

# Western Carolina University Higher Education Student Affairs Graduate Program

## Faculty & Program Updates

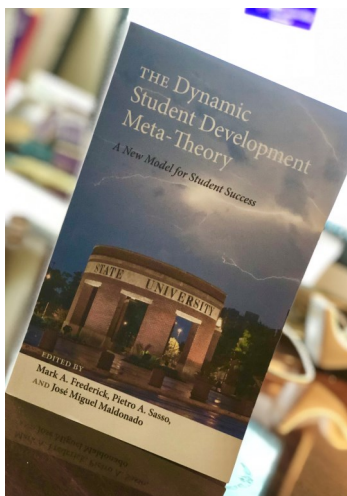
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The full-time HESA Faculty and Adjuncts each produce scholarship, but rarely are three of them published in one book! April Perry, Yancey Gulley, and Lane Perry wrote chapters in this book.

Read more [here](#)



### Pilot Semester for Innovative Curriculum Approach

In attempt to offer a more comprehensive list of elective options for the HESA students, we piloted a multi-topic elective course this semester. Instead of students taking one 3-credit hour elective taught by one instructor, the students enrolled in three concurrent 1-credit-hour classes that were 5 weeks each.

The students voted on three topics (from a wide variety of options based on our adjuncts' expertise), and this semester they chose:

- International Administration in Higher Ed. (taught by Dr. Ling LeBeau)
- Teaching and Learning in Higher Ed. (taught by Dr. Beth McDonough)
- Community Engagement in Higher Ed. (taught by Dr. Lane Perry)

The partnership the HESA program has with our campus administrators is invaluable. Here are the administrators who teach as adjuncts in our program and also serve on the curriculum committee:

- Dr. Carol Burton
- Dr. Kevin Koett
- Dr. Ling LeBeau
- Dr. Beth McDonough
- Dr. Sam Miller
- Dr. Dana Patterson
- Dr. Lane Perry
- Dr. Shauna Sage

To learn more about these individuals and their areas of specialization, click [HERE](#)

### HESA Advisory Board

We love our Board! We meet twice per year (at the end of each semester) as a whole, and our committees meet throughout the year as need. In April, the College of Education and Allied Professions hosted a special dinner honoring all the board members who serve the college so selflessly.

Pictured are some of board members at the dinner. In addition to April, Yancey, and the 8 adjunct

members listed above, the 2017-2018 Board included:

- Jane Adams-Dunford
- Lauren Bishop
- Alicia Cameron
- Theresa Cruz-Paul
- Tacquice Davis
- Tyler Melvin
- BaShaun Smith
- Stephanie Sue Rowell



# Admissions Update and the 2018 Cohort

- We had a very strong and competitive applicant pool by our March 1st admissions deadline.
- We have filled all 15 of our full-time spots and offered a place to 1 part-time student (see list below).
- All full-time students (15 incoming; 15 continuing) have been matched with campus departments for paid Graduate Assistantships through the generous support of the Graduate School and the Division of Student Affairs.
- One incoming student received a \$1,000 scholarship based on allocated funds from the Graduate School.
- Six HESA students were awarded full or partial out-of-state waivers (granting them tuition at in-state costs)
- Meet our applicants here...

### Incoming HESA Students:

Victoria Bost, Kimberly Butler, Jesse Chen, Thomas Cook, Cristina Forsyth, Michael Jefferson, Jaclyn Jenkins, Daniel Kerns, Jessica Koett, Lauren McMahon, Ashley Palmer, Michelle Powers, Alexis Rutishauser, Holli Stillman, Lila Welsh, Davis Wilson

Self-Selected	Applicants	2018 Incoming Class
<b>Gender</b>	35% male; 65% female	31% male; 69% female
<b>Race</b>	38% Minority/Non-White	25% Minority/Non-White
<b>Geography</b>	45% out-of-state; 55% in-state	44% out-of-state; 56% in-state
<b>WCU Grads</b>	31% WCU; 69% other	37.5% WCU; 62.5% other

## HESA Awards & Accomplishments



Congratulations to Hannah Scott (left) for being awarded **2018 Outstanding HESA Student!**



*Picture to right:* Savannah Matherly (left) and Dr. April Perry (right) were recognized with **Apple Polishing Awards** by the Order of Omega National Greek Leadership Honor Society.



Dr. Yancey Gulley (left) was honored with the faculty **"L.E.A.D. Award"** at the WCU Student Leadership Awards.



Congratulations to Carson Williams (right) for being awarded **"Excellence in Professional Development"** at the WCU Student Leadership Awards!



Congratulations to Michael Bishop (left) for being awarded **2018 Res Life Graduate Student of the Year!**



Congratulations to Hannah Richardson (right), who received a **\$3,500 Scholarship** from the BINC Foundation.

# HESA Student Highlights



Many of the HESA Women attended the 2nd Annual Hats Off to Women Luncheon (left) sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs. Special shout out to HESA Student Erica Longamore (back row, middle) who helped plan the event through her GAsip.

On March 27th, HESA Students & Faculty (pictured right) joined the Wheel Stand March for Equity in support of making our campus a hate free zone.

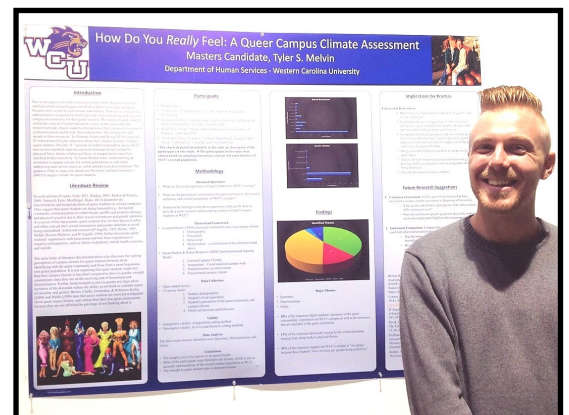


## Student Publications & Presentations:

- Carson Williams (2nd-Year) published his work on [Gender Identity Development Theory](#) with ACPA's Commission for Social Justice Education blog.
- Raquel Cifuentes (2nd-Year) presented at the NODA Region VI Conference in March.
- Michaela Bishop (2nd-Year; below left) presented at the Southern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) conference in March.
- Roslyn Gowens (1st-year) presented at the 2018 Leadership Summit at Queens University in March.
- Justin Nakhle (2nd-Year; below center) presented at both the South Regional Psychological Association conference and the WCU Graduate Research Symposium in March.
- 5 HESA Students presented posters at the WCU Graduate Research Symposium in March: Justin Nakhle (2nd-Year), Carrie Hachadurian (2nd-Year), Tyler Melvin (1st-Year; bottom right), Ariel Phillips (1st Year), and Roslyn Gowens (1st Year).



Congratulations to Roslyn Gowens and Dean Martin (pictured above with Dr. Gulley) who won **FIRST PLACE in the Case Study Competition** at the ACPA Conference in Houston in March.



## Alumni News



### CSP/HESA Employee Mixer

In February, we hosted an Alumni Mixer for individuals who work at WCU in the HESA Suite for coffee, snacks, and good conversation.

Pictured (Top Row left to right): Zara Schick, Alicia Cameron, Jennifer Thomas, Jill VanOrder, Adam Ray, and Richard Gamble.

(Bottom low left to right): Yancey Gulley, Mike Corelli, Kelsey Woodford, and April Perry

Alum-Employees not pictured: Julie Conway, Jenny Stewart, Joshua Thompson, Annaleise Camacho, and DaVaun Davis.

### WCU at NASPA in Philly

WCU employees and Alums gathered for a mixer at the NASPA Conference in Philadelphia in March (pictured right). Some of the HESA 2016 Cohort (along with April) posed for a pic at the Opening Session (below).



### Alumni Career Updates:

- **Whit France-Kelly:** Promoted to Associate Director of Alumni Engagement at the University of Iowa's Center for Advancement
- **Sarah Alspaw:** Promoted to Director of Career Development & Student Success at Capitol Technology University
- **Amanda Marshall:** Accepted into the Higher Education EdD Program at Edgewood College.
- **Adam Ray:** Accepted into the Higher Education PhD Program at the University of Tennessee Knoxville
- **Ronni Williams:** Promoted to Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Life at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Also, Ronni was honored with "Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion" Staff Award at the UT Student Life Awards.
- **Myranda Floyd:** Added "Title IX Deputy for Students" to job responsibilities at the University of Mary Washington.

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Save the Date:  
2018 WCU  
Homecoming  
November 2-3!

#### STAY TUNED!

We are hoping to add a "Donate Now" button on the HESA website soon, as we start to raise money for our inaugural scholarship fund along with the "I love WCU" campaign!