

CSP Newsletter

January - February 2006

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Director's Corner by William Collins

Michigan's 2006 Martin Luther King Day Symposium was a huge success. Speakers included actress Anna Deavere Smith, poet Saul Williams, University of Pennsylvania Professor Michael Dyson, and "The Three Doctors," (Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt) among many others. The Three Doctors are authors of The New York Times Best Seller, "The Pact" which describes their commitment to each other and their determination to achieve their academic and professional goals. Their story is an inspiring example of what can be accomplished by those who remain true to their dreams. Sadly, just two weeks after the successful 19th ML King Day Symposium, the world learned that Coretta Scott King, Dr. King's widow, had passed away. I can remember meeting her and talking to her about her late husband and the work she chose to pursue with her own life. She was a woman of commitment, not pretension, as illustrated by the following quote from her:

"I never thought that a lot of money or fine clothes — the finer things in life—would make you happy. My concept of happiness is to be fulfilled in a spiritual sense."

We might all benefit from some reflection on the lessons offered by the Three Doctors and by Coretta Scott King as we consider how to find fulfillment in our lives whether academic or personal.

One issue with important implications for the fulfillment of Dr. King's vision, for Coretta King's work, and for the kind of accomplishment epitomized by the Three Doctor's is the citizen's referendum known as the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI), which would prohibit affirmative action on the basis of race and gender in public education, employment, and contracting. I believe this initiative does not live up to its name and that it will have significant and far-reaching consequences for equal opportunity in many spheres, including higher education. I urge all students to learn about MCRI when forums are offered concerning it.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end do our duty as we understand it.

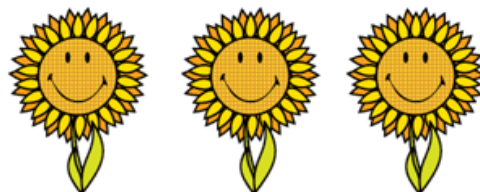
*Abraham Lincoln
16th President of the United States*

Academic Advising Staff

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Please call our office at (734) 764-9128 to make an advising appointment.

We have Walk-ins hours for more urgent situations Monday - Friday 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m
Keep in mind that appointments allow you & your advisor time to discuss academic and personal concerns.



Pre-Health

Pre-Health Peer Advising

Brandon Baugh
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Wednesday/Friday 11-2

Cecelia Calhoun
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Wednesday 9-11:30

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Summer Bridge Program Resident Peer
Advisor Positions are open for
June 25 - August 18, 2006.

Compensation: Room, Board, plus a generous stipend.

Qualifications:

- Junior standing (55 credits) by the end of Spring term 2006,
 - Previous Residence Hall experience or similar leadership preferred,
 - Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average
 - No other full-time employment
- Applications will be available February 20,
in G155 Angell Hall*

Applications are due March 10, 2006

Welcome all Pre-Health students:
Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental,
Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Public Health,
Pre-Nursing etc.

Contact us at CSP-PHA@umich.edu

Walk-in for your consultation
today!
No appointment necessary.

Pre-Dental Program Information

Pipeline Program & Profile for Success Charlita Daniels, Program Coordinator

Office of Academic Affairs and
Office of Multicultural Affairs
University of Michigan
School of Dentistry
1011 N. University
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Phone: (734) 763-3342
www.dent.umich.edu/mac/



The applications for these two **Summer** programs
are now available via the website.

The deadline for Pipeline and Profile for Success
is March 22, 2006.

Pipeline - students get exposure to health careers
in dentistry and medicine and increase aptitude in
science coursework

Profile for Success - DAT Preparation, test taking
skills, and pre-clinical experiences

Tutoring

CSP offers free tutoring for the
following courses in the **fall** and
winter terms:

- *Accounting
- *Biology
- *Chemistry
- *Economics
- *French
- *Math
- *Physics
- *Spanish
- *Statistics

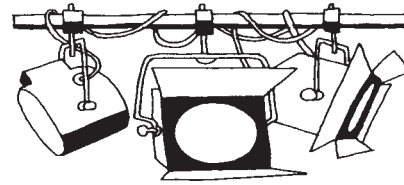


To request a tutor please make an
appointment to see your academic advisor
or come in during walk-ins.

If you are interested in being a tutor
please stop by the CSP office and pick up
a tutor application form. Our Tutor
Coordinator, Chauncey Williams,
will contact you.



Spotlight on "Student Success 2006"



An ongoing feature of our Newsletter is "Spotlight on Student Success." This is in an effort to inform you and the University community of some of the achievements of current CSP students and recent graduates. CSP has a rich history of academic achievement and we want to let everyone know. Please take a moment to fill out the form in the CSP lobby and let us know about your academic and personal successes. The Comprehensive Studies Program is a family of more than 2,000 scholars. Help us inform the entire community about your success.

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**Please stop by the CSP Office to fill out a Student Spotlight Form today!**



- Carmen McCallum, B.A. Sociology 1997, MSW from Wayne State University 2000. Carmen is currently an Academic Advisor in the Comprehensive Studies Program.
- Charlae Davis, B.A Sociology May 2001, MSW from University of Michigan, August 2003. Charlae is currently an Academic Advisor in the Comprehensive Studies Program.

### Sarah M. Sala, CSP Junior

Sara was accepted into the English Honors Program. She is writing her honors thesis on Hawthorn's short stories, particularly that the events in them closely mirror his own life and ancestors. She is also applying to the Creative Writing subconcentration in the hopes of getting a minor in poetry. She plans to graduate in 2007 and to enroll in a dual Ph.D. and M.F.A. program. After that she would like to continue her writing and teach English in high school and college. Sara was part of our Summer Bridge Program in 2004 and served as a Writing Skills Course Assistant during Summer Bridge 2005. Keep up the good work Sarah!

### Alumni Corner

**Dominica S. Groom, CSP Alum, B.A. Biopsychology and Cognitive Science with a minor in Spanish Language, Literature and Culture, May 2004.**

Dominica was the Governance Technology & Project Coordinator for the American Speech-Language - Hearing Association, a non-profit organization located in Rockville, Maryland. She was mainly responsible for managing the annual election process of the governing bodies of the association (The Executive Board, the Legislative Council, and Committees). She also served as the Technology coordinator for the governance department, which included developing and maintaining web pages and training staff to use the Association's database. Dominica is planning to pursue an MBA and MA in Psychology within the next two years after she has acquired several years of employment experience. She just recently took a new position. If you would like to contact her she can be reached at [dsgroom04@yahoo.com](mailto:dsgroom04@yahoo.com)

### **Jose Luis Melero, CSP Alum, B.A. Political Science & English, December 2004,**

Luis is currently Deputy Chief of Staff for Illinois State Representative Susana A. Mendoza. He acts as a liason between district residents and state agencies to help resolve and expedite constituent issues and problems. He communicates Representative Mendoza's positions to constituents. Luis has had the opportunity to organize and manage large-scale community projects including: a Back-to-School health fair, a Senior Health Fair and flu shot drive, and a 125 person float for Mexican Independence Day Parade. He works directly with constituents on their resumes and the job application process. He has assisted in placing constituents in English classes, computer skills training programs, job placement programs, and programs that help residents become United States citizens. Luis plans to attend law school in the near future. Luis can be reached at [jlmelero@gmail.com](mailto:jlmelero@gmail.com).

## Two Sisters: One Strong Bond Ashley and McKenzie Maynor

**Ashley and McKenzie Maynor are sisters and CSP students who are both interested in Dentistry.**

Ashley is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student majoring in Brain, Behavior & Cognitive Science. She first became interested in Dentistry her Freshmen year. She entered U of M thinking she would go to medical school but once she arrived on campus she began exploring other options. She realized that Dentistry would allow her to continue her love for science yet she would be able to start her career a lot sooner. She researched career opportunities and discovered that Dentistry would give her the flexibility she desired.

Mckenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student, first became interested in Dentistry her Senior year in High School. At this time big sister was off at college and she had no idea that she was also exploring the field. Mckenzie stated that she remembered going to the dentist as a child and watching children become terrified of the thought of going to the chair. She is hoping to change that and combine her love for science, math and people with Dentistry. She is undecided on an major and is currently exploring options

Mckenzie was in the Pipeline Program Summer 2005. She stated that she was informed about the program from a friend of a friend. It was a little difficult to find information on campus about pipeline but she is happy that she put forth the effort. The application involved an essay about why you want to go into dentistry and two letters of recommendation. Mckenzie enjoyed the program and learned a lot.

Ashley has utilized her time in the summer taking sciences courses. This has helped her lighten her course load and really grasp the materials.

Ashley & McKenzie are in the Undergraduate Student National Dental Association: **USNDA**. This is a new student group for pre-dental students. For additional support they have utilized family, friends, and the CSP office. They are considering: The University of Michigan, The University of Southern California, and The University of Detroit Mercy as possible Dental schools.

### **Advice:**

Ashley- If possible, get a job or work study position in the Dental School. The experiences you will have are priceless. Utilize your Academic Advisor their advice can be valuable and they can help you design a reasonable plan for the required science courses. Affiliate with CSP if you are not currently a member of the program.

Mckenzie- If you can go to Bridge. It was very rewarding and gave me the foundation to be successful; I would not trade my Bridge experiences for anything! Get to know your advisor; that personal relationship is extremely beneficial especially for recommendation letters. Build your GPA. Stay focused.

*In Celebration of the life of  
Dr. Martin Luther King*  
The recipients of the  
Summer 2006 Minority Health &  
Disparities International Research  
Training Awards  
was announced on  
January 23, at the  
Center for Human Growth &  
Development

**The Following are CSP Student Recipients:**

### Chile

Emanuel Figueroa

### Ghana

Brittany Halford  
DaRonn Kidd

### South Africa

Jessica Wynne

### China

Yasmine Elasyed  
LaShawndra Thornton



## The Hopwood Underclassmen Awards Ceremony - January 24, 2006

**Jennifer Reyna**, a current CSP student, who was in Bridge 2004 won two awards.

Jennifer is in the LSA class of 2008 and is from Ecorse, Michigan. She won a **Hopwood Underclass award in the category of Fiction** for work entitled: "Cricket and Other Selected Fiction". She received \$800.00 for this award.

Jennifer also won **The Roy W. Cowden Memorial Fellowship**. These fellowships were made possible by contributions of Hopwood winners and other students of Professor Cowden, who was the Director of the Hopwood Awards Program from 1935 - 1952. The awards are made on the basis of financial need and writing talent. This award was for \$1000.00.

**Congratulations from the CSP Office!**

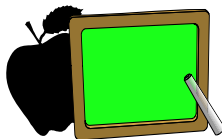
**Financial Aid Advising**  
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## Interested in Teacher Certification?

**General Group Advising  
Sessions for Students  
is held:  
Thursdays  
Room 2214 SEB  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

School of Education  
Office of Student Services  
1033 School of Education  
Office of Student Services  
The University of Michigan  
610 East University  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
(734) 764-7563  
www.soe.umich.edu



\*After you attend a general session  
you are eligible to set up an  
appointment with a School of Education  
Advisor.

**Pre-Business Advising**  
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kmccart@umich.edu  
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(734) 615-7395  
(734) 763-5924  
www.bus.umich.edu

**3-year program (First-Years)**  
Pre-requisites for Admission  
Calculus-Math 115  
English 124/125  
Economics 101 & Distribution  
Applications due **March 31, 2006**

**2-year program (Sophomores)**  
Pre-requisites for Admission  
Math 115  
English 124/125  
Economics 101, 102  
Accounting 271 & Distribution  
Applications due **February 15, 2006**

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**3-year BBA Program  
Application Workshop**  
March 7, 2006  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
701 Tappan Street  
Hale Auditorium

Pre-registration is necessary  
Admissions Officers will be on hand to  
answer your questions.  
Bring a copy of the application and have  
your questions ready!

to sign up go to:  
[http://events.embark.com/event/umich/  
mba/ListEventsBBA.asp](http://events.embark.com/event/umich/mba/ListEventsBBA.asp)

Winter 2006  
 Group and Workshop  
 Opportunities  
 Counseling and Psychological Services  
 (CAPS)  
 The Division of Student Affairs  
[www.umich.edu/~caps](http://www.umich.edu/~caps)

**Academic Success Workshops**  
 (Drop-in; no preregistration required)



**Reducing Stress and Test Anxiety**  
*Learn and experience proven strategies for managing stress, with a focus on reducing test-taking anxiety.*

Multiple staff members  
 Thursdays, 4:15-5 pm: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Overcoming Procrastination**  
 When is it "laziness" and when it is something more?  
 Learn strategies to overcome academic procrastination

Multiple staff members  
 Thursdays, 4:15-5 pm: Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time Management**  
 Learn specific strategies for enhancing time allocation and management and improve academic work efficiency

Multiple staff members  
 Thursdays, 4:15-5 pm: Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Individual, Interpersonal, Academic & Professional Empowerment by Managing Anger**  
 This group is open to undergraduate and graduate men and women. Members will discuss difficulties they have managing their anger in relation to themselves, partners, family members, friends, professors, employers, or with whomever they interact. Members will learn why they have difficulty managing their anger, and anger management skills. **Pre-group interview required.**

LaReese Collins, Ph.D., LMSW, ACSW, BCD  
 Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm., starting February 7<sup>th</sup>

Summer Internship Program  
 sponsored by the  
 Survey Research Center

Summer 2006  
 (May 22 - August 1, 2006)  
 Application Deadline  
 Friday, February 17, 2006  
[www.isr.umich.edu/sip/](http://www.isr.umich.edu/sip/)

**Summer Internship Awards**

The SRC Summer Internship Program is a 10 week, 20-40 hour per week paid position for undergraduate (completion of sophomore year or greater) and graduate students with an interest in social science research. Interns typically will be assigned to an ongoing research study, attend appropriate seminars/courses on principles of survey research, participate in research symposium, and write a paper at the end of their internship focusing on one of the research methodologies learned and/or the project in which they worked. The overall intent is to provide all interns with exposure to many facets of the survey research process. Interns will be encouraged to apply for full-time positions upon completion of their internship or degree program.

Applications are available in the:  
 Survey Research Center Director's Office, room 1310, located on 426 Thompson Street, ISR Building, Ann Arbor, MI. for further information contact George Myers at (734) 615-4883 or via e-mail at [gmyers@umich.edu](mailto:gmyers@umich.edu).

**Available Opportunities**

"Hands-on" experience working in survey design and operations.  
 Work in an office environment where you'll gain teamwork, project management, and administrative skills.  
 Combine social science and statistical theory with the practical challenges of day-to-day project implementation.  
 Apply and develop your technical and communication skills.  
 Learn the principles of survey research from leading practitioners in the field.

24th Annual Women of Color Task Force  
Career Conference  
"Healthy Person, Healthy Society"  
Friday, March 3, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Michigan League, Rackham Auditorium,  
and Modern Languages Building,  
911 N. University Street

The conference which is open to all UM employees and the general public, will offer 50 professional financial and personal development, nutrition and fitness, stress reduction and relaxation, interviewing techniques, diversity in the workplace, project management and the UM job market. Free health screenings and massages will be provided onsite.

Online registration will begin January 2006. Please check the Center for the Education of Women (CEW) website: [www.cew.umich.edu](http://www.cew.umich.edu) for workshop and registration information.

University of Michigan - 4th Annual  
Depression on College Campuses  
Conference

*The University's Role in Responding to Crisis,  
Disaster, and Loss*  
Tuesday, March 21 - Wednesday, 22, 2006  
Rackham Graduate School  
915 E. Washington Street

For more information visit:  
[www.depressioncenter.org](http://www.depressioncenter.org)

or contact  
Trish Meyer at  
(734) 763-7494 or

Lynne Shivers at  
(734) 637-2644  
[lshivers@umich.edu](mailto:lshivers@umich.edu)

Sponsored by the University of Michigan Depression Center, the Michigan Center for Public Health Preparedness, at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and schools and colleges at the University of Michigan.

Applying for Graduation:

Students graduating in Winter 2006 or after need to apply for graduation on-line at Wolverine Access.

Go to: [wolverineaccess.umich.edu](http://wolverineaccess.umich.edu)

Go to: Student Business

Go to: Apply to graduate

-The Blue Diploma Cards are no longer being accepted!

-Senior Concentration Release Forms (blue) are still to be filled out and signed by your concentration advisor.

-You can put them in the drop box outside of the Peer Academic Advising Office (PAAO) in G 150 Angell Hall.

-For best results contact the departmental office of your concentration program to set up and appointment.

-Some departments allow you to set up appointments via their website.

-You can pick up a form in the CSP lobby or outside the PAAO office.

February is Black History Month

Places to find films during Black History Month:  
**Detroit Public Television**  
[www.pbs.org/](http://www.pbs.org/)

**The History Channel**

<http://www.historychannel.com/blackhistory/>

**Biography of A & E**

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/>

**Fact:** Black History month had its beginnings in 1926 thanks to **Harvard Scholar, Dr. Carter G. Woodson**. He began this historical tribute to people who have positively impacted the black population, as Negro History Week, and it later developed into Black History Month!

If you have any comments or questions regarding the CSP Newsletter, please contact Michele Ruffino, Academic Advisor & Newsletter Coordinator (print & web) in the CSP Office at (734) 764-9128 or e-mail [loraine@umich.edu](mailto:loraine@umich.edu).

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