Internship Spotlight: Stephanie Peguillan

This summer, Stephanie is interning at Stanford University as one of sixteen House Directors. She is working with the International Honors Program, overseeing 125 international students from over 20 different countries, while also supervising six RA’s and one Resident Computing Consultant. Stephanie and her staff work together to create programs and events for the residents to participate in, such as s’mores night, weekly dance classes, international prom, and late night disco skating. In her free time, Stephanie has gotten to supervise trips, as well as travel personally, around the Bay area and within San Francisco.

“I have professionally developed in many ways this summer, including improved communication, flexibility, and time management. Not to mention, I was able to attend a Student Affairs drive-in conference at UC Berkeley with seven other Stanford interns where we were able to meet and connect with other new professionals interning in the Bay Area this summer.”
Meet the Graduates

For the 2015-16 academic year, there were 19 graduates of the MEHE program and 3 graduates of the Ed.D. program. Congratulations and best wishes to them all as they embark on their next endeavors!

Alumni Positions

Our M.Ed. graduates have gone on to find exciting opportunities all over the country and even the world!

Jordan Stone, M.Ed. (‘15) has accepted a position as a Residential College Operations Manager at New York University’s campus in Abu Dhabi.

Timothy Johnson, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as Assistant Director of the Office of Student Leadership & Engagement at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

Cody Greene, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as an Area Coordinator for the Office of Residential Life at William Peace University in Raleigh, NC.

Dani Roberts, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as the Program Coordinator in the Office of Student Involvement & Activities at Salem State University in Salem, MA.

Tamara Engelhaupt, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as a Career Advisor in the Career Center at Valencia College West Campus in Orlando, FL.

Glen Gordon Burnette, M.Ed. (‘16) has been accepted as an Ed.D. Candidate in Educational Leadership with a Higher Education Administration concentration at East Carolina University.

Jeremy Lea, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as a Residence Director in the Department of Housing and Residence Life at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.

Daniella Murray, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as the Executive Assistant to Dean Aswani Volety, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Christa Rhodes, M.Ed. (‘16) has accepted a position as Residence Coordinator at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.
Greetings, Seahawks! On behalf of Chi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, I want to welcome you to the Department of Educational Leadership. Chi Sigma Alpha is an honor society for graduate students, faculty, and staff in higher education and student affairs. Based on the three pillars of academics, research, and service to the profession, Chi Sigma Alpha was founded in 2002 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. The Lambda chapter of Chi Sigma Alpha was established on the campus of UNCW in 2013 and affiliated as an official National chapter in 2014.

In order to uphold and recognize excellence in our field, the Lambda chapter of CSA serves our profession by participating in community service projects, networking events, and socials that promote unity within our organization. First-semester students in the Higher Education M.Ed and Ed.D. program have the opportunity to become affiliate members of the organization until the completion of their first semester when they may be eligible for full membership. Affiliate membership allows new students to attend Chi Sigma Alpha events and connect with other students in the program.

For more information, visit our website or check out the UNCW MEHE Program Facebook page.

Yours in Excellence,

Olivia A. McNeill
Chi Sigma Alpha President, 2016-2017

Meet the CSA Officers

Olivia McNeill
President

- B.S. in English, Secondary Education from Appalachian State University
- UNCW Graduate Assistant to multicultural student organizations
- Interests: Diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education; the cultural foundations of education; assessment and evaluation
- Obtaining a post-baccalaureate certificate in Women and Gender Studies

Brianna Nichols
Vice President

- B.A. in Political Science with a minor in English from North Carolina Central University
- UNCW Graduate Assistant for the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement
- Interests: first year experience & orientation, leadership & engagement, the reasoning behind why students chose the colleges they do, the reasoning behind why students chose to attend college
Tanika Palmer  
Treasurer  
- B.A. in English Literature, minor in Writing from North Carolina Central University  
- Summer GA for UNCW’s Office of Undergraduate Studies  
- Summer intern for UNCW’s Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
- Interests: underrepresented groups (support and retention), diversity and inclusion, housing, orientation

Felix Morton III  
Director of Correspondence  
- B.S. in Middle Grades education with concentrations in Mathematics and Social Studies from East Carolina University.  
- 2015-16 UNCW Graduate Assistant for Educational Leadership  
- Summer intern for Wake Forest University – Housing and Residence Life  
- Interests: counseling and advising of university-level students

Deirdre Scanlon  
Historian  
- B.A. in English from Lynchburg College  
- UNCW Graduate Assistant for the Office of International Programs  
- Summer intern for UNCW’s Office of Student Leadership & Engagement  
- Interests: education abroad; social justice issues, especially as they pertain to gender; assessment and evaluation within higher education  
- Obtaining a post-baccalaureate certificate in Women and Gender Studies

Fall 2016 Calendar of Events

August 8 – Fall Orientation (12-4pm, EB 162)  
August 8 – Chi Sigma Alpha Social (4:30pm, Kick Back Jacks)  
August 17 – First day of classes  
August 24 – Last day for drop/add classes

September 5 – Labor Day, UNCW closed  
September 6 – CSA Meeting (5pm, EB 214)

October 4 - CSA Meeting (5pm, EB 214)  
October 6-7 – Fall Break  
October 14 – Graduation Applications due for Fall graduation  
October 15-29 – UNCW Higher Education@Maynooth Study Abroad Program in Ireland

November 1 - CSA Meeting (5pm, EB 214)  
November 7 – Spring Registration Opens  
November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break  
November 30 – Last day of classes

December 1 – Reading Day  
December 2-8 – Examination Period/End of Semester
From the Program Coordinator

In 2015-2016, the Higher Education program welcomed its fourth cohort of students, which was the most competitive and racially/ethnically diverse group of applicants at the time. The first iteration of the program’s new international internship at Maynooth University was led by Dr. DeVita in Fall 2015; 12 students (5 M.Ed. & 7 Ed.D.) traveled to Maynooth University in Ireland where they participated in two-week internships.

In Spring 2016, Drs. Ryder and McClure were each honored with awards from professional organizations in Higher Education: Dr. Ryder was selected as an ACPA Emerging Scholar and Dr. McClure was awarded the John Grenzebach Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Educational Advancement by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Several students spent their summer on internships with ACUHO-I and NODA at institutions that included Wake Forest University, Texas State University-San Marcos, and UNC-Ashville, and program graduates received jobs at institutions throughout North Carolina as well as in Texas, Florida, Virginia, and Massachusetts. It was an exciting year for the Higher Education program at UNCW and I look forward to welcoming our newest group of students in for another!

Faculty Activities

Recent and Upcoming Faculty Conference Presentations

ASHE: Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference – Columbus, OH


Recent and Upcoming Faculty Publications


Recent and Upcoming Faculty Awards and Other Activities

Dr. McClure was awarded the 2016 John Grenzebach Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Educational Advancement from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).