## UCA Alumni Updates, September/October 2016

Angela (Davis) Woods graduated from UCA's CSPA program in 2012 after having attended UCA for her undergraduate education. For the last year and a half, Angela has served as an Academic Coordinator at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.



According to Angela, the CSPA program taught her a lot of valuable skills that she still uses daily on her job. Specifically, she says that she is often calling upon the different approaches of counseling when working with a variety of students. She says the CSPA program taught her to "acknowledge and appreciate the diverse groups of students on campus" and she has taken what she has learned and continues to share that knowledge through implementing seminars on inclusiveness and unconscious bias.

When asked about her proudest moment in her career so far, Angela says that it is when the student takes the time to acknowledge her and tell her "how much they appreciate her" is what makes her most proud.

Angela is an active member of ACPA and formerly served as the Multicultural Chair for ACPA from 2013 through 2014. Angela wants to pursue Human Resources Management training to pair with her CSPA work with hopes to eventually serve as an officer for Equal Employment Opportunities in order to continue to promote diversity and inclusion in higher education.

Angela is also the proud new mother of an 8-month old son, Charles, III. She says she misses her CSPA cohort and "wishes (they) could have a reunion in China!"

## If you are an alum of the CSPA Program, drop us a line at <u>psmith@uca.edu</u> to give us an update on where you are now.

Steven Yeagley is a 2008 graduate of UCA's CSPA program. He formerly completed his undergraduate education at Indiana State University. For the last year and a half, Steven has served as the Assistant Dean of Students & Crisis Management at Purdue University.

Steven says that his proudest moment in his career so far is currently underway. Last year and again this year, he and his team have been successful at increasing the number of their "Student of Concern" reports, which allows them to provide individual outreach and care during tough, unexpected moments for students.

Steven says that his education in the CSPA program, and particularly the counseling courses, has played a role in each professional position he has held. "On each team I've served on, my skills at building quick rapport and de-escalation has been an asset."

In his current role within the Office of the Dean of Students, he is a certified QPR trainer (suicide prevention training). He also serves as part of the behavior intervention team and volunteers as a Faculty Fellow in the residence halls.

Steven says he has found contentment within his professional life although he and his wife do plan to head south again at some point "to work at a mid-size public university helping students through the whirlwind of college living. Steven just finished writing his first book in August. It is the first in a series of interactive books where you make choices as you read, leading to different endings. "It is written to bring laughs, memories, and give a glimpse into the lives we've chosen. You can help spread the word or buy a copy here: http://amzn.to/2bYMVFI

