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Letter from the Editors
Bernard H. Lawson and Matthew D. Cramer

We are proud to present the 2014-2015 Journal of the Indiana University Student Personnel Association (IUSPA Journal), which is a publication of original scholarly works in the field of student affairs. The IUSPA Journal has a long tradition of providing an opportunity for Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) master’s and doctoral students to publish in a peer-reviewed public forum. First debuted in 1967, the Journal has also featured numerous articles by HESA doctoral students, alumni, and others associated with the program. To keep up with modern trends in technology and education, the Journal made the move to an online format in 2010 and is now available to a much wider audience through the IUScholarWorks database, a service provided by the Indiana University Digital Libraries Program. We are also proud to present the entire digital archives, which include original publications from 1967 to the most recent issue of the IUSPA Journal available on IUScholarWorks. We hope that you will not only enjoy but also be intellectually challenged by the excellent student scholarship you will find in the 2014-2015 Journal and on our IUScholarWorks digital archives.

This edition features articles relevant to the field of student affairs and higher education, both past and present. “Advising Student Organizations: A Literature Review and Recommendations for Future Research” offers a look into the current literature surrounding the advising of student organizations, as well as providing recommendations on how to address the ever-changing role of the advisor. Readers will look back into the past with “Education for Domesticity: Women in the Indiana University Halls of Residence, 1945-1960”, an article which tracks the experience of women at Indiana University through the lens of IU’s residential policies. In “Examining the Perceptions of Students of Color in the Resident Assistant Selection Process”, the article’s authors explore the racial climate that students of color feel during the RA selection process at a large, Mid-Western Predominantly White Institution. Looking into how first years’ expectations matched with the reality of residential living, “Expectations versus Reality: First-year Students’ Transition into Residential Living” offers fresh perspective on first year transition and its implications. Exploring the relationship between students’ engagement in deep approaches to learning and measures of affective learning outcomes is “Deep Approaches and Learning Outcomes: An Exploration Using Indirect Measures”. Lastly, “The Impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations at Indiana University Bloomington” looks at the perception Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations during the last 18 years.

As editors of this year’s IUSPA Journal, we would like to thank the 20-member review board, our graphic designer, the online publishers, and our advisor, Karyn E, Rabourn, for their generous dedication to creating a quality publication that upholds HESA’s legacy of strong scholarship. Several months of time and effort are required from all who contribute to the Journal’s publication, and for this, we are very appreciative. The Journal would not be possible without the continued support of the Indiana University Student Personnel Association, financial contributions from alumni, and additional resources from the HESA program. With this support, the Journal is able to provide a unique opportunity for master’s and doctoral students to showcase their scholarship and experience the publication process.

We hope you are as excited to read through the scholarship presented in this year’s Journal as we are in bringing it to you. Please enjoy the 2014-2015 Journal of the Indiana University Student Personnel Association!
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