

School Psychology Newsletter

September 1-September 7, 2015

Dates to Know



- **9/16/15—6-8 PM:** First CASP Meeting, Fairfield University (CNS Building, Room 6) LATER DATES TBA
- **9/21/15—12:30-1:30 PM:** First SASP Meeting, GENT 019

Student Housekeeping

Hello all! Here are some items to keep in mind for the upcoming weeks.

- All upper level students must be placed in a practicum setting, if you haven't been already. If you have any concerns, please see Dr. Bray.
- All students are required to be placed in practica for the fall semester, with the exception of First-Semester Ph.D. track students (unless they choose to be placed).
- All practica students must see Joanne (119B) to be sure their fingerprints are sent to the correct school districts before beginning in the placement setting.
- First-year students should also see Joanne to make sure that all Praxis scores or waivers have been received. If it was submitted with your application to the Graduate School, you may contact them to ask for a copy.
- All first-year students will need to apply for the 6th-Year program. Please consult your timeline for more information.

GA Opportunities

An open GA position remains at the **Futures School** for this academic year. Interested individuals should contact Denise Staples in the Human Resources Department for more information.

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Membership Opportunities



New Student Members Free For 2015-2016!

All NEW student members will receive the rest of 2015 and all of 2016 for FREE. Current students will be the future of ISPA, thus, we welcome all students to become involved, participate in the ISPA conference, committees, and other activities. [Click here](#) to register. Or go to www.ispaweb.org/membership.

Advocate - Join with ISPA colleagues to advocate for children, young people, and their families, with global associations, including representation with UNESCO.

Connect - Attend the ISPA annual conference and engage in professional development with students and colleagues from around the world. Registration rates are reduced for students.

Communicate - Participate in an ongoing international dialogue regarding school psychology. Share information, ideas and updates with members via email and the ISPA website.

Awareness - Keep up to date with timely news, announcements, and information. ISPA sends email announcements and provides members with ISPA's quarterly newsletter, World*Go*Round (WGR). The ISPA website also features valuable information for members.

Science - Receive contemporary international science in The International Journal of School & Educational Psychology / IJSEP, available to members at reduced rates.

Leadership - Members are encouraged to be involved with ISPA governance. There are many opportunities to join committees and be involved in ISPA.

Awards - ISPA members may be nominated and selected for annual awards highlighting outstanding service, research, and practice.

"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."

-Herbert Spencer

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Volunteer Opportunities

Co-lead a Group of Students on an International Volunteer Project Summer 2016!

International Student Volunteers (ISV) is looking for faculty and graduate students to serve as University Leaders for a minimum of two weeks on ISV's 2016 May to September Volunteer Programs in **Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, and South Africa**. Our staff will be visiting University of Connecticut for a week starting this Friday, September 11, and would love to meet with anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity.

The ISV Program

ISV's renowned two week volunteer program was awarded by the US State Department as one of the Top Ten Volunteer Organizations in our nation and consists of hands-on educational **conservation** or **community development projects**.

ISV is seeking University Leaders to co-lead a group of 12 or more of their students alongside a trained ISV Project Leader for the two week volunteer project. Our projects focus on experiential education and making a positive impact to underserved communities, degraded habitats and endangered species by working closely with local organizations and community leaders within each host country. Project activities include:

- Building playgrounds, latrines, clinics, daycare centers and classrooms in Dominican Republic, Thailand, South Africa and Costa Rica
- Children's healthcare and education programs in Dominican Republic and South Africa, teaching basic English, math, health and hygiene, sports and recreation to children
- Assisting with terrestrial and marine ecology research programs, habitat restoration to protect wildlife in Australia and New Zealand
- Organic farming and erosion control, design and delivery of environmental education, recycling and sustainable tourism programs
- Providing care for threatened wildlife and rescued animals such as elephants in Thailand, cheetahs in South Africa, and sea turtles in Costa Rica

Accommodations Provided

- Round-trip international flights and all domestic travel within the host country provided.
- Accommodations and three meals per day provided on the Volunteer Project.
- All on-site project training and materials and 24 hour support from ISV in-country office.

For more information or to express your interest in this opportunity please reply to me, with your name and contact information at your earliest convenience. Our ISV staff will then contact you with the next steps to take advantage of this incredible opportunity and learn about the terms and conditions that apply.

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