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“A Promising Place to Work in Student Affairs”

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education recently named Shepherd University as one of 13 “Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs.” This honor was bestowed to participating ACPA-member institutions that are vibrant, diverse, supportive, and committed to staff work-life balance, professional development and inclusive excellence. Check out the [March 8th edition of *Diverse*](#) to view the official results and learn more about the “promising practices” that Shepherd and the other recognized institutions are using to increase staff diversity, foster a sense of belonging, and equip college student educators with the ability to work with students.

Brian Filon Scholarship

In August 2015, **Brian Filon** ('13) passed away unexpectedly. Brian was a non-traditional student who had a kind heart and wicked sense of humor; those particular characteristics stood out in the classroom and in his interactions with students and peers. Brian's mother, Patricia Filon, knew of her son's love of Shepherdstown and his positive experiences at Shepherd University and in the CSDA program. In his honor, she established the Brian Filon Scholarship to be awarded each year to a deserving Shepherd University CSDA student. As recommended by the program faculty, this year's recipients (pictured at right) are **Emily Unnone** ('18) and **Kayla Turner** ('18).



MAKE A DONATION



Brian Filon ('13)

If you would like to contribute to the Brian Filon Scholarship fund, please visit the [University Foundation webpage](#), choose “other” as the designation and make note that your donation is for the Brian Filon Scholarship.

Shepherd University's
2018 Graduate
Commencement
Ceremony

Saturday, May 5th
11:00 a.m.

Frank Center Theater

(Admission by ticket only)

COMING
SOON!

Need To Know!

Shepherd's 3rd Annual
Graduate Research Day

Saturday, April 21st

8:30 a.m.

Robert C. Byrd Center for
Congressional History
& Education

All are welcome to attend!

CHI SIGMA ALPHA Update

Chi Sigma Alpha, an international honors society, is comprised of graduate students, alumni, faculty, and student affairs professionals to promote and recognize excellence in academics, research, and service to the profession of student affairs. The Epsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Alpha was founded at Shepherd University in 2010. To be considered for membership in Chi Sigma Alpha, candidates must earn a cumulative graduate G.P.A. of 3.70 or higher and complete at least 9 credits in the CSDA program.

Spring 2018 Inductees

Elizabeth Kane ('19)
Theresa Marshall ('20)
Brendan Scott ('19)



CSDA 678 capstone presentations are just around the corner! This year eight students will present their research on diverse topics such as "Academic Advising for International Students" and "Student v. Athlete: the Balancing Act of Identity." For the second year, CSDA alum have agreed to serve as evaluators. This year, three alum have agreed to participate. Good luck to everyone involved!

Capstone Presentations

Graduate Research Day

This year's CSDA 678 students have been encouraged to participate in Shepherd University's 3rd Annual Graduate Research Day. The event is part of Shepherd's continuing commitment to develop its graduate and research culture, and to train the next generation of leaders and model citizens under the guiding principles of: EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY.

Event participants who choose to give an oral presentation summarizing their research project will be eligible to compete to receive one of three Distinguished Graduate student awards: Scholarship, Professionalism, or the Case Study award. We are proud of the CSDA students who have chosen to participate in this prestigious event!

WELCOME New CSDA Students!



Will Bell

Davis & Elkins College
currently: Admissions Counselor, Shepherd University

Aliya Merhi

Washington College
currently: Office Associate II Counseling & Advising, FCC

Alumni Updates:

Stefani Wood ('15) welcomed Evan Cristofer to the world on May 4, 2017.



Brian Miller ('15), **Richie Stevens** (Program Coordinator), **Kenny Jones** ('15), and **Ashley Dorsey** ('15) caught up in Houston at the 2018 ACPA Annual Convention.

Britney Carter ('15) changed positions at Frederick Community College. She is now the Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Communications, Outreach, and Services.

Michael Golze ('15) vacated his position as Assistant Director of the Student Center, Coordinator of Operations at Shepherd University.

He accepted a new position as Summer Programs & Events Manager at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore and will manage all summer conferences and camps.

Another Successful Preview Program

CSDA Preview Program 2018 welcomed 6 newly admitted students to Shepherd University on March 1-2 to interview for assistantships and get to know current students and faculty. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success!



Julia Flocco ('14) spoke to attendees about her experience in the CSDA program and her current work as SU's Director of Student Success.

Lavell Simpkins ('17) is the Assistant Dean of Students/ Director of Drug and Alcohol Services at Shippensburg University. In addition, he recently contracted his first start-up company, [Cleaner World, LLC](#).

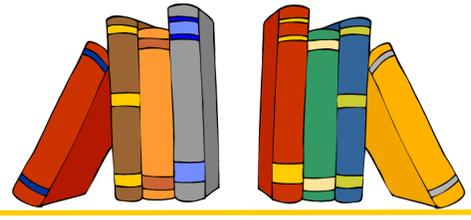


What's On Your Nightstand?

Lavell Simpkins ('17) is reading:

Leadership Secrets by C. Powell

& Never Split the Difference: the Art of Negotiations by C. Voss



Richie Stevens (Program Coordinator) is reading:

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion by J. Haidt

& Racism with Racists: Color-blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America by E. Bonilla-Silva

Shannon Holliday ('14) is reading:

Citizen: An American Lyric by C. Rankine

So, what are you reading?
Please submit your book recommendation for inclusion
in the next newsletter to rstevens@shepherd.edu.
(Submissions need not be in APA format
...but brownie points if you do!)



2018 CSDA Summer Elective: Transformational Multicultural Leadership with Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic

Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Sociology and Geography, will teach this summer's CSDA 599 elective. Her course, Transformation Multicultural Leadership, explores the role of leadership in a multicultural society in efforts to change thinking, systems, and policies. Students will learn effective and strategic decision-making strategies to

consider a multitude of constraints, obstacles, and social problems. The course will strongly emphasize personal change to help students effectively exert transformative influence.

Dr. Howard-Bostic was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. She began serving the community at the age of fourteen, working with city legislatures and later working at community organizations as a grant writer and advocate for marginalized youth and adults. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology, a teaching certificate in Women's Studies, and a Race and Social Policy research certification at Virginia Tech. She has a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Bachelor's degrees in Legal studies and English from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She is also an Integrative Wellness Academy (IWA)-certified life coach. Dr. Howard-Bostic founded a business called [Help Bridge](#) to provide leadership and social justice education in the community. Her career goal is to encourage individuals to achieve lasting positive change.

FUN FACT: Dr. Howard-Bostic said her favorite travel adventure was visiting Montenegro during a 14-day trip in Greece. Pictured above, she described standing on top of the mountain in Kotor as a "very empowering" experience.

