

The Career Journey of IUP Counseling Graduate

Since my early days, as both an undergraduate and graduate student at IUP, I remember being “torn” between a variety of career options.

First it was between teaching and psychology. After interning in both areas, I knew I wanted to help prevent problems - not deal with them after the fact. So, school counseling seemed like a good option. After graduating with my B.S., I began teaching in Greensburg and entered the counseling program

After earning my M.Ed., and beginning my career as a school counselor, I was accepted for doctoral work at the University of Rochester. While at Rochester I had a profound experience that has

Kim Stoklosa, M.Ed.

Named 2001-2002 Student of the Year

Congratulations to Kim Stoklosa who received the 2001-2002 Outstanding Student Award. The Award is earned by a student demonstrating professional service, volunteer work, and shown a commitment to the counseling profession through memberships in national and local organizations. Additionally, the recipient must have achieved and maintained noteworthy scholarship. Kim not only significantly performed in all areas related to the Award, but she did so in a gracious and humble way.

During her time spent at IUP, Kim was involved in many organizations including: CESA, the Graduate Student Assembly, Chi Sigma Iota International Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the American School Counselor Association, and the PA School Counseling Association.

Kim served as Dr. Witchel's GA for 2 years. During this time, she contributed much to the Department. She was responsible for re-designing the Department website, consulting with faculty on website projects and developing the bi-annual Newsletter. Kim managed to excel in her work and still maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

Kim graduated in May 2002 and is presently working as a guidance counselor at Bethel Park Middle School. We would like to congratulate Kim and thank her for her hard work.

Looking For a New Job?

The Counseling Department often receives requests from employers (both schools and community agencies) for **immediate openings** in their organizations. We help qualified graduates who are looking for their **first** place of employment link up with agencies and schools who have vacancies. If you are looking for your first job, please contact Dr. Fontaine at (724) 357-7593 or email her at: fontaine@iup.edu

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Dr. Dandeneau served as the facilitator for the National Institute for Correctional Education Advisory Board held in Pittsburgh this fall and to be held in Washington, D.C. this coming spring. She will also be presenting at the Correctional Education Leadership Forum in Baltimore this spring. See Dr. Worzby's write-up for the book she co-authored.

Dr. Fontaine: In September, Dr. Fontaine had a chapter published entitled, "Transgender Issues in Counseling", in Burlew and Cappuzzi's (eds.) book Sexuality Counseling. She was recently invited as keynote speaker to the Rural Counselor Institute sponsored by Shippensburg Univ. to present on sexual minority youth issues in the public schools.

Dr. Fontaine is keeping busy by teaching Dr. Rishel's Individual Counseling Practicum course which meant she has had to screen 64 volunteer clients this semester! Lucky she went on that Scandinavian cruise in August to rest up! (and brought back some real Russian vodka!)

Dr. Guth: Dr. Guth welcomed a new baby girl into her family on July 30th. Dr. Guth arrived at the hospital at 5:00 a.m. and Adriana Mary was born at 5:10 a.m. Big brother Alex, now 3 ½, is enjoying his little sister.

On campus, Dr. Guth is currently the Chair of the University Senate Research Committee and is serving on the Graduate School and Research Reorganization work group. She has conducted several campus presentations related to listening and responding skills. In the community, she is a member of the Mother Friendly Childbirth Initiative Leadership Team at Indiana Regional Medical Center. On the national level, she is the Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) Awards Committee Co-Chair.

Dr. Guth was pleased to be awarded a \$1,000 information literacy grant from the library. She is collaborating with a faculty librarian to increase the information literacy skills of students who are enrolled in

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Pennsylvania Counseling Association and involved the workshops and seminars that our Dept. has been developing to students, alumni, and area counseling professionals. The second was offered to faculty, student affairs professionals, and students at Robert Morris University and concerned the mental health needs of college students. He also had a presentation accepted at the ACA conference in March, 2003, which will focus on helping clients think differently.

Dr. Rishel Dr. Rishel is currently spending most of her time with her newborn daughter, Katherine. She is on maternity leave until Summer 2003. A highlight of Dr. Rishel's Wellness Course is featured on Page 5.

Dr. Worzbyt has been reviewing book manuscripts for Wadsworth Publishing Company in Belmont, California. He, Dr. Dandendeau, and Dr. O'Rourke have completed their textbook entitled Elementary School Counseling: Strategies for Caring and Community Building. This text is currently in press (Bruner-Rutledge-

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