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November Greetings from OACRAO President David Schneider

Greetings OACRAO Friends!

I hope that this note finds you well! Your 2016-2017 OACRAO Board of Directors recently held its first formal meeting of the year. During the first week of November, the annual Board retreat was held at Ohio Northern University's Metzger Nature Center in Stone Creek, OH. By sharing ideas, thoughts, and energy we were able to accomplish a great deal of planning and organizational business which will ultimately help to keep OACRAO moving forward. We also had a lot of fun! On Monday afternoon we ventured out to explore Tuscarawas County. We located four different geocaches located in historic and remote spots throughout the area, and visited several of Dover's finest wine and cheese shops. At our first geocache stop, we were particularly surprised to happen upon the gravesite of Henry Metzger, the namesake of the Nature Center. Throughout our retreat (as those of you who have been on the Board in the past will know) we were also fed very well! My sincere thanks go out to the Metzger Nature Center caretaker and OACRAO friend Sharyn Zembower, and Ohio Northern University in general, for providing the OACRAO Board with all of the comforts of home. I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to spend focused time with the newly elected OACRAO Board – it's clear to me that we're going to have a lot of fun! I'm genuinely excited for what we're going to accomplish in the year ahead, and I look forward to sharing those experiences with the entirety of OACRAO's membership.



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CALL for UPDATES! Submit news to [Donna Evans](#) by the end of the first week of the month for that month's publication. Or submit a photo of your campus!

Congratulations Brad!

On November 18th, Brad Myers will officially retire as University Registrar and Executive Director of Enrollment Services.

Brad earned his BA and JD from Ohio State, starting full-time employment with Ohio State as coordinator of Orientation in 1980. He went on to hold senior roles within Orientation, University College and Student Financial Aid, in addition to the office of the University Registrar.

As university registrar for the past 18 years, Brad has served in key roles on many landmark projects, always attune to improving customer service and the student experience. These projects include the development of a one-stop shop for university business (the Student Service Center) and the design of a new student service building to house it, the quarters-to-semester conversion, and the implementation of PeopleSoft SIS.

A caring administrator and respected expert, Brad's work has benefitted countless students, families, faculty and staff members. He has been recognized by two university awards: the Distinguished Staff Award and the Alumni Association Failer Award for Outstanding Service to Students.

In addition to his large footprint at Ohio State, Brad has served in numerous local, state and national organizations culminating with serving as national president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). He is considered a national expert and author on The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Jack Miner was named to succeed Brad as University Registrar and Executive Director of Enrollment Services and began his new role on October 3rd.

Please join the rest of OACRAO in congratulating Brad and Jack.



CONTINUED: November Greetings

With Thanksgiving near I hope that you all can take the time to remember what you are most thankful for. Amongst a number of other people and things, this year I am particularly thankful for the Cleveland Indians, who despite all of the odds, nearly slayed a giant, but ended up coming just short. I realize that it's not for everyone, and that's fine, but baseball will continue to be one of my passions because it never ceases to teach me important lessons about life. This year I learned how to find an overwhelming amount of pride in the worst kind of defeat, and for that I am both humbled and grateful. I hope that each of you are able to take time to enjoy the upcoming holiday season with your friends and family, and to also be thankful for the people and experiences that help you continue to grow as a person.



OACRAO is thankful to have each of you as committed members of our organization. If you ever have any suggestions, questions, or comments, please never hesitate to email me at dschneider@otterbein.edu. Thanks!

OACRAO BOARD RETREAT



There's always time for a selfie!



The Board of Directors, hard at work!



Where is your Conductor's hat, David?



Geocaching fun!



The first geocache stop was the gravesite of Henry Metzger, the namesake of the Nature Center.

MEET YOUR OACRAO BOARD

Check out the OACRAO website to get better acquainted with your OACRAO Board of Directors. See who we are and what institutions we represent. The Board meets monthly to discuss and plan the organization's events for the year. We encourage members to contact any board member to share ideas.

Meet your Board of Directors [here](#)

See you next year!

David, Beth, Carol, Donna,
Michelle, Tina, Mary & Liz

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AACRAOan Brad Myers on leadership, mentorship and service



Brad Myers

University Registrar, The Ohio State
University

Interview with AACRAO Past President Brad Myers, University Registrar and Executive Director, Enrollment Services, The Ohio State University

AACRAO: Thanks for joining us today, Brad. Can you start by telling us a bit about how you got started in the profession?

MYERS: Like many of my colleagues, I started out as a student worker. I began working in the residence halls spring quarter of my freshmen year, and also worked with admissions and orientation while an undergrad. In terms of a full-time position, my real start lined up during my final year of law school, also at OSU. As a graduate administrative assistant in the Office of Student Life, I was recruited by personnel in University College, which was designed to serve incoming freshmen and transfer students as they transitioned to college life and decided on what course of study they would pursue, to consider an evolving Coordinator of Orientation role. I was also interviewing for law positions at the time, but I wanted to see if a career in higher education might be a good fit. I decided that if after a year or two I still wanted to practice law, I wouldn't be so far removed that I couldn't reenter that process again. In addition, I could pursue a PhD I was working, so I took the Orientation position.

in 1980. Counting my time as a student and as an employee, this is actually my 44th consecutive fall term at Ohio State.

AACRAO: That's dedication. So clearly higher education did suit you since you stuck with it. How did you progress from your original role into the University Registrar?

MYERS: From a career perspective, I feel that I have been in the right place at the right time. While I was working as the Coordinator of University Orientation, I worked some long hours, often 80 hours a weeks in the spring and summer. It was challenging also trying to be a doctoral student, so after a few years, I decided to stop the coursework and focus on work. But the transition into the registrar's office was the result of a number of other factors. After several years working with Orientation, I moved into a senior administrative role in University College that was responsible for records and registration. There were many parallels between the work I was doing at the College and the work the Registrar's office.. I also dealt with that office's personnel on a regular basis. A few years later, an associate registrar retired, which opened up a position within that office. I recall receiving a phone call from a colleague in the Provost's Office informing me of this development, to which I replied 'I know.' But she was intent on making sure that I apply for the role since she, and apparently others, thought I would be a good fit for me.

To read the complete article , please visit the AACRAO website [here](#).

VETERANS DAY

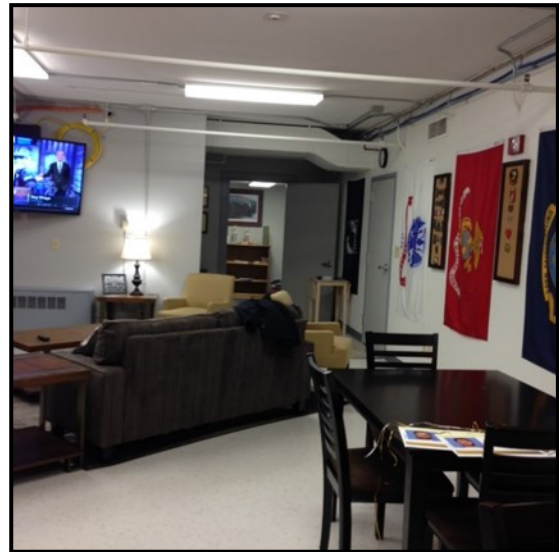
In 1919 President Woodrow Wilson asked that November 11, the first anniversary of armistice of World War I, be recognized by U.S. citizens as a day of “solemn pride.” It was a holiday in many states before it became a national holiday in 1926. But in 1954 Congress replaced ‘Armistice’ with “Veterans” encouraging Americans to honor veterans of all wars. Ohio is ranked 6th in the nation with 866,000 veterans as of 9-30-2014. Some of our Ohio campuses held celebrations honoring our veterans this year.



The Ohio State University ROTC cadets come together on the Oval by Bricker Hall for the Annual Ceremony honoring students and alumni who have served their country. The event includes the playing of “Taps”, 21 gun salute, the placing of the wreath and guest speakers as well as a 12 hour run on the Oval that day to honor those lost.



Union Institute & University honored Veterans Day with a cookie drop-off to 15 area veteran organizations and provided lunch at the Joseph House for Homeless Veterans.



Baldwin Wallace University held a Dedication Ceremony & Open House to officially open the new Veterans Resource Center & Lounge on campus. This meeting place, computer lab and resource center was made possible by the administration and a grant through the Home Depot Foundation and Student Veterans of America.



Kent State University hosts a Veterans Day Program to express appreciation for students, faculty, staff and community men and women who are veterans or current members of the U.S. Military. Members of Kent State’s Army and Air Force ROTC programs, staff from the Center for Adult and Veterans Services and students from UG Student Government help plan and participate in the Commemoration.



SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 2017



Friday, March 10
OACRAO Conference Planning Meeting at
Mount Carmel College of Nursing,
Columbus, Ohio.
Committee Chairs will send
additional information to
committee members.

SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 2017

Sunday-Wednesday, April 2-5, 2017
AACRAO Conference, Minneapolis Conference Center,
Minneapolis, Minnesota



SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 2017

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT
Mohican State Park
October 4-6, 2017

