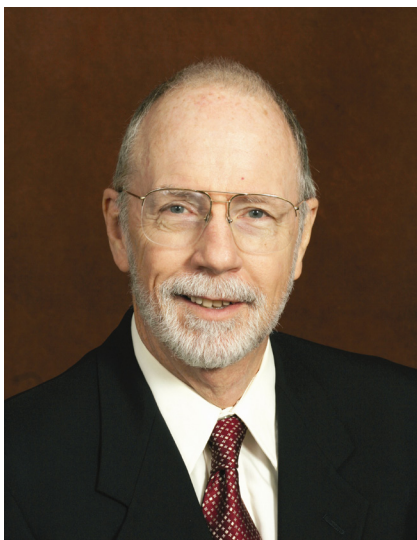


CAREER ADVISOR SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Published annually to update alumni and friends of The Florida State University about career advisor scholarships.



News and Views

by Bob Reardon

Welcome to the 15th edition of our *Career Advisor Scholarship (CAS) News*. I hope this finds you well and thankful for some good things in 2011 as you look forward to 2012.

Once again, some of you will be receiving this *CAS* newsletter in electronic format as a PDF. Just let me know if that doesn't work for you and we'll put one in the regular mail.

Our scholarship funds rebounded this year. According to my unofficial records, our funds in mid-October 2011 were \$408,738, an increase of \$62,424 from November 2010. This year we awarded \$14,235 in scholarships, almost exactly the same as last year.

The good news is that we have 113 contributors, but this is also somewhat disheartening because it is the same number as last year. However, our contributors have made 331 separate gifts, an increase of 22 from last year. We are a special group considering that less than 15% of alumni give back to FSU. Thank you for sharing in this endeavor to support FSU graduate students who are committed to professional counseling and career services. We believe this is the only program of its kind in the nation, and it is the envy of many of our peer institutions.

We recognized eight outstanding students at the College of Education Pre-Game Tailgate event on October 29, 2011. In the past 15 years, we have awarded \$143,115 to 61 different students through 97 scholarships.

Graduate students in the counseling program, especially those working in The FSU Career Center, are extraordinarily talented and committed. Unfortunately, not everyone who

is qualified for a scholarship receives one. The committee making awards for career advisor scholarships has a rewarding yet challenging task. We congratulate all of our students on the scope and quality of their achievements, and we want to encourage and assist them in every way.

Remember—a gift to our endowed scholarship funds lives on—it “keeps on giving.” Only 4% of the interest earned from a gift is made available each year for scholarships; the remainder, along with the original gift, will contribute to another scholarship in the future.

As in the past, I “challenge” those of you who have received a scholarship to make a gift to these funds. I'll match whatever you contribute up to \$250. Several of you have taken me up on this and I hope that more of you will do it this year. Thank you for being a part of our efforts even in these difficult economic times. Best wishes for the remainder of 2011 and the forthcoming 2012! Go Seminoles!

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2011 Fellows

After reviewing the criteria for the Bobkin, Peterson, Rand, Reardon, and Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Funds, the selection committee named the following students as scholarship recipients for 2011. Here are brief profiles of the newest fellows. They are all presently working as career advisors in The FSU Career Center and pursuing degrees in the Psychological Services in Education Program.

The newest *Peterson Fellows* are **Deanna A. Allen** and **Leigh M. Eskin**. *Deanna* has a BA in English from Indiana University and taught in New Zealand before arriving at FSU. She is a field editor for NCDA's *Career Convergence* and



Deanna A. Allen



Leigh M. Eskin

a mock interview mentor in our Career Center. *Leigh's* undergraduate work was at Ohio State University where she majored in psychology. She was a peer career advisor in the Arts & Sciences Career Services Office there, and is in her first year in the MS/EdS program at FSU.



Haley N. Foutch



Adrian Keith Fuller, Jr.



Erin Harvey

The third *Reardon Fellow* is **Jake A. Galles**. *Jake* has a BA in psychology from Northern Iowa University. He was with AmeriCorp*VISTA programs in California and Florida for two years before beginning his doctoral studies at FSU. He is now in his third year of doctoral studies and pursuing research in the area of mindfulness.



Jake A. Galles

communications from FSU with a major in public relations, and is currently gaining experience at Tallahassee Community College.

Congratulations to these award recipients! They are an impressive group and outstanding examples of the more than 20 graduate students pursuing coursework and practical training in counseling this year in The FSU Career Center.

How We're Doing

Here's a brief status report based on five endowed career advisor scholarship funds based on my unofficial records.

Bobkin Fund (No. 1952). The Bobkin Fund was established in 1995 by Sandy and Randy Barker of Richmond, Virginia, and named for Sandy's mother, Alyce B. Bobkin. This fund is operating currently with \$23,232 from 6 contributors.

Career Advisor Alumni Scholarship Fund (No. 1953). This fund was established nine years ago and has \$39,269 with gifts from 42 contributors.

Peterson Fund (No. 1955). The Peterson Fund was established in 1995 by Mike and Jean Shahnasarian of Tampa and named for Gary W. Peterson, Mike's major professor. At the present time, this fund is operating with \$120,342 with gifts from 16 contributors. This fund is on the list for a state match of \$50,000 for further enhancement.

Rand Fund (No. 1959). The Rand Fund was established in 1996 by Herb Rand in honor of his late wife, Josie, a longtime music educator and graduate of FSU. This fund is fully endowed at \$173,903.

Reardon Fund (No. 2129). The Reardon Fund was launched in late 2007 with a major gift from Mike and Jean Shahnasarian, which was further supported by 63 additional contributors. The fund is currently operating with \$51,992.



Brittany R. Melvin

The new *Career Advisor Alumni Fellow* is **Brittany R. Melvin**. *Brittany* has a BA in business and psychology from Rhodes College in Memphis with study abroad experience in England, Greece, Italy, and Turkey. She is in her second year of doctoral studies in the combined program and has research interests in the area of career readiness.

The 14th *Bobkin Fellow* is **Mary-Catherine McClain**. *M-C* has a BS in psychology from Wofford College and MS/EdS degrees from the mental health counseling program at FSU. Now in the combined doctoral program, she is tracking on college counseling and teaching as a career direction.



Mary-Catherine McClain

There are three co-recipients of *Rand Fellowships* this year. **Haley N. Foutch**, **Adrian Keith Fuller, Jr.**, and **Erin Harvey** are all second year students in the MS/EdS career counseling program and working as career advisors in The FSU Career Center. After graduating from high school in Texas, *Haley* completed a BS in psychology from FSU and is also a career counseling intern at East Gadsden High School in Quincy, FL. *Adrian* has a BS in sociology from FSU and is also interning at East Gadsden High. *Erin* has a BS in

While the criteria for these funds differ slightly regarding required GPA or test scores and financial need, all seek to recognize and support students who have made a commitment to the career counseling area, have outstanding academic records and work histories, and have the potential to provide leadership in the broad area of career development and human resources.

Past Fellows

Here are updates on the professional activities of *some* of our past fellows. **Shawn Utecht** (Rand 2007, 2008) is the assistant director and liaison to the college of business at the Colorado State University Career Center. **Brook Serrano** (Rand 2007) is the senior international student adviser at the Savannah College of Art and Design and a recent mom. **Maude Richard** (Rand 2006) remains the director of guidance at Plantation High School in Broward County, Florida.

Kate (Racoff) Musgrove (Bobkin 2006) is a doctoral candidate in rehabilitation counseling at Auburn University and a recent mom. **Dr. Jon Shy** (Peterson 2004, 2006, Rand 2002-03) is a licensed psychologist in East Lansing, Michigan. **Katie Meyer-Griffith** (Bobkin 2005, Rand 2001-2004) is campus achievement leader at Florida State College at Jacksonville. **Dr. Debbie (Norris) Osborn** (Bobkin 1996) is a new faculty member in counseling at FSU and the president of the National Career Development Association. **Kateena James LaPrade** (Bobkin 2007) has launched a new career counseling practice in Jacksonville.

Julia (Panke) Makela (Rand 2000, Peterson 2001) has a new Ph.D. and position as visiting research specialist in the Office of Community College Research and Leadership at the University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign. **Mark Colvenbach** (Rand 2001) is the new director of career services at the University of Tampa. **Yas Djadali** (Rand 2000) is the assistant director of career services in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles.

Four fellows have completed predoctoral internships and are now engaged in postdoctoral work: **Elisa Rudd** (Rand 1998, **Sara (Cummings) Bertoch** (Rand, 2006, Peterson, 2007-2008, Reardon, 2009), **Stefanie (Mihalopoulos) Rodriguez** (Peterson 2008), and **Ashley K. Chason** (Peterson 2008).

Dr. Darrin Carr (Peterson 2000, Rand 2001) is a psychologist with the Apalachee Center in Tallahassee. **Andrew Morrison** (Rand 2008) is a supported employment

How to Contribute

All five CAS Scholarship Funds welcome contributions from alumni and friends of FSU.

Please contribute \$100 and get your name on our contributor board in The FSU Career Center. If you cannot be a contributor this year, please think about ways you can help us identify others who might be interested and able to support this program.

Gifts can be made online at foundation.fsu.edu. Or, use the gift form on page four of the newsletter to mail your contribution to:

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Either way, be sure and provide the number of one of our career advisor scholarships as the designated fund. You can also use the self-addressed return envelope to make a CAS donation or pledge. We'll be happy to make sure your check gets over to the Foundation Office.

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specialist at St. Luke's House in Washington, DC. **Christine Richer** (Rand 2008) is targeted case manager with Children's Home Society of Florida in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Amy Johnson (Alumni 2009, Reardon 2010) is now a career coach in the university advising and career development center at Eastern Michigan University. **Dr. Emily Bullock** (Peterson 2002-2003, Rand 2004) is an assistant professor in counseling at the University of Southern Mississippi and engaged in teaching and research in vocational psychology. **Sarah Clark** (Bobkin 2004, Alumni 2005) is a career development counselor at the University of North Carolina—Wilmington. **Brian Montalvo** (Rand 2005) is an assistant director in the Career Development Center at Florida Atlantic University and teaching a career development course at Palm Beach Community College. **Emily Kennelly** (Alumni 2010) is the new assistant director for internships and cooperative education in The FSU Career Center.

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Dr. Liz Ruff McHugh (Alumni 2004, 2007; Rand 2005, 2008) is now a psychologist for CHE Senior Psychological Services in Manhattan and Queens providing geropsychological services.

Dr. Laura Wright (Peterson 1997) is a staff psychologist and training director in Counseling and Psychological Services at Florida Gulf Coast University. **Tracie Scott** (Rand 2000) is training manager with VCA Animal Hospitals in Los Angeles. **Conquaya James** (Rand 2002) is the assistant director for career development in career services at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Jill Parker (Rand 2000) is the director of advising, career, and retention services at Front Range Community College in Ft. Collins, CO. **Dr. Marissa Brattole** (Rand 2005-06) is a licensed psychologist specializing in eating disorders with the Carter Psychology Center in the Sarasota area. **Dr. Cassandra Smisson** (Alumni 2006) is a licensed psychologist in Texas and associate with Brown, Nelson, Frank, Giles, Moore, & Associates in Houston. **Rachel Coleman** (Rand 2007) has taken a position at West Point providing career and transition services to veterans. **Devan Coughlin** (Bobkin 2008, Reardon 2009) is the coordinator of the career development at Jacksonville University in Florida.

All five CAS Funds welcome contributions. In case you were wondering about the need for these scholarships, FSU graduate tuition is now \$421 per credit hour (in-state) and \$1,052 (out-of-state). Graduate degrees from our FSU counseling programs have a cost (72 hours MS/EdS = \$30,312; 105 hours PhD = \$110,460) and the need for these scholarships is evident. Contribute \$100 and I'll make sure your name appears on our contributor board here in The Career Center.

Gifts can be made on-line at <http://www.foundation.fsu.edu>, or use a gift form from this page and mail your contribution to The FSU Foundation, Inc., Innovation Park, 2010 Levy Avenue, Building B Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32310-2739. Either way, be sure to provide the career advisor scholarship number as the designated fund. You can also use the handy self-addressed return envelope to make a CAS donation or pledge if you received the paper version of this newsletter.



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