From the Executive Producer....

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness has a new staff member, Keeley Sadlak! She comes to us from working with the Salvation Army and is one of our Research Coordinators, focused on student data and surveys. Please welcome Keeley when you next see her! You can learn more about her in the Staff Spotlight. You can also see our entire staff listing online.

Each Fall and Spring OIRE participates in the Health Sciences Library’s (HSL) Open House on the Anschutz Medical Campus. The event was initiated by the HSL and has grown to include a variety of administrative/support units, such as the Health Sciences Library, the Office of Information Technology (including Academic Technology and Extended Learning, Technology Support Services, and IT Services), the Office of Research and Development, and OIRE. The Fall 2014 open house was held September 17th in the HSL Tower Room. Participating units brought along posters to inform and provided swag for the attendees. It’s a great opportunity to meet new faculty and staff and chat about what services and information we offer and find out about our new colleagues!

The Diversity Summit will be held on October 24th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec St. OIRE as well as the other IR offices from CU Boulder, UCCS and CU System will be represented at the event. Please stop by our posters and learn more about what the CU institutional research offices do and have to offer! Register online.

OIRE also has a new family member! Dave Deffenbacher and his wife, Brandy, welcomed their new baby boy, Owen, on July 17th. Dave has been out on paternity leave, but we will have him back part-time later this month. If you see Dave, be sure and congratulate him!

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Christine A. Stroup-Benham, Ph.D.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **9/19/2014** Fall Census Enrollment Reports published to web.
- **9/19/2014** Summer End of Term Enrollment Reports published to web.
- **2/11/2015** Winter IPEDS (Student Financial Aid; Graduation Rates) submissions due
- **10/27/2014** Next NSSE Subgroup Meeting
- **4/08/2015** Spring IPEDS (Fall Enrollment; Finance; Human Resources) submissions due
- **10/9/2014** OIRE Quarterly Strategic Planning Meeting
- **10/23/2014** Next Survey Working Group (SWG) meeting at AMC

**Now Showing**: The Clery Crime Reports for the Denver and AMC campuses are now available on our website. For additional information about Clery Crime reporting requirements please visit The Security on Campus website.

**Coming Attractions**: eFRPA Updates! Even though the electronic Faculty Report of Professional Activities (eFRPA) website is open year-round for data entry, review and management, there have been several enhancements approved for the newest version (due to be released Monday, December 8th) – these include:

- No more activity “sign-off” or locking - all activities stay active and editable, even after the collection period ends. Just “enter and go!”
- Date Warnings: A helpful warning will appear if a date is entered that is outside of the current collection period – but this warning won’t prevent you from entering any date you need to!
- “Cross-campus Committees” will be added as a new selection in the “Service to the University” category.
- More detailed proposal data (thanks to the great data managers at OGC!)
Requesting Data from OIRE

To quickly and efficiently submit a request to OIRE, please use our online Data Request Form or call or email us:

- Main Phone: 303-315-2840
- IR Email: IR@UCDenver.edu

To ensure that we meet your needs, it is important that we receive your request two to four weeks in advance of the date you require the information. Keep in mind that the online Report Library is an excellent resource for information.

Feedback!! We have revised our OIRE Customer Feedback survey for FY2014. We use these data during our annual strategic planning retreat to help inform our decisions and directions for the upcoming year. You can view past results, or complete our current survey here.

FAQ: What’s the National Student Clearinghouse and what data does it have?

The National Student Clearinghouse is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that was founded in 1993 by the higher education community in order to relieve administrative burden and costs related to student data reporting and exchange. Now the Clearinghouse is the leading provider of education reporting, data exchange, verification and research services. More than 3,600 colleges and universities participate in the Clearinghouse, reporting enrollment and degree information regularly throughout each year. Institutions that participate by reporting their own enrollment and degree information are given free access to the StudentTracker Reporting tool. StudentTracker allows secondary and postsecondary institutions the ability to query the Clearinghouse’s participating institutions’ data to perform all types of educational research and analyses. Essentially, we send a file containing our own students’ information to the Clearinghouse and they will return our file with information about additional institutions where those students have been enrolled and/or received degrees. This allows OIRE to provide more comprehensive information regarding student success. In addition, the Clearinghouse data are used for part of our Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA) “Student Success & Progress Rate” reporting. All in all, it’s a great source of information.

There are a few limitations to the data that are returned from the Clearinghouse. Each institution that participates shares their information at varying levels of detail. One college may report enrollment, by degree program, degree level and whether or not the degree has been received. The next college may just report that the student was enrolled with no details on their degree level or program. Also, depending on the time of year, the Clearinghouse StudentTracker office may be busy and can take a couple weeks to return our files.

For best results we recommend plenty of lead time with any project that may include gathering data from the Clearinghouse. It’s always good to expect a two week delay with receiving the Clearinghouse files, we also appreciate additional time once those files are received to analyze their data, as we never know what kind of details to expect. Also, our chances of receiving useable data from the Clearinghouse greatly increase with the size of our student sample. We are most successful when starting with a large group of students, and have plenty of time to analyze our return data.

If you have any questions regarding the National Student Clearinghouse, or have a project that may benefit from Clearinghouse StudentTracker data, please contact the OIRE at 303-315-2840.

Staff Spotlight: Keeley Sadlak

Hi, my name is Keeley Sadlak, and I am a dataholic. It is a very real and serious condition, but I try to take one day at a time. I am looking forward to making real progress with the support of OIRE.

I joined the OIRE team at the end of July, so I am new to the university. In fact, I am also new to Colorado. I moved to Denver from Grand Rapids, Michigan where I graduated from Grand Valley State University with a B.S. in statistics. I really enjoy survey design, data analysis, and basically anything that allows me to use Excel.

Colorado is very beautiful, and I plan on exploring the state with my 5 year old daughter.
Newsreel: Survey Working Group

The Survey Working Group (SWG), composed of representatives from administrative and academic units from the Denver and Anschutz Medical Campuses, is a sounding board and guiding body for OIRE and those who wish to develop/administer surveys or other data collection strategies. The SWG sets the agenda and guides the timelines for institutionally administered surveys to students, faculty, staff and alumni. One example of an institutionally administered survey is the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which is administered to our Denver Campus freshmen and seniors to collect information about their experiences here at CU Denver and to provide leadership with data for curriculum enhancements and improvements to campus life.

OIRE, in collaboration with the Survey Working Group, has developed several resources that are provided via the OIRE website, including: a survey resource document, a survey “how to” guide, and a calendar of surveys.

The consultative process with OIRE and the Survey Working Group includes:
- Evaluation of Existing Datasets: Determining if there are data that already exist that may provide you with what you need (no need to reinvent the wheel!)
- Have similar surveys been administered?
- Modality Determination: Establishing the best method of collecting the information (e.g., online survey, paper survey, focus group)
- Instrument Design: Developing items and response categories, ordering items, using white space to improve readability, etc.
- Population Selection: Determining the most appropriate population(s) to include, sampling, etc.

If you would like to join the Survey Working Group, please contact Dr. Christine Stroup-Benham.

Project Spotlight: Maymester

Maymester courses are fast-paced, condensed classes with the same expectations as semester-long courses. The Maymester group is overseen by the Office of the Provost. The group is headed by Associate Vice Chancellor, Laura Goodwin, and Administrative Coordinator, Shelby Shafto. The group also consists of associate deans from the schools and colleges, including the Office of International Affairs.

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness first began working with the Maymester group in 2011. The data collected in this project are used to monitor school/college grade averages and enrollment numbers. These data, provided by OIRE, allows the Maymester group to determine which colleges would benefit from offering more courses.

The Maymester group cited some of this year’s goals, including:
1) Improve marketing for Maymester/Summer.
2) Identify schools/colleges that need assistance with increasing enrollment.
3) Analyze which specific courses should be offered.
4) Analyze transfer data to identify how many non-CU Denver students are utilizing Maymester/Summer courses.
5) Analyze transfer data to identify how many CU Denver students take summer courses elsewhere and transfer credits to CU Denver.
6) Measure the impact of summer courses on graduation rates.

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness is looking forward to renewing its partnership with the Maymester group to provide meaningful data and reports that will aid in achieving the above goals. The data analysis for this year and the comparative analysis for previous years will be presented to the Summer Initiatives Group on October 8th.