Fall into PHEL!

Welcome to a New Academic Year

Dear Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Community Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2014-15 academic year from the Program in Higher Education Leadership (PHEL). The PHEL newsletter is disseminated twice a year to alumni, students, and supporters of our program. We share recent news, upcoming events of interest, and feature stories about our faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

In this publication, you will learn about many topics, including our most recent doctoral and Master’s graduates, our recent PHEL student and alumni award winners, and the successful 2014 NISOD conference. You will also be introduced to our newest faculty members who have joined PHEL and the Department of Educational Administration.

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Meet our New Faculty

**Dr. Huriya Jabbar**
Dr. Huriya Jabbar is an Assistant Professor in Public School Executive Leadership (PSEL). Dr. Jabbar studies the social and political dimensions of market-based reforms in education, including school choice and incentive pay, and how research on such reforms is used by policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels.

**Dr. Terrance Green**
Dr. Terrance L. Green is an Assistant Professor in Public School Executive Leadership (PSEL). His research focuses on the nexus of urban school reform and socially just community development. Dr. Green’s research interests include ways in which urban policy can be leveraged to improve educational outcomes and community development in low-income neighborhoods of color.

**Dr. Beth Bukoski**
Dr. Beth Bukoski (PHEL ’12) is a Clinical Assistant Professor and Assistant Coordinator in PHEL. Her research focuses on issues of social justice, equity, and diversity, particularly the persistence and success of under-represented students, the experiences of underrepresented faculty, and leadership across the P-20 pipeline.

**Dr. Julie Schell**
Dr. Julie Schell is the Director of OnRamps and Strategic Initiatives at the Center for Teaching and Learning as well as a Clinical Assistant Professor in PHEL, where she focuses on technology in education. Dr. Schell is an international specialist in instructional design and pedagogical innovation, focusing on blended and flipped classrooms.

**Dr. Robiaun Charles**
Dr. Robiaun Charles is Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Development for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE). Dr. Charles has extensive experiences in development, marketing and communications, and diversity. Presently, Dr. Charles serves on the board of trustees for Salem College and Academy in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and on the board of directors for the Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce in Austin, Texas. She is also a Lecturer in PHEL, teaching the Fundraising in Higher Education course.
Meet our First Postdoctoral Fellows

Yughi Kim, a doctoral student, sat with Dr. Carlton Fong and Dr. Veronica Jones to chat about their pathways, research, and joining PHEL.

Why did you choose to research higher education?

Carlton Fong: In terms of development, the higher education setting is very interesting... students often are figuring life out, navigating the college campus, exploring majors, and have a new sense of independence; these all intersect in the higher education setting. I want to focus on this population because it is an important juncture coming out of K-12 to be prepared to jump into the workforce.

Veronica Jones: Concerning student identity, we need to focus on the larger multidimensional structure of it. Particularly for students of color, we need to look at group membership and stigmatized or marginalized identities. There are so many different layers related to student identity. I believe that colleges should explore these factors systemically, because you really need to look at the institutional and social factors impacting student identity.

What are your duties or tasks as post-doc?

CF: Our key thing is scholarship. We are supposed to create publications that are mostly solely done by us (first-author) that clearly manifest our research agenda. We bring resources and services to the department. Things like mentoring and advising graduate students. We just defended our dissertations only a few months ago, so we can give first-hand advice to students.

VJ: We are also involved with students through HEASPA. We want to give professional development advice based on students’ needs as emerging scholars. How do you go to conferences? How do you search for a job? How do you balance working full-time and studying? The department also wants us to make connections with the research centers. We basically want to bridge our research interests to the department and even across campus. I think this is a mutually beneficial relationship between the department and us.

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Why UT-Austin for your postdoctoral research?

CF: I am really biased – I did my PhD here. Knowing the department, faculty, and students, I knew I wanted to work with them; they’re great. There’s a good community here; they are very supportive and have good rapport. Also, PHEL is really open to all facets of HE, which is very unique.

VJ: I am a Texas girl! So I was definitely excited about the opportunity to stay in Texas. I am interested in how research is tied to practice. Seeing how the department is practice-driven, they have university-wide collaborations and are heavily involved in the community. During the interview, I knew it would be the best fit for me because I knew I wanted to do these things. I want my research to inform practice and what’s going on in higher education.

Recommendations/words for current students?

CF: Research and do things you are really excited and passionate about, because you will get tired. If this is something you don’t love, don’t waste your time. Also, get involved in research early. Many first-year or second-year students get intimidated, but just dive in and take your class projects a step further.

VJ: You have to understand the importance of relationships, not just with other students but also with professors. It’s important to build relationships with them.

Dr. Carlton Fong

Dr. Carlton Fong is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the PHEL. Carlton received his doctorate in Educational Psychology from The University of Texas at Austin. His research interests involve the application of social psychology to student success in higher education. In particular, Dr. Fong examines the psychosocial and motivational factors that influence achievement and persistence in community colleges.

Dr. Veronica Jones

Veronica Jones is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the PHEL. Dr. Jones received her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Texas A & M University in May 2014. Dr. Jones’ research focuses on multidimensional identity development, pathways for students of color and English as a second language learners, and facilitating diversity through engagement for students of color.
As described in our Spring 2014 newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 1, PHEL has undergone exciting new changes in recent years. We have emerged as strong as ever, and we continue to build upon the amazing legacy left by our alumni and former faculty members. Our world-class faculty and talented and diverse student body have fashioned our program into an enriching learning community of higher education scholars, practitioners, and leaders. The academic backgrounds, work and volunteer histories, and wealth of diverse life experiences of our current faculty and students are a tribute to the great legacy of our program precursors. We thank you for being a PHEL supporter.

Victor Saenz, Ph.D.
PHEL Coordinator

Congratulations
Class of 2014!

**Doctoral**

Lauren Campbell
Karla Cantu
Jodi Denyszyn
Diane Ginsburg
Manuel Gonzalez
Amy Heitzman
Katie Pritchett
Steven Reynolds
Jennifer Smith
Melinda Sutton
Miguel Wasielewski
Angel Wilson

**Master’s**

Kellie Bennett * Kerry Biechman
Cierra Campbell * Kevin Carney
Lisa Diaz * Chelsea Drake
Kelsey Edge * Andrea Gonzalez
Dana Harada * Rebecca Putter
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2014 Award Winners

Each spring, PHEL chooses a few outstanding students and alumni for recognition of professional and personal excellence in their work.

The Dr. Bill Lasher Doctoral Student Excellence Award
This award is given to an outstanding PHEL doctoral student who has demonstrated research, academic, and teaching excellence as well as leadership and service.

Dr. Katie Pritchett

The Dr. V. Ray Cardozier Alumni Excellence Award
Dr. Paine is the inaugural recipient of the Alumni Excellence Award.

This award is given to a PHEL graduate who has recently demonstrated excellence in scholarly/professional work.

Dr. Gage Paine

The Dr. Sharon H. Justice Student Leadership Award
This award is given to an outstanding master’s student who embodies the leadership and service that Dr. Justice has demonstrated throughout the years.

Dr. Paine

Anthony Heaven

The Smith/Wilson Courage Award
Drs. Smith and Wilson are the inaugural recipients of the Courage Award. This award is given to those who have, despite great personal adversity, persisted in their doctoral studies in PHEL. The award is named after Drs. Smith and Wilson to honor not only their personal struggles and sacrifices but also the heart and courage required of them and their families to achieve their goals.

Dr. Angel Wilson

Dr. Jenny Smith
Department Annual Convocation

The Department of Educational Administration held its Third Annual Convocation on September 4th, 2014, at the Blanton Auditorium. Each fall our department starts the new academic year by gathering faculty, staff, and students to share accomplishments, updates, and visions for the coming year.

In addition to meeting new and current faculty members and students, we heard remarks from guest speaker the Hon. Mary Gonzalez, Texas State Representative (District 75), currently a doctoral student in our College. Other speakers included Tasha Beretvas, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, and Dr. Randy Bomer, Chair of EDA. We acknowledge and appreciate the EDA Convocation Planning Committee for organizing this year’s convocation.

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s (NISOD) Conference 2014

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence was held on May 25-28, 2014. PHEL members engaged in discussions and inquiries about the best and promising practices that can improve student achievement.

http://www.nisod.org/
2014-2015 Calendar

The 2014 Texas Tribune Festival
Friday-Sunday, September 19-21, 2014
The University of Texas at Austin
Tower Plaza

Social Gathering-Potluck
Friday, September 26, 2014
Dr. Saenz’s house 6 PM

Fall Distinguished Speaker Series:
Dr. Pamela Eddy
Topic: Leading in a Changing World:
A Multidimensional Model of Leadership
Monday, September 29, 2014
SZB 324
12:00-2:00 PM

Fall 2014 Research Collaboration
Information Session
Opportunities to collaborate with new PHEL postdoctoral research fellows
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
SZB 374 Suite
12 PM

PHEL Information Sessions
September 26, 2014
October 31, 2014
Dean’s Conference Room, SZB 238
12:00 -1:30 PM

Thanksgiving Holidays
November 27-29

Last Class Day
December 5

February 2015
Learn more about The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCCSE) and Student Success Initiative (SSI).

Upcoming Conferences

Tennessee Alliance for Continuing Higher Education (TACHE)
November 12-14, 2014 * Chattanooga, TN

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)
November 20-22, 2014 * Washington, D.C.

American College Personnel Association
March 5-8, 2015 * Tampa, FL

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA)
March 21-25 * New Orleans, LA

The Council for the Study of Community Colleges (CSCC)
April 9-11, 2015 * Fort Worth, TX

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
April 16-20, 2015 * Chicago, IL

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
April 18-21, 2015 * San Antonio, TX

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD)
May 23-26, 2015 * Austin Convention Center

Conference Proposal Submission Deadlines

American Association of Community Colleges
October 6, 2014

The Association for Institutional Research
October 15, 2014.

The Council for the Study of Community Colleges
Primary consideration: October 17, 2014
Secondary consideration: January 5, 2015

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD)
January 9, 2015
HEASPA events

General Membership Meetings
September 18th
12-1 pm, SAC Legislative Room

October 16th
12-1 pm
Location: TBD

November 20th
12-1 pm
Location: TBD

October is Careers in Student Affairs Month. HEASPA will be participating in panels, inviting speakers and devoting our October HEASPA meeting to the theme of professional development. Stay tuned for details!

Volunteer at Capital Area Foodbank
Details TBD
(see FB page)

First Fridays
Join HEASPA to get monthly details about this fun and informal, ever-changing event.

HEASPA looks forward to an exciting academic year, after receiving awards for Distinguished Status in Pillars of the 40 Acres and Best Graduate Student Organization last year. HEASPA will be integrating professional development, mentoring, civic engagement, and social events with monthly meetings and we look forward to everyone’s involvement.

We welcome all PHEL students, alumni, and faculty to join us for a year of learning, service, and professional development!

Join HEASPA by registering through HornsLink: https://utexas.collegiatelink.net and searching “heaspa.”

For more information on HEASPA events contact: utexas.heaspa@gmail.com
And follow us on Twitter at: https://twitter.com/texasheaspa
Or on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/texasheaspa

Pictured: Emily Abrams, Lauren Marriott, Jane-Marie Agnew, Ashley Stone, Laura Struve, Lewis Hall II, Hunter Hartwig, Mike Gutierrez, Ashley McDonald, Jordyn Harrison, Christine Ramirez, Hannah Hendricks, Dr. Richard Reddick (advisor). Not pictured: Dallawrence Dean, Jessica Khalaf, Dr. Beth Bukoski (advisor).