

Counseling Connection

Keeping connected with students

IMPORTANT DATES

December 8-11, 2011
Eleventh International
Congress
*Transforming
Ericksonian Methods*
Phoenix, AZ

December 12-14, 2011
Final Exams

Christmas Break
December 15, 2011—
January 9, 2012

December 17, 2011
Division Celebration
Ceremony — 10:30a
Commencement — 2p

January 10, 2012
Classes begin



Dr. Delila Owens is in her first year as Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Owens Receives Outstanding Research Award

Dr. Delila Owens, Associate Professor of Counseling in the Division of Graduate Counseling, received recognition for the significant contribution she is making to the professional literature of her discipline. Owens was nominated to and has won the prestigious 2011 Outstanding Research Award, presented by the North Central Region of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, a division of the American Counseling Association.

Owens was chosen because of her overall research agenda and projects. Her research agenda is centered around school and multicultural counseling, school counseling outcomes, and African American children and African American female adolescents'/women's issues in counseling. "Most of my current work has focused on counseling African American female adolescents residing in urban areas with specific emphasis on crucial protective factors," Owens said. To date, she has published 22 peer reviewed journal articles and seven book chapters. A listing of the articles is still available for a short time at <http://coe.wayne.edu/tbf/counseling/bio.php?id=42074>. Some of the full text articles can be found in the ERIC database.

Her award was announced at the NCACES Business Meeting held in conjunction with the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Counselor Education and Supervision this fall.

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the onset of poor weather conditions in the coming months, let us remind you of procedures for notifying students of clinic closures or cancellation of classes. The process is different for each campus.

INDY: Check the CIPPS site for any current postings before leaving for class or clinic appointments.

MARION: Check the university home webpage for university closures. In the event of individual class cancellations, these will be posted on CIPPS.



Clinic Coordinator's Corner

We are a nearly half way through the semester and it has been busy! I would like to offer a couple of reminders concerning the Clinic Practicum and Procedures Site (CIPPS) on Blackboard. Remember to manage your clinic case-loads using the calendar found on the site. Post cancellations as well as routine appointments. This data is important for required statistical record-keeping.

Also, we are quickly approaching the time of year when bad weather may necessitate the closing of either of our clinics. Should we need to do so, such an announcement will be posted on the CIPPS site as soon as possible. Please check this site before calling into either clinic office to help us avoid a phone overload that very well might result from both clients and student

counselors calling for weather-related information.

Finally, if you haven't been on CIPPS lately, please take a look as we have reorganized and added a content page. I would like to thank Jennifer Culver (Indy campus) who worked very long and hard to get us reorganized. So... a BIG thank you to Jennifer! We would also like to welcome Jerry Carmichael as a graduate assistant currently being trained to replace Erin Koczan at the Marion clinic beginning in the Spring 2012 semester. Thanks, Erin (Super Chief), you have been a big help in keeping all of us going in the right direction. We will miss you-- especially the Clinical Coordinator!

Ok, student counselors, stay with it to the end... and pick up all the strugglers along the way. —Dr. Budd

Important phone numbers to College of Arts & Sciences —

*Financial Aid:
x2116 (front desk)*

*A-M Greg Spangler
x2114*

*N-Z Kurt Grau
x2199*

*Student Accounts
(Business Office):
x2122*

*Registrar's Office:
x2131*

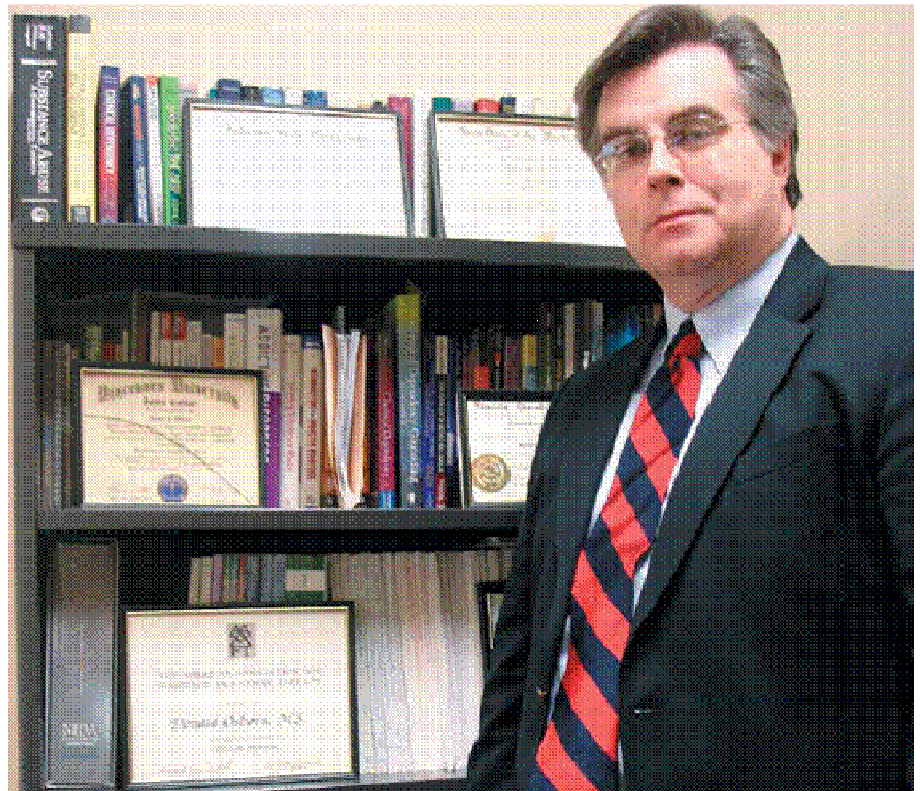
Osborn Heads National Addictions Organization

Don Osborn has a full plate these days: teaching professor, PhD candidate (ABD), president of NAADAC, US representative for an international commission on addictions treatment, conference president, Coordinator of IWU's Addictions Counseling program, and Executive Director of the Addictions Study Center.

Indiana Wesleyan University's Master of Arts program in Addictions Counseling is the template for addictions counseling education nationwide as the first school in the US to offer a full-fledged Master's degree. As one of the top three leading health problems in the United States, the university's program, which began in 2004, "evolved out of a need," says Osborn.

In an article entitled "Journey to a Profession," in the July/August issue of *Addiction Professional Magazine*, Osborn notes that "the field of addictions has been slow in development, professional training and education."

In September, Osborn presented at two workshops at the National Addictive Disorders Conference in San Diego on the topics of addiction licensure standards and national



Don Osborn, PhD (c), currently serves as the national president of

addiction studies curriculum standards. It was the first conference at which he presided as the national president of NAADAC (National Association for Alcohol, Drug, and Addiction Counselors).

Osborn was the keynote speaker at the Arizona Association of Addiction Professionals state conference in October. In mid-November, he will be leading the *first* US delegation to Cuba to confer on addiction treatment

Programs, higher education, and criminal justice issues.

Osborn was also recently named to the Commission on the National Addiction Standards Accreditation Commission (NASAC) where his responsibilities include evaluating higher education programs and practice standards. He will serve on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) as well which evaluates and updates the US addiction treatment and program placement criteria.



Faculty Presentation Updates and News

Dr. Rob Thompson presented a workshop at Indiana Student Affairs Association (ISAA) in October regarding his research on “Homosexual Identity Development on Christian College Campuses.” Three SDC/A students also attended ISAA: Geneva Burgess, Jake Jensen, and Stephanie Smith. Thompson presented his research a second time in November at the National

Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), region IV-E Conference.

Thompson also represented IWU in November at a National Research Roundtable convened by Dr. Paul Corts, President of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities hosted by Azusa Pacific University. The purpose of the roundtable

was to bring together higher education scholars from a number of CCCU institutions to craft a national research agenda for Christ-centered higher education.



Dr. Judy Justice was nominated for a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her valued service supporting the mission of the Indiana School Counselor Association.

Justice currently serves on a number of committees in her role as faculty on the IWU campus: University Global Studies Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, IACUC (Science Department), two doctoral dissertation committees as well as the Education Council.

Justice also serves on the IDOE School Counseling Grant Recipient Selection Committee and the ISCA Conference Planning Committee. For the third consecutive year, Justice has assisted with the ISCA Conference Awards luncheon. Nine Indiana schools were awarded the Indiana Gold Star Status, and nine other schools were awarded renewals of the Gold Star Status. This designation denotes the highest level of

School counseling professionalism and that these schools have met the requirements for the American Counselor Association RAMP Award (Recognized ASCA Model Programs). Indiana has had more RAMP program schools than any other state in the nation for the past several years.

Dr. Delila Owens attended the Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (ACES) Conference.

Students Present at ISCA and CAPS Conferences



SARAH HECK

Students **Dante Lowery** and **Christy Banker**, joined **Dr. Judy Justice**, Coordinator of the School Counseling program, in a conference presentation for the Indiana School Counseling Association (ISCA) Conference held at the Indianapolis Marriot East, November 11-12. Their topic, "*Bridging the Achievement Gap between Cultural Divides*," addressed a very timely issue in schools nationwide. Their presentation was well attended with participation from many in the audience.

According to Banker, a growing emphasis on student academic achievement has led to increased pressure on administrators, teachers, and counselors to increase performance of underachieving students. Minorities, females, and lower socioeconomic students have consistently underperformed their peers on standardized achievement tests. Strategies to address these concerns and increase achievement were presented for discussion with students, counselors, schools, and communities.

"I really enjoyed the experience," Banker said. "I was initially nervous about how working professionals would respond to a student, but I was pleasantly surprised at their receptivity, interaction, and support. I look

forward to the next presentation, whatever it might be!"

Dante Lowery brought approximately 12 years of probation experience to the presentation. He shared personal stories that helped bring to light the causes contributing to the achievement gap. Lowery also provided some information about technology and education specifically on Laptops/Internet service for low income families. He also shared his personal story of being the only African American in his high school class of 1993 at Carroll High School, Fort Wayne, IN. "We must teach and foster learning for all cultures," said Lowery. "In doing this, it may require different learning styles so all students can achieve."

Sarah Heck, Clinical Mental Health student, submitted a poster presentation application which was accepted for the national CAPS conference which will be held in..... on..... The presentation is entitled: *Automatic Functioning and Impulsive Behaviors in Adolescent Relapse: A Qualitative Study of 8 Young Marijuana Users*. This topic is part of Heck's thesis project through Fairbanks Hospital.

This will be Heck's first experience as a presenter at a national professional conference.