# Kerri Cissna-Heath

#### Curriculum Vitae

# Academic Background

# Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA Masters of Education in College Student Affairs Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Minor in Leadership Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR May 2012 May 2013 May 2003

Professional Positions

# Pepperdine University 2006 - Present

#### **Director- Residence Life**

May 2011 - Present

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Supervise 11 professional staff, 115 paraprofessional staff
- •Manage daily operations and multi-million dollar budget
- •Lead emergency response team training and recruitment

# **Director- Housing & Residence Life**

May 2010- May 2011

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Supervise 15 professional staff, 115 student staff
- •Manage multi-million dollar budget
- •Supervise Daily Housing Operations and all Residence Life programs

#### **Interim Director- Housing & Residence Life**

July 2009- May 2010

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Supervise 15 professional staff, 115 student staff
- •Manage multi-million dollar budget
- •Supervise Daily Housing Operations and all Residence Life programs

# Associate Director- Housing & Residence Life

May - July 2009

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Supervise 7 professional staff, 115 student staff
- •Manage budget, monthly reporting, selection & training
- •Serve on emergency response team

# Student Leadership Development Coordinator- Student Activities Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

erdine University, Manbu, CA

- •Advise and guide Student Government Association
- •Coordinate campus wide Leadership Education and Development programming
- •Organized the first Student Leadership Conference and Project L.E.A.D.

#### **Resident Director of Graduate Housing- Community Living**

**July 2007 – May 2009** 

July 2006 - May 2009

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Guide graduate resident advisors
- Manage graduate housing
- •Plan monthly community builders and educational programs

# **Interim Director- Intercultural Affairs Office**

October - July 2007

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

- •Advise student staff interns and cultural clubs on campus
- •Create campus wide initiatives to develop intercultural competency
- •Implemented the Diversity Summit Retreat, and Monthly Leadership workshops

# Asbury College 2006 - 2009

# **Resident Director- Office of Leadership Development**

July 2003- July 2006

Asbury College, Wilmore, KY

- •Manage Apartment Complex of 150 student leaders, & Theme Housing Projects
- •Manage Budget and Respond to emergencies
- •Teach Leadership workshops, and coordinate service projects

#### Azusa Pacific University 2001 - 2003

#### Assistant Residence Director, Office of Residence Life

July 2001 - May 2003

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

- •Supervised On-Campus Housing (250-300 juniors and seniors)
- •Assisted with leadership development, community building projects, judicial procedures
- •Worked on Resident Assistant Training programs, and Hiring committee

#### **Other Work Experience**

#### **Youth Minister**

August 2000 - May 2001

Lynchwood Church of God, Gresham, Oregon

- \*Taught weekly bible study with 30 middle school and high school students
  - \*Organized weekend activities
  - \*Planned retreats, camps and overnight excursions

# Teaching Experience

General Education 100: Introduction to College, Asbury College 2004

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First Year Seminar: Exploring Leadership, Pepperdine University 2007

COM 292: Communication & Leadership, Pepperdine University 2010

COM 292: Communication & Leadership, Pepperdine University 2011

# Volunteer Experience

Advocate, Compassion International

Boys and Girls Club

Mentor for Emancipated Foster Youth, HerShe Organization

Project Team Leader to Barbardos, Azusa Pacific University

Project Team Leader to Mexico, Azusa Pacific University

Youth Ministry Volunteer, Nicholasville United Methodist Church

Youth Ministry Volunteer, Vancouver Church of God

Youth Ministry Volunteer, Lynchwood Church of God

Volunteer, Haiti Outreach Ministries

Association of College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I)

American College Personnel Association (ACPA)

Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD)

College Personnel Association of Kentucky (CPAK)

National Association of Student Personnel Associates (NASPA)

Western Association of Colleges and University Housing Officers (WACUHO)

Host Committee Member, WACUHO 2009

#### Presentations

- Heath, K. & Troyer, M. (June, 2005). Living and Learning Communities: Lessons Learned. Association of Christians in Student Development Conference. George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon.
- Heath, K. (2006). The Balancing Act of the Working Parent. College Personnel Association of Kentucky Conference. Lexington, Kentucky.
- Heath, K. (2006). Living and Learning Communities: Lessons Learned. American College Personnel Association Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Heath, K. & Dulgokecki, J. (2007). The EVE Project: Addressing Sexual Violence on your campus. Association of Christians in Student Development. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Heath, K. & Lundberg, C. (2008). New and Included: Thriving in the First Professional Position. American College Personnel Association Conference. Orlando, Florida.
- Heath, K. & Collins, Christopher (2009). Finding Your True North. California College Personnel Association. California State Berkeley University, California.
- Heath, K. & Gamboa, Sue. (2009). Creating a Graduate Community. Western Association of College and University Housing Officers. University of Santa Barbara, California.
- Heath, K. & Lessly, M. (2009). Think Cheap: Professional Development on a Budget. Western Association of College and University Housing Officers. University of California Santa Barbara, California.
- Heath, K. & Johnson, Rachel (2009). The EVE Project: Addressing Sexual Violence on your campus. National Collegiate Leadership Conference. University of Tucson, Arizona.
- Heath, K. & Lessly, Michelle (2009). Finding Your True North. National Collegiate Leadership Conference. University of Tucson, Arizona.
- Heath, K. & Stanfield, Hunter (2009). Students Mentoring Students. National Collegiate Leadership Conference. University of Tucson, Arizona.
- Heath, K. (2009). The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. L.E.A.D. Conference. Pepperdine University, Malibu, California.

- Heath, K. & Lessly, M. (2010). Teaching Student Leaders how to use their Moral Compass. Western Association of College and University Housing Officers. Stanford University, California.
- Heath, K. & Thomas, M. (2010). A Fresh Look at Diversity Training. Western Association of College and University Housing Officers. Stanford University, California.
- Heath, K. & Henry, M. (2010). Think Cheap: Professional Development on a Budget. Association of College and University Housing Officers International. Austin, Texas.
- Heath, K. & Lessly. M. (2010). Teaching Student Leaders how to use their Moral Compass. Association of College and University Housing Officers International. Austin, Texas.
- Heath, K. & Thomas, M. (2010). A Fresh Look at Diversity Training. Association of College and University Housing Officers International. Austin, Texas.
- Heath, K. (2011). Think Cheap: Professional Development on a Budget. Association of Christians in Student Development. Springfield, Missouri.
- Heath, K. & Thomas, M. & Yi-Suh, C. (2011). A Fresh Look at Diversity Training. Association of Christians in Student Development. Springfield Missouri.
- Heath, K. & Kemmerer, T. & Yi-Suh, C. (2012). Spiritual Life Advisor Program: Vision, Selection, and Training for a Hall-Based Peer Ministry. Association of Christians in Student Development. Marion, Indiana.
- Heath, K. & Barron, B., & Yi-Suh, C. (2012). Counteracting the Sophomore Slump through Project L.E.A.D. (leadership, education and development). Association of Christians in Student Development. Marion, Indiana.
- Heath, K. & Barron, B., Houston, M. & Yi-Suh, C. (2012). Developing Intercultural Competence at Predominantly White Institutions. Association of Christians in Student Development. Marion, Indiana.

# Publications

Heath, K. (2005). Frugal Flushing; A New Look at Stewardship. Koinonia Journal of the Association of Christians in Student Development, Winter Edition.

Heath, K & Yasick, K. (2012). Pepperdine University Students Paws to Relax. Waves Newsletter of Western Association of College and University Housing Officers, Spring 2012.

# Committee Assignments

Pepperdine University

Member, Alcohol and Other Drugs Committee

Member, Associate Dean Search Committee

Member, Building Bridges: Create Safe Space for LGBT Students

Member, Graduation Speaker Selection Committee

Chair, Leadership Conference Planning Committee

Chair, Leadership Programs Planning Committee

Chair, Residence Director Search Committee(s)

Member, Meal Plan Restructuring Committee

Member, Sophomore Experience Task Force

Member, Student Affairs Co-curriculum Assessment Committee

Member, Student of Concern Committee

Member, Women's Digital Project Conference Planning Committee

Asbury College

Member, Women's Issues Planning Committee

Instructor, LEAD-On! Leadership cp-curricular transcript program

Azusa Pacific University

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Chair, Residence Life Newsletter

Warner Pacific College

Member, Chapel Planning Committee

Member, Meal Plan Restructuring Committee

Member, College Activities Planning Committee

President/Member, Student Government Association

# Grant Funding

Target Leadership Grant: \$5,000

Lilly Grant: \$3,000

# Developments

Founder, Student Leadership Conference, Pepperdine University

Founder, Project L.E.A.D. Spring Break Alternative, Pepperdine University

Founder, Crossing Boundaries Leadership Institute, Lausanne Switzerland

Founder, L.E.A.D. House sophomore theme housing

Co-Founder, Inspired Life Films, LLC

Creator, Resident Director Professional Development Curriculum

Creator, RA Leadership Portfolio program

Creator, Graduate Assistantship Program at Pepperdine University

### Honors and Awards

Student Chaplain, Warner Pacific College, 1998 - 2000

Student Body President, Warner Pacific College, 2000 - 2001

Minority Student Ally Award, Black Student Association, Pepperdine University, 2007

A.F. Gray Founders Award, Warner Pacific College, 2001

Student Affairs Staff Member of the Month, Pepperdine University, June 2006

Distinguished Young Alumni, Warner Pacific College, 2011