

Graduate School of Education's Newsletter, March 15, 2004

Please submit items to Gail Haller (ghaller@gmu.edu) by Thursday of each week.

Faculty News

Marjorie Hall Haley delivered the keynote address for the Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association on Saturday, March 6 in Lafayette, Louisiana. The title of her address was "Language Learners in the New Millennium: Refocusing the Lens."

Marjorie Hall Haley presented a two-hour workshop for the Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association on Friday, March 5. The title of the workshop was "Multiple Intelligences and Language Learners of the 21st Century."

Nada Dabbagh and **Anastasia Kitsantis** published an article titled "Supporting Self-Regulation in Student-Centered Web-Based Learning Environments" in the *International Journal on E-Learning*, 3, 40-47.

Joe Gagnon and M.J. McLaughlin published an article titled "Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability in Day Treatment and Residential Schools" is featured in *Exceptional Children*, 70, 263-283.

Joe Gagnon and P. Maccini presented "Teaching Algebraic Reasoning Skills to Students with Emotional and Learning Disabilities" at the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, Pennsylvania Department of Education in Harrisburg. They were invited presenters.

Becky Fox has been selected to Chair the ACTFL-MLJ (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages-Modern Language Journal) "Birkmaier Doctoral Dissertation in Foreign Language Education Award Committee" for 2004. This committee is composed of university faculty from around the country and members of the editorial board of the Modern Language Journal.

Becky Fox and doctoral candidate **Marianne Justus** presented their technology research project and paper entitled "Technology Changes How We Teach and Learn" at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education (SITE) International Conference in Atlanta, GA on March 3. Their research was an extension of Becky's research and work conducted as part of **Debbie Sprague's** PT3 Grant.

David Anderson made several presentations at the recent conference of the Georgia College Personnel Association and Georgia Network Training Institute. Held on Jekyll Island, Georgia on February 25-27, he offered a keynote address entitled "Making a Case for a Holistic Approach to Substance Abuse Prevention – and More." He also conducted two workshops: "Life Health Planning and Legacies: New Student Transition with a Twist" and "Healthy Expectations: Preventing High Risk Drinking by Transforming Campus Cultures."

Patricia Moyer's chapter "A Remainder of One: Exploring Partitive Division" appears in D. Thiessen (Ed.), *Exploring mathematics through literature: Articles and lessons for*

Prekindergarten through grade 8. Reston, VA: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Melissa Sleeper (Falls Church teacher and Science Education Leadership master's degree student) and **Donna Sterling** published the article "The in-class science exhibition" in the March issue of *Science Scope*. The science exhibition is an alternative to a traditional science fair.

Wayne Thomas and **Virginia Collier** were featured in the *Association for Supervision and Program Development*, March 2, 2004, Volume 2, Number 5. The article can be found at www.ascd.org/publications/researchbrief/volume2.

David Weaver had the following chapter published in early March: Weaver, D. (2004). Manifestations of ecotourism in the Caribbean. In D.T. Duval (Ed.), *Tourism in the Caribbean: Trends, development, prospects (172-186)*. London: Routledge.

Jim Upperman is chairing the Northern Virginia Superintendent of the Year selection committee for the Region IV superintendents. Jim Upperman will introduce the 2004 recipient at the Region IV meeting in Warrenton on March 31. This year's award winner will be recognized as one of eight state finalists for the Virginia Superintendent of the Year Award at the annual VASS Meeting in May.

Mark Goor served on an NCATE Board of Examiners review team from March 6-10.

Layne Kalbfleisch gave a day-long staff development workshop on March 1 to secondary teachers of the gifted, special education teachers and coordinators, and directors of psychological services with Arlington County, titled "Mistaken Identity: How To Serve the Needs of Gifted/Special Education Students."

David Brazer has published a chapter titled "Principal Choice and Teacher Participation in Site-Based Management: Four Schools Implement One Policy" in *Learning to lead together: The promise and challenge of sharing leadership* (J. Chrispeels, Ed.). The book is published by Sage and is due out in April. David's chapter is based on his site-based management fieldwork in Prince William County.

PhD Students

Sharon Alayne Widmayer will defend her doctoral dissertation titled "Mentoring and Change: A Study of the Use of K-12 Mentors to Train Education Faculty in the Use of Technology" on March 16 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM in Robinson A329. Committee members include Debra Sprague, Chairperson, Evelyn Jacob and Brenda Bannan-Ritland.

Lynn Hertrick Leavitt will defend her doctoral dissertation titled "A Study of the Relationship Between Learning Styles of Freshmen in a Coordinated Studies Learning Community and Their Academic Achievement and Retention" on March 18 from

3:30PM – 5:30PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include John O’Connor, Chairperson, Ann Baker and Tom Scruggs.

Arlene Olkin will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “Outcomes of a Science Teacher Development Program for Middle-Level Interdisciplinary Teams: Relationship Among Teachers’ Beliefs, School Contexts, and Implementation” on March 19 from 11:00AM – 1:00PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include Donna Sterling, Chairperson, Jack Levy, Wayne Thomas, Daniel Rothbart.

Mark Alan Johnston will defend his doctoral dissertation titled “Object Oriented Virtual Environments as a Medium for Teacher Professional Development” on March 29 from 3:00PM – 5:00PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include Brenda Bannan-Ritland, Chairperson, Evelyn Jacob and Chris Dede.

Karolina Caran paper has been published on line at <http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/2004/proceedings/132.htm>. The title of the paper is “Section 508 and Beyond: Compliance Versus Usability in Web and Software Applications.”

GSE Grants and Proposals

Patricia Moyer-Packenham and faculty associate **Robert Sachs** submitted a proposal titled “Math Bridges III: Connecting Mathematics and the K-8 Standards” to SCHEV.

Jack Levy submitted a proposal titled “Project TESL Virginia: A Distance/On-Site Approach to Addressing the Shortage of ESL Teachers in Virginia” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Amr Abdalla submitted a proposal titled “Working with Afghan Women Leaders Towards Political and Civic Development” to the U.S. Department of State/Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

GSE Events

Initiatives in Educational Transformation (IET), an innovative professional development masters program for practicing K-12 teachers, is pleased to announce a guest lecture by noted scholar Mary Catherine Bateson. Dr. Bateson, a cultural anthropologist and best selling author, will speak about Composing Overlapping Lives. This event is open to former, current, and prospective IET students--and to our GSE colleagues--and will take place at the Prince William Campus on Saturday March 27, 2004 at 1:30 (for more information or to pre-register, go to > www.gmu.edu/iet/). Dr. Bateson is a professor emerita of anthropology and English at George Mason University and a visiting professor at Harvard University.

GSE is a sponsor of "Fit for Life 3"A Women's Afternoon of Workshops for Body & Soul, provided by the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, on Sunday March 21, 2004, from 12:30 to 4:30. Registration information is available by contacting Carol Kaffenberger (x33161)(ckaffenb@gmu.edu).

The Thirteenth Annual Teacher Researcher Conference sponsored by Fairfax County Public Schools will be held on April 27 from 4:15 P.M.-7:45 P.M. at the Waterford-at-Fair Oaks in Fairfax. Anyone interested in attending this conference must submit a registration form with a \$15 registration fee to Carleen Payne at the Alan Leis Instructional Center by April 22. The address is Leis Instructional Center, Room 26, 7423 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22042. Questions about the conference can be directed to Diane Painter at diane.painter@fcps.edu. Registration forms are available at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OSDT/StaffDevelopment/trn.htm#Annual>.

GSE News

Mark your calendar - **Education Recruitment Day** - COMING!!

March 31, 2004

Student Union II - Ballroom

** Details:

9:30am - 12:00pm - **Open Job Fair** for all majors

12:30pm - 4:00pm - **Pre-scheduled Interviews** (must attend from 9:30-12 to be considered for an interview)

Visit Career Services website for detailed information

(<http://careers.gmu.edu/calendar/erd>)

Questions: Call (703) 993-2362, or pwilliam@gmu.edu.

See You There!!!

Counseling and Development masters students Tammi Butler, Dawn Dickerson, Vicky Chhim, Cori Grimm, Brett Klatsky, and Melyssa Path presented "Accountability the ASCA Way" at the Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Student Conference, on Friday, February 20, 2004, in Williamsburg, VA.

Counseling & Development masters student Sharon Coogan and Marymount University Counseling student Julia Taylor presented "Fat or Phat? How to Recognize Red Flags in a Weight Obsessed Society" at the Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Student Conference, on Friday, February 20, 2004, in Williamsburg, VA.

Counseling & Development masters student Sharon Coogan and Zakia Ahmadzai presented "Childhood Leukemia: Counseling Implications" at the Virginia Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Student Conference, on Friday, February 20, 2004, in Williamsburg, VA.

Conferences

(The following conference announcements were listed previously and will continue to appear until the conference date)

The Mid-Atlantic Conference on the Scholarship of Diversity will be held March 18-19, 2004 at Virginia Tech. Further information can be found at www.conted.vt.edu/macsd/ or in the Dean's office.

The San Diego Area Writing Project, University of California, San Diego, will host the International Conference on Teacher Research April 15 - 17 at the Radisson Conference Center in La Jolla, California. This conference follows AERA and is designed for educators investigating classroom practice in a time of changing views in research and educational policies. For more information about ICTR 2004 or for a registration brochure, please contact Carol Schrammel at cschrammel@ucsd.edu or call the SDAWP office at 858-534-2576.

The 18th Biennial Conference on Human Development will be held in Washington, DC April 23-25, 2004. Further information can be found at <http://adp.gmu.edu/chd2004>. Hotel space will be on a first come first serve basis so it is advised to register early.

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The Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted 21st Conference (SENG), titled "Tumultuous Times and the Gifted," will be held July 9 – 11, 2004 in Arlington at the Crystal Hilton. Information can be found at www.sengifted.org for registration information as well as session schedules. Further information can also be found in the Dean's office.

