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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as the President of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE). I greatly value and appreciate the support that I receive from the executive committee, members (you), and NCRE partner organizations. As always, I look forward to your suggestions and comments. Please consider becoming more actively involved in your organization at the national level and within your region. We are so fortunate to have such tremendous resources among our members!

My primary focus at this time is legislation. NCRE continues to work actively with over fifteen other disability and advocacy groups to oppose S. 1356, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This proposed bill would significantly diminish the quality of the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) by eliminating the credentials that are essential to the qualifications of uniquely qualified rehabilitation counselors and associated rehabilitation professionals serving persons with disabilities. I encourage you to contact your elected representatives in the Senate and let them know about your opposition to this proposal. In addition, S. 1356 would move the Rehabilitation Services Administration, which administers the VR Program, from the U.S. Department of Education, where it presently resides, to the U.S. Department of Labor. NCRE opposes such a move. Updates on this bill will be presented at the legislative session on Wednesday March 12 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Conference in Manhattan Beach.

I look forward to seeing you at our 2014 NCRE spring conference, entitled: “Disruptive Technologies in Higher Education and Training: Preparing Future Professionals and Leaders” in Manhattan Beach, California in March 13-14. At the conference, the best researchers and educators in our profession will present the latest in research and clinical approaches that help prepare rehabilitation counselors to meet the needs of emerging populations and technologies. Conference attendees will also have a variety of tourism options to take advantage of all that Los Angeles has to offer.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve our wonderful organization. See you at Manhattan Beach!

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

Greetings Colleagues!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as the Chief Operating Officer and look forward to continuing to work with you.

NCRE Membership
For the September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014 membership year we introduced a new membership benefit. Rehabilitation Research, Policy, and Education is available online. Members can now log in to read and download new issues as they are published and will have access to all issues published from 2006.

If you would like to become a new member or need to renew your membership you can download and print the Microsoft Word Mail-In/Fax Form application or pay online through our PDF Secure online submission form. Please view the appropriate tab for the membership category you fall under, all located at this link: http://www.ncre.org/membership.html

Job Board
Did you know NCRE has a 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.

There are currently 31 job announcements posted. Please check each listing for important deadline dates to apply and other detailed information.

You can access the job board in two ways:
1. 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/
2. Resource tab, located at this link: http://www.ncre.org/jobboard.html

NCRE/RSA/CSAVR Fall 2013 Conference
This year, the conference planning committee solicited papers consistent with a timely and critical theme: “Building on the Best: Designs for Success”. The conference was held in Arlington, VA from November 3-5, 2013.

This theme reflected the need to ensure that training and professional development activities are grounded in fundamental principles of adult learning, evaluation, organizational culture, and lead to knowledge translation in the field. The conference featured the following tracks: Training Processes, Evaluation Processes, Knowledge Translation, and Developing Students and New Professionals.

For this reason, this year’s conference was designed to focus universal design and assistive technology, training processes, knowledge translation, and the development of students and new professionals. As those
individuals who 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.

Our keynote speaker was Sachin Dev Pavithran. Sachin is currently pursuing a Ph.D in Disability Disciplines. He is also the Program Director of the Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) and the Disability Policy Analyst for the Center for Persons with Disabilities and Legislative Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind of Utah. Additionally he is a Public Member, United States Access Board, Appointed by President Obama, December 2012. His keynote topic focused on how evidence based practice has become the buzzword and focus of effective rehabilitation counseling.

Our invited speaker was David George, FASRC, Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors, ASORC National Council. David’s topic was on “Rehabilitation Counseling in Australia: Problems, Solutions and a Bright Future.” Rehabilitation Counseling is relatively new to Australia and faces a number of unique challenges.

In August of 2013, the United States Senate confirmed Commissioner Janet LaBreck as the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) within the United States Department of Education. Commissioner LaBreck joined us during the awards luncheon and her topic of discussion was “Bridging the Employment Gap: Laying the Foundation for Success.”

Picture of each speaker is located on page 23-24 of this newsletter.

The NCRE President’s Award was established to recognize partnerships between Universities and State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. The criteria include innovative partnerships, collaboration/relevance to Rehabilitation Education, demonstrated effectiveness, and sharing of curriculum/materials. The Federal-State Vocational Rehabilitation program, in partnership with the Universities, is a critical connection for our students. NCRE would like to recognize all State-University partnerships and encourage continued collaboration and creativity in training students to provide the highest quality of service. The recipient of the 5th Annual NCRE President’s Award is The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

NCRE would like to thank the planning committee for their contribution to the preparation and all our volunteers for their onsite support of the 2013 Conference on Rehabilitation Education.
SAVE THE DATE

Our Fall 2014 conference will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2014-Tuesday, November 4, 2014 in Arlington, VA at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View hotel. More detailed information can be found at this link: http://www.ncre.org/fall.html

Spring 2014 Elections
NCRE is accepting nominations for the following positions on the board: Second Vice President, International Representative and Regional Representatives for I, IV, VII, and X on the board of directors.

All individual members of the September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014 year can run for Second Vice President and International Representative. In order to run for I, IV, VII, and X you must reside in the region. Please refer to this link to check if you qualify to run for the regional representative position: http://www.ncre.org/directory.html

Spring 2014 Nomination Packets: 2nd VP (MS Word) and International and Regional Representative (MS Word) are available at this link: www.ncre.org

Deadline date to apply and submit the required documentation is Monday, March 3, 2014.

Spring 2014 Conference
Our 14th Annual NCRE Spring conference planning is underway. The theme for the conference is: “Disruptive Technologies in Higher Education and Training: Preparing future professionals and leaders”.

We will be in Manhattan Beach, CA at the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel from March 12-14, 2014. Conference Hotel Rate is $155.00 a night, plus applicable state and local taxes in effect at the time you checkout. Registration, and hotel reservations, is now open. Early bird registration rates will expire on Friday, February 14, 2014 at 11:59pm PT.

Transportation and Shuttle Information
Main Airport Hub is Los Angeles International Airport. LAX is 3 mile(s) SE of the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel. More detailed information to follow at the end of January 2014.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

NCRE Spring 2014 Awards – NOW OPEN
The National Council on Rehabilitation Education is currently seeking nominations for the 2014 NCRE Awards, to be announced at the Annual Spring Conference, in Manhattan Beach, California, March 12-14, 2014.

This year the NCRE Board and the Awards Committee is announcing the following award categories:

Professional Awards:
· Rehabilitation Researcher of the Year
· New Career in Rehabilitation Education
Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Education
· Rehabilitation Educator of the Year

3rd Annual NCRE Student Awards:
· Doctoral Rehabilitation Student of the Year
· Masters Rehabilitation Student of the Year
· Undergraduate Rehabilitation Student of the Year

The deadline to submit nominations through our online awards link is **Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 9:00pm PST**. Please view the link for more detailed information on the nomination and online application process: [http://www.ncre.org/spring.html#awards](http://www.ncre.org/spring.html#awards)

**Dr. Ted Daniels Scholarship Fundraiser**
The Council on Diversity and Equity is sponsoring the 2nd annual Dr. Ted Daniels’ silent auction and t-shirt sale at the NCRE Spring 2014 Conference from Wednesday, March 12th to Friday, March 14th. The winners of the auction items will be announced during the NCRE Awards Luncheon on March 14, 2014.

In order to make this a success we need YOUR help! Please consider helping in one of the following ways:
1. Silent Auction
2. T-shirt For Sale
3. Donate to the Scholarship Fund

Please click on the link for more detailed information: [http://www.ncre.org/teddaniels.html](http://www.ncre.org/teddaniels.html)
REGIONAL UPDATES

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

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
Chair Change:
Prof. Deborah Cook has replaced Dr. Robert Hewes as chair of the RHDS Dept. at Springfield College. Dr. Hewes left the college to accept another position.

UMASS-Boston
New Faculty:
Dimity Peter, Assistant Professor, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development
James Soldner, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development

Salve Regina
Current Faculty:
Dr. Judith Drew
Visiting Assistant Professor
Rehabilitation Counseling

Region II Updates: Submitted by John Keegan, Region II Representative

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 news items: 1. Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Employer Practices Related to Employment Outcomes among Individuals with Disabilities held a State of the Science Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd}. For more information about the conference, please visit: 
www.ilr.cornell.edu/edi/p-emprrtc.cfm
2. EDI was awarded a Field Initiated Research Grant entitled Getting and Keeping People with Disabilities in the Workforce: Negotiating Work, Life and Disability.
3. New York State has been awarded resources from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) to “Promote the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income” (PROMISE). PROMISE is a joint initiative of the USDOE, the Social Security Administration (SSA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL).
4. The Employment and Disability Institute in the ILR School at Cornell University is pleased to announce the award of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding between the New York State Education Department and Cornell University to establish the New York State Consortium for Advancement of Supported Employment, or NYS CASE. The NYS CASE is sponsored by the New York State Education Department, Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). The NYS CASE will provide service and assistance to supported employment service providers under contract with the New York State Education Department’s Office of Adult
Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Hilbert College**
Kathryn (Kate) Regan Eskew MS CRC, Associate Professor in Human Services and Rehabilitation Services reported that Hilbert College Rehabilitation Services – undergraduate program – continues on. St Bonaventure University, on the Hilbert College campus in Hamburg NY will enroll the first cohort of rehabilitation counseling graduate students in Fall 2014. It is a very positive development for Western NY.

**Hofstra University**
Andrea Perkins Nerlich, Ph.D., CRC, CVE, reported that their program accepted 9 new students this fall, in addition to 4 students who are completing a Certificate of Advanced Study to complete additional credits to pursue either their CRC under Category R or licensure as a mental health counselor. Faculty and the Rehabilitation Counseling Student Association are planning an alumni networking event for November, including a panel discussion of administrators to highlight the career trajectory of rehabilitation counselors and rounds of “speed networking” to pair alumni with current students.

**Hunter College CUNY**
Arnold Wolf, PhD, reported that after a successful CUNY-wide recruiting effort, including two information sessions for prospective students presented by Arnold Wolf and John Keegan Hunter’s rehabilitation program increased their current enrollment to 84 rehab counseling students, which is the highest enrollment since 2001. The program also completed all modifications requested by CORE.

**Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico**
Maximino Ramos-Reyes, PhD, CRC, LRC, reported that all graduates from RC programs must take the Rehabilitation Licensing Exam from the Department of Health to practice. In August 2012, Law 170, acknowledged Rehabilitation Counselors as mental health professionals, but graduates have had difficulties securing employment as mental health practitioners. Their program has been successful in securing clinical internships at mental health organizations and they are interested in exploring a dual CORE/CACREP accreditation. They are also assessing the possibility of using the CRC exam as a comprehensive exam. They are also working in partnership with the College of Professional Rehabilitation Counselors of PR to provide ongoing continuing education for counselors in the south and west of the island, where there is a greater need for services for PWDs and their families.

**Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**
Dr. Janice Oursler reported that the rehabilitation counseling program, along with most of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), became part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey on July 1 and part of the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. She also
reported that Dr. Mimi Getachew is a new full time faculty member.

**SUNY at Buffalo**
David Burganowski, Ph.D, CRC reported the University at Buffalo online Rehabilitation Counseling Master’s Program continues to draw students worldwide. The combined in class and online Rehabilitation Counseling Master’s Program has become one of the largest programs in the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education. The Rehabilitation Counseling Program is delivered online in two years and one semester of part-time study. Students take two courses per semester for a minimum total of 48 credit hours. The Rehabilitation Counseling Program currently has 111 students enrolled in its program. 23% are on-campus students and 77% are distance-learning students.

Recently, Dr. Chia-Chiang Wang was appointed as a fulltime Assistant Professor. Additionally, Dr. Omayra Munoz-Lorenzo was appointed as a part-time Clinical Coordinator. This position is in addition to our current fulltime Clinical Coordinator.

Category R approved for Spring 2014- Category R expands certification eligibility through attainment of a post-graduate advanced certificate or degree in lieu of a second Master's degree in Counseling or Rehabilitation Counseling. Qualified individuals with advanced degrees in thirteen areas of study may be eligible to sit for the CRC Exam, providing they meet the additional coursework and employment requirements. CRCC has compiled a list of universities that have developed (or are developing) post-graduate certificate or degree programs, via both on-campus and distance education formats, to support Category R requirements.

**University of Pittsburgh**
Michael McCue, Ph.D., Professor and Vice-Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, Director, Rehabilitation Counseling Program, and Co-Director, RERC on Tele-rehabilitation reported the following:

**Faculty news:**
*Patty Costantini, MS, LPC,*
*CRC elected president-elect of CRCC*
*Jamie Schutte, PhD, CRC elected secretary/treasurer of CRCC*

**Student News:**
*Kelly Beck,* Masters student in rehabilitation counseling received an Albert Schweitzer fellowship and is working in developing and testing mindfulness programs for persons with disabilities
*Sarina Sechrist,* Masters student in rehabilitation counseling received a Social Security Administration small grant program entitled “A Conceptual Harmonization between the SSA Disability Determination Process and ICF and O*NET Concepts and Terminology: A Guide to Assist in Assessing the Mental Residual Functional Capacity of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder”.
*Ashlee McKeon,* Masters in rehabilitation counseling won Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association Graduate student of the year.
award in 2013.  
Ashlee Mckeon, Masters student in rehabilitation counseling was awarded a National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) to support her PhD studies at Pitt in the area of ecological momentary interventions (using biosensors to cue therapeutic intervention in individuals with TBI with self-regulation impairments).

Region III Update:

The George Washington University’s online master’s degree program continues to grow in addition to the Job Development/Job Placement Certificate program. GW plans to seek joint accreditation with CORE/CACREP.

The GW TACE Center enters its last year of funding. The TACE Center continues to work collaboratively with the state vocational rehabilitation agencies in the region to meet continuing education and technical assistance needs for rehabilitation professionals.

Region IV Update:

A&T State University
Submitted by Dr. Quintin Boston
The Department of Human Development and Services at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University continues to grow. We are delighted to announce that Drs. Michael Brooks and Glacia Ethridge have joined the department. The Behavioral Addictions, Rehabilitation Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment, and Marriage and Family certificates continue to be a major draw for the new students pursuing their M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling. In addition to the new faculty in the department, the inaugural cohort of the new PhD program in Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation Counselor Education has begun their studies.

Georgia State University
Submitted by Dr. Dennis Gilbride
All is well at Georgia State. We have added a rehabilitation-counseling track to our CACREP doctoral program. We are holding focus groups with students and other stakeholders concerning a move to a 60-credit joint CACREP/CORE program. Our students are doing well in their internships and our graduates seem to all be employed.

Mississippi State University
Submitted by Dr. Charles Palmer
Here at Mississippi State, we have had no significant changes in personnel or the program, we ARE CORE and CACREP accredited so the new "corporate affiliation" will not cause us to do anything differently. I NEED assistance (i.e., a new faculty line)!

South Carolina State University
Submitted by Dr. David Staten
South Carolina State University recently celebrated the 10th Annual White Cane Day Conference. White Cane Day is an annual event used to heighten awareness about the lives of individuals who are blind and visually impaired in our communities. Also,
we are excited about CORE's affiliation agreement with CACREP.

**University of Kentucky**
Submitted by Dr. Ralph Crystal
The University of Kentucky plans to submit an application for the CORE/CACREP affiliation. Our online master's program will begin our 10th year in January 2014. We have average enrollments of 75-90 students a year. A doctoral rehabilitation research, education, and policy program in rehabilitation has been approved by the university and we are accepting applications for this program.

**Winston Salem State University**
Submitted by Dr. Yolanda Edwards
WSSU plans to address CORE/CACREP in 2014 with additional coursework for Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling under CACREP. A new Assistant/Associate Professor position will be advertised November 2013 to January 2014.

**Region V Report**: Submitted by Eun-Jeong Lee

**Adler School of Professional Psychology**
- The Adler School is preparing for our accreditation cycle visit in Spring 2014. We are excited to be part of the new online self-study format this year.
- The School continues to offer new programs, face to face, online, license eligible and content specific.
- The programs will all be listed on our NCRE membership page this fall to help students and faculty members see all of the options for Adler School students.

**Illinois Institute of Technology**
New Faculty
- Kelly Kazuakuskas was hired as clinical assistant professor to manage clinical training and field works for Master’s students.
- Admitted new 20 M.S. students this fall.
- RSA training grant support for students that supported 32 M.S. students and 3 Ph.D. students.

**Michigan State University**

*Research* This update briefly describes two distinct, but highly related and integrated research initiatives at MSU. These include: (1) the DOCTRID Research Institute, which includes the MSU-DOCTRID Hegarty Fellows Program and the EU Marie Curie ASSISTID COFUND Program; and, (2) the newly established interdisciplinary program of Research in Autism, Intellectual and other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (RAIND).

The DOCTRID Research Institute and their twelve university partners are committed to a collaborative, international, interdisciplinary research model, designed to carry out ongoing research and empirical studies that will inform policy and practice and identify new evidence-based practices, including the impact of technology that can
be effective in the delivery of services to
individuals with autism and significant
intellectual disabilities. MSU was the
founding university member of DOCTRID
that was initially established in the fall of
2010. All of the university partners work
directly with the Daughters of Charity
Service, and RESPECT in Dublin, Ireland in
carrying out the mission of DOCTRID
Research Institute.

The new Institute is designed to serve as a
center of international research excellence in
providing empirical research to help inform
policy and practice in the area of intellectual
disability and autism across the age
continuum. We designed the guiding
elements and features of this exciting
international research partnership to enhance
the productivity, value and sustainability of
this highly unique concept.

MSU-DOCTRID Hegarty Fellows
Program. In 2012, MSU received initial
funding ($450,000) from the Office of the
Vice President for Research and Graduate
Studies, Office of the Provost, and the
College of Education at MSU. The funding
from MSU is being used to fund three
interdisciplinary post-doctoral research
associates (MSU-DOCTRID Hegarty
Fellows Program) who officially began their
appointments with MSU in July of 2013 and
are housed within the College of Education
in the Office of Rehabilitation and Disability
Studies. These Hegarty Fellows will be co-
located at both MSU and a selected Irish
partner university during their two-year
research appointments with MSU-
DOCTRID. In 2013, an additional funding
($450,000) was granted to extend the MSU-
DOCTRID Hegarty Fellows Program that
will provide funding for additional six post-
doctoral research associates with two-year
research appointments with MSU-
DOCTRID.

EU Marie Curie ASSISTID COFUND
Program. This past spring DOCTRID was
awarded funding for a large ($11.3 million)
grant from the Marie Currie EU COFUND
on Assistive Technologies for Individuals
with Autism and Intellectual Disability that
will provide funding for 40 additional post-
doctoral researchers for the partner
universities in DOCTRID.

Research in Autism, Intellectual and other
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (RAIND).
The Office of the Vice President for
Research and Graduate Studies at Michigan
State University has also established a new
interdisciplinary program of Research in
Autism, Intellectual and other
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (RAIND).
This cross college, interdisciplinary research
program was created in response to MSU’s
work as a founding partner in the DOCTRID
Research Institute on autism and intellectual
disability, which has stimulated high interest
and commitment in this area of research at
MSU. RAIND will serve as a coalition of
scholars and researchers from throughout
the university already engaged in these areas
of research to address critical needs in the
area of autism, intellectual and other
neurodevelopmental disabilities in order to
make important, meaningful and sustainable
impact on the quality of life of individuals with these disabilities on a global basis.

A faculty work group from across the university developed five comprehensive research themes that represent the capacity at MSU to address these needs consistent with research priorities established at the state, national and international levels, and parallel to the research mission of the DOCTRID Research Institute. The five themes, which are displayed in detail below, include: (1) Evidence-based Assessment and Diagnosis, (2) Evidence-based Treatment and Interventions, (3) Lifespan Developmental Issues, (4) Family, Societal and Environmental Issues, and (5) Epidemiology.

**New Positions** In addition to providing graduate training for two distinct nationally ranked degree programs (MA and Ph.D.) in the professional discipline of rehabilitation counseling, the RC and RCE program at MSU has also embraced, in real terms, the focus on global engagement in both educational initiatives and interdisciplinary research.

New Tenure Stream Faculty Position: MSU was able to secure one new tenure stream faculty position. In the fall of 2013, the search process for the tenure-track line faculty position commenced at open rank, for ORDS. This fourth tenure-track line faculty position will begin in the fall of 2014.

Fixed Term Faculty Position: In addition of the tenure stream faculty search underway this fall, MSU add a fixed term faculty position to take on the clinical coordination needs of the program for ORDS. This clinical coordinator/program coordinator fixed-term faculty position will begin in the spring of 2014 that addresses course instruction, clinical training for master’s students and/or clinical supervision training for doctoral students, outreach to community partners, and marketing and recruitment of both master’s and doctoral students.

Post-doctoral Level Research Associate Position: The research grant, titled “Project Excellence: A Program Evaluation Partnership,” was awarded full funding for three years (2013-2016) in the amount of $1.35 million with a possible two-year extension capability, which would bring the award total to $2.25 million if the extension is exercised. This funding, now in its 14th year, provides support for two full-time doctoral level staff researchers (senior research associates), and seven graduate research assistants from our doctoral program, and MQM. In the fall of 2013, we have commenced the search process for a post-doctoral research associate position for “Project Excellent”. This research associate position will begin in the Spring of 2014.

**Northern Illinois University**

- On July 31 the program received full accreditation by CORE and is accredited through 2021.
- In August, the program implemented an electronic logging system for
practicum and internship. The system provides a way for students to document clinical hours (direct and indirect), site supervisors to review student work and complete evaluations, and university supervisors to effectively track student learning outcomes and student progress.

- The program is administering the fourth year of a RSA Long-Term Training Grant on the rehabilitation of individuals who are deaf. Thus far, the grant has supported 37 scholars and expects 6 new scholars during the final year.
- Daniel Boutin (Associate Professor) and Bryan Dallas (Assistant Professor) presented a session titled "Marching Towards a Dream for Equitable Employment Outcomes" at the Illinois Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference.
- Amanda McCarthy, Visiting Assistant Professor, recently published an article titled “Relationship Between Supervisory Working Alliance and Client Outcomes in State Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling” in Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin.

**Wright State University**
New Faculty: A new tenure line faculty member, Mary Huber, Ph.D. Dr. Huber is the program director for our Chemical Dependency Program. She started her position as an assistant professor of rehabilitation counseling in Fall 2013. Her research focuses on substance abuse, vocational rehabilitation, and evidence-based practices.
An instructor for our undergraduate rehabilitation program, Eric Anderson, Ph.D. has been hired. Dr. Anderson is teaching undergraduate courses.

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

**Arkansas Tech University**
The main news flash concerning the Arkansas Tech University Rehabilitation Science Program is they have continued their accreditation this past summer and that in August 2014 Dr. Lyman Harris will be retiring after spending 39 and a half years with the Rehabilitation Science Program at Arkansas Tech. A new faculty position be announced as soon as it is approved.

**New Mexico Highlands**
NMH has a position announced currently on their website and is planning on seeking joint accreditation.

**Stephen F. Austin University**
SFAU is considering moving to the clinical rehabilitation degree track however, will
first need to make some adjustments to the current program.

**University of Arkansas – Fayetteville**

Dr. Brent Williams is the principle investigator and recipient of a five – year $32 million grant awarded by U.S. Department of Education to fund a program 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. The federal program is aimed at youths who receive Supplemental Security Income and is known as PROMISE, an acronym for “Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income.” The PROMISE program is a joint initiative of four federal agencies: the departments of education, health and human services, labor and the Social Security Administration. Its underlying premise is that improved coordination between services can improve outcomes for youth and their families.

Dr. Stephanie Lusk, Asst. Professor, has edited and co-authored a new textbook, “Counseling the Addicted Family: Implications for Practitioners”, available through Aspen Professional Services in 2014.

**University of Arkansas – Little Rock**

Currently has a faculty position available for an assistant professor.

**University of North Texas**

Currently has two positions available – a clinical lecturer and an assistant professor. UNT now has a complete on-line program available as well as an on-campus program. Joint accreditation as a clinical rehabilitation counseling program is being considered. The department name has changed and is now the Department of Disability and Addiction Rehabilitation.

**University of Texas – Pan Am**

Currently has two faculty positions available - a clinical instructor position and an assistant/associate professor position. UTPA will be building a medical school and may be changing its name to UT-South Texas.

**University of Texas – El Paso**

Currently has 2 faculty positions available, an assistant/associate professor and assistant professor.

**Region VII Report:** Submitted by John Wadsworth, Regional VII Representative

**Drake University**

Drake University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Rehabilitation Counseling program is fully accredited by the CORE through when it held their program review.

The Rehabilitation Counseling program involves the local rehabilitation community through membership in the Iowa Rehabilitation Association; area professionals’ membership on the program’s
Advisory and Curriculum committees; having area professionals teach classes, and inviting professionals and people with disabilities to be guest speakers.

**University of St. Louis Maryville**
Reviewed for CORE accreditation in 2013. It is a traditional 48 credit hour program with additional course work in marriage and family [couples therapy], substance abuse, and music therapy. The program participates of the RSA Training grants.

Two new tenure track faculty were hired in Aug 2012. The program has a student organization Maryville University Student American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (MUSARCA) which is active with the Missouri Rehabilitation Association—eastern chapter.

**Emporia State University**
Faculty will likely pursue accreditation for the RSE (Rehabilitation Services Education) BA program in the future, if it is approved by CHEA. The RC program is producing an average of five graduates per year, 35% from underserved groups including persons with disabilities. The RC program is accredited through 2014 and will be producing a reaccreditation application and having a site visit next year (2013).

**The University of Iowa**
The program is a dually accredited CORE/CACREP rehabilitation and mental health counseling program ranked no.2 in the US News Report. Developed an experiential program in collaboration with the veterans’ administration which will facilitate 1 year clinical experience for MA students.

After 30+ years of service Dr. Dennis Maki announced his retirement effective in June of 2014. Dr. Maki was the recipient of the Distinguish career in Rehabilitation presented by NCRE. Drs. Tarvydas and Estrada-Hernández continue to offer a series of ethics webinars through the Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Ethics. For more information on this series please visit the following website.

[http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/id are/News-Events.aspx](http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/id are/News-Events.aspx)

Dr. Tarvydas is the new DEO.

**University of Missouri Columbia**
No longer accepting applications.

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

**Montana State University-Billings**
Montana State University is pleased to announce that Dr. Tom Dell received an Outstanding Faculty Award by the Associated Students of MSU Billings. The Rehabilitation and Human Services Department is also searching for a full-time, tenure track faculty member. This new faculty member will be responsible for teaching graduate courses in mental health counseling. The Counseling Clinic at MSU Billings also hosted an open house in September in order to provide information about services and the referral process. The clinic provides no-cost, short-term
counseling to individuals who do not otherwise have access to rehabilitation and/or mental health counseling.

**South Dakota State University**
South Dakota State University is pleased to report that five former RSA scholars, who are currently employed as rehabilitation counselors, will be fulfilling their employment obligation to the Department of Education.

**The University of Northern Colorado**
The University of Northern Colorado continues to experience growth in the Master’s Program in Rehabilitation Counseling and the undergraduate program in Human Services. A full time lecturer position was recently filled to meet the needs of the growing undergraduate program. Jill Bezyak was also promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in the summer of 2013.

Service learning opportunities continue to be incorporated into both the undergraduate and graduate programs. This fall graduate students are working with local refugee families to assist in the adjustment to life in the United States.

**Utah State University**
The Rehabilitation Counseling program at Utah State University hired Dr. Kathleen Oertle as a faculty member. She has a research focus on transition services and comes from the University of Illinois. The Institute for Interdisciplinary Transition Services was also recently created and approved by the board of regents in June of 2013. The focus of the IITS is to work across disciplines on the topic of transition services, with particular focus on research, in-service and pre-service education, policy analysis, and systems change.

In other news, the National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials is closing down. It was not refunded by RSA.

**Region 8 TACE Center**
The Region 8 TACE Center just began an extension year past the five year grant. This goes from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013. The TACE Center is running another cohort of the New Supervisors training series with participation from the entire region. This series focuses on the transition from a front line counselor to supervision roles. The TACE Center is also currently completing a series of webinars on the changes in the DSM-5, including diagnostic changes and the relationship to the ICD codes. Plans are also beginning to design trainings on how to work with clients displaying difficult and aggressive behaviors, which will include client de-escalation strategies for different stages of escalation.

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

**San Diego State University Rehabilitation Counseling Program**
The U.S. Department of Education announced the award of more than $211
million in five-year grants to five states and a consortium of six states to establish and operate model demonstration projects designed to improve the education and employment outcomes of child Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and their families. The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) was awarded $50 million ($10 million/year) for the five-year grant. SDSU’s Interwork Institute, worked closely with the DOR to create a collaborative with the California Department of Education, California Department of Developmental Services, California Department of Health Care Services, California Department of Social Services, California Employment Development Department, and 18 Local Education Agencies to execute this initiative. Dr. Caren Sax will serve as the PI of the sub-contract ($1.75 million/year) that the Interwork Institute is receiving to coordinate and implement the research, evaluation, and training for the project.

Dr. Marjorie Olney entered into an agreement with several SDSU College of Education departments to offer a licensure track for Rehabilitation Counseling Program students and students from the cooperating departments to obtain the requisite coursework needed for the California Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor credential.

Dr. Nan Zhang Hampton will serve as the keynote speaker at the November 2013 Symposium of Fuhong Society of Macau. Fuhong Society is a non-profit organization that provides a variety services to people with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities in Hong Kong and Macau. The title of the keynote speech is "Evidence-Based Community Care in an Era of Globalization, Economic Crisis, and Information Technology Revolution."

Dr. Chuck Degeneffe was promoted to Full Professor. He is coordinated a workshop in November 2013 given by Denise Bissonnette entitled, "30 Ways to Shine: Retention and Beyond."

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program is conducting a search for an Assistant Professor. This search is being coordinated by Dr. Nan Zhang Hampton.

**University of Arizona**

The University of Arizona RCTP has received an extension for CORE accreditation. Dr. Aisha Rousseau was recruited last year and elected for the next term of the Region IX NCRE representative. After the program name changing to Counseling and Mental Health Counseling with the merging with school counseling specialty, the applicants of the master program almost tripled and the program is expanding to recruit quality students into the master’s and doctoral program. The program is in their last year of RSA M.A. and Ph.D. long-term training grant.

**California State University-Fresno**

Most recently, the Master's Rehabilitation Counseling Program at California State University, Fresno in partnership with
Resources for Independence Central Valley had an opportunity to meet with two visitors from South Korea during the week of October 21st. Dr. Eungho Anh from Korea Differently Abled Federation and Mr. Hyung-kuk Youm from GongGam conducted a presentation in the Professional Issues and Ethics course and met with students, community partners, rehabilitation counseling faculty and instructors, and university administrators. The discussion focused on similarities and differences related to counselor preparation, disability rights, vocational issues, and services to individuals with disabilities in South Korea and in the states.

Fresno State is also seeking to hire an Assistant Professor in Rehabilitation Counseling. Please visit http://aptrkr.com/394187 or contact Dr. Jenelle S. Pitt, Search Committee Chair at jepitt@csufresno.edu for more information.

University of Hawaii at Manoa
The University of Hawaii at Manoa started a new cohort in the Fall, 2013 (11 students). The program is presently serving students on four Hawaiian Islands, California, Nevada, Arizona, and Florida. Eleven students graduated from the program between Fall 2012-Fall 2013. The Advisory Board is very active and participated in a Strategic Planning session this year as well as recruitment, funding, and program support.

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

University of Idaho, Coeur d'Alene & Boise cohorts
- Fall 2012, a full cohort began in Boise
- 25 student total, which is at capacity
- Much of this year has focused on meeting the program delivery needs of both locations.

Western Oregon University
The RCE program continues to look at program effectiveness by gathering data from annual student exit surveys, employer surveys, and graduate surveys. The results so far have been very positive and are also providing information for course adaptation. This will be the second year we have offered students the option of taking the CRC examination in partial fulfillment of the graduate exit requirement. In addition, students prepare a detailed case study as part of this requirement that is electronically archived in the WOU library and available for others to review. This has been a good recruitment tool for recruitment. Because the OBLPCT has changed its requirements for graduates of CORE accredited programs to be aligned with CACREP requirements, the RCE program (which is currently 81 quarter hours) has developed 9 additional hours of coursework for students who wish to pursue licensure in state. We are very pleased to have a new tenure line faculty this fall, Dr. Amber Feist.

Portland State University
- Currently have 35 full-time students in the three-year master’s degree program. We had a record number of
applicants for Fall 2013 and are very pleased with the quality and diversity of the new cohort.

- Beginning in Fall 2014 we hope to begin a 90 credit Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Program (previously we required 80 credits), and will be submitting a CORE/CACREP Clinical Rehab Counseling Self-Study for the February 2014 deadline.
- We are in our 4th year of the RSA Long-Term Training and hope to reapply in 2014-15.
- Tina Anctil was appointed for a three-year term (2013-2016) to the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. She replaced Julia Smith from WOU, who was previously the only CRC on the board.

University of Washington
UW is accepting applications for the next cohort for the Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences for the fall of 2014. The deadline for applications is January 15. This is a good opportunity for rehab counselors who want rigorous, interdisciplinary training in qualitative and quantitative methodologies, a core sequence of seminars in rehab sciences, and the opportunity to customize the course of study around cognates. Plenty of opportunities to gain teaching experience, including through paid TA ships as well as a number of research projects.

Western Washington University
WWU currently has 44 students in the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling.
- 13 students graduated in August with an additional 2 students graduating in December
- Currently in the process of recruiting for Fall 2014. The priority deadline is April 1, 2014.
- WWU has one RSA Long-Term Training Grant, which is currently supporting 16 second-year students.
- Received a one-time $20,000 scholarship from GENEX Services, Inc. for new students in the Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling, which is partially supporting 12 first-year students.
- Will shortly post a position for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position soon (this is an additional line in the program) with a September 16, 2014 start date.
Announcements

**Dr. Ted Daniel's Scholarship**

Dr. Ted Daniels enjoyed an extensive career in rehabilitation, expanding over 35 years as an administrator, manager, educator, and recipient of over 26 honors and awards for his service to the profession and the community. Even in the throes of his health challenges, he found the stamina to offer online support to his students. He held academic appointments at Coppin State University, The George Washington University, and the University of the District of Columbia. As his last major accomplishment, Dr. Daniels led the development of a successful one million dollar grant to institute a graduate program in rehabilitation counseling at the University of the District of Columbia, his Alma Mater.

Inspired by the consistent theme of diversity and inclusion throughout Dr. Daniels’ career and his unwavering commitment to his students, the Council on Diversity and Equity established the **Dr. Ted Daniels Scholarship Fund** to support the development of graduate or undergraduate students who demonstrate commitment to the advancement of diversity, academic excellence, leadership and community service in the field of rehabilitation.

The National Council on Rehabilitation Education and The Council on Diversity and Equity (CODE), would like to congratulate **Myra Bowman, from Winston-Salem State University** on being selected as the first recipient for the Dr. Ted Daniels' Scholarship.

Mrs. Rita Daniels’ presented Myra with this awards at the NCRE/RSA/CSAVR Fall 2013 conference in Arlington Virginia on November 5, 2013.

To learn more about this scholarship fund and how you can help please visit the link: [http://www.ncre.org/teddaniels.html](http://www.ncre.org/teddaniels.html)
Keynote speaker was Sachin Dev Pavithran. Sachin is currently pursuing a Ph.D in Disability Disciplines. Sachin is the Program Director of the Utah Assistive Technology Program (UATP) and the Disability Policy Analyst for the Center for Persons with Disabilities and Legislative Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind of Utah.

Our invited speaker was David George, FASRC, Australian Society of Rehabilitation Counsellors, ASORC National Council. David’s topic was on “Rehabilitation Counseling in Australia: Problems, Solutions and a Bright Future.” Rehabilitation Counseling is relatively new to Australia and faces a number of unique challenges.
In August of 2013, the United States Senate confirmed Commissioner Janet LaBreck as the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) within the United States Department of Education. Commissioner LaBreck joined us during the awards luncheon and her topic of discussion was “Bridging the Employment Gap: Laying the Foundation for Success.”

Message From the Editor

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.

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