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FACULTY PROFILE--Dr. Tom Hernández

Thomas Hernández recently presented at the Association for Counselor Education & Supervision conference in Nashville, TN with Summer Reiner on Collaborating to Change the Actual Role of the School Counselor. In addition, he presented with James Tobin and Summer Reiner on School Counselor-School Administrator Collaboration Panel at the Western New York School Counseling Consortium Conference in Rochester, NY. Most recently, Dr. Hernandez presented with Robert Dobmeier and Summer Reiner on Impending Disaster: Professional Counselor Identity at the American Counseling Association Conference in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Hernandez continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the New York State School Counseling Association and as Editor (with Summer Reiner) of the New York State School Counseling Journal.

FACULTY PROFILE--Dr. Pat Goodspeed Grant

In October, 2011, Dr. Goodspeed Grant presented with Dr. Fallon, “Learning by Doing: Facilitating Deep and Transformational Learning Through Experiential Activities” at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Conference in Nashville. She also presented with Dr. Dobmeier and students Dave Buckhout and Steve Kassirer, “Young Adult Employment and Relationship Stress: Practical and Spiritual Coping Strategies” at the ACA Conference in San Francisco in March, 2012.

FACULTY PROFILE--Dr. Bob Dobmeier

Dr. Bob Dobmeier co-authored with Dr. Summer Reiner “Spirituality in the Counselor Education Curriculum: A National Survey of Student Perceptions” that will be published in the April, 2012 issue of Counseling and Values. “Perceived Impact of Professional Counselor Identity: An Exploratory Study,” co-authored with Drs. Summer Reiner and Thomas Hernandez has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Counseling and Development. Bob has been working with students Steve Kassirer, Nick DeLaney, Loren Goldstein, and Megan Taylor, and with Dr. Tom Hernandez on a manuscript recently submitted for publication, “Scope of Practice Impact on Employability: A Mixed Methods Study.” Drs. Kitty Fallon, Bob Dobmeier, and Summer Reiner, and Ms. Elaine Casquarelli have collaborated with students Lauren Giglia and Eric Goodwin on a manuscript, “Reconciling Spiritual Values Conflicts for Counselors and Lesbian and Gay Clients.” Drs Dobmeier and Reiner presented “Spirituality as a Resource for Clients Facing Traumas, Crises, and Disasters: Counselor Educator and Supervisor Readiness to Assist Counselors in Developing Spiritual Skills” at the ACES Conference in Nashville in October, 2011. Drs. Goodspeed Grant and Dobmeier with Steve Kassirer and David Buckhout presented “Young Adult Employment and Relationship Stress: Practical and Spiritual Coping Strategies” at the ACA Conference in San Francisco in March, 2012. Also in San Francisco, Drs. Reiner, Dobmeier, and Hernandez presented “Impending Disaster: Professional Counselor Identity.” Dr. Dobmeier continues as co-president of NYACES wherein he connects with other counselor educators, leaders, counselors, and students to address counseling issues in need of advocacy.
Winter may be a time for hibernating, but students, colleagues, and I have been far from quiet. Semester highlights include Rosa Luciano and I presenting on working with homeless youth and families at the WNYSCC Conference; Lauren Giglia and Eric Goodwin working with Dr. Dobmeier and I on our manuscript on reconciling values conflicts; Stephanie Cicero, Keri Neadom, and I working on creating a research project implementing contemplative practices in counselor education; and upcoming presentations at NYMHCA in April. At NYMHCA, Rosa and I will broaden our focus to providing culturally competent counseling services with homeless persons of all ages and circumstance. Stephanie, Keri, and I will provide an overview workshop on contemplative practices in counselor education. Finally, my partner, Elaine, and I will present on providing premarital counseling services for LGB couples. In addition to these projects, we continue to make magic each week in Self and Concepts classes. Finally, I’m thrilled to see Nu Chapter become more active and am grateful for folks like Dave Buckhout, John Brewer, Nicole Taylor, and Keri Neadom becoming more active in leadership along with our executive board, including Nick Delaney, Jeff Mangini, Steve Kassirer, and alum Syd Houseknecht.

FACULTY PROFILE--Dr. Kitty Fallon

Dr. Kitty Fallon has been busy this semester, having been involved in the following projects:

**External Reviewer**, National Board for Certified Counselors and Affiliates, Inc (NBCC), Greensboro, NC. Review the Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) Curriculum in Kiswahili. (This is on-going).
