

THE CHRONICLE

Villanova's CHR Newsletter

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Spring 09' Important Dates:

- January 12-Classes Begin
- January 18-Last Day to Drop or Add
- January 19-MLK Day - No Classes
- **January 26-CHR Welcome Back Mingle**
- March 2-Semester Recess
- March 9-Classes Resume
- March 13-Advisement Begins for Registration
- March 14-Comprehensive Examination
- April 8-Easter Recess Begins After Class
- April 14-Classes Resume
- April 16-18- PSCA Conference
- April 30-Final Day of Classes
- May 16-May 17-Baccalaureate and Commencement

~CHR Speaker Series Dates Coming Soon

Welcome Back and Best Wishes for Spring of 2009!!!!

Graduation News

Any student expecting to graduate needs to complete a form for granting of degree and submit it to the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies of Arts and Sciences. The form is to be submitted as soon as possible.

Forms may also be submitted to Anne Feldman (SAC 302).

The form can be found at:

<http://www.villanova.edu/artsci/college/academics/graduate/policies/index.htm?page=grantdegree.htm>

Or in the Education and Human Services Office (SAC 302).

2nd Year School Counseling Students:

Remember to take the Praxis as soon as possible.

*Please refer to the student manual for more information

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CHR WELCOME BACK GATHERING!

When: January 26, 2009 from 4-5pm

Where: SAC 300

Come get together with your fellow students to catch up after the holiday break.

Special Dates:

Happy Birthday
Rachel Freedman,
Hailey King, and
Kourtney
Humphreys!!!

~ Rachel Freedman-
Birthday: January 4th

~ Hailey King-

Birthday: January 15th

~ Kourtney Humphreys-

Birthday: January 16th

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Krista Malott

What is your area of research?

Three main areas:

- Issues related to ethnic identity development of youth of color and interventions related to strengthening youth identity.
- Multicultural counseling competency and effective instruction of master-level counseling students in developing their multicultural competence.
- Finally, social justice issues (and related issues of power and oppression within society).

How did you become interested in that area of research?

- Extensive overseas travel combined with experience working with various clientele over my years as a counselor.

On what projects are you working right now?

I have multiple, but two are:

- My research assistants (Colleen Contrisciane and Kourtney Humphreys) are currently helping me implement an intervention with Mexican teens in the Kennett-square areas related to groups with a focus upon strengthening adolescent identity.
- I have also assisted in creation of a master-level course related to Whiteness--the course is currently being applied in another counseling program and we're assessing outcomes quantitatively and qualitatively (e.g., does the experience increase student's awareness regarding Whiteness, does it increase White students' racial identity, etc.)

Student Council

It should come as no surprise that the Counseling and Human Relations Graduate program is currently in a state of transition. Given the present changes being implemented in our program and department, it seemed to be an appropriate time for the development of a student council. The CHR Student Council has been created to serve as a medium between students and faculty, specifically acting as the eyes, ears, and most importantly *the voice* of current students in the CHR program. Our primary purpose is to find ways in which the CHR program can be strengthened and improved, as well as to share the concerns of current students.

Members include Colleen Contrisciane, Kourtney Humphreys, Sylvia Indyk, Hailey King, and Triana Martinez. The student council held their first meeting on November 24, 2008. The council began formulating goals to be put into action in the Spring 2009 semester. Ideas explored in this meeting included topics for our speaker series, making sure students are aware of important dates and registration processes, the creation of a CHR newsletter and welcome back gathering, developing greater connections to our alumni base, and building/strengthening the CHR community both within and outside of Villanova University.

The student council would like to invite your opinions and encourage the involvement of any student who has questions or concerns about the program. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month from 4pm-5pm in 302 SAC. Drop-ins are welcome! Be sure to look for updates in the next issue of Counseling Times to stay informed about the benefits and contributions of student council.

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Dr. Krista Malott
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Where do you think you'll go next with your research?

- I'll continue seeking more venues to apply the group intervention addressing ethnic identity development, to determine its effectiveness. In addition, we'll continue to instruct the Whiteness course over then next 5 years, to obtain a larger "N" for quantitative purposes.

What is your favorite part about working at Villanova?

- The social justice focus of the university--it allows us as faculty to 'care about people' and' even put it into our curriculum!

What are your hobbies outside of work? Or just tell us something interesting about you that we might not know yet.

- We just adopted a baby (she's 5 months). When I'm not adoring her, I'm attempting to get some shut eye.....

Quote Corner:

If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.

~Alex Noble

Let's Get Involved

Student council is excited about facilitating more student involvement in the surrounding community. We will keep you informed of volunteer opportunities and ways that you can make a difference and gain hands on experience. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Greater Philadelphia Cares-

(<http://www.philacares.com/>) This organization offers a variety of events throughout the year and is good for groups of individuals volunteering together.

WOAR-

(<http://www.woar.org/volunteer-with-woar.html>) This organization helps victims of sexual violence. There is a 1 year commitment. They also offer internships.

Giving of Self Partnership After School Program-

(<http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp442141.jsp>) This program works with elementary school children attending Birney and Prince Hall Elementary School.

Choices of the Heart -

(<http://www.choicesoftheheart.com>) This organization is based in South Jersey and provides guidance to women with unplanned pregnancies "consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and the sanctity of human life."

ActionAIDS Buddy Volunteer -

(<http://philadelphia.craigslist.org/vol/979598716.html>) Provide emotional support to individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Ronald McDonald House -

(<http://www.philarmh.org/volunteer>) Volunteer with families who are in Philadelphia due to their children being treated for serious medical conditions.