

JASPA President's Welcome

March 8, 2008

Dear JASPA Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2008 Annual JASPA Conference: Addressing Creative Tensions, The Jesuit Way! We could not ask for a more awe inspiring place to gather than here in historic Boston.

Just as a small group of our colleagues gathered in 1954 for the very first conference of Jesuit Student Personnel Administrators, we too have the opportunity to come together and discuss timely and important topics in Jesuit education. Although, we are a much larger group in 2008, we nonetheless will have quality time to share stories, best practices, and learn new information that will be valuable to our work as we convey our passion for learning to our students.

The Conference Committee Co-chairs, Dr. Carole Hughes, Boston College and Dean Mable Millner, Assistant Dean and Director of Multicultural Education at the College of the Holy Cross have worked diligently to design an exceptional program for us. I can't thank them enough for taking on this project.

Thank you for choosing to attend the annual conference. I invite you to thoroughly enjoy the next day and a half. Take time to learn, share and reflect. Our fellowship is at the core of our time together.

Best Regards,

Jacqueline Dansler Peterson
President, JASPA

Message from Conference Co-Chairs

March 08, 2008

Greetings Friends,

Welcome to Boston, Massachusetts! We are delighted to be with you for our annual JASPA Conference. This time together gives us an opportunity to converse and reflect about the challenges and joy that are associated with our work with students. It also gives us time to re-connect with one another, welcome new colleagues and explore our commitment to the mission of Jesuit Higher Education.

The theme of the Conference: **Addressing Creative Tensions, the Jesuit Way**, will serve as a guide for our discussions about the unique perspective and Jesuit tradition offers us in our understanding and articulation of college student development.

Our keynote speaker, Fr. Stephen Privett, S.J., President of the University of San Francisco, will assist us in the exploration of addressing creative tensions in a way that is consistent with the Jesuit philosophies. Dr. Michael James of Boston College will introduce the Principles of Good Practices Document which will further contribute to our understanding of the principles, and we will have an opportunity in a roundtable format to discuss these principles further.

Our interest sessions will explore some very specific topics from the Jesuit perspective. Dr. Arthur (Art) Jackson will take us into the future of Student Affairs, and he will be joined by several of our Chief Student Affairs Officers as we consider the future of students and our profession. We hope all of these sessions will be of interest to you, and we encourage you to participate fully in discussions about some of the creative tensions you encounter in your work with students.

We are grateful to those JASPA colleagues who have contributed time and knowledge to assist in the creation of the Annual Conference Program. We hope that their efforts lead to interesting, thought-provoking discussion for you.

Tonight, Boston College will serve as our host for a reception and dinner. Our featured speaker for the banquet, Dr. Jaime Washington, President of the Washington Consulting and founding faculty member of the Social Justice Training Institute will close our conference with an inspirational and proactive message. The Boston College Division of Student Affairs is very much looking forward to welcoming you to their campus. We hope you can join us.

Thank you for attending the conference. We hope you enjoy our time together.

Carole Hughes, Ph.D.
Executive Director for
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College of the Holy Cross

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 7, 2008

Executive Board Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Marriott Hotel Region 1 Suite

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Connecting, the Jesuit Way

Co-sponsored by USA Today

Opening - Welcome Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Patrick Rombalski, Ph.D, Vice President for Student Affairs, John Carroll University will share the history of JASPA, welcome participants, and offer special recognition to our newcomers. Whether new to JASPA or a seasoned veteran, our yearly meeting offers the opportunity for connections, conversations, and collaborations.

Student Affairs, the Jesuit Way

9:05 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Morning meditation will be led by Deborah M. Cady, Ph.D., Deputy Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life, Fairfield University; National Chair, NASPA KC Spirituality and Religion in Higher Education

Greetings from Boston College, Carole Hughes, Ph.D., Executive Director

Assessment/Staff Development

Jacqueline Dansler Peterson, President of JASPA, will officially open our conference as we celebrate the gathering of our 28 Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Morning Plenary, *Addressing Creative Tensions, the Jesuit Way*

9:30 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

JASPA is honored to welcome Rev. Stephen A. Privett, S.J., President, University of San Francisco as our featured speaker to our conference. Father Privett will give us a contextual framework in which to challenge our thinking for the remainder of the conference and guide our actions as we return to our campuses.

Break

10:30 a.m.– 10:45 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Introduction of Principles of Good Practice Document

10:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Michael James, Ph.D., ACCU representative and co-chair of the leadership team who produced the *Principles of Good Practice Document*, will introduce the completed document and facilitate the discussion of how these principles can inform, guide, and impact our work.

Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting, JASPA on the Move Co-sponsored by Sodexho and Student Voice

12:05 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Concurrent Sessions

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room locations below

Reframing the Magis: Diversity and Multicultural Competency: Who Is Responsible?

Marriott, Orleans

Presenter: Cheryl Nuñez, Associate Provost for Diversity, Xavier University

This session will examine the missed opportunities and potential pitfalls that arise when co-curricular engagement with diversity, as in service, leadership, student activities, and residential life programs, is uninformed by an academic theoretical grounding. The discussion will explore ways in which diversity education in and out of the classroom is enhanced through strategic collaborations with faculty, leading to richer, more coherent integrated learning opportunities for students and to other strategic institutional outcomes.

GLBT Issues: How Do We Respond?

Marriott, Falmouth

Presenter: Thomas M. Landy, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, College of the Holy Cross

The theme of Creative Tension is a great starting point for a discussion of Jesuit higher education for LGBT students. At one pole, the expectations placed on us would have us simply tell students the rules of the church, and enforce them. At the opposite end, we're expected to let students be on their own and not impose any values on them -- or even make suggestions.

This presentation, and the conversation that follows, will focus on ways that the Jesuit charism can help us educate and mentor GLBT students in ways that are fully respectful to them and to our responsibilities as educators.

Safety, Security, Emergency Responses: Are We Prepared?

Marriott, Hyannis

Presenters:

Neal Lipsitz, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Student Development, College of the Holy Cross

Robert W. Hart, Interim Director of Public Safety, College of the Holy Cross

Paul Chebator, Ph.D., Interim Dean for Student Development, Boston College

George Arey, Associate Director of Residence Life, Boston College

This session will address any changes that have been implemented at The College of the Holy Cross and at Boston College in their emergency preparedness and postvention plans since the tragedy at Virginia Tech. The rationale for any particular alterations in these plans at each institution will be articulated. Emergency response practices and procedures will be described. There will be time for open discussion among the presenters and attendees.

Mission and Identity: Who Are We & Who Do We Want To Be?

Marriott, Vineyard

Presenters:

Andy Thon, S.J., Vice President of Student Affairs, Marquette University

Jon Dooley, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Student Development, Marquette University

Following upon the morning sessions on *Addressing Creative Tensions* and the Principles Document, this interactive session will focus on some of the challenges and creative tensions for Student Affairs professionals working at a Jesuit Catholic institution. Specific examples of programs, requests, speakers, student organizations, etc. and their relation to Catholic Church teaching will be discussed. Some strategies and best practices for dealing with these creative tensions will be offered.

Concurrent Sessions

2:05 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

All previous sessions will be repeated.

2:05 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Senior Student Affairs Officers Meeting (SSAO)

Marriott, Yarmouth

Break

3:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Marriott Hotel Salon E

FUTURE SHOCK: THE PRAXIS OF CATHOLIC AND SECULAR EDUCATION

3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Marriott Hotel Salon E

Presenter:

Dr. Arthur Jackson, Vice Chancellor of Students Affairs, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

The word praxis has been defined as an activity of free men and women whose end goal is action. This is the end result of the search for truth and production. In the future religious institutions will be faced with the complex needs of a material, and technologically advanced society. Strategies must be developed to address these areas and remain true to the traditions that the church holds sacred. This session will provide insight about this issue, as well as an interactive discussion among the participants.

SSAO Responders:

Margaret M. Higgins, Ph.D., Vice President, University Life, University of San Francisco

Mark C. Reed, Vice President of Administrative and Student Affairs, Fairfield University

Our SSAO responders representing the range of Jesuit College and Universities will each offer brief remarks sharing their insights from Dr. Jackson's presentation. Following their remarks, participants are invited to engage in discussion with Dr. Jackson and the responders.

Closing

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Marriott Hotel Salon E

Buses load for JASPA Awards Reception and Banquet

5:45 p.m. Marriott Hotel

JASPA Awards Reception and Banquet, Boston College

6:30 p.m. Reception, Gasson Hall

7:15 p.m. Banquet, The Heights

Guest Speaker, Dr. Jamie Washington, Washington Consulting Group

JASPA Hospitality Suite Open

10:00 p.m. Marriott Hotel NASPA Region 1 Suite #3716

Sunday, March 9th

JASPA Mass

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sheraton Hotel, Republic Room