



# IUP Counseling Department Newsletter

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## IUP Welcomes New Faculty to the Counseling Department

Dr. Mary Graham joined the Counseling Department in the fall of 2007. She completed her doctorate at Oregon State University in May of 2007. Her dissertation focused on the use of crea-

Past President of ACA to Offer CCTS Workshops

The IUP Center for Counselor Training and Services (CCTS) is pleased to announce that Dr. David Capuzzi will be conducting two one-day workshops in the Spring 2008 semester. The first event, Youth Suicide: Prevention and Crisis Management, will be held Tuesday, April 29, at the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology on the IUP campus. The following day, April 30, Dr. Capuzzi will present The Many Facets of Grief at the CCAC Boyce Campus Performance Auditorium in Monroeville.

Besides being a past president of the American Counseling Association (ACA), Dr. Capuzzi is an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Counselor Education at Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining the Penn State fac-

Erica Askey graduated from the University of Pittsburgh main campus in 2007 with a B.S. in psychology and a minor in sociology. She is currently enrolled in the secondary school counseling program. Erica has previous work experience as a research assistant with the University of Pittsburgh's Multimodal Treatment of ADHA (MTA) study and experience with children from working at a residential treatment facility for adolescents, and as a

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Kelly Webb has a B.A. in sociology from IUP, and graduated as valedictorian of the sociology program in 2004. She is currently enrolled in the elementary school counseling program and works as a G.A. for Dr. Marshak. She is also employed part time at Beacon Ridge Nursing Home as a social services assistant. Outside of school, she enjoys visiting her family in Niagara Falls, NY. She loves music, especially The Cure. She also loves reading and Margaret Atwood is one of her favorite authors.

Erica Zinsser graduated from Penn State Behrend with a B.S. in Psychology and is now enrolled in the elementary school counseling program. She is a G.A. for Dr. Graham and works on putting together the Counselor Link, and doing research. She has spent the last two summers working at a camp for children with special needs and realized how much she enjoys working with children of different abilities. Her outside interests include staying physically active, enjoying the outdoors and spending time in Pittsburgh with her family.

Faculty presented at 2007 ACES (Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors) conference in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to Drs. Murray and Graham (pg. 2), the following faculty presented: Dr Bruno - Counselors' Multicultural Counseling Competence: Raising Multicultural Awareness; Drs. Branthoover, Desmond & Bruno - Infusing the ASCA National Model into School Counseling Preparation

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Dr. Ruth C. Stacy of Mayville, NY received her doctoral degree in 1980 and Master's degree in 1965 from the IUP Counseling Department. The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) has announced the establishment of the "Ruth C. Stacy Counselor Scholarship Fund." Dr. Stacy has created this fund to support graduate level students majoring in school or mental health counseling. "The need for credentialed school and mental health counselors is a critical element to a healthy school and community environment" states Dr. Stacy. A strong advocate of the need for certified, experienced school counselors in Kindergarten through high school, Dr. Stacy is an experienced school and mental health counselor. Dr. Stacy maintains her certification with the Pennsylvania and New York State Education Departments.

Students accepted in an accredited school counseling or mental health counseling Master Degree graduate program are encouraged to apply for the scholarship. Accreditation is by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York or by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP). Those interested in applying should compile the following: documentation of acceptance in an accredited Master Degree graduate program; a copy of Bachelor Degree(s) with transcript(s) indicating a 3.0 or above average; current occupation and age; three professional references; and, a one page description of his/her reasons for seeking the degree and plans upon completion. This information should then be sent to the NCCF at 212 Lake Shore Drive West, Dunkirk. For additional information, contact the NCCF office at 716-366-4892.

Dr. Witchel recently spoke with Dr. Stacy about her scholarship development and her strong interest in supporting graduate students pursuing a master's degree in counseling. Dr. Stacy wanted to share with alumni and current students her recent work, by telephone and via the internet, providing counseling to counselors working w/ Katrina victims; the stress level experienced by counselors responding to people impacted by the Katrina was enormous and needed to be addressed. She was also very proud to share her celebrating 57 years of marriage to her husband, Jim. Ruth Stacy can be reached by emailing her at: rcstacy32@roadrunner.com

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Congratulations to Cathy Anne Simmons and Alexandra Krynski, Spinelli Scholarship Awardees

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## Attention Alumni!

The Counseling Department is seeking alumni to serve on the advisory board. This is an opportunity to remain active in the ongoing development of the school and community counseling programs. The primary responsibility of an advisory board member is to provide feedback to the department regarding student training and services. The time commitment involves at-

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## Doctoral Program

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### Dr. Spinelli Memorial Fund

If alumni wish to contribute to the Dr. Spinelli Memorial Fund, you can contact the annual Fund at (724) 357-5555 or write to: The Office of Annual Giving, 312 Sutton Hall, 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705. The annual award is given to one or more current counseling students.

### Newsletter on the Web

You can view this newsletter and previous issues of our newsletter on the Web, as well as link to other sites identified in the Newsletter. This issue is located at: [www.iup.edu/ce/newsletter/winter2008.html](http://www.iup.edu/ce/newsletter/winter2008.html)

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Dr. Witchel and his GA, Angela Orbin, maintain the dept. website at [www.iup.edu/ce](http://www.iup.edu/ce) If you have any feedback or suggestions feel free to email us.

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### Counseling Alumni Listserv

If you want to join the Counseling Alumni Listserv send an email to Dr. Dandeneau at ([cdanden@iup.edu](mailto:cdanden@iup.edu)) with the subject Join Listserv. This listserv will allow you to keep up-to-date on current information, such as job opportunities we receive, alumni updates, and upcoming workshops. As a subscriber to the listserv, you will also be able to send emails to the list with information you think alumni would like to have.

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### Alumni Updates

1980: Dr. Ruth C. Stacy, NCC has now retired from counseling and a Ruth C. Stacy Counselor Scholarship Fund is now available through the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. See article on page 5 of this Newsletter issue.

1985: Dr. Nancy Ritsko is working as an outpatient therapist for Brookville Behavioral Health, Inc and is currently researching a connection between spirituality and mental health. She is also working on a children's book on coping.

1998: Christie Biro is employed as a school counselor at McKnight Elementary in the North Allegheny School District.

2005: Debbie Witchel became a Nationally Certified Counselor in July, 2007, a Licensed Professional Counselor in Oct., 2007, and is now in private practice, with offices in Fox Chapel and the Wexford/Cranberry Township area. You can visit her website at [www.witchelweb.com](http://www.witchelweb.com)

2007: Dody Wellock received the Clinical Advocate Award at this fall's Torrance State Hospital Chestnut Ridge Best Practices Annual Training Conference.

