Greetings UA Executive Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration Colleagues,

Welcome to the Spring 2016 edition of The Executive, one that focuses on YOU: Our students, faculty, alumni, and supporters.

Some may find it hard to believe how quickly time has passed but The University of Alabama’s Executive Ed.D. Program in Higher Education is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2016!

You know that we always enjoy hearing from you and since this is our program’s 10th anniversary, it seems even more appropriate to do a little bragging on ourselves. Inside this newsletter, you will find evidence of your fellow students’ and alumni members’ successes as well as information on the exemplary efforts of our faculty.

In a few weeks, we will admit another academically and professionally strong Cohort (XI). I thank you for continuing to refer your colleagues to our program. Our alumni membership has played an integral role in referring prospective students to our program and we continue to see increases in the number of qualified applicants wanting to make UA their alma mater. On behalf of the Higher Education faculty, I thank you for sharing your UA story with your colleagues.

Please keep us updated on your professional efforts so that we can include them in future newsletters. Your success means that UA’s Executive Ed.D. Program is accomplishing its mission of preparing the next generation of higher education leaders.

Warm regards,

Arleene
Meet
Cohort 10

Brooke Adkison
Head Retention Specialist
Alabama Southern Community College

Tina DeNeen
University Registrar
University of Alabama
Birmingham

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Assistant Athletic Director of Student Services & Academic Enhancement
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Director for the Multicultural Center
Auburn University

Michael Wallace
Director of Homeland Security Studies Program
Tulane University
The College of Education’s Department of Educational Leadership, Policy, and Technology and The College of Continuing Studies were proud to sponsor a lecture by Dr. Marybeth Gasman on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Bryant Conference Center. Dr. Gasman is author of *The History of Higher Education*, a required text for BEF 653: History of American Higher Education—a course taken by all Executive Ed.D. students.

Marybeth Gasman is Professor of Higher Education in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She also serves as the Director of the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), which is focused on empowering both MSIs and those scholars that do research related to them. Marybeth is the author of 18 books and hundreds of articles and opinion pieces pertaining to American higher education. She is a regular contributor to The Washington Post, The New York Times, the Huffington Post, National Public Radio, and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Dr. Gasman’s articles have been published in the *American Education Research Journal*, *Educational Researcher*, *Teachers College Record*, the *Journal of Higher Education*, the *Journal of Negro Education*, *Research in Higher Education*, the *Journal of College Student Development*, among others.


Dr. Gasman received the Penn GSE Excellence in Teaching Award as well as the Association for the Study of Higher Education’s Early Career Award in 2006. In 2010, she was awarded the Ozell Sutton Medallion for Justice by Philander Smith College. In May 2012, she received an honorary degree from Paul Quinn College and the ASHE Council on Ethnic Participation’s Mildred Garcia Senior Exemplary Scholar Award. In 2015, Dr. Gasman received Penn’s Provost Award for Distinguished Ph.D. Teaching and Mentoring and the Association for the Study of Higher Education’s Leadership Award.

Check out her TED talk, “Using Words and Voices to Make Change.”

And for more information on Dr. Marybeth Gasman please visit her webpage: [mgasman.wix.com/marybethgasman](http://mgasman.wix.com/marybethgasman)


2015 SEC Travel Grant (with Wayne Urban), Research Symposium at the University of Mississippi School of Education

Holley, Karri, & Brown, Karen (Forthcoming). The rise of interdisciplinarity: Implications for promoting advanced specialized knowledge at public research universities. In A. Furco, R. Bruininks, R. Jones, and K. Kent (Eds.), *Re-envisioning the 21st century research university.*

Holley, Karri (In press). The administration of interdisciplinary programs. In J. Klein, R. Frodeman, and R. Pacheco (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity* (2nd ed).

Harris, Michael, & Holley, Karri (In press). Universities as anchor institutions: Economic and social potential for urban development. *Higher Education Handbook of Theory and Research.*

Stephen Katsinas

The Education Policy Center’s research report, *The Economic and Social Benefits of Alabama Public Higher Education* as well as an Op-Ed by UA System Chancellor Robert Witt advocating for *Alabama Unites* to preserve education funding across all sectors was distributed by UA System Vice Chancellor Joe Bonner to attendees at UA’s Center for Business and Economic Research Event. The EPC continues to be a voice in working across education sectors to create an inclusive investment rhetoric.


Nathaniel Bray

Dr. Katsinas is the Principal Investigator, along with Dr. Nathaniel Bray as Co-Principal Investigator, of a statewide evaluation of the Alabama General Studies Committee & Statewide Articulation and Transfer System (AGSC&STARS).

Arleene Breaux

Dr. Arleene Breaux will join AASCU presidents, chancellors, and other Millennium Leadership Initiative graduates from Southern colleges and universities and national subject matter experts at AASCU’s regional symposium, *Investing for Change: A Holistic Approach to Enrollment, Revenue, and Retention* in Charlotte, North Carolina in April. Dr. Breaux will join only 15 invited colleagues as they explore innovative strategies that are successfully increasing enrollment, improving retention, and generating revenue

Claire Major


Wayne Urban


Urban, W. J. (2016) *Associacao Nacional De Educacao (dos Estados Unidos da America) [The National Education Association of the United States of America], Historia da Educacao (History of Education) [Brazil]* 20 (Jan/Abr.).


Semester Highlights

Dissertation Preparation

On January 7, 2016, Cohort 9 and Cohort 10 had the opportunity to observe Johnson Ogun’s (now Dr. Ogun) dissertation defense.

His doctoral dissertation: “An Analysis of Salaries and Fringe Benefits of Full-Time Faculty at the 390 Urban, Suburban, & Rural Regional Universities in the United States by Geographic Region and the Existence of Collective Bargaining”

Chair: Dr. Stephen Katsinas
Higher Education Committee Members: Dr. Nathaniel Bray and Dr. Arleene Breaux
Sharon Height (Cohort 9) was awarded the UA College of Continuing Studies Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Jasmine Buxton (Cohort 8) has been appointed Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Delaware State University.

Anthony Tillman (Cohort 8) has been appointed as Associate Provost at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ben Lion (Cohort 7) was recently named Student Success Manager at Florida State College, Jacksonville.

Sherif Barsoum (Cohort 6) has been named Assistant Vice President of Global Services at NYU.

Ralph Clayton (Cohort 6) has recently assumed the role of Vice President of Enterprise Operations for UA.

Ken England (Cohort 6) has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Administration at Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law.

Janet Moore (Cohort 6) is now the Director of Advising and Student Success in the College of Engineering at Auburn University.

Lauren Lunk (Cohort 5) is Executive Director of Retention at Chattahoochee Technical College.

David Pugh (Cohort 5) is assuming the position of Vice President for SCAD Hong Kong.

Lindsay Aycock (Cohort 4) was promoted to Senior Institutional Research Analyst in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analysis at UAB.

Beth Stuart (Cohort 4) has been named Associate Dean for the Center for Student Success for The Alabama Community College Association.

Stephanie DuPaul (Cohort 3) has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management at The University of Richmond. Before she left SMU she was the recipient of the M Award.

Kimberly Brown (Cohort 2) has been awarded a 2015 ACE Fellowship at Samford. She recently completed a fellowship with the US Senate.

Melinda Byrd-Murphy (Cohort 1) has been named Dean of Instruction at Faulkner State Community College (Baldwin County Alabama).

Alesia Stuart (Cohort 1) & Melinda Byrd-Murphy (Cohort 1) both served on the 2015 Executive Committee for the Alabama Community College Association.

Ilene Kleinman (Cohort 1) was recently appointed as Associate Dean of Curriculum at Bergen Community College (Paramus, NJ).

Griena Knight (Cohort 1) established a private practice in counseling called I C.A.R.E. Wellness Services LLC. Counsel to Achieve Results that are Empowering. She also founded a non profit organization, S.M.A.R.T. Girl, Incorporated that provides scholarships and college readiness services to youth and young adults.

Melanie Miller (Cohort 1) is Associate Vice President of Student Services at Florida State College, Jacksonville.

Ralph Clayton published *Where Is My Ride? How to Develop a Modern-Day After Hours Transportation Service* in College Services Fall 2015 Magazine and presented on the same topic at the National Association of College Auxiliary Services National Conference (November 2015).

**New Graduates**

August 2015: Benjamin Lion (Cohort 7)
Edward Serna (Cohort 7)

December 2015: Larry Faulkner (Cohort 7)
Rodney Lane Lord, a beloved member of Cohort VIII passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015. All of us here at The University of Alabama’s Executive Ed.D. Cohort Program in Higher Education were blessed to know Rodney as both a friend and a colleague. During a valiant fight against a formidable illness, Rodney remained determined to complete his final semester of coursework and the program’s comprehensive examination.

Those of us lucky enough to witness Rodney’s determination to complete the doctorate in Higher Education are still inspired by his love for his cohort classmates and The University of Alabama.

Rodney’s educational career included being a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and later principal of Monroe County Middle School. At the time of his death, Rodney served as the Director of Human Resources of Alabama Southern Community College.

Cohort VIII honored their colleague by creating the Rodney L. Lord Scholarship Fund for students at Alabama Southern Community College.

Rodney will be awarded an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration posthumously during the Spring 2016 commencement exercise.
Please help us with our recruiting efforts and refer those you think would make good candidates for the Executive Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration Program. Cohort 10 has 13 new members and the Cohort 11 class will be announced in the coming weeks.

Help us find out next members of the Bama family! Please share your experience with those who are ready to take the next professional step and earn a doctorate in Higher Education. You are our best recruiters. The Fall 2017 admission deadline is **February 15th, 2017**.

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**NASPA**

Dr. Breaux will have a booth at NASPA’s Graduate Preparation Fair on Monday, March 14 from 6 pm–9 pm to promote the UA Executive Ed.D. Program. We love seeing alumni so please stop by if you are attending. Also be sure to tell interested colleagues to check us out!

The NASPA 2016 Annual Conference is March 12-16 in Indianapolis