

# CSP Newsletter

## December 2008

Comprehensive Studies Program  
G155 Angell Hall  
(734) 764-9128

[www.lsa.umich.edu/csp](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/csp)

Director's Corner by  
Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs  
Esrold A. Nurse, Interim Director

In early October, the Dean of the College asked me to become the Interim Director of the Comprehensive Studies Program, and I quickly agreed. My decision to accept the position stems from my deep respect for the work of CSP instructors and CSP academic advisors. Many students owe their successful experiences, academic and otherwise, to members of the CSP staff. In my meetings with individual members of the staff so far, I have become even more impressed with the level of commitment and dedication to students.

Some of you know that I currently serve as Assistant Dean of Student Academic Affairs, a position I have held for the past thirteen years. Before that, I worked at the University of Wisconsin- Madison in a variety of areas related to student academic affairs. In my interim capacity, I hope to provide a bridge to the new director of the CSP Program by learning as much as I can about the inner workings of the program. I desperately need the help of everyone involved. If you have any thoughts, please don't hesitate to contact me at [eanurse@umich.edu](mailto:eanurse@umich.edu).

We are entering now a very busy time of the semester when we become painfully aware of the enormity of the work to be completed before the semester's end. It is a time for all of us to keep our focus on our abilities, not shortcomings, on our strengths, not weaknesses. Working together, each of us can and will achieve our goals. Everyone in CSP is ready and available to support you through these final weeks of classes and exams.

From my perspective, every student in the CSP program is a success story. I am honored to be a part of the excitement that exists within the program. Best wishes for a successful semester.

Sincerely,  
Esrold Nurse

"If all difficulties were known at the onset of a long journey, most of us would never start out at all."

Dan Rather

### Academic Advising Staff



Dr. Dwight Fontenot  
Charlae M. Davis  
Ruth Greenfield  
Liese A. Hull  
Harry McLaughlin  
Michelle Rosemond  
Michele Ruffino  
Chauncey Williams

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

We have Walk-in 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.

## CSP Pre-Health Peer Advisors

CSP-PHA@umich.edu

Aparna Shah, shahapar@umich.edu

Whitney Williams, whitnwil@umich.edu

Monday 10:30 - 12 & 1 - 3:00

Tuesday 10:30 - 12:30

Wednesday 10:30 - 1

Thursday 10:30 - 12:30

Friday 2 - 4



Liese Hull, CSP  
Pre-Health Advisor

can answer your pre-health questions. She can be reached at lahull@umich.edu or by calling 764-9128 to set up an appointment.

### Newnan LSA Academic Advising Center

in 1255 Angell Hall also provides information about academic preparation for medical school and other health professions. To make an appointment to see a health professions advisor call 764-0332.

To be added to the pre-health e-mail group please send an email to Dr. Peggy Zitek at [pzitek@umich.edu](mailto:pzitek@umich.edu)

Health Professions Academic Advisors  
Dr. Peggy Zitek ( [pzitek@umich.edu](mailto:pzitek@umich.edu) ) and  
Dr. David Brawn ( [dbrawn@umich.edu](mailto:dbrawn@umich.edu) )

## Science Learning Center

### Join a Study Group for Winter 2008

The Science Learning Center offers study groups for students enrolled in introductory biology, chemistry, and physics courses, as well as Math 156.

Study groups are small groups of 10-13 students who meet once a week for two hours to actively:

- Review course material
- Solve Problems
- Discuss course concepts
- Prepare for exams

Each study group is led by a trained facilitator who has already taken the class successfully. The role of the facilitator is to help the students teach and learn from each other. The study group leader also provides supplemental materials, including worksheets, practice tests, and old exams.










Study groups are offered for. Bio. 171, 172, 225, 305, 310, & 311; Chem. 130, 210, 215, 230, 260, 302, 451, & 452; Physics 125, 126, 140, 240, and Math 156.

For more information about study groups visit [www.lsa.umich.edu/slc](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/slc)

## Tutoring

CSP Offers Tutoring for

Courses in:(Stop in or make an appt. to fill out a tutor request form)

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



If you would like to apply to be a CSP tutor please contact Chauncey Williams, our Tutor Coordinator, [cwsc@umich.edu](mailto:cwsc@umich.edu). Also, pick up a tutor application form in G155 Angell Hall.

## Career Advising Events at CSP

Drop in Career Advising  
Tuesday, November 18 or  
Tuesday December 2,  
1:00 -3:00 pm

CSP is also sponsoring:  
**Choosing a Major**  
Thursday, November 20  
1:00 - 1:30 pm &  
1:30 - 2:00 pm

\*For all career events ask to see the Career Advisor and sign in at the main desk in the lobby.



## Spotlight on "Student Success 2008"

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.

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

### **An Eye-Opening GIEU Experience by Shadmani Kushi, CSP Sophomore**

Third world countries are often portrayed as inferior to America, leading us to believe they have little to offer humanity. I have found this portrayal to be false. A country like the Philippines, though small and developing, is rich in history and culture. This past summer, I was given first-hand experience to the great resources of the Philippines through the Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates Program (GIEU) here at Michigan. This program sponsors international travel for students with the hope of gaining life-changing intercultural experiences. GIEU sponsors several 3 or 4 week programs each summer in different sites around the world. For example, this past summer, students traveled to Ghana, India, Kenya, Vietnam, and Italy to work on different projects. I was selected to participate in the Philippines project, which ran from June 5, 2008 to July 7, 2008.

Our project was geared towards determining the likelihood of establishing Community Based Rehabilitation Centers (CBR) in rural areas of the Philippines. We visited rural areas and spread awareness about disabled people in the community and the possibility of independent living for them. We spoke to health and government officials on how to establish these CBRs. While working on this project I also familiarized myself with the country and its customs. I learned that the Philippines has much to offer in terms of natural beauty, foods, and hospitality. Before traveling to the Philippines I spoke to some Filipinos and they did not understand why I would want to go there. They gave me a heads up about the traffic, the congested areas, the public bathrooms, and the temperature. Of course this precaution coming from the Filipinos themselves surprised me and made me have doubts about my decision, but I overlooked it all and was determined to make the best of this experience. As it turned out there was traffic, congested areas, public bathrooms, it was very hot. While there I took in everything. I observed every detail carefully; from the way the streets seemed to have no imposed traffic laws, to noticing the presence of the Muslim minorities. The more I learned about the place and its customs the more I fell in love with it.

This trip to the Philippines exposed me to countless new situations. During our first week we went to the "Smokey Mountains," which is a dumpsite that has been inhabited by people who are too poor to make a living in the city. I had never seen people actually living on top of a dumpsite. As I walked around, I noticed houses built out of mattress springs and other used materials. I saw kids, some of them almost naked, playing in garbage. I thought to myself how no human being should be subject to such conditions. I began to think how I could help these people. Donating a few dollars can only take them so far. I felt the same sense of helplessness when interviewing differently-abled people in many of the communities we visited. Some were so poor and did not have available transportation. They did not even have access to basic medical care. It was quite disheartening; however I decided that I can make small change in this country. Many of my peers think that the situations in a third world country are far removed and may not affect us at all. I have already started discussing the extent of poverty and the lack of medical care to my friends. I try to keep the issues of the third world in their conscious minds. Hopefully they will think twice when before throwing away extra food or clothes. My experiences can help me and my friends realize how blessed we are. I strongly recommend GIEU to anyone who wants to gain intercultural awareness.

## CSP Staff

### Administrative Staff

Dr. Esrold A. Nurse, Interim Director  
Dr. Ralph D. Story, Associate Director  
Dwight L. Fontenot, Ph.D. Associate Director  
Beverly Baker, Administrative Associate  
Bonnie Miller, Student Services Assistant  
Della Weatherspoon, Secretary

### Instructional Staff

Kelly Allen, English 125  
Lorenzo Gutierrez-Jarquín, CSP 100  
Jill Halpern, Math 115 & 116  
Dr. Nkem-Amin N. Khumbah, Math 105, 107  
Denise Lee, Math 105, 115  
Duane Lee, Math 105  
Shylynn Lofton, Math 105, 115  
Dr. Mike Melnichuk, Physics 125, 140  
Dr. Maria Morillo, Spanish 101 & 102  
Josh Olson, English 125  
Dr. Jadwiga Sipowska, Chemistry 130  
Dr. Ralph D. Story, English 225  
Dr. Charles Taylor, English 225  
Dr. Randy Tessier, English 125, 225  
Laury Wood, Biology 171 & 172  
Fran Zorn, CSP 105 - Winter 2008

## MTEACH School of Education

[http://www.soe.umich.edu/  
undergraduates/](http://www.soe.umich.edu/undergraduates/)

University of Michigan  
School of Education  
610 E. University, 1228 SEB  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
Phone: 734 615-1528  
Email: [te.programs@umich.edu](mailto:te.programs@umich.edu)



### Attend an M-Teach Information Session

November 20, & December 11, 2008  
January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, 2009  
6:00 - 7:00 pm in Room 2302 SEB

- Learn about the benefits of getting teacher certification at UM-Ann Arbor
- Get a glimpse at the work of teaching
- Get an overview of each of the certification options
- Learn about the application process

## CSP Financial Aid Advising

### Michelle Phelps

[mbphelps@umich.edu](mailto:mbphelps@umich.edu)

Tuesdays 8:30 AM - 1:00 pm

Wednesdays 8:30 AM - Noon

6155 B Angell Hall -

734 764-9128

OFA phone number -

734 763-4302



## Fall 08 Academic Calendar

Thanksgiving Recess, 5:00 pm Nov. 26, Wed.  
Classes End - December 9, Tues.  
Study Days - Dec. 10, Wed., Dec. 13-14, Sat.-Sun.  
Examination Period - Dec. 11-12, Thurs-Fri & Dec.  
15-18, Mon-Thurs.  
Commencement - Sunday, December 14

Computer Registration for Undergraduates will be  
November 20 - December 9 for Winter 2009.

### Check Wolverine Access for your Computer Registration Date and Time!

Call and make an appointment to see your  
Academic Advisor before your computer  
registration date.

Overrides for CSP courses must be approved  
by an academic advisor.

If you need to withdraw from Fall term you have until the last day of classes to do so! See a LSA Board Member asap.

# CSP WINTER 2009 COURSE OFFERINGS

All CSP sections cover complete course syllabi and are designed for students who want to be certain that they develop a thorough understanding of the course material. Extra time is provided for in-depth analysis of central concepts. *Registrations for these classes are by override only. Overrides are available from CSP advisors only.*

Course	Class#	Sect/Type	Days	Time	instructor	
BIOLOGY	171	25689	Dis/010	T	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	L. Wood
		25690	Dis/011	T	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	L. Wood
	172	25599	Dis/008	TH	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	L. Wood
		25606	Dis/015	TH	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	L. Wood
CHEMISTRY	130	11427	Lec/400	MWTHF	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	J. Sipowska
		11428	Dis/401	TH	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
		11429	Dis/402	TH	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
		11430	Dis/403	TH	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
		11431	Dis/405	T	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
	210	11435	Dis/112	TH	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
	11447	Dis/311	TH	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		
	211	26194	Lab/113	M	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
	26202	Lab/311	W	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
CSP	105	26221	Sem/001	TTH	1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	F. Zorn
ENGLISH	125	11768	Rec/036	TTH	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	K. Allen
		11769	Rec/037	TTH	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	K. Allen
	225	11811	Rec/008	TTH	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	C. Taylor
		11815	Rec/012	TTH	2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	C. Taylor
		11822	Rec/020	TTH	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	R. Tessier
	11823	Rec/021	TTH	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	R. Tessier	
MATHEMATICS	107	25963	Lec/170	MWF	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	N. Khumbah
	115	12260	Lec/170	MWF	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	S. Lofton
		12261	Lec/171	MWF	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	S. Lofton
		12262	Lec/172	MWF	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	D. Lee
		12263	Lec/173	MWF	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	D. Lee
		26254	Lec/174	MWF	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	J. Halpern
	116	19683	Lec/171	MWF	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	J. Halpern
PHYSICS	125	23664	Dis/015	TTH	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	M. Melnichuk
		23665	Dis/016	TTH	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	M. Melnichuk
	140	12586	Dis/025	MW	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	M. Melnichuk
		22544	Dis/026	MW	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	M. Melnichuk
SPANISH	102	20413	Rec/017	MTWTH	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	M. Morillo
		20414	Rec/019	MTWTH	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	M. Morillo
FIRST YEAR SEMINAR	CAAS 104	27922	Sem/001	TTH	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	S. Gunning
	English 140	18733	Sem/002	TTH	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	S. Gunning
	Ling 102	23724	Sem/001	MW	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	R. Queen
	Psych 120	21616	Sem/002	TTH	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	P. Shah
	UC 151	19575	Sem/002	TTH	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	F. Mayes

**Overrides for CSP students are available starting November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Overrides for Non-CSP students available starting December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Overrides available from CSP Advisors only.

Please make an appointment by calling (734) 764-9128

## Career Center Services

3200 Student Activities Building  
[www.careercenter.umich.edu](http://www.careercenter.umich.edu)

(734) 764-7460 call ahead for appointments

- \*Careers Guides for Majors
- \*Finding a Job or Internship,
- \*Applying to Graduate School,
- \*Career Library,
- \*Career Counseling & Advising,
- \*Career Assessment Tools,
- \*Pre-Med/Health and Law Services,
- \*Reference Letter Service,
- \*Workshop on Wheels (WOW)

## 2009 Career Center Events:

<http://www.careercenter.umich.edu/events/>

January 20, 2009

### **Multicultural Career Fair**

2:00 - 6:00 pm/Michigan Union

January 21, 2009

### **Internship Fair**

2:00 - 6:00 pm/Michigan Union

## **Still Undecided about your Major?**

Find the Best Match for your strengths and interests  
Check out "Concentration 101" for a step-by-step process that will help you find the LSA concentration that's best for you.  
<http://sitemaker.umich.edu/concentration101/home>

## **Conduct Your Own Career Exploration!**

Visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook 08  
U.S. Department of Labor  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>  
You will find information on:  
-the training and education needed  
-earnings  
-expected job prospects  
-what workers do on the job  
-working conditions  
-job search tips & job markets in each state

## LSAT/LSDAS 2008 - 2009

Law School Admissions Test  
Law School Data Assembly Service

## Test Dates

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Saturday, February 7, 2009

[www.LSAC.org](http://www.LSAC.org)

Quick, convenient, and secure online services!

Register for the LSAT and LSDAS  
Identify Letters of Recommendation  
Check the status of your LSAC file  
Update your account and change test centers or test dates

Order LSAT prep materials and publications  
Apply to Law Schools

## U of M Division of Student Affairs

### Intercultural Leadership Seminar

Through intensive cross-cultural dialogues, ILS addresses attitudes, awareness, knowledge and skills which are central aspects to developing personal intercultural competency.

no charge to U of M Students-Apply early!

Feb. 23 - Feb. 28, 2009

Apply by Dec. 1, 2008 at  
[www.umich.edu/~salead](http://www.umich.edu/~salead)

OR TRY

### Leadershape

University of Michigan Institute 2008

Session I: May 4 - 9, 2009

Session II: August 24 - 29, 2009

[www.umich.edu/~salead](http://www.umich.edu/~salead)

[mlsinfo@umich.edu](mailto:mlsinfo@umich.edu)

Integrity/Vision/Leadership

## Pre-Business Advising

Robert J. Koonce  
Director, BBA Student Affairs  
Stephen M. Ross School of Business  
University of Michigan  
710 East University, Executive Residence 2614  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1234  
Ph: 734-615-8855 Fax: 734-763-5924  
[www.bus.umich.edu](http://www.bus.umich.edu)

CSP Students can contact Mr. Koonce directly to discuss the BBA program - [rjkoonce@umich.edu](mailto:rjkoonce@umich.edu).

### 3-Year BBA Program

Pre-requisites for Admission  
Math 115 - Calculus  
First-Year Writing Req. (SWC)  
Micro Economics 101

Minimum 27 transferable credits from Fall & Winter  
Maximum 45 transferable credits  
AP credits for Calculus and Microeconomics accepted  
\*Review the BBA Bulletin online for details

Applications due **March 31, 2009**

Pre-Business Peer Counselors  
are also Available at the B-School  
For a list of days and times go to:  
<http://www.bus.umich.edu/Admissions/Bba/Counseling.htm>

### BBA Information Sessions: 710 E. University Please RSVP

November 5, 4:00 pm, K1320, info. session  
November 7, 4:00 pm, E1540, info. session



## Questions about the B-school or the application process?

Contact:

**Arkisha Howard -CSP/BBA Senior**  
Stephen M. Ross School of Business  
Emphasis on Accounting & Finance  
President-Black Business Undergraduate Society

e-mail [avhoward@umich.edu](mailto:avhoward@umich.edu)

## Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO)

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Where: NY, NJ, CT, MA & ASIA

Round 1 was November 1

Round 2 is December 15

Round 3 is January 31

Open to: Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian &  
Native Americans with a 3.0 GPA

apply online at [www.seo-usa.org](http://www.seo-usa.org)


## LSA Alternatives to the B-School Path

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/advising/advisor/prebusiness>

Read about how to pursue:

Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Management and  
Organizations, and Operations Management through  
LSA Concentrations.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the  
CSP Newsletter, please contact Michele Ruffino,  
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