

Hi folks,

We hope everyone's year is going well thus far! Please see below for the couple notes we have...

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1. Help the SCM in supporting Dr. Elisa Abes as a 2012 Diamond Honoree!

It is with great pride that the Standing Committees for Women, Men, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness announce our support for Dr. Elisa Abes's campaign as an ACPA Diamond Honoree. This year, we have nominated Dr. Elisa Abes as one of thirteen Diamond Honorees who we hope will be inducted into this prestigious group of educators. We're asking you to consider supporting this nomination financially so she may become a part of the ACPA legacy.

The Diamond Honoree Program, established by the ACPA Foundation in 1999, is both a recognition program and a fund raising activity. Those nominated for consideration are recognized for their outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and to student affairs. The Honorees were nominated by colleagues who believe these individuals have distinguished themselves as teachers, administrators, researchers, writers, and association leaders. In addition, the Honorees have demonstrated sustained contributions to ACPA, higher education, and the Student Affairs profession at the local, state, regional, national, or international levels.

Dr. Elisa Abes is currently Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for the Student Affairs in Higher Education program at Miami University (OH). She has an impressive list of publications, including co-editing a forthcoming book on social identities. Her research interests are in student development theory, including lesbian identity development, multiple and intersecting dimensions of identity, critical and queer theoretical approaches to student development theory, and the relationship between student development and service-learning.

Dr. Elisa Abes is beloved by the graduate students with whom she works and continues to have a deep impact on emerging professionals in the field of student affairs. She serves as an inspiration to many in the field as she has dedicated her research and scholarship to the understanding and exploration of social identity.

Suggested giving levels are \$100+ for Senior-level professionals (less than \$10/month); \$40+ for Mid-level professionals and \$20+ for New professionals, but all donations are welcome. We welcome your

contributions at your earliest convenience, and we would like to have all contributions by January 31, 2012 if possible.

## 2. SCM Chair Elections

Nominations for the SCM Chair position will be occurring soon. For all those interested, please keep an eye out for an email from the ACPA International Office.

## 3. SCM Vice Chair Elections

Elections for the SCM Vice Chair positions will take place in early February. After the Chair election takes place, nominations will open up for the Vice Chairs.

Please keep posted for further details, and if you have questions, you can contact SCM Chair Z Nicolazzo at [z.nicolazzo@gmail.com](mailto:z.nicolazzo@gmail.com)

## 4. SCM Awards

The SCM Directorate is proud to announce that our awards nomination process is now open! We award four awards every year, which are the:

- (1) Harry Cannon Outstanding Professional Award
- (2) Outstanding Men's Program
- (3) Outstanding Research Award
- (4) Outstanding Graduate/New Professional Award

Please take a moment to learn more about these awards at the following website: <http://www2.myacpa.org/awards/award-descriptions>

Then, please feel free to nominate someone at the following webpage: <http://www2.myacpa.org/awards/submit-nomination>

The awards are due Friday, 18 November 2011!

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