

Graduate School of Education's Newsletter, May 21, 2004

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

Cathy Terrill (former masters student), **Tom Scruggs**, and **Margo Mastropieri** published an article titled, "SAT Vocabulary Instruction for High School Students with Learning Disabilities" in *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 39, May, 2004, pp. 288-294.

Ellen Agosta (former masters student), **Jan Graetz** (former doctoral student), **Margo Mastropieri**, and **Tom Scruggs** published an article titled, "Teacher-Researcher Partnerships to Improve Social Behavior Through Social Stories" in *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 39, May, 2004, pp. 276-287.

Heather Uberti (former masters student), **Margo Mastropieri**, and **Tom Scruggs** published an article titled, "Check It Off: Individualizing a Math Algorithm for Students with Disabilities Via Self-Monitoring Checklists" in *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 39, May, 2004, pp. 269-275.

Fred Bemak made a presentation at the International Association of Counseling Annual Convention in Ochos Rios, Jamaica, titled, "Youth At-Risk: Cross-Cultural Counseling Issues and Interventions."

Fred Bemak was recently in Belfast and the greater Northern Ireland to provide consultation to the Department of Health and Social Services and the North and West Trust of Belfast about the sectarian conflict, community and school development, and the high rates of youth suicide.

Mark Goor traveled to Armenia April 24-May 2 as part of the Step by Step program sponsored by the Soros Foundation's Open Society Institute and representing the Council for Exceptional Children. He provided a 5-day workshop on Inclusive Education for 32 Armenian College Faculty and Deans from 5 different universities.

Patricia Moyer-Packenham and Deborah Niezgoda (PDS Site Facilitator, Westlawn Elementary School) presented the results of a research paper titled "Children's Patterns Using Concrete and Virtual Pattern Blocks" at the 82nd annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Philadelphia.

Rita Chi-Ying Chung presented "Cross-cultural Coping Strategies in Dealing with Racism" at the annual International Association of Counseling conference in Jamaica.

Rita Chi-Ying Chung was elected to the International Association of Counseling Executive Council.

Bonnie Bell Carter presented "I Left *Me* Behind: A Case Study of a Traumatic Brain Injury" at the 2004 Council for Exceptional Children Convention in New Orleans.

PhD Students

Marianne Justus presented her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Where Online Learning, Community and Culture Intersect: Toward an Understanding of Knowledge-building Communities in Virtual Environments” on Thursday, May 20. Committee members included Becky Fox, Chairperson, Anastasia Kitsantas and Kay McCarron.

Kevin Winslow presented his doctoral dissertation proposal titled “The Impact of Effective In-Service Professional Development in Mathematics Education on Teachers and Their Students: An Analysis of the Impact of the Leadership Program in Discrete Mathematics” on May 11. Committee members included Klaus Fischer, Chairperson, Tom Scruggs, and Herb Ware.

Michael Ballard presented his doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Second Career Military Veterans Teaching in the Public School Classroom: Why They’re There, Why They Stay and Why They Leave” on May 13. Committee members included Tom Scruggs, Chairperson, Joe Maxwell, and Jeff Gorrell.

Lynn Salvo will present her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Effects of an Experimental Curriculum on Third Graders’ Knowledge of Multiplication Facts” on June 14 from 1:30PM – 3:30PM in Commerce II, Room 100. Committee members include Patrica Moyer-Packenham, Chairperson, Mark Spikell and Eamonn Kelly.

Maxine Theresa Thomas will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “A Descriptive Study of a Community Collaborative: Connecting High School Students With a Museum as a Workplace Experience” on June 3 in Robinson A251 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. Committee members include Charles Thomas, Chairperson, Brenda Bannan-Ritland, and Dennis Dunklee.

William Muth will defend his doctoral dissertation titled “Performance and Perspective: Two Assessments of Federal Prisoners in Literacy Programs” on June 9 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include Betty Sturtevant, Chairperson, Susan Burns, Joe Maxwell, and John Strucker.

Grants/Proposals

Mike Behrmann received a new award titled “ATLFA Regional Site” from the VATS (Virginia Assistive Technology System) in the amount of \$41,333.

Mike Behrmann received a new award titled “Improving Virginia’s Educational Opportunities for Children with Disabilities by Using TTAC Online to Electronically Access and Search Virginia’s Local Improvement Plans” from the University of Kentucky Research Foundation in the amount of \$80,000.

Donna Sterling received a new award titled “Middle School Enrichment Program” from the Fairfax County Public Schools in the amount of \$101,302.

Jack Levy received a new award titled “Pakistan Teacher Education and Professional Development Program” from the Academic of Educational Development in the amount of \$98,000.

Eamonn Kelly submitted a proposal titled “ROLE: Understanding and Describing the Design Experience” to the National Science Foundation.

Conferences

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

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.

The 2004 Patterson Research Conference “Still Not Equal: Equalizing Opportunity in Global Societies” will be held September 24-27 at the Washington Hilton and Towers in Washington, DC. Further information and call for proposals can be found at http://www.patterson-uncf.org/doc/FINAL_CONFERENCE_FLYER.pdf