



# **COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT: 2013 – 2014**

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS) was created in 1973 to ensure the university was responsive to the critical social needs of our community and state. The College was given the mission not only to provide educational programs of the highest caliber to prepare students for leadership in the public service, but also to reach out to the community to help solve public problems.

The College has become a national leader among similar colleges, with eight programs ranked in the top 25 in the nation. Our faculty ranks among the finest in their disciplines. And faculty, staff, and students are integral to the community and the state because of our applied research, service learning and community partnerships. We take seriously our duty to address social needs and craft solutions to local, state and national problems.

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# SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) has undergone a tremendous amount of change, but the sentiment continues to be one of optimism; our program has a very bright future ahead of it. Several CCJ faculty are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their areas of study. The doctoral program is also internationally recognized and continues to be highly ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*.

## Program Basics:

CCJ is a large, dynamic program with 17 tenure-track/tenured faculty, 2 emeritus faculty, 2 research faculty, 8 full-time and 4 part-time professional and support staff members as well as about 25 part-time faculty. The School offers educational programming on both the Omaha and Lincoln campuses and houses two research units: the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI) and the Consortium for Crime and Justice Research (CCJR). The trend in majors, degrees awarded, and student credit hour production is upward.

	Year (Fall, Spring, Summer)					
	<u>2007-</u> <u>08</u>	<u>2008-</u> <u>09</u>	<u>2009-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>2010-</u> <u>11</u>	<u>2011-</u> <u>12</u>	<u>2012-</u> <u>13</u>
<b>Student Numbers</b>						
Undergraduate Majors	510	538	577	654	768	820
Undergraduate Minors	25	27	17	20	25	30
Masters Students	38	29	31	30	42	47
PhD Students	32	25	21	23	20	21
	<u>2007-</u> <u>08</u>	<u>2008-</u> <u>09</u>	<u>2009-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>2010-</u> <u>11</u>	<u>2011-</u> <u>12</u>	<u>2012-</u> <u>13</u>
<b>Degrees Awarded</b>						
BS Degrees	133	140	139	144	160	194
MA/MS Degrees	9	12	8	13	14	11
PhD Degrees	10	3	5	3	2	4
	<u>2007-</u> <u>08</u>	<u>2008-</u> <u>09</u>	<u>2009-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>2010-</u> <u>11</u>	<u>2011-</u> <u>12</u>	<u>2012-</u> <u>13</u>
<b>Student Credit Hour Production</b>						
Undergraduate Level	7,943	7,962	9,313	19,693	12,131	14,598
Graduate Level	726	575	596	588	696	951

<sup>1</sup> Annual report prepared by Candice Batton, Director in April 2014.

In addition to these general trends, many of our undergraduate students (44 Omaha, 61 Lincoln) also participated in internships with local, state, and federal government agencies, enhancing their educational experiences.

### **New Colleagues and Promotions:**

CCJ welcomes and congratulates the following faculty and staff over the last year:

- Candice Batton, Administrative Fellow, Academic and Student Affairs
- Samantha Clinkinbeard – Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor
- Heath Dingwell, Distance Education Instructor, PhD in Sociology, Washington State University
- Michaela Harrington – Part-time Assistant to the Director
- Robert Houston – Sr. Community Research Associate
- Joseph Schwartz – Assistant Professor starting in August 2014
- Ben Steiner – Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor
- Michael Walker – Assistant Professor starting in August 2014
- Emily Wright – Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor
- Kristin Zimmerman, Part-time CCJ Academic Advisor

### **Scholarly Productivity:**

Over the last year, CCJ faculty have been actively engaged in traditional scholarly research as well as more applied, collaborative research efforts with local and federal agencies. Our faculty have authored or co-authored 41 peer-reviewed journal articles, 5 non-refereed articles, 3 scholarly books, 42 book chapters and encyclopedia entries, and 10 technical reports and non-refereed publications. They also currently have an additional 16 papers under review at scholarly journals and several others in progress. Faculty delivered 62 presentations at professional conferences in the last year, many of them invited presentations and many involving graduate student coauthors.

### **Honors and Awards**

SCCJ is pleased to recognize the academic achievements of its faculty, staff, and students.

- 2014 CCJ Outstanding Teaching Award: Amy Anderson
- 2014 CCJ Outstanding Research Award: Ben Steiner
- 2014 CCJ Outstanding Service Award: Candice Batton
- 2014 CCJ Staff Excellence Award: Karen Fulton
- 2014 CCJ Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award: Amy Swearer (Lincoln) and Ebonie Epinger (Omaha)
- 2014 CCJ Outstanding Graduate Student Award: Michael Johnson
- 2014 CCJ Graduate Student Organization Faculty Mentor Award: Samantha Clinkinbeard
- 2014 CPACS Outstanding Alumni Award: Tara Scholz (Lincoln graduate)
- 2014 CPACS Outstanding Alumni Award: Chris Gibson (PhD graduate)
- 2014 UNL Parents' Recognition Teaching Award: Chris Eskridge
- 34 undergraduates inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, the national CJ honor society; 22 in 2013 and 12 in 2014
- Approximately \$10,000 awarded in undergraduate scholarships

## **Community Projects and Externally Funded Projects:**

SCCJ is proud of its record of community partnerships and externally-funded projects. The School houses two research bodies: the Juvenile Justice Institute (JJI), directed by Dr. Anne Hobbs, and the Consortium for Crime and Justice Research (CCJR), directed by Dr. Ryan Spohn. JJI and CCJR facilitate collaborative research efforts and community partnerships as well as provide assistance with securing external funding for research. The following funded projects are under way in the School in 2013-14:

- Transformation Project (Spohn)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods (Spohn)
- Completely Kids Evaluation (Spohn)
- Minority Health Initiative Evaluation (Spohn)
- VAWA Strategic Planning for Nebraska Crime Commission (Spohn)
- JAG-Byrne Prioritization Planning for Nebraska Crime Commission (Spohn)
- Sex Offender Registry for Nebraska State Patrol (Spohn)
- Inmate Adjustment and Violence (Steiner)
- Right-wing Extremist Terrorism Project for National START Consortium (Simi)
- Right-wing Extremism Project for H. F. Guggenheim Foundation (Simi)
- Lancaster County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Project (Hobbs)
- Lancaster County Second Chance Act Juvenile Reentry Project (Hobbs)
- Assessment of Disproportionate Minority Contact in Nebraska (Hobbs)
- Lancaster County Early Assessment (Hobbs)
- Web-enabled Juvenile Diversion System for Nebraska (Hobbs)
- East Central – Maternal Health (Clinkinbeard)
- SPF-SIG Evaluations for Otoe County, East Central, and Livewise (Clinkinbeard)
- Omaha Conditions Survey (Crank)
- Office of Violence Prevention (Crank)
- Livewise Drug-free Community (Sample)
- Violent Victimization, Neighborhoods, and Drugs for National Institute of Health (Wright)
- Polyvictimization among Adult Women funded by WCA (Radatz, Wright)
- Graduate Assistantship - Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Batton, Simi)
- Graduate Assistantship - Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (Batton)

## **Leading scholars were brought to campus as part of the Visiting Scholars series:**

- Charles Tittle, North Carolina State University
- Phil Reichel, University of Northern Colorado
- Margarita Dobryninas, Lithuania

## **Internally Funded Research:**

- Morality and Crime in Bangladesh funded by CCJ (Brauer)
- Prison Misconduct funded by CCJ (Brennan)
- Effects of Polyvictimization funded by CCJ (Wright)
- Sex Offender Recidivism funded by CCJ (Sample)
- Prison Environments and Recidivism funded by CCJ (Steiner)
- Right-wing Extremism funded by CCJ (Simi)
- Genes, Mind, Behavior funded by FIRE and CCJ (Savolainen, Brauer)
- Sexual Contact between Children and Older People funded by ORCA (Savolainen)

## **Conference Sponsorship and Community Building Activities:**

The following conferences and activities were sponsored by SCCJ in the last year:

- Silver Level Sponsor of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Annual Meeting, Kearney, Nebraska, May 2014.
- Co-sponsor with U.S. Marshal's Office of Drug Enforcement Training, UNO, July 2013.
- Jailhouse Scramble Golf Tournament, Tiberon Golf Course, Omaha, July 2013.
- School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Awards Luncheon, March, 2014.
- Criminal Justice Student Association, Omaha (Sam Clinkinbeard) and Lincoln (Jon Brauer) campuses.

## **Future Directions:**

- CCJ is continuing to expand its online offerings at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and now has a fully online MS program. A full-time Distance Education Instructor was hired to support online initiatives within the School.
- CCJ is in the process of developing a graduate certificate "Managing Juvenile and Adult Populations" with Social Work.
- CCJ is exploring the development of a Corrections Leadership Initiative which will focus on professional development opportunities in corrections, probation, and parole.
- The Nebraska Center for Justice Research is moving through the approval process under the direction of Ryan Spohn. The Nebraska Legislature recently appropriated \$200,000 for the Center to study corrections reform and other issues related to crime and justice policy in Nebraska in 2014-16.



# SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The academic year saw growth and significant accomplishment for the School of Public Administration, with the addition of new faculty, a strong publication portfolio, successful outreach and diversity efforts, and a number of awards, achievements and recognitions for members of the College. In addition, the academic year was a successful one in terms of student recruitment and commencement.

## **New Faculty Members:**

Craig Maher, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Expertise: Financial Management, Public Budgeting, Fiscal Federalism

Yu-Che Chen, Ph.D., Indiana University-Bloomington

Expertise: Digital (electronic) media; IT management; Collaborative Public Management; Network Management; Research Methods

## **Major Accomplishments:**

- Books Published: 1
- Book Chapters and Book Reviews: 3
- Journal Articles: 22
- Monographs: 2
- Reports: 2
- Grants and Contracts: \$1,181,617
- Credit Hours Produced: 5,721
- Graduate Degrees Awarded: 65
  - CPM Certificates, 4
  - Graduate Certificates, 4
  - Masters: 53
  - Doctoral: 4

## **Diversity Efforts:**

The School developed a Diversity Plan that addresses student, staff and faculty recruitment and retention.

- Process: Over the past two years there were faculty searches for four positions. More than \$6,000 was spent in advertising in media catering to minority professionals in the field this year alone, resulting in the hiring of an additional Asian faculty member.
- Result: Student recruitment have also been fruitful for the doctoral program, producing additional Asian students, one student from the Middle East and one African American Student.

## **Recognition and Awards:**

- Dr. Carol Ebdon, Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration
- Dr. Angela Eikenberry, 2014-15 Fulbright U.S. Scholar
- Dr. Dale Krane, 2014 ASPA-Nebraska Public Service Award: Lifetime Achievement
- Dr. Christine Reed, 2013 Faculty Fellow at the Dougherty Water for Food Institute
- Dr. Ethel Williams, Outstanding Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh

## **Best Paper Awards:**

- Dr. Jooho Lee, Best Paper Award in Electronic Government Track at the Hawaii International Conference on System Science.
- Dr. Bryce Hoflund, International Award of Excellence in the Area of Food Studies.
- Dr. Tara Bryan, Nomination, Best Paper Award, Association for Research on Nonprofit Associations and Voluntary Action.
- Dr. Craig Maher, the honor of the Article of the Year from the Association of Government Accountants.

## **Professional Programs:**

- Nebraska Certified Public Manager<sup>®</sup> Program:  
Graduated 4 Certified Public Managers (CPM) in December, 2013  
10 new CPM in 2014
- Nebraska Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy:  
March, 2014 conference had 244 registrations from over 200 municipalities.



# AVIATION INSTITUTE

The UNO Aviation Institute celebrated another successful academic year in 2013-2014, comprising a number of outstanding student, staff and faculty accolades, events and achievements.

## **Student Scholarships: At the Aviation Institute Honors Convocation, over \$22,000 in scholarships were awarded**

- International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading Scholarship – Eric Guzman-Lopez
- Nebraska Business Aviation Association Scholarship – Mallory Huntimer
- Jet Linx Aviation Institute Golf Classic Scholarship – Mallory Huntimer
- The Durham Undergraduate Scholarship – Eric Guzman-Lopez
- Mutual of Omaha Scholarship – Mallory Huntimer
- The Kenneth & Patrick Chambers Memorial Scholarship – Patrick McCarthy
- The David LaMar Memorial Scholarship – Mallory Huntimer
- The Robert E. & Rosita C. Wolsmann Scholarship – Jason Struebing
- The Donald Smithey Scholarship in Aviation Administration – Seth Dobbins
- The Robert Azer Memorial Scholarship – Daniel Manning
- The Chirs A. Hawks Memorial Scholarship – Kyle Lennemann & Mallory Huntimer
- Aviation Institute Student of the Year – Zane Smith
- Densel K. & Melba J. Acheson Student Enrichment Fund – Cesar Zuluaga & Jason Struebing

## **Aviation Institute Golf Classic: Aviation Institute Scholarship Program and the Jamie Barrett Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jet Linx Aviation Institute Golf Classic and Silent Auction to be held Monday, July 21, 2014 at Pacific Springs Golf Course**

### **Guest Lecturers:**

- 2013 Durham Lecture, Mr. Steven Forte, Chief Operating Officer, Virgin America
- National Transportation Safety Board Member, Mr. Robert Sumwalt.

### **The Flying Mavs (UNO Mavs Flight team) National SAFECON Event:**

Columbus, Ohio, May 7-18, 2014. Sponsored by Jet Linx Aviation. Eight UNO students to be represented.

### **Student Recognition**

Students Matt Hunt, Arlene Steier, Zane Smith, Craig Murphey, and Derek Warneke submitted their student project, "What is Your Hydro-Reality? Airport Stormwater Drainage Observation and Collection System (ASDOC)" to the FAA Design Competition for Universities on April 18, 2014.

### **School Program, Pipeline to Professionalism:**

- Davis Middle School
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – All faculty and staff will visit
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Next year, every student at Davis will come to UNO to fly our flight simulator
- Omaha Burke High School: Dual Enrollment program with Aviation Institute

## **Progress Toward Diversity Goals:**

Focusing on student recruitment. Programs with:

- Tuskegee Airmen
- Summer Scholars
- Summer Works
- Aim for the Stars

Bachelor of Science in Aviation (does not include BGS, minors, or graduate students)

- 110 Majors
- 15% Female
- 22% Ethnically diverse

# GRACE ABBOTT SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## **Comings and Goings:**

- Claudette Lee retired in December 2013 after 21 years of service as Practicum Coordinator
- Jane Woody retired in May 2014 after 39 years of service
- Claudette Grinnell Davis will join us from the University of Michigan in August 2014
- Theresa Barron McKeagney became the Associate Dean of CPACS
- Amanda Duffy Randall became Director of the GASSW
- Susan Reay will join us as a new Practicum Associate in June

## **Faculty research included funded grants and contracts from:**

- US Administration for Children and Families
- US Department of Agriculture and US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Asian and Pacific Island Social Work Educator Association
- Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates Association
- Nebraska Children's Home Society
- Project Harmony
- Avenue Scholars
- Building Bright Futures
- Greater Omaha Attendance and Learning Services (GOALS) Center
- Phoenix Academy
- Omaha National Association of Colored People
- United Way of the Midlands
- UNO Sponsored Programs
- Summer Works

## **GASSW Faculty Serve on the Editorial Boards of:**

- *Social Work*
- *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*
- *Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education*
- *PsycCRITIQUES*
- *No Limits! Ejournal*
- *Clinical Case Studies*
- *Journal of Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders*

## **Articles Published in:**

- *Protecting Children*
- *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*
- *Advances in Social Work*
- *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*
- *Journal of Social Work Education*
- *European Journal of Population*

## **Faculty currently service on the following boards and committees:**

- Association of Social Work Boards
- American Foundation for Research and Consumer Education in Social Work Regulation
- School Social Work Association of Nebraska
- Nebraska Children's Home Society
- Council on Social Work Education
- Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska
- Project Harmony Child Advocacy Center
- Alegent Foundation
- Nebraska Families Collaborative
- Iowa West Foundation
- Voices Against Violence Task Force
- Nebraskans for Peace
- Nebraska Network Against Human Trafficking Humans
- Family Violence Council
- Women's Fund of Omaha
- Omaha Hoarding Task Force
- Whiteclay Awareness Committee
- Professional Transgender Resource Network
- inCOMMON Community Development
- Royal Family Kids, Inc.
- Harambee Afrikan Cultural Organization
- Dove's Nest
- Bridge of Hope
- American Association of University Professors
- National Association of Social Workers
- Metropolitan Community College Advisory Council.

## **UNO SERVICE:**

- Faculty Senate
- University wide Gender Equity Committee
- Educational Policy Advisory Council
- Professional Conduct Committee
- Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women
- CPACS committees
  - Diversity
  - Personnel
  - Curriculum
- Academic Steering Committee
- University wide Fringe Benefits Committee
- Support group for LGBTQ students
- GASSW Committees

## **Highlights and Events:**

- We awarded over \$25,000 in scholarships to our BSSW and MSW students this year at the Scholarship lunch in October
- We organized our first Alumni wine and cheese event for recent alumni of GASSW in March for National Social Workers Month

- The Gandhi Symposium presented Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart speaking on historical trauma and Native Americans; the Gandhi Award was given to Nebraskans for Peace
- Over 70 Faculty and students attended Nebraska Legislative Day in April 2014
- An off campus BSW Program was developed to be conducted at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, beginning in 2015 (now pending approval)
- The MSW/CRCJ Certificate program was developed and approved
- 31 new members were added to Phi Alpha Honor Society
- Jeanette Harder's STEPs program moved into the Community Engagement Center in March

# DEPARTMENT OF GERONTOLOGY

## Research:

- Wang, K, Kercher, K., Kosloski, K., Aging and Religious Participation in Late Life," *Journal of Religion and Health*. June 2013
- Kelly, C., Morgan, J. C., Jason, K. J., "Home care workers: Interstate differences in training requirements and their implications for quality," *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, October (4th Quarter/Autumn) 2013.
- Kelly, C., Masters, J., Deviney, S., "End-of-life planning activities: An integrated process," *Death Studies*, July (3rd Quarter/Summer) 2013.
- Kelly, C.M., & Deichert, J.A. (2014). A cost-effective way to care for an aging population. *Governing*. March 31, 2014.
- Kelly, C.M., & Deichert, J.A. (2013). Addressing the long-term care needs of Nebraska's aging population through home and community-based services. Report to Nebraska Legislative Planning Committee.

Faculty presented papers/posters at the following conferences:

- *Exploring interstate differences in the training of the assisted living workforce*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Little Rock, AR.
- *Meeting the Emerging Demand for Quality Care* San Diego, CA.
- *Growing from On-Campus to Online: A Risk Worth Taking*, University of Nebraska Online Worldwide conference, Lincoln NE,
- *A good life at the end of life*, Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Lincoln NE,
- *Physicians and Health Care Providers' Perspectives on the Most Effective Way to Communicate Bad News*

Chris Kelly was appointed to the editorial board for the *Journal of Applied Gerontology* in the spring.

**Dr. Chuck Powell Memorial Lecture Series: *Establishing a Culture of Excellence*, Speaker: Dr. Tom Osborne**

## Aging Conference:

*Aging with Passion and Purpose: Aging Well in the Age of Technology*, October 20 – 21, 2013. Featured keynote speakers included: Benjamin Knapp, PhD – Virginia Tech, Rev. Chris Alexander, Countryside Community Church, Nick Stergiou, PhD – UNO Biomechanics, Leta Powell Drake, Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame and Jeremy Lipschultz, PhD – UNO School of Communications. The planning of the conference was based on work of the community and UNO faculty and staff including Social Work, Biomechanics, IS&T, CPAR and Gerontology.

## Colloquia Series:

- Exploring Support to Older Parents: Marital Status, Geographic Distance, and Parents' Filial Expectations. Christine A. Mair, PhD

- Begin with the End in Mind: A Three-Part Series on Thinking about End of Life Decisions, February, March and April, 2014. Featured speakers included Dr. Paige Toller – UNO School of Communications, Tom Belford, John A. Gentleman Mortuaries and Helen Chappel, Creighton University. Sponsored by the Aging and Life Span Teaching Circle.

## **Teaching:**

- 103 minors at UNO and UNL
- 97 Undergraduate and Graduate Certificate Students
- 34 M.A. in Social Gerontology students
- 18 students pursuing the PhD specialization in Gerontology
- One doctoral student successfully completed his PhD
- Online students: 18 students are fully admitted to a program at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- Advisors attend all of the UNL Red Letter Days, Maverick Open House and Big Red Road show.
- Advisors attended the American Society on Aging Conference in San Diego, Home Instead convention, Nebraska Health Care Association and Leading Age of Nebraska.

## **Awards:**

- Karol Anne Warchola received the Outstanding Service Learning Award. She is a BGS student with an area of emphasis in health care administration and Gerontology.
- John Emmet-Mahon, a biology student with a minor in gerontology was the student speaker at the UNL Honors Convocation in the spring.
- Dr. Julie Masters received a teaching recognition from the UNL Parent Association in the spring.

## **Diversity Efforts**

The Department of Gerontology is committed to diversity among its faculty. As part of the recruitment process for the two open faculty positions, effort was made to attract diverse candidates through the *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* and the American Association of University Professors. We are also seeking ways to attract people of diverse backgrounds to teach courses for us on a part-time basis as well as permanent full-time faculty positions.

## **Intergenerational Service Learning Events:**

- Montclair Senior Center-PAWS Intergenerational Project
- Thompson Learning Center (TLC): Lewis and Clark Middle School Music Program
- AARP Information Office, Omaha: Senior Prom at Lewis and Clark Middle School
- TLC Intergenerational Breakfast/Parsons House-Buffett School Intergenerational Poetry Project
- Spring 2014 Working with Minority Elderly, included these events:
  - Adams Park Senior Center-Blackburn Alternative School Culinary Arts Program
  - Intercultural Senior Center-Marrs Magnet After School Program
  - Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, Inc.-Liberty Elementary School
  - Omaha Chinese Christian Church-OPS-Mandarin Institute Language Program
  - Marrs Magnet After School Program – Day of the Dead Decorations and Games Omaha
  - Chinese Christian Church-OPS-Mandarin Institute Language Program, Calligraphy

## **Service:**

### Community Partnerships

- AARP Aging Legislative Coalition
- Aging Partners
- AseraCare Hospice Foundation Board



- Community 360 Board of Directors
- Elder Rights Coalition
- Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging Advisory Council
- Florence Home – Board of Directors
- Home Instead Center for Successful Aging Advisory Council
- Nebraska State Unit on Aging
- Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
- Nebraska Transportation Coalition
- Partners in Aging
- Senior Companion Program Advisory Council

#### Community Presentations:

- Sterling Connection 50 and Older, Seward Memorial Hospital, Seward NE, How Caregiving Affects the Heart
- Meeting of AARP members, AARP, Omaha, The end of life: It's really just the beginning
- Caregiving Workshop, New Cassel Retirement Center, How Caregiving Affects Your Heart and Your Identity
- Lifeline Annual Luncheon, Immanuel Communities, Omaha -, Who Knew it was a Mrs. Smith's Pie?
- Therapists training program, Cassling, Omaha, Anticipating Your Future Self with Hope and Humor
- "Introducing Online Gerontology Programs" Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging, Directors Meeting
- "Meeting the Demand for Quality Care" LeadingAge Nebraska
- Finding Meaning and Purpose Despite the Challenges of Caregiving A program for all ages

#### **Sigma Phi Omega honorary society:**

- *Be A Santa to a Senior* – In its fourth year, UNO and the gerontology honor society partner with Home Instead Senior Care in obtaining holiday gifts for home bound elders.
- *Athletes and Elders* – this partnership is completing its fifth year in coordination with UNO athletics, Community 360 and area assisted living facilities in ensuring elders receive visits from UNO athletes.
- Intergenerational Poetry Contest Winners Reception and Slam

#### **Additional Activities:**

- Bede Bolin was hired for the instructor position in Lincoln. He is teaching "Introduction to Gerontology," advising students and supervising practicum experiences.
- We have hired a new faculty member, Julie Blaskewicz Boron, Ph.D. She will teach courses on the psychology of aging.
- We received Programs of Excellence funding to hire a new faculty member with a background in the biology of aging.
- Sr. Marie Micheletto was the 2014 alumni recipient
- The Department received a generous gift from Dr. Leo Missinne to establish the Leo Missinne gerontology professorship and to further add to the scholarship fund for students in gerontology.
- We have submitted a proposal for a BS in gerontology. We intend to launch the degree in the upcoming academic year.

# DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

UNO's online Bachelor of General Studies degree was ranked #20 in the nation by *U. S. News & World Report's* 2014 Edition of Best Online Education Programs.

## 2013 – 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Bachelors of General Studies (BGS) degree was ranked #5 in the nation for military and veteran students by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- In 2013, 347 students graduated with a BGS degree.
- In 2013, 5307 academic advising appointments were held in the Division of Continuing Studies.
- As a result of DCS-sponsored courses (online, at Offutt AFB, and off-campus) offered to all UNO students during the 2013 calendar year, 52,987 student credit hours were produced.
- Total UNO enrollment in DCS-sponsored online courses during 2013 was 4517.
- Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, initiation was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Forty-seven (47) students were initiated into the UNO/DCS Eta Beta Chapter. Katie Sup Rezac, Assistant Director of DCS for Academic Advising, and Dr. Deborah Smith-Howell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies, were inducted as 2014 Honorary Members of Alpha Sigma Lambda. DCS Academic Advisors, Kevin Howard and Jessica Swisher, were also inducted as Honorary Members.
- Twelve BGS degree students were recognized at the 2014 UNO Honors Convocation and the DCS Outstanding Student Award Luncheon.
- The Dean's List for Fall 2012 had 223 BGS students, and the Chancellor's List had 51 BGS students
- The Division of Continuing Studies Offutt Office administered 1,498 CLEP and DSST exams in 2013. In 2012, 1,442 exams were administered.
- BGS Degree Program Growth: The following online Areas of Concentration were added to the Bachelor of General Studies Degree Program:
  - Aviation Studies
  - Fire Service Management
- The following BGS Areas of emphasis are available online:
  - Sociology
  - Black Studies
  - Computer Science
  - Criminology and Criminal Justice
  - English
  - General Administration
  - Geography
  - Information Assurance
  - Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis
  - Information Technology
  - Management Information Systems
  - Mathematics
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Public Administration
  - Religion

- Sociology
- Aviation Studies
- Fire Service Management
- Sustainability was added as a new BGS Area of Concentration, bringing the total number of BGS Areas of Concentration to fifty.
- The BGS Marketing Plan was successfully launched in fall 2013. Sample advertisements included:
  - Billboards in Bellevue, Omaha and Scottsbluff
  - Print ads in western Nebraska
  - A four-week radio campaign followed by a six-week campaign
  - Online newspaper banners
  - Local, regional, and national military-related publications (e.g. Army Football Program, USA Today Special Edition for U. S. Department of Defense).
  - A movie still at the Scottsbluff theater
  - Sponsorship of the 2014 Offutt Air Force Base Air Show
  - Attendance at Omaha and Bellevue Earth Days.
- During Non-Traditional Students Week, DCS honored the accomplishments of adult students at UNO with daily refreshments, prizes, and student recognition.
- In September 2013, the Division of Continuing Studies Fall Retreat was held at the UNO Alumni Center. Afternoon activities included a Patriot Day Service Project at the Stephen Center Thrift Store in Omaha, Nebraska.
- During the 2013-14 academic year, the Division of Continuing Studies participated in professional development opportunities (conferences, webinars, meetings, etc.) offered by the following organizations:
  - Greater Omaha Chamber Young Professionals Summit
  - Institute for Career Advancement Needs | Women's Leadership Conference and Men's Leadership Exchange
  - College Student Educators International (ACPA)
  - Council of College and Military Educators
  - National Academic Advising Association
  - The Sloan Consortium: Individuals, Institutions, and Organizations Committed to Quality Online Education
  - University Professional and Continuing Education Association
  - American Council on Education
  - International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry
  - Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology | Women's Leadership Conference

### **Staff Changes:**

- Kathleen Radak was hired as Test Administrator in the DCS Offutt Office.
- Leah Meyer was hired as Staff Assistant of the DCS Offutt Office.
- Dr. Jaci Lindburg was promoted to Assistant Director of DCS for Academic Affairs.
- Katie Sup Rezac was hired as Assistant Director of DCS for Academic Advising.
- Jessica Swisher, Andrew Faltin, Ron Glenn, and Amanda Micheli were hired as full-time academic advisors.
- Chandra Bilson was hired as DCS Coordinator of Student Services.
- Mindy Hunke was hired as DCS Office Assistant.

### **2014 DCS Distinguished Alumni Award:**

- Mary Ann Borgeson, County Commissioner | Douglas County, Nebraska
- Billy McGuigan, CEO, Rave On Productions
- Jennifer Schrodtt, Assistant to the Director | University of Nebraska Online Worldwide

# GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## Academic Achievements:

- Six-year graduation rate for 2007 cohort: 63.2%
- The retention rate for 2012/2013 freshman/sophomore was 89.71%
- During the Spring 2013 semester, 17 students were on the Chancellor's List and 93 on the Dean's List. In the Fall 2013 semester, 21 were on the Chancellor's List and 103 on the Dean's List
- 2013/2014, three students awarded funds from the Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experience:
  - Abbie Harlow, "Discovering Nebraska: A Pioneer's History of Western Expansion"
  - Benjamin Knutson, "Relation of Shape Equations (ROSE) Analysis: A Potential Means to Three-Dimensional Shape Recognition for use in Weapon-Detection Systems"
  - Terry Laursen, "The Impact of Human Skeletal Muscle Heating and Cooling on Mitochondrial Related Gene Expression"
- Michael Boylan, the Undergraduate Major Honoree for Physics
- Tara Trede, 2013 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Scholar-Athlete
- Danielle Fulton, selected for the 2014 Intelligence Community Scholars program
- Salvador Garcia, Men's Soccer 2013 Summit League Academic All-League Team
- In 2013-2014, three students selected for Study Abroad Awards
- Dendinger Award Winners (Seniors with 3.5 or higher cum GPA): Cassandra Amsler, Michael Boylan, Erik Brousseau, Chad Crowe, Kelsey Curran, Kaleigh Duffy, Catherine Eberly, Cara Fowler, Gabriel Gutierrez, Alexandra Mainelli, Molly Moberg, Martha Spangler and Suriel Vazquez
- Daisy Gonzalez, selected for Des Moines University's Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars, Iowa
- Anderson Duran and Connor Reed, selected for SMDEP (Summer Medical and Dental Program) at UNMC, Omaha

## Leadership Development/University Awards:

- Martha Spangler, the Senior Vice Chancellor Outstanding Leadership Award
- Camri Dorsey, the 2014 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow Award
- Jabaree Culliver, the 2014 Midlands Westside Unit Youth of the Year Award
- Orientation Leaders: Natalie Allen, Nicole Partusch, Aaron Rhodes
- Student Senators: Jack Brady, College of Business, Anna DiRuocco, College of Business, Camri Dorsey, College of Education, Emily Bradley, Campus Housing

## Internships:

- Stephenson-Harrington Internship (Catherine Eberly, D'Nasha Jackson, Alex Mainelli, Stephanie Rabiola, Reda Safi, Jenna Stotz and Snowleopard Tyler – most recent interns).
- Goodrich's pilot internship program through Boys Town (Camri Dorsey, Thalia Sanchez and Cynric Whitaker -- most recent interns)

## Faculty (Scholarly/Achievement Awards):

- Four faculty publications (journal articles or book chapters)
- Four professional or academic presentations at national or international conferences
- Troy Romero, CPACS UNO Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award

- Todd Richardson, the 2013/2014 Curulis award, from the Student Government at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

### Alumni Connections:

- Roger Garcia (Member and Assistant Secretary, Board of Governors [Omaha] Metro Community College): Keynoter, Goodrich's 2014 Sophomore Awards Luncheon
- Brad Costanzo (ConAgra's Senior Director of Finance), the 2014 Goodrich-nominated CPACS Alumni Award Recipient
- GoodrichNet Alumni Speaker Series included Ricardo Ariza, Jermaine Ballard, and Brenda Logan
- Financial Literacy Presentation by Kirk Sims

### Staff/Faculty/Students Outreach Initiatives (Community Engagement):

- Goodrich hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Futures Fair in partnership with p4k (Partnership 4 Kids) where we engaged 230 8<sup>th</sup> graders from many middle schools including Lewis and Clark, Marrs, Monroe, King Science, Beveridge, Norris and McMillan. The student population of p4k includes:

Student Population	90% of the students served by Partnership 4 Kids programs qualify for free and reduced lunch, an indicator that their families are living at or below the federal poverty line.		
	The average median household income of the zip codes of students served by our organization is below \$30,000. These areas served by the Partnership are well below the median household income for the city of Omaha, which is well above \$50,000.*Reported by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce for the year 2010.		
	While the racial composition of our students is mixed, African American and Hispanic students compose the majority of students participating in P4K programs.		
	Demographics	African American	57%
		Latino	24%
		Caucasian	10%
		Other	9%

- Goodrich Organization (GO!) outreach included the Adopt-A-Family for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Midlands, BBBS Bowl-A-Thon and Mav Food Pantry
- Barbara Hewins-Maroney, Service Learning Aquaponics project, with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at King Science and Technology Magnet School, Omaha as partner
- Catherine Chmidling, Service Learning Popular Media project, with Spring Lake Elementary School and the Intercultural Senior Center
- Imafedia Okhamafe, the Kiewit Book Club (a service learning project) involving 12 UNO students, 69 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Peter Kiewit Middle School, and 15 parents and their children from the Learning Community of South Omaha

Goodrich processed over 800 scholarship applications in the 2014 application season and interviewed 262 applicants.

# CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH

The Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) celebrated its 50 Years of Service to the University, the Omaha area and throughout Nebraska. We designed an emblem, collected and displayed historical documents, developed a short history, including a 25 feet-long pictorial timeline representing the major events in CPAR's history, and held a celebration on November 8, 2014.

## **CPACS Diversity Initiatives:**

CPAR was established in 1963 as the Center for Urban Studies. Its initial mission was to address urban problems and information needs. Over the years CPAR has gone through several name changes and numerous personnel changes that have modified its mission. During the past year, CPAR began to reexamine its historical urban mission within the current operating environment. Issues of diversity and social problems are key components in this effort. Activities include:

1. Strengthened relationships and developed collaborations with Black Studies and Office of Latino/Latin American Studies.
2. Worked with CPACS, other UNO faculty and staff and community organizations that have similar interests in the issues of diversity and social problems. (CPACS Urban Policy and Diversity Incubator, CPACS Diversity Committee)
3. Initiated the Nebraska Metro Poll (a large survey of 7,500 households) that is a complement to UNL's Rural Poll; to ensure adequate representation the Metro Poll included an oversampling of African-American and Latino households and Spanish letters and questionnaires. As a result of our efforts, for the first time, the Rural Poll oversampled Latino households and included Spanish letters and questionnaires in their general survey.

## **Applied Research**

1. **Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee**
  - *Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee 2013 Report: Database* (With Public Administration and Dean's Office for the fourth year).
  - *Nebraska Legislature's Planning Committee 2013 Report: Policy Briefs* (With CPACS and other NU faculty)
  - *Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Legislative Districts from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey*
  - *Selected Characteristics for Nebraska Counties from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey*
  - *Nebraska Legislative District Quick Facts*



- *Ratio of Income to Poverty Level for Children under 18 Years as a Percentage of the Population for Whom Poverty Is Determined for Nebraska Legislative Districts from the American Community Survey*
2. Completed the 2014 update of the Nebraska Energy Burden Study.
  3. Worked with Gerontology faculty members: Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance Grant-Phase II.
  4. Worked with CPACS faculty and staff: Nebraska Rural Transit NU Development and Support Grant.
  5. Created data reports for the Learning Community and OPPD.
  6. Prepared Nebraska population projections by age groups and 4 major race/ethnic groups: 2010 to 2050
  7. Proposals submitted with other CPACS, UNO, and NU faculty
    - Mobilizing and Aligning the University of Nebraska's Resources to Support Regional Economic Development Ecosystems (not funded)
    - Re-Entry Program Research Methodology proposal (not funded)
    - Catalyzing the Role of Micropolitan America in the Future of Rural America: Why Not Begin this New Frontier for Research and Engagement in Nebraska? RFI proposal (funded)
    - Energy, Economy, and Environment (E3) RFI proposal (?)

### **CPAR Publication Archive:**

All publications prior to 2000 are now available at <http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cpar/>. Uploading publications from 2000-to-present is in-progress and should be completed by the end of the year. We have a total of 407 publications, with 905 downloads between April 2013 and April 2014.

### **State Data Center Program:**

1. As the lead agency for the Nebraska State Data Center, CPAR continued to manage the program that also consists of a network of 23 state and local agencies. 2014 is the 25th anniversary of CPAR's designation as the lead agency by the Governor.
2. facebook.com/unocpar--We post daily and have 277 likes, and posts often go viral reaching several hundred people with our work and insight. Our top post reached 1,223 people.
3. Prepared special reports, data tables, and power point presentations using the 2010 Census, American Community Survey, intercensal estimates and other sources and placed them on CPAR's website. (<http://www.unomaha.edu/cpar/>)
  - CPAR's website had 2,029 unique visitors with more than 6,500 page views averaging more than 2 minutes a session (April 24, 2012 - April 23, 2013). More than one-half (53.7%) of these were new visitors to the site.
4. Sponsored the 24th Annual Data Users Conference. For the third consecutive year we used Adobe Connect and had attendees from throughout Nebraska and the Midwest. The 25th Annual Data Users Conference is scheduled for Tuesday August 19th in the CPACS Building. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.
5. Worked on numerous Census-related projects including:
  - Summarizing Nebraska's poverty data by a variety of geographic areas and demographic characteristics, including an analysis of the new Supplemental Poverty measure.
6. Worked with national and state media including, the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal-Star, Grand Island Independent, Norfolk Daily News among numerous other newspapers and with radio and TV stations (e.g. KFAB, KRVN and WJAG) on demographic information from the census and other sources.
7. Made 20 data-related presentations throughout the state, with more than 750 contacts.



8. Made numerous presentations to classes within CPACS and UNO on using Census and other data.
9. Responded to approximately 400 information requests from throughout the state and nation, although mostly from the Omaha area. Many of these requests are from the offices of Nebraska state legislators.

### **Survey Research:**

CPAR staff provided technical assistance and advice on conducting surveys to CPACS and UNO faculty and students, nonprofit, and government agencies.

### **CPACS Support:**

1. Coordinated the Certificate in Fundraising Management program. In 2013-2014 there were 12 courses scheduled, with over 70 registrants, most taking multiple courses. Two participants received the Certificate in Fall 2013; and two are expected to receive the Certificate in Spring 2014. There have been over 150 individuals who have received the Certificate in Fundraising Management since CPACS/CPAR took over the program in Fall 2000.
2. CPACS Websites Technical Support – CPAR is providing technical support for 15 CPACS websites. CPAR also provides support for Office of Military and Veteran Services website. This past year approximately 25 duplicate or dormant websites were eliminated or consolidated in preparation for the conversion to the CMS.
3. CPACS Website Conversion Project – CPAR is providing logistical support to all units in preparation for the conversion to the CMS. A CPACS Web Manager Group provides monthly meetings, training workshops, information dissemination, and an online discussion group.
4. Assisted with Aging with Passion & Purpose Conference.

### **Consortium for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE):**

#### Completed:

1. Needs Assessment for the United Neighborhood Alliances of Omaha
2. Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Year-2 Evaluation: Community Substance-Abuse Survey and Capacity-Building Assessment
3. Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation of Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Program
4. Needs Assessment for Justice for Our Neighbors

#### In Progress:

1. Omaha Public Library, 2-year evaluation of Community Engagement: Creating a Culture of Collaboration funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
2. Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug-Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (ATOD) Year-3," an evaluation of a continuing substance-abuse prevention.
3. Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition: Evaluation of Soaring over Methamphetamine and Suicide Program (SOMS) Year-5," an evaluation of a continuing substance-abuse and suicide prevention.

# **WILLIAM BRENNAN LABOR STUDIES INSTITUTE**

This was a year of loss and opportunity: our colleague Edgar Moore finally “hung up his gloves,” and the Institute moved into its new location on campus in the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center. The opportunity to fill Edgar’s position is exciting as there are applicants from across the U.S. and Canada who have applied. We are also excited by the possibilities the relocation offers as the Institute can better serve as a bridge between the university and organized labor.

The public education component of the Institute continues to grow with two YouTube videos: one about the contributions of the labor movement to American society and the second on the importance of message framing when dialoging about issues of importance.

This year’s Promoting the General Welfare conference was held in the new Community Engagement Center and featured a keynote on the importance of immigration reform to insuring that our economy works for all wage earners.

Requests for the Institute’s “How to Effectively Talk Union” continue to come from unions across the U.S. and Canada.

## **Course Offerings and Participants**

CONTRACTED	
Number of Courses	13
Number of Participants	496
INVITED	
Number of Courses	21
Number of Participants	1,618
OPEN	
Number of Courses	3
Number of Participants	94
GRAND TOTAL	
Number of Courses	37
Number of Participants	2,208

## **Educational Presentations:**

### Unions Served:

- AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison
- AFSCME LU 2991
- Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) LU 1293
- American Association of University Professionals (AAUP)
- American Federation of Teachers Local 1766
- Boilermakers LU D174
- Central Nebraska Central Labor Council (LCLC)
- Communication Workers of America (CWA) LU 7290, LU 7400, LU 7470
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) District 2-Affiliate Leadership Training Summit (ALTS)
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) District 7
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Human Relations Conference
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) LU 29, LU 385, LU 644
- International Associations of Machinists Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) District 31 and LU 612
- International Brother of Teamsters (IBT) LU 554, LU 22, LU 1483, LU 1597
- Lincoln Central Labor Council (LCLC)
- Nebraska Association of Public Employees (NAPE)/AFSCME
- Nebraska State AFL-CIO
- Office and Professional Employees International Union 53 (OPIEU)
- Omaha Federation of Labor (OFL)
- Plumbers, United Association (UA) Local 8 and Local 16
- Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho
- Steamfitters & Plumbers LU 464
- Transport Workers of America (TWU) L 223
- United Food & Commercial Workers LU 1059

### **General Public:**

- Alliance for Retired Americans
- Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
- Hungry Club
- Metro Community College
- Nebraska LEAD Fellowship Program
- Sarpy Outlook, Sarpy County Democrats TV
- United Association for Labor Education Midwest and National Conferences
- UNO-School of Social Work Policy Class