt to still personalize the student social in groups of 8 (7 students with 1 board member). Tables will be arranged in the main ball room with a board member assigned to a table, primarily with students from their region when possible. Students are hopefully a balanced blend of master’s and doctoral students.

Student attendance for the Spring Conference is down by about 70 students. This could be a result of the change in dates of the conference as well as the ACA conference being held in Hawaii. There are no students from Regions I and II, likely due to the distance. But every other region is represented as well as one International Student from Taiwan.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

AY 2013-2014 NCRE Awards Committee Report by Lori Bruch

The Awards Committee includes:
Dr. Stacia Robertson, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Dr. Rebecca Spirito Dalglin, University of Scranton
Dr. Kathe Matrone, University of Washington
Dr. Anna Harpster, VA
Dr. Lori Bruch, Awards Chair

Amanda McCarthy from NIU will join the committee in the summer of 2014.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
The 5th Annual President’s Award for Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation recognizes a truly superior state-federal vocational rehabilitation (VR) program. This award honors excellence among state agencies, emphasizes partnerships with rehabilitation educational programs, and provides an opportunity to share innovative and creative efforts with colleagues.

The 5th Annual President’s Award for Excellence in Vocational Rehabilitation was presented to the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services (DARS).

SPRING AWARDS

The 2014 Recipients are:
New Career in Rehabilitation Education: Dr. Chung-Yi Chiu, University of Illinois-Urbana
Rehabilitation Educator of the Year: Dr. Jenelle Pitt, University of California-Fresno
Rehabilitation Undergraduate Student: Nichole Valenta, University of Texas-Pan-America
Rehabilitation Graduate Student: Kathleen Seader, Utah State University
Rehabilitation Doctoral Student: Matthew Sprong, Southern Illinois University

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Council Report by Lynn Koch

Members of the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Council have focused their attention this year on how to advance psychiatric rehabilitation as a model for preparing students to become clinical rehabilitation counselors. We are in the process of preparing a white paper to addresses this issue, and we plan to disseminate the final paper to NCRE members. We are also presenting a concurrent session at the NCRE Spring 2014 Conference on this topic. In the concurrent session, panelists representing programs that offer coursework in psychiatric rehabilitation (PSR) will discuss how they have created curriculum that both infuses knowledge and skills in recovery-oriented, evidenced-based PSR practices and fulfills counseling licensure requirements. Finally, we are working on a proposal for a special issue in Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education on PSR education and its applications to clinical rehabilitation counseling.
In recent years there has been a strong focus on the issues of knowledge translation, evidence-based practice, and increasing research that benefits the vocational rehabilitation programs. Yet, we continue to struggle with the translation and implementation of real innovations into practice. One key aspect of the process of realizing innovative change at the practitioner level is the professional development of service providers.

The professional development process is complex and systemic in nature. It requires more than simply providing presentations on specific topics. It must be based on principles of adult learning, supervision, peer support, organizational culture, etc. For this reason, this year’s conference is designed to focus universal design and assistive technology, knowledge translation, and the development of students and new professionals. As those individuals are responsible for professional development (from pre-service education to in-service training) are able to increase their skill sets in the professional development process, the likelihood of knowledge translation and improved services for persons with disabilities will increase.

This year’s conference will be held at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington VA, Sunday, November 2 - Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Based on the conference theme of, Back to the Future: “Embracing the Journey” the conference tracks are:

- Developing the rehabilitation professionals of the future in the US and Internationally
- Developing Effective Business Partnerships
- Research to Practice: Knowledge Translation

There will be additional invited training sessions focused on legislative issues, grant writing and administration, and professional issues for rehabilitation counselors and student attendees.

We encourage presenters to challenge current ways of thinking and submit proposals that demonstrate a real difference in how we conduct rehabilitation pre-service and in-service training. This is your opportunity to submit a program proposal that will share with others your new and effective solutions for ensuring the effective development of rehabilitation professionals. Submissions are due no later than Sunday, July 13, 2014, at 9:00pm PDT.
OBITUARIES

Dr. Jack Roger Crisler, age 77, passed away suddenly doing what he loved--working on his tractor--at his home in Arnoldsville on Sunday, April 6, 2014. Jack was the son of Robert Garr and Thara Crisler, of Maysville. He is not survived by any of his 11 siblings.

A retired Professor Emeritus of the University of Georgia's School of Education, Dr. Crisler was a devoted husband of 55 years to his wife, Junan Davis, daughter of John and June Davis, of Jefferson. In addition to his wife, Dr. Crisler is survived by his sons, Jon Brandt (wife, Susan, and children, Wilson Brandt and Frances Claire), Jack Jr. (wife, Angela), and Joseph Robert (son, Denson Garr, fiancée, Jenny Thigpen, and her children, Kate and Abby).

Dr. Crisler was an active member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Athens. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by his family and all who knew him. The service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1065 Gaines School Road, Athens. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to either Covenant Presbyterian Church or the Croswell Children's Home, 11 Croswell Road, Sumter, SC 29150 Lord & Stephens Funeral Home East, Athens, is in charge of the arrangements.

www.lordandstephens.com

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See more at:
http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/onlineathens/obituary.aspx?pid=170532851#sthash.PEeo6u5W.dpu

Dr. Gent Dotson

With a heavy heart I am notifying you about a great loss to our Department, the College, ASU, NCRE, and the Academy. My dear friend and colleague Dr. Gent Dotson unexpectedly passed away Saturday January 18, 2014. Please keep his family, in particular his wife and children in mind during this hard time. Just yesterday he received two emails from past graduates thanking him for his authenticity and passion for his students. His love for his students never yielded while he was at ASU. I hope I can make such an impact as he did in such a short period of time.

As my colleague John Garland so well put, "I know that Gent was a strong advocate for social justice and was instrumental in so many of our students' successes during his too short time at ASU. He often shared this quote of MLK Jr.s from his Letter from a Birmingham Jail with me when things got tough. He would talk about how this quote often becomes truncated and therefore loses the most important part of its meaning. I think that Gent, as a counselor and colleague, would be sharing it again today with all of us."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASU Foundation - Dr. D. Gent Dotson Student Success Fund. If you'd like to make a donation, you can mail or bring it to the Office of the Dean.

J. Chad Duncan, Alabama State University College of Health Sciences

NCRE 1st Vice-President

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
**Help Wanted**

NCRE is always looking for avenues to engage our members to become more involved in our professional organization. The following are some specific needs:

Chair of Awards Committee: The Chair of the Awards Committee oversees the committee that announces the nomination and selection process for the following award categories:

1. New Career in Rehabilitation Education Award
2. Rehabilitation Researcher of the Year Award
3. Rehabilitation Educator of the Year Award
4. Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Education Award
5. Rehabilitation Undergrad Student of the Year Award
6. Rehabilitation Graduate Student of the Year Award
7. Rehabilitation Doctoral Student of the Year Award

If you would like to be considered for this position, please contact Maureen McGuire-Kuletz at mkuletz@gwu.edu.

The *NCRE Forum* is an organizational newsletter designed to inform and stimulate discussion about issues pertinent to professional growth of Rehabilitation Educators.

**Submissions to the NCRE Forum are encouraged.**

*All materials need to be sent directly to the editor in an electronic format. We encourage the use of web links to useful information and pictures or graphics. These materials will be utilized at the discretion of the Editor.*

Maureen McGuire-Kuletz and Robert Froehlich, Co-Editors mkuletz@gwu.edu

*Special thanks to Jordan Hammes, GW Doctoral Student, who assisted in compiling and editing articles for this newsletter.*
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