

Counseling Program Newsletter

Spring Semester 2012



The Graduate Counseling Program starts a CSI Chapter!

*Chi Sigma Iota,
Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society International
welcomes
Messiah College's chapter, Mu Chi Alpha*

Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) is “an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. Their mission is to promote scholarship”

Member Benefits

- Looks great on a resume
- Three issues of the [Exemplar](#) annually
- Affiliation with local or nearest chapter
- Networking with members worldwide
- Leadership Fellow and Intern programs
- Outstanding individual awards
- Counseling research grant programs
- The Counselor's Bookshelf
- Find a Counselor Registry
- Chapter activities

Membership Requirements

- Completed at least one semester of full-time graduate coursework in a counselor education degree program
- Grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 system
- New member dues for 2012-2013 : \$50

Watch the listserve for more information on how to submit your application to become a member!

To express your interest or if you have any questions contact:

- Dr. Heather Barto (Chapter Faculty Advisor)
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Read about...

- Our new CSI Honor Society Chapter
- Faculty Changes
- Upcoming conferences



The Late Spring Term
begins
March 11th

Faculty Updates



Welcome to Carol McGinnis!

The Counseling Department of Messiah College is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Carol McGinnis, who will begin her full-time teaching duties later this summer. Dr. McGinnis has a BA in Psychology with a minor in Theology, an MA in Counseling Psychology, and a PhD in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola University in Maryland. In addition, and just for fun, Dr. McGinnis is completing another Master's degree, this time in Cybersecurity (you will need to ask her about that one).

Dr. McGinnis is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Maryland. Her clinical work experience has included time with the Baltimore County Police Counseling team, the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, and mobile/clinic work with the Main Street Community Mental Health Center in Reisterstown Maryland. She has also taught graduate students at Loyola University in Maryland since 2008 in both school and pastoral counseling and "particularly enjoys using a collaborative and experiential approach for learning with her students."

Dr. McGinnis tells us that her "clinical passion is oriented around serving clients who struggle with anger and in exploring the potential of virtual world interaction in the field of counseling. As a humanistic-oriented counselor, I especially enjoy working with teens and adults who are working through identity issues, facilitating group therapy, and conducting research that hopes to expand what we already know about the impact of technology on positive mental health outcomes."

Please join me in welcoming Dr. McGinnis to the Counseling Department.

Dr. John Addleman

Faculty Transitions – Dr. Lemmon and Professor Johns

I am sad to announce that Dr. Valerie Lemmon and Mr. Paul Johns will both be transitioning out of their current teaching roles in the Counseling Program at Messiah College beginning in the fall of 2012. Valerie and Paul have each been teaching both undergraduate and graduate classes since 2009, when we began the Counseling Program. However, due to critical needs in their undergraduate departments, they will both be shifting to teaching 100% of their courses in the undergraduate program (Valerie in Psychology and Paul in Human Development and Family Science) beginning next fall.

Paul and Valerie will be greatly missed in the Counseling Program (and perhaps we can persuade them to stay connected and even teach an occasional course) as they have great wisdom and experience to share with our students. They helped to create the program from the beginning, they have taught and developed many of the courses in the program, and they have shared many personal insights which have allowed us to make the program better during the past three years.

Please make sure to thank them for their service to our students, to the Counseling Program, and to Messiah College.

The good news is that they will still be around Messiah and would love to stay in touch with any of you who have gotten to know them.

Dr. John Addleman





Upcoming Conferences

Students who started the program in January 2012 or after,
are now required to attend one professional conference
before they graduate.

Below is the list of upcoming conferences.

Click on the link to learn more!

Pennsylvania Counseling Association

[44th Annual PCA Conference](#)

October 19-21, 2012

State College, PA

Pennsylvania School Counseling Association

[57th Annual 2011 PSCA Conference](#)

School Counselors: Beacons of Light through Changes and Challenges

November 29-December 1, 2012

Lancaster, PA

Pennsylvania School Counseling Association

[Pennsylvania Western Regional Conference](#)

Friday, May 11, 2012

Westmoreland Community College, Youngwood, PA

North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

[2012 NARACES Regional Conference](#)

Thu, September 27, 2012 - Sun, September 30, 2012

Location: Niagara Falls – Sheraton

The Pennsylvania Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

[The Pennsylvania Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Membership Conference](#)

Focusing on Technology: Changing Relationships and Ethical Considerations

Friday, April 13, 2012

American Mental Health Counselors Association

[American Mental Health Counselors Association Annual Conference](#)

Counseling in the Modern Era: Challenges & Opportunities in a changing World

July 19-21, 2012

Buena Vista Palace, Orlando FL

American Counseling Association

[ACA 2012 Annual Conference & Exposition](#)

In Partnership with the California Counseling Association

San Francisco, California

March 21-25, 2012

American School Counselor Association

[2012 Annual Conference](#)

Be Brilliant: Celebrating ASCA's Diamond Anniversary

June 23–26, 2012

Minneapolis