

Greetings Commission for Housing and Residential Life Members!

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Hey everyone!

The CHRL Membership and Outreach members welcome you all back from break, and hope you had a wonderful holiday. Below you will find much information to help you prep for the ACPA conference which is just a month and half away! Also, the election results are in and we are excited to welcome a new group of CHRL Directorate Body members as well as a new Chair Elect.



2013 Election Results

New Chair Elect

Amy Franklin-Craft

Michigan State University

New Directorate Body Members

Dawn Aldrich

Saint Louis University

Lindsay Whipple

American University

Erica Hedrick

Endicott College

Kohya Lu

Florida Gulf Coast University

Derrol Rhodes

New York Institute of Technology

Scott Schuhert



CHRL Member Highlight

This month's members' highlight is for Amy Franklin-Craft, the new Chair Elect for CHRL! Please see Amy's personal bio below :

Hello everyone! My name is Amy Franklin-Craft and I am so excited to be the Commission Chair Elect. I very much appreciate everyone who took time to vote in the election. I'd like to tell everyone a little bit about myself and what I hope to do with the commission in the coming years. To begin, though I recently started a new role as a student affairs assessment specialist at Michigan State University, for the better part of 20 years my professional roots have been in Residence Life and Housing. I very much enjoy my new role as

Binghamton University

Leah Shaw

Binghamton University

Kyle Williams

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Please join me in congratulating these new members to our CHRL team!



CHRL Sponsored programs for the ACPA convention and important dates

In anticipation of the conference, we wanted to take a minute to highlight important dates and the five outstanding programs that were selected for sponsorship by the Commission on Housing and Residence Life. For your ease, we've provided you with the title, presenters, time, date, and location, and abstract for each sponsored program. Enjoy!

Important CHRL meetings at ACPA: Locations still TBA

ACPA Convention Showcase- Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 6:30- 8:00pm : Stop by our CHRL table!
CHRL Social & Awards Banquet w/ OCM- following Showcase- Tuesday, March 5, 2013 9 pm

Commission for HRL Opening Meeting- Wednesday, March 6, 2013 4:30pm-6:30 pm

CHRL Sponsored Programs

House Moms and CHOS: The Dynamic Roles of Women within Residence Life

Presenter(s): Ali Martin Scoufield, Corinne M

it allows me to utilize my interests and (some) talents in the area of research and assessment. In addition, the new role allows me to broaden my appreciation for how residence life functions within the broader context of student affairs to create effective learning opportunities for and with our students.

Though I've been in the mid-west for the better part of 15 years, I am an east coast woman at heart. Born in New Jersey and raised in Pennsylvania, I miss the hills and valleys and of course the ocean. I earned both my bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. I will always hold a special place in my heart for West Chester. I earned my Ph.D. from Michigan State University two years ago. I am very proud of this achievement. My dissertation topic was the assessment intercultural competence of student affairs administrators.

Personally, my husband Steve and I began dating at 17 and will celebrate our 26th wedding anniversary in June. We've got three wonderful children. Abby is a senior at Michigan State, and an RA. Nolan is a sophomore at Northern Michigan University and hopes to be an RA during his senior year. Nathan is coming up the rear. He's in 6th grade. His college aspirations include football and basketball – and that's it at present.

In the upcoming year as chair elect, I hope to do three things: 1) become more acquainted not only with directorate body and commission members but also other commission and standing committee leaders; 2) engage commission members in an assessment process to better understand the needs of the commission membership relative to future goals; 3) lay the groundwork for revisions of our mission and goals. I believe these are the necessary first steps for our commission if we are to continue to remain relevant within ACPA. Specifically, no residence life and/or housing professional works in a vacuum. Each must necessarily be familiar with and engaged in the work of other student affairs professionals to be effective in his or her role. It is incumbent upon the directorate body to role model efforts to create partnerships within student affairs. In addition, often overlooked in our roles as residence life

Cusker

**Time/Date/Location: Wednesday, March 6, 9am,
Bally's Las Vegas – Palace 5**

Abstract: Residence Life is more than parties and roommate conflicts. It is a mini-microcosm of the institution; a home, a social scene, and an extension of learning. Residence Life staff are asked to make meaning within this dynamic environment. This presentation focuses on the experiences of women working in Residence Life. Through personal interviews, several women shared their experiences on such topics as living-in, living-on, and moving-off; partners and children; upward mobility and job variation; and supervision and leadership styles.

[10 Years of Social Justice Mediation Training for Residence Life Student and Professional Staff](#)

**Presenter(s): Hannah Durrant, Leah Wing,
Jenny Kurtz**

**Time/Date/Location: Tuesday, March 5, 10:30am,
Bally's Las Vegas – Las Vegas 6**

Abstract: The session will review how Smith College has utilized Social Justice Mediation Training over the last 10 years to support house communities in resolving conflict. This session will briefly review:

- 1) How Smith College initiated, implemented, and sustained the Social Justice Mediation Training beginning in 2002 through the present**
- 2) An overview of the program's strengths, impact, and challenges it has faced**
- 3) A description of what Social Justice Mediation Training entails**
- 4) Benefits to Social Justice Mediation Training**

[Living Learning Community Reconsidered: Cultivating Positive Student Experience through Wellness](#)

Presenter(s): Gary P Tan, CJ McElroy, Jackie Klinger

**Time/Date/Location: Tuesday, March 1, 1:30pm,
Flamingo – Red Rock I**

professionals is assessment and research. We conduct floor surveys and often benchmark against other institutions, however, our efforts are largely about satisfaction. With the Directorate body leading the way, we must shift these efforts. Finally, a quick read of the commission's mission and purpose orients professionals that our efforts are based primarily in student development. Absent from our identity is a learning paradigm. Though certainly our work does involve student development, as a profession, our role in student learning has become clear. Significant groundwork has been laid, primarily through the exemplary efforts of commission members to develop the Residential Curriculum Institute. Our role in the next several years is to build upon these efforts.

Likely apparent, over the course of the next three years, my goals relate to professional connections, assessment and research, and our professional identity. Having said this, it is important that commission goals remain malleable. While I have strong thoughts and opinions, I am but one individual. I encourage commission members to provide thoughts and insights to me or to any other directorate body member. The commission is not relevant if it does not meet the professional needs of those it serves.



[Assessment & You](#)

Your professional growth matters to us! In an effort to better serve you, the Directorate Body has created a series of needs assessment surveys based upon the professional competencies. The eight competency areas have been divided into four surveys we intend to invite you to complete over the course of

Abstract: This presentation highlights the development, implementation, management, and assessment of a Wellness Living Learning Community (LLC) at a large public metropolitan university. The presenters will ignite participants' interest on the importance of wellness initiatives in nurturing student learning, development, and retention.

Participants will learn ways to implement and manage a Wellness LLC, and engage in a discussion about the development of the next generation Wellness LLC. Finally, the presenters will share the Wellness LLC assessment conceptual framework, findings, and practical implications.

References:

[Starting From Scratch: Transitioning into a New Organization](#)

Presenter(s): Tierza Watts, Malerie Hervey

Time/Date/Location: Thursday, March 7, 11:30am, Bally's Las Vegas – Palace 6

Abstract: We've all done it, start over.

Beginning anew can be exciting yet uncomfortable. Transition typically consists of meetings across our department or campus, and yet we still feel at odds with our new personal and professional home. Intentionally learning about and planning for transition, organizational culture, and knowledge of manager styles will increase success. This program will be presented by a professional with over 20 years of experience and a new professional, both of whom started from scratch this year.

[You've Got a New Neighbor... It's the Police!](#)

Presenter(s): Joseph Cooper, Reid DeVoge

Time/Date/Location: Wednesday, March 6, 10:30am, Bally's Las Vegas – Palace 6

Abstract: Michigan Technological University's Housing & Residential Life and Public Safety and Police Services recently collaborated to create a Residential Officer Program. This program is designed to help campus police

the next few months. It is our hope that when we send out the survey links, you do two things: 1) fill out the survey yourself; 2) send it along to all individuals within your department (or former departments) so that we obtain a strong response rate. Thank you in advance for your participation and assistance in solicitation of additional participants.



["This one time, in Res Life..."](#)

How many times have you and your co-workers, over lunch, or right after a particularly challenging conduct meeting or closing, said that all the crazy things you hear from students, parents, faculty or staff members should be put in a book?? In honor of this proud tradition, we wanted to start collecting these great stories and sharing them among our profession at the Convention Showcase during the 2013 ACPA Annual Convention in Las Vegas. We ask that the stories be appropriate, in good taste and be something that can be shared either at Convention, on Facebook or Twitter. Beyond just being great stories to hear, it's always nice to know that you are not the only one who has dealt with something particularly hard, ridiculous or hilarious!

[Click this link to share your story and basic information.](#) Those that are particularly entertaining will be shared during Convention. Please direct any questions or Pat Duffy, Vice Chair for Convention Programs.

connect with and educate our diverse population of students by engaging them in their community. The emphasis is not enforcement, but rather positive interactions with students, staff, and families to help them understand and trust community policing. Our audience will receive a sample position description and hear about our successes/challenges.



Upcoming webinars sponsored by the CHRL

Balance and Wellness for ResLife Professionals

Professionals in Housing and Residential Life are known for their dedication to the student experience. This dedication however, often leads to many work related late nights and weekend activities. Join the Commission for Housing and Residential Life to learn more about personal and professional balance, as well as how to create a plan for your wellness.

Qualitative Research for Housing and Residential Life: Hearing the Story

Many student affairs professionals understand the importance of assessment and program evaluation - but for most, the idea of actually leading an assessment project is a scary proposition! Join the Commission for Housing and Residential Life and the Commission for Assessment and Evaluation for a conversation about assessment, with a focus on how ResLife programs can "hear the stories" through the use of easy qualitative research techniques.

Planning and Responding to Campus Violence

Oikos University, Northern Illinois University, Virginia Tech: Sadly these institutions will be forever linked to incidents of campus violence. Given the recent

shootings in Aurora, Colorado and New town,
Connecticut - join the Commission for Housing and
Residence Life for a presentation on how Residence
Life professionals can help prevent, planning for, and
respond to this type of critical incident.

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