

CMA STANDING COMMITTEE FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

NEWSLETTER

Fall Edition

WELCOME TO A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Welcome back everyone! Whether you're on the quarter system, trimesters or the "traditional" academic calendar, this is a very busy time of year for you. While you're settling in residents, well into programming models or managing judicial concerns, we hope that you take a moment to see what your colleagues from CMA are doing all across the country. ENJOY!!



ACPA 2009: Next Generation Scholars

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THE CORE VALUES

Celebration:

Continuing to celebrate the accomplishments of people of color within student affairs and higher education.

Advocacy:

Striving to provide an inclusive environment in higher education, responsive to the needs and identities of its members.

Recognition:

Recognizing the diversity present within communities of color and higher education communities.

Education:

Continuing to raise awareness about multicultural education and the concerns of people of color within student affairs and higher education.

Support:

Supporting the ongoing goal of inclusion, understanding and dignity in student affairs and higher education. We hope you enjoyed our 40th anniversary celebration and will join us at this year's convention as we celebrate ACPA as a whole.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS



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Did you know?



The Standing Committee for Multicultural Affairs will be celebrating 42 years of service at the Boston convention this year.

THE CMA NETWORKS



Asian Pacific American Network (APAN)

APAN works toward providing community and network opportunities for Asian Pacific American professionals within ACPA. APAN provides leadership within CMA, representing Asian Pacific American issues and advocating for programs, services and actions.



Latin@ Network (LN)



The Latin@ Network plays host to ACPA's Latino membership affectionately referred to as LNers. LN provides a variety of professional development opportunities for its members by sponsoring Latino interest programs, network meetings, and the maintenance of a national list serve. Additionally, LN acts as a social vehicle to promote networking opportunities and an informal social support network.

Multiracial Network (MRN)

The mission of Multiracial Network (MRN) is to provide both resources and information about working with multiracial college students, as well as to provide support for multiracial student affairs professionals within ACPA. Recognizing the value of learning, growth and development, we, the members of MRN, seek to be inclusive and welcoming to all ACPA members who have a desire to advance the goals and objectives of MRN.



MRN

Native American Network (NAN)

The Native American Network seeks to bring together professionals interested in creating partnerships with Tribal Colleges throughout the United States.



Pan African Network (PAN)

The mission of PAN is to provide programs and services geared toward the needs of Pan African members within ACPA.





NETWORK NEWS

Multiracial Network

Say hello to your new directorate for 2009-2010!

- MRN Co-Chair: Alina Torres-Zickler (Drexel University staff; Philadelphia, PA)
- Incoming Co-chair: Beth John (Edgewood College staff; Madison, WI)
- Programming, Awards and Collaborations Coordinator: Prema Chaudhari (University of Pittsburgh alum; Washington DC)
- Technology/Publications (Newsletter) Coordinator: Michelle Tsigaridas Weller (University of Southern California alum; San Diego, CA)

REGIONAL SOCIALS

MRN will be planning MRN regional socials wherever possible. If you would like to team up with one of the directorate members for the above areas, please email Michelle. If you live in another region and would like to plan a social, MRN will gladly give you some resources and a social "template" (including ice-breakers, MRN goals & vision, upcoming projects, discussion topics) to help you plan. Socials can be small gatherings at coffee shops or larger meetings at university facilities. Whichever you feel will better suit your community and region.

***Email: michelle.tsigaridas@gmail.com if you are interested in coordinating a social or teaming up with one of the directorate members. ***

News from ACPA-Boston

Bold. Provocative. Dynamic. Educational. Renewing. These are just a few words to describe what is awaiting you March 20-24, 2010. It's not business as usual, it's business as unusual for this year's ACPA Annual Convention. See innovation in action.

There's no better time than now to register for the convention, reserve your hotel room, and book travel. For more information on the Annual Convention, Career Central at Convention, Next Generation Conference, and our host city, Boston, go to the ACPA Boston 2010 Annual Convention Web site.





Diamond Honoree

Each year, members of the ACPA nominate individuals for the Diamond Honoree program. The was program was established in 1999 as a way of recognizing higher education professionals who have made outstanding contributions to higher education and to student affairs in particular.



The Latin@ Network are pleased to announce Ricardo Montelongo's nomination was accepted and approved by the ACPA Educational Leadership Foundation, and he will be recognized as a Diamond Honoree at the 2010 ACPA National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Ricardo is joining former Latin@ Network members; Dr. Vasti Torres, Dr. John Hernandez, and Dr. Wilson Luna to name a few.



Ricardo Montelongo is the Director of Academic Enhancement at Texas A&M University at Galveston. During his sixteen years in student affairs, he has worked in several areas of higher education, including academic advising, federal TRIO programming, student support services, institutional research, residence life, career development, and first-year student development. He has been very active with peer-reviewed papers and presentations which have focused on college student involvement, retention, leadership, and academic advising. Ricardo has over thirteen years of college level teaching experience, both at the undergraduate and graduate level; he developed and instructed undergraduate courses in college student success, multicultural student leadership, Latino issues in higher education, and first-year critical thinking and reading. Ricardo has been very active in the Latin@ Network and recently awarded the Dr. John Hernandez Leadership Award.



This award is given to an outstanding practitioner in the field of Student Affairs who has demonstrated leadership, citizenship and active participation within the Latin@ Network.





Call for LN Leadership

As the new school year has begun, we are sure this message will find everyone busy at each of your respective campuses. As we proceed into Boston 2009 we are building our new executive board. There are various ways you can get involved with Latin@ Network. Below are the open positions on our exec board, along with some position highlights. If you are interested in complete details, please e-mail the contacts below.

Executive Secretary

- Assist Historian with the maintenance of Archives
- Help Coordinate Pre-Conference/Conference Schedule

Cultural Festival Coordinator

- Communicates with the CMA Cultural Co-Chairs to ensure LN representation
- Assist the Co-Chairs in soliciting local talent events for the "edutainment" of culture
- Coordinates with the CMA and Network Chairs of any special recognition

Historian

- Maintains historical archives of the network.
- Collects pictures and other relevant information of LN activities and submits them to archives
- Maintains communication and works in conjunction with the CMA Historian

Latino Greek Liaison

- Communicates with members of Latino Greek affiliated organizations
- Coordinates programs that will allow for communication, socialization, presentation opportunities

Regional Representatives

- Serves as the communication hub for fellow Latino/a professionals in their area
- Develop professional support of individuals within their region
- Regional Representatives are broken down by the following regions and states: South West, North West, South East, North East and Mid-West

If you are interested, please take a look over these positions and contact us. We are looking forward to working with as many of you as possible. So don't hesitate, contact us and become a member of the LN executive board!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the positions:

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President Obama Wins Nobel Peace Prize

President Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples," the Nobel Committee stated today, referring to his agenda to improve relations with the Middle East. In addition, "the Committee has attached special importance to Obama's vision of and work for a world without nuclear weapons."

This announcement comes as a surprise because Obama, the third sitting commander-in-chief to have been awarded the Peace Prize, took office less than two weeks before the Feb. 1 deadline. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt won the award, followed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919.

-From DiversityInc.com

Senate Approves Apology to American Indians

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Senate has approved a resolution apologizing to American Indians for years of "ill-conceived policies" and acts of violence by U.S. citizens.

Lawmakers said the resolution, included in a defense spending bill approved late Tuesday, was a symbolic gesture meant to promote a renewed commitment to tribal communities. The resolution was introduced by Republican Sam Brownback of Kansas and Democrat Byron Dorgan of North Dakota.

Brownback has pushed for the measure since 2004. The Senate approved a similar resolution in 2008 as part of a bill to increase funding for Indian health care, but the measure failed to advance in the House. Lawmakers are also developing legislation to improve health care and bolster public safety on reservations.

2008/2009 CUPA-HR Salary Survey

HigherEdJobs.com is excited to announce the results of the recently released [2008-09 Salary Survey](#), conducted by The College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR). In total, you will find median salaries for over 500 academic and administrative job categories. Visit <http://www.higheredjobs.com/salary/> for more information.

-From HigherEdJobs.com

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you'd like to have an open position at your institution listed here, please email the CMA newsletter chair at mlb44@psu.edu. The CMA newsletter is published in the months of October, March and July.





OP-ED



Interracial couple denied marriage license in La.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091016/ap_on_re_us/us_interracial_rebuff

So Keith Bardwell, a Louisiana Justice of the Peace, denied a marriage license to an interracial couple. He says that while he didn't tell the couple that they couldn't get married, he did say that he won't do it. His reason? "I'm not a racist. I just don't believe in mixing the races that way." He goes on to say, "I have piles and piles of black friends. They come to my home, I marry them, they use my bathroom. I treat them just like everyone else." Uh oh, now where have we heard that one before. It's the same old excuse. "I'm not a racist, I have plenty of Black friends." I hate to break the news to you Mr. Bardwell but as soon as you have to quantify your statements on race relations, then you've already lost the argument. It's the reality of the world we live in.

We've elected a President of African descent; he's filled his cabinet with individuals from underrepresented populations, yet in Louisiana (Jena 6 anyone?) and in many other places, there is still racial injustice. While I can honestly say I am not surprised, it still saddens me. The United States has the most ethnically and culturally diverse population in the world and we still can't get past something as simple as the right to marriage. Now I'm not saying marriage is simple (take it from the single guy) but the process of acquiring a marriage license should be the easiest part. Walk in, tell the JOP that you're in love, sign the paperwork...head to the ceremony. Done!

Bardwell continues his justification by saying, "There is a problem with both groups accepting a child from such a marriage," Bardwell said. "I think those children suffer and I won't help put them through it." So he did it for the children? Really? Well the throngs of unborn interracial children salute you Mr. Bardwell. Well, they would if they actually had a chance of being born. Or would they?

History tells us that we all have some intercultural roots. So Mr. Bardwell, while I do believe that interracial children suffer from varying levels of identity development, I would argue that it is not due to the perceived detrimental intentions of any part of that child's racial makeup. Identity development is tough for all children; children look to adults, peers, family, friends, and many others to help shape their identity. However, it is views such as yours, that hinder and confuse our youth. Children need to be taught that love is unconditional and that they can be loved for who they are.

So kudos to you Mr. Bardwell for your purported genuine concern for the children. Shame on you for disguising your racial prejudice as such.

Sincerely,
A Man Searching for Identity

To submit your own op-ed piece, or to submit a response to this one,
please send an email to:

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CMA we'd love to hear from you!!!





CMA IN PICTURES



Photos courtesy of ACPA-Washington, D.C. 2009



We are on the web

<http://www.myacpa.org/sc/scma/>



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