

# CSP Newsletter

## March - April 2006

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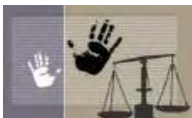
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### Director's Corner by William Collins

As we approach the end of the 2005-06 academic year, we once again salute graduating seniors. This year's graduating *Class of 2006* will include over 330 CSP students. In all, approximately 5,000 CSP students have graduated from the University of Michigan over the course of the last 14 years. Such progress is a tribute to the hard work of students, the dedication of faculty and staff who have worked with the students, and the foresight of University policies that promote diversity in the student body. Many of CSP's graduating seniors are either African American or Hispanic and they are representative of the evolving face of our country. Our society in general, and corporate America in particular, applaud the kind of progress epitomized by CSP's graduates.

Yet, I believe that one glaring irony to be faced is that the upcoming fall election season will feature a statewide ballot initiative that could reverse the remarkable progress that has been demonstrated over the years in public education as well as in public contracting and employment. As measured by a recent statewide poll, the so-called Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI) currently enjoys the support of 47% of likely voters, while 44% oppose it, and 9% are undecided. Many of the people behind the MCRI successfully advanced similar initiatives in California and Washington states. Passage of those initiative has affected outreach, work, training and educational opportunities for women and minorities in both of those states. Similar effects are projected for the state of Michigan if the MCRI should pass.

Over the course of the summer months, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the MCRI and its potential impact in Michigan. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and to then draw your own conclusions about MCRI and what it would mean for Michigan.



*Your challenge is to be our conscience, to keep the drumbeat of activism alive, to rouse those who have become too comfortable for the struggle, and to reinvigorate those too tired to fight.*

*Advice to graduates from  
Ron Brown, statesman  
(1941-1996)*

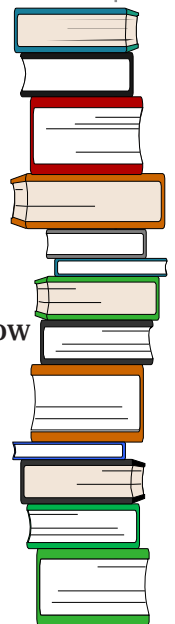
### Academic Advising Staff

Dr. Dwight Fontenot  
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Dahlia Petrus  
Michelle Rosemond  
Michele Ruffino  
Chauncey Williams

**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  
baughb@umich.edu  
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Cecelia Calhoun  
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Wednesday 9-11:30

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

Contact us at [CSP-PHA@umich.edu](mailto:CSP-PHA@umich.edu)

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

## Internship & Scholarship Opportunities

Stop by the Comprehensive Studies  
Program Office and check out our new  
Scholarship and Internship Posting Board.  
It is located in our Lobby area.

New opportunities will be posted monthly.



## Fall 2006 CSP Offers

Accounting 271

Section 021

11:30 - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays/Thursdays

with Kelli Dungan

- Instructor consent required
- Sophomore standing
- See an academic advisor to begin the override process
- Pick a lecture time to accompany the recitation

## Tutoring

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

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

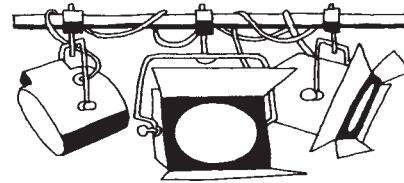


Tutors will be available again beginning in the fall term 2006. In the meantime, make sure you are reviewing for final exams with your current tutor and instructors.

We are always looking for more tutors. 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. Please tell your non-CSP friends about this paid opportunity as well.



## 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!**



- **Chauncey Williams**, B.A. from University of Michigan. Chauncey is an Academic Advisor in the Comprehensive Studies Program. He also is responsible for Coordinating all of the Summer Bridge Student Development activities and is in charge of the CSP Tutoring program.
- **Alicia Ortez**, B.A. University of Michigan. Alicia served as a CSP Academic Advisor for many years and is currently an Academic Counselor/Learning Specialist in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.



**Angela Lynn Davis** - CSP Junior  
Angela was accepted into the School of Education for Fall 2006. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education with a major in Social Studies and a minor in Fine Arts. Angela is from Detroit where she attended Renaissance High School. She has a deep passion and talent for working with young children. Her proficiency in Spanish is an added bonus. Angela has all the ingredients needed to be a successful teacher. All your hard work and dedication has paid off, Congratulations!

**Mariano Lowenstern** - CSP Sophomore  
Mariano is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Physics. He has been part of a research group led by Paul Drake, Professor of Applied Physics and Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences. The research is based on high energy Astrophysics. Mariano is currently president of the University of Michigan Lambda Chi Alpha Chapter and is a High Alpha. For more information about joining this fraternity visit: [www.umich.edu/~lxa](http://www.umich.edu/~lxa)  
If you would like to reach Mariano please e-mail him at [mlowenst@umich.edu](mailto:mlowenst@umich.edu)

**Chineye "Chi Chi" Onyemaechi** - CSP Sophomore  
Chi Chi was accepted into the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP) at Yale School of Medicine. She currently is concentrating in Neuroscience and is considering a career in Dentistry. The Yale program offers an Intensive writing and communication course, with emphasis on science topics, multicultural health issues, and developing a personal statement. For more information regarding this program and the various schools that are sponsored, please visit [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org)

**Evelyn Lucas-Perry** - CSP Graduate, May 2006  
Evelyn will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in General Biology. This term she is participating in the Semester at Sea Program sponsored by the University of Pittsburg. Evelyn's hard work during her undergraduate years has been profitable. She was recently admitted into the University of Michigan Dental School. Congratulations Evelyn on your admittance to Dental School!



### Alumni Corner

**Kristina Louise Johnson** - CSP Graduate, December 2003, Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and English. Kristina also graduated from Wayne State University in December 2005 with a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science with Honors in the Major. Kristina was in Ms. Ruffino's Summer Bridge class of 1999.

# Learn the A,B,C's of Your Career Development Career Center Services

- \*Drop-in Advising Available: M, Tu, Th noon-3:30 pm  
Wed noon-5:30 pm, Fri 11-2pm for assistance with career related questions, resume and cover letter reviews,
- \*CareerNotes-Informative e-newsletters on interesting career fields,
- \*Extensive career library, including on-line catalog of resources,
- \*Career Counseling appointments,
- \*Career Assessment test, interpreted individually or by request for small groups, or FOCUS, a self-help alternative,
- \*Resources and programs for pre-health and pre-law students,
- \*Reference Letter Service for collecting recommendations and sending letters to employers or graduate schools,
- \*Internship/summer job opportunities and programs, and
- \*Mployment Link @Career Center, an on-line recruitment system for job and internship seekers.

**3200 Student Activities Building**  
**[www.careercenter.umich.edu](http://www.careercenter.umich.edu)**  
**(734) 764-7460**

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## Jump Start your Job or Internship Search

Register for MploymentLink@  
The Career Center

<http://careercenter.umich.edu/students/findingjob/mploymenstu/>

Connect with hundreds of employers targeting UM, Ann Arbor students for permanent and/or internship positions. Creating an MploymentLink account allows you to view job and internship listings, online resume collections, employer presentation information, as well as on-campus interviewing opportunities.



## Education Job Fair

Thursday, April 6, 2006  
Michigan Union  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
For additional details visit  
the Career Center website  
[www.careercenter.umich.edu](http://www.careercenter.umich.edu)



## Stacey Pratt: Studying Abroad in Japan

Stacey is a third year student concentrating in Asian Studies with a focus on Japanese Studies. Her career plans include education and work as a Japanese/English translator. Stacey is a 2003 Presidential Service Award recipient, and a 2004 - 2005 Gates Millennium Scholar. She also participated in the 2004 Leadershape Institute, the 2005 Leadership Connection, and has won awards for her public speaking from the Huron Valley Toastmasters Association. Below are her reflections on her study abroad experience.

*What are the dates of your program? What are you studying?*

I left America on September 1, 2005 to study in Hikone, Shiga Japan via the Japan Center for Michigan Universities Program (JCMU). I will return on April 17, 2006. Through this program, I am studying Intercultural Communications, Intensive Japanese Language studies, and a course on Minorities in Japan. I also take a course on Japanese Popular Culture at Shiga University.

*What have you learned in this experience that has enhanced your educational and career goals?*

I have learned that everyone, to some extent, learns more about themselves through their daily interactions with others. Some days I sit and reflect on the experiences, good and bad, that have helped me learn about my weaknesses, strengths, and personality. There are times when all I want to do is return home. However, I know that many of the lessons I've learned are experiences that no one can take away and that have made me a stronger person. This experience has helped me clarify my career goals. I hope to work as a teacher or a translator, and be a positive role model to younger students. I know my time in Japan has helped me move forward in my career path. I encourage students to participate in a study abroad program, especially if you are interested in learning, growing, and developing to your full potential.

*Describe your studying and living conditions in Japan.*

At first, it took me a while to adjust to the small food portions. I had to constantly carry a dictionary with me since all the menus were in Japanese. I also had to adjust to a 5 hour per day preparation for class and living with a complete stranger in a small 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom apartment. Even now, it is difficult to understand the nutritional value of the food I eat and to adjust to the amount of studying required for the JCMU language program. I have learned to cook some incredible dishes like spring rolls, dombourimono, onifiri, pizza, and tortillas. The transportation system is excellent. You can take the train to any major or small city in Japan. I have traveled to Nagoya, Osaka, Kyoto, Tokyo, and other cities. Despite the rigorous program, I have the opportunity to know students in the program, practice the Japanese I learn in class, and make lasting friendships with other students.

*What changes have you noticed in yourself as a result of this experience?*

I have grown tremendously. When I first told my parents about my decision to apply for the year-long program in Japan, they were adamantly against the idea. Despite that, I applied for the program because I wanted to see more of the world than just the southeast corner of Michigan, and I wanted the experience of living in another country.

This study abroad experience has helped me become more understanding of cultural differences. Getting to know people individually and learning about their personal experiences has fostered greater appreciation for them and their cultures. Despite the stereotype of Japan as a homogenous country, I have never been exposed to so many different cultural backgrounds in my time. I have eaten curry and various Indian dishes as well as Mexican, Chinese, and Japanese food that I have never tried before. This has definitely been a rewarding experience for me.

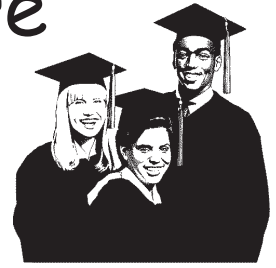
My listening and money management skills have improved greatly. Through the many listening comprehension tests, home stays, and living around Japanese people for seven months, I have learned to be very attentive to others around me. Because the cost of living in Japan is substantially higher than that in the US, I have learned to purchase Japanese food and to use various ways to use the ingredients to save money for more important things: traveling and sending home souvenirs.



# **Fall 2006 Courselist**

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CSP Graduating Seniors are invited to attend the:



# CSP Graduating Senior Reception

When: Thursday, April 27, 2006

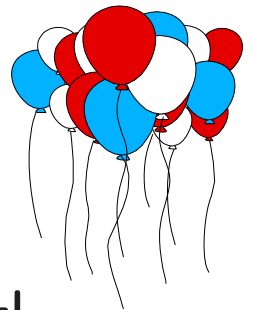


2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: G-183 Angell Hall

Refreshments will be served

Join us as we celebrate  
your accomplishment!



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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