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## ELPS Interview-Days 2007

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Interview Days will take place March 8-9, and will be an opportunity for 50-55 potential Master's and Doctoral students to learn about Iowa State University and the Higher Education programs, meet with current students and faculty, and to interview for graduate assistantships.

Planning for the event has involved a lot of current students. Committees consist of both first and second-year Master's students who are involved in coordinating menus and social times, housing and transportation, speakers, give-aways and packets, web resources, and campus tours. Students have helped to gather assistantship position

descriptions and will help schedule interviews. A current Doctoral student will help with logistics for the Doctoral candidates.

Not much has changed in terms of the schedule. Significant changes have been to the pre-I-Days resources available to candidates. More comprehensive position descriptions, all gathered in one document, have been made available online, and registration will be done via a user-friendly web-submit form. Lastly, candidates will be able to ask questions prior to I-Days via a web-blog.

Candidates will be busy while here. Meet-and-greets with

current students and faculty members will provide an opportunity to have questions answered. Candidates will tour the campus and see the offices of various assistantship providers. They will be briefed on what can be expected as a member of the Iowa State Community. Day one will be capped off with a social dinner at various locations throughout Ames. On Friday (Day 2) candidates will have an opportunity to interview for graduate assistantships. We all look forward to meeting our guests and future students. Congratulations to the planning committee for your hard work.

## Student Spotlight: Anthony Jones



**Anthony Jones,  
Education  
Administration**

Anthony is a doctoral student in education administration. Here is a little more about Anthony!

### **Tell us about yourself.**

My name is Anthony Jones Sr. and I am from Montgomery, Alabama. I have been married for 9 years to my wife, Ty anez and we have 4 children; A.J.(son) 12 , Trinity (daughter) 6, Taniah (daughter) 2, and Ashton (son) 3 months. I have a bachelors degree from ISU in Exercise and Sports Science, Masters of Education from Milligan College in Tennessee. I was also a teacher for 4 years as an Alternative School teacher, and 1 year as PE/Health teacher. In addition, I coached freshmen football for 7 years and track for 1 year (Johnson City, Tennessee).

### **Why did you decide to become a doctoral program in ELPS at ISU?**

I decided to become a doctoral program in ELPS at ISU because of a wonderful professor by the name of Dr. Tom Alsbury who told me about my major professor, Dr. Joanne Marshall whose research interest is in spirituality and education. I also wanted to get my principal license and the preLead program at ISU was a nice fit.

### **What are your plans for the future?**

My plan for the future is to become a middle school principal.

### **Tell us a fun fact about yourself?**

I love to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through hip hop music. I was fortunate to record a cd and am currently working on another one. Also, I enjoy family nights (movies, board games, and junk food) on Friday with my family, of course

### **What are your research interests?**

My research interests are spirituality and education, leadership, school law as it relates to church and state issues.

# Faculty Updates

**Frankie Santos Laanan:** Had three publications recently.

Laanan, F. S. (2007). Studying transfer students: Part II: Dimensions of transfer students' adjustment. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, 31(1), 37-59.

Hardy, D. E., Laanan, F. S. (2006). Characteristics and perspectives of faculty at public 2-year colleges. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, 30(10), 787-811.

Laanan, F. S., Hardy, D. E., Katsinas, S. G. (2006). Documenting and assessing the role of community colleges in developing human capital.

*Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, 30(10), 855-869


**Laura I. Rendón:** Was recently named Distinguished Advocate of the Center for Formation in Higher Education, Richland College, Dallas, Texas; and Appointed to the Advisory Committee of the National Center for Postsecondary Research, Columbia University, Teacher's College.

**Great News!**

"The principal goal of education is to create those who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done."

- Jean Piaget

## Upcoming Conferences

| ANNUAL CONFERENCE  |   |
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| <p><b>Our Power and Responsibility to Shape Education</b></p>  |  <p><b>ACPA/NASPA<br/>Joint Meeting</b><br/>March 31 - April 4<br/>2007 • Orlando, FL</p> |
| <p><b>Joint conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and the Association of College Personnel Administrators (ACPA).</b></p> <p>3/31-4/4/2007 Gaylord Palms Resort, and the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, FL</p> <p><b>Registration:</b> Registration at <a href="http://www.2007jointmeeting.org/index.cfm">http://www.2007jointmeeting.org/index.cfm</a></p> |   |



**American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).** Annual Conference is April 14-17, 2007 at the Tampa Convention Center, Tampa Bay, FL.

**Registration:** Registration at <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/>

# Faculty Highlight: Dr. Nana Osei-Kofi

Dr. Osei-Kofi joined the faculty in ELPS in the previous academic year (05-06). She let us interview her to get to know her better.



Dr. Osei-Kofi

## What is your favorite food?

I love Indian, Thai, Middle-Eastern, and Mexican food, anything with a lot of flavor and a nice kick to it!

## Have you been outside of the US? And if yes, where?

Yes. I grew up in Sweden and Ghana. I worked internationally for many years.. I also love to travel and explore on my own time. So, all to say I am not sure I can recall exactly everywhere I have been but to give you an idea of places, most recently I was in India.

## Where are some of the places you would like to travel?

I have not been to Cuba yet and would very much like to visit. I would also like to go back to India, as I have not yet visited the North. I would also like to visit Nepal, Kashmir, Bhutan, and China, among other places!

## What was your first job?

I had a lot of jobs growing up, I can't remember which was the first one but some of the early jobs I had included selling the Sunday paper, working for a small printing press doing odds and ends, selling cookies door to door, cleaning offices, working as receptionist, and teaching dance.

## If you weren't a faculty member, what job would you be working in today?

If I weren't a faculty member today, I would be doing something in the arts.

## Alumni News

**Shea Rentschler Wolfe (M.Ed. 03)** was recently elected to the Directorate for the Commission of Graduate and Professional School Educators with ACPA.

**Juan Guardia (Ph.D. 06)** was recently featured in *Hispanic Outlook*. He was presented as the new Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at Florida State University. Juan was also selected as a 2007 Annuit Coeptis Emerging Professional by the American College Personnel Association.

**Justin Weir (M.Ed., 2004)** started a new position as an Academic Advisor with the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

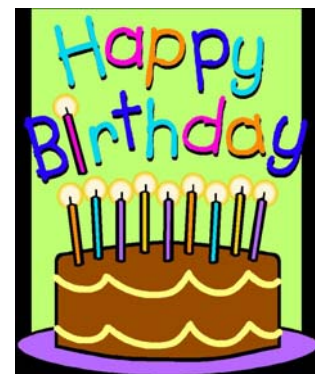
## Make a Wish! Happy Birthday!

### January

Melanie Mitchell 1/10  
Liz Bomgaars 1/11  
Joe Hanson 1/14  
Joanne Marshall 1/21  
Johna Wolfe 1/29  
Tiffany Menard 1/29  
Lindsay Diers 1/31

### February

Sharon McGuire 2/1  
Barb Licklider 2/2  
Sarah Bender 2/6  
Carol Thompson 2/13  
Kirstin Leih 2/15  
Amy Bainum 2/17  
Molly Long 2/24  
Jonathan Compton 2/25  
Jessica Ranero 2/28  
Karyl Klein 2/28  
Darryle Bohanna 2/29



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## **VEISHEA 2007 Announcement**

**ELPS is currently looking for members of the ELPS community to submit ideas for how our department should be displayed at this year's VEISHEA tents. This year is the kick-off for ISU's sesquicentennial. Therefore, it is important for us to represent our great work. If you have ideas that would be interactive and represent our department please send your ideas via email to Philip at [pvasquez@iastate.edu](mailto:pvasquez@iastate.edu). Have a great day!**

### **EP3 Editorial Board**

#### **Recruitment**

The Education Policy and Practice Perspectives (EP3) is currently in the stages of developing an editorial board. This is a wonderful opportunity for all graduate students in ELPS to be part of a professional and scholarly publication housed right here in ELPS. Responsibilities can include but are not limited to creating the founding documents of the editorial board (i.e. mission, goals, editorial procedures, leadership roles). If you are interested please contact Philip at [pvasquez@iastate.edu](mailto:pvasquez@iastate.edu).

#### **Part-time**

#### **Corner – IDEAS!**

The InCyder is currently collecting ideas and suggestions for the newsletter that would help incorporate our part-time students. If you are a part-time student, and take your classes outside of ISU, live outside of Ames, or work somewhere other than ISU; let us know how we can better serve you in the ELPS InCyder. Send your suggestions and comments to Philip and Jessica at the contact information listed above. We look forward to hearing from you!