

UCCS SAHE E-Newsletter



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Creating Inclusive Communities Training 2015



SAHE students had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Creating Inclusive Communities Training with Jonathan Poullard in September on UCCS' campus. Jonathan, a former Dean of Students at UC-Berkeley, came in from California to spend the day with both 1st and 2nd year SAHE cohort members. Students were able to delve deeper into identity development, discuss diversity at UCCS, and set goals to include diversity in their future careers.



Upcoming Opportunities and Events:

Tuesday, January 26th from 12-1pm: Job Search Process (Columbine 3022)

Tuesday, February 9th from 12-1pm: Making the Most of Your Conference Experience (Columbine 3022)

Tuesday, February 9th from 5-7:30pm: SAHE Mock Interview Evening (UC 309)

Tuesday, February 23rd from 12-1pm: Seeking Intentional Experiences (Columbine 3022)

Tuesday, March 15th from 12-1pm: Developing Conference Proposals (Columbine 3022)

Tuesday, April 19th from 12-1pm: Transitioning from Graduate School (Columbine 3022)

Tuesday, May 3rd from 12-1pm: Using your Summer Wisely (Columbine 3022)

Faculty Spotlight: Amanda Allee



Amanda Allee is the Director of Student and Judicial Affairs in the Dean of Students office at UCCS and is currently teaching the Program Development and Evaluation course in the SAHE program. In her

professional role, she assists with student conduct, student crisis response, and prevention programs related to student conduct concerns. Amanda has previously taught the Social Foundations and Vision Values, and Administration in Student Affairs courses in the SAHE program, as well as Head of the Class GPS seminar. She earned a M.A. in Student Affairs in Higher Education from UCCS, her B.A. in Psychology from Metropolitan State University of Denver, and has completed her coursework and preparing to defend her dissertation for her Ph.D. in the UCCS Leadership, Research, and Foundations program.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

College Personnel Association of Colorado (CPAC):
Friday, February 12th, 2016 at the Auraria Campus in Denver

National Association of Campus Activities (NACA):
Sunday, February 20th-Thursaday, February 24th, 2016 in Minneapolis, MN

American College Personnel Association (ACPA):
Sunday, March 6th- Wednesday, March 9th, 2016 in Montreal, Canada

National Association of Student Personnel Association (NASPA):
Saturday, March 12th- Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN

AACRAO: Advancing Global Higher Education:
Sunday, March 20th- Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ

NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation:
Sunday, April 3rd- Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 in Gaylord Palms, FL

NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising Region 10:
Monday, May 23rd- Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 in Santa Fe, New Mexico

Association for Orientation, Retention, and Transition (formerly the National Orientation Directors Association) Region 3: Friday, April 1st- Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 in Ogden, UT

SAHE MENTORING PROGRAM

SAHE 2nd year cohort members Corrie Keener, Vanessa McWhirt, Ray Fisco, and Justin Elways worked together to create the SAHE mentoring program that began this fall. The mentoring program pairs up first and second year cohort members with the goals of increasing students involvement in desired fields, increasing student confidence in the ACPA/ NASPA competencies, developing a stronger community among the first and second year cohorts, and enhancing the peer learning community within the SAHE program. Corrie Keener and Vanessa McWhirt presented their work at the 8th Annual University of New Mexico Mentoring Institute (pictured).



STUDY ABROAD WITH SAHE!



We are extremely excited to announce that the SAHE program will be traveling to London, Paris, and Amsterdam in the Spring of 2017! Some highlights will include a London sightseeing tour, stops at Windsor Castle and Oxford University, a tour of Paris with a dinner cruise down the Seine, a trip to beautiful Versailles, a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Louvre, a walking tour of Amsterdam, and a visit to Anne Frank's house!



Register to participate by November 30th for a \$150 discount! Registration closes in Fall 2016.

For more information, please contact Dr. Patty Witkowsky at pwitkows@uccs.edu

or click on the program link:

<http://www.efcollegestudytours.com/professors-trip/I758777VZ>

STUDENT PROFILES



Steven Parker, SAHE '17



Steven D. Parker, originally from Chicago, Illinois is a graduate of St. Cloud State University. He earned a bachelors of science in social work spring of 2015. He is currently attending the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs for a master of arts in student

affairs in higher education. He has aspirations of a career in administration at the collegiate level upon completion of his masters. Steven chose UCCS to further his education because of the welcoming environment and the outstanding program offered. He has a passion for working alongside all populations especially the mental health population. Steven has plans of achieving a doctoral degree following his time at the University of Colorado.

Brenna Ford, SAHE '17



My name is Brenna Ford and I am from Kansas City. I went to Kansas State University for my undergraduate degree, and majored in International Studies and Communication Studies. I discovered my passion for working in Student Affairs through an internship I had in New Student Services.

Currently, I am an academic advisor at Pikes Peak Community College. This opportunity has been a great learning experience for me, and I someday hope to pursue a career in International Student Services. I am incredibly happy I applied for the UCCS SAHE program. I've always known I wanted to live by some gorgeous mountains, and UCCS seemed like a perfect fit for me. I love the cohort learning style, opportunities for professional development, and emphasis on international and diversity experiences within our SAHE program.

Michelle Stallings, SAHE '16



I am currently in the second year cohort and still very new to student affairs. I began working in higher ed at Everest University Online in the Financial Aid department as a Clearing Planner in 2013. Currently, I am a Peer Advisor for Academic Advising at UCCS. I am a mentor for the UCCSLead program and SAHE Mentor program. Presently, I am the President of the Student Affairs Association. My goal is to become an Academic Advisor. I chose to do the SAHE program because I love working with students!



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Alumni Spotlight: Sandy Ho



I started college as a non-traditional student at PPCC, pursuing a pre-medicine degree path. After my transfer to UCCS, I was hired as the PPCC Learning Assistance Centers Tutoring Supervisor. I discovered my passion for serving students and developing leaders. I changed degrees and after graduating with my B.A. in Communication, I applied to the SAHE program. I advanced to Coordinator then Director at PPCC during my time as a SAHE student. Balancing work, family, and graduate school was a challenge but completely worth it! I really enjoyed the cohort format of the program and am still friends with many of my SAHE classmates! It was a pleasure, but also extremely advantageous to learn from all of the SAHE instructors. All of the faculty have actual work experience in Student Affairs! This was most valuable when seeking career development and advancement advice.

Soon after graduating with the M.A., I started my doctoral course work in Educational Leadership, Research & Policy at UCCS. I transitioned to the Programs Coordinator/Site Manager of the Colorado Springs campus of CSU-Pueblo. I am now in the dissertation proposal writing phase as a Ph.D. candidate in the doctoral program and am serving as the Interim Director of the Center for Excellence in Languages and Social Sciences at UCCS. Recently married—this past July—to my best friend, Michael J. Ferguson Jr., who will start working at UCCS in November. We had our reception in Berger Hall this past August, because apparently we're all about UCCS.

As an alum of the SAHE program, I have been fortunate to join the new cohorts on the international trips. I have also recruited several shining stars into the program. I hope to continue to mentor more SAHE students as needed. SAHE not only provided me with an education but connected me to my true calling. I can't believe I get paid to do what I love!

Do you want to apply to the Fall 2016 SAHE Cohort?

Final admission deadline is March 15th!

Please call (719) 255-4996 to schedule an interest meeting with Dr. Patty Witkowsky

***This cohort program begins each FALL semester:**

Please contact the Student Resource Office at education@uccs.edu for more information!



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