

College of Education and Human Development's Newsletter April 6, 2005

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Faculty News

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) conducted a workshop at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Tampa, Florida on March 22. The workshop titled "Accountability With Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention: Resources for Creating Sustainable Initiatives," featured the resource materials from the Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies project, and the first release of a searchable database compiled from the project's Sourcebook.

Bill Brozo (wbrozo@gmu.edu) has been appointed to the editorial review board of the premier journal in secondary reading, the Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy.

Bill Brozo (wbrozo@gmu.edu) was in Macedonia for 10 days conducting classroom observations and providing training to secondary vocational education teachers as part of a USAID project.

Elijah Mirochnik's (emirochn@gmu.edu) photographic essay titled "Angry Young Kids" appears in the Japanese publication titled *Habitat Journal*: Number 2, Winter 2005.

Sheryl Conrad Cozart (scozart@gmu.edu) was a part of a panel presentation at the International Globalization, Diversity and Education conference at Washington State University on March 4. Her panel presented on "Black Women, Identity, and Schooling: Reclaiming our Work in Shifting Contexts."

Mark Goor (mgoor@gmu.edu) was a mentor for interactive sessions at the AACTE/NCATE Institutional Orientation and Professional Development Conference March 30-April 2 in Arlington, VA.

Dennis Dunklee (ddunklee@gmu.edu) is serving as a consultant and expert witness in a Plaintiff's case of alleged multiple sexual abuse incidents by an elementary teacher, alleged negligent hiring and retention by the two school districts in which he taught-- Santa Fe and Tucumcari, and negligence on the part of the New Mexico State Department of Education's Licensure Unit in failing to investigate the allegations against the teacher in a timely and appropriate manner. The case has been filed in a federal district court and will be examined under the light of a number of tort as well as constitutional issues.

Mark Goor (mgoor@gmu.edu) served as mentor in interactive sessions at the AACTE/NCATE conference "Accreditation, Accountability, and Quality" March 30-April 2 in Crystal City.

Mark Goor (mgoor@gmu.edu) met with the executive board as the Past President for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children at the annual convention in Baltimore, MD April 5-8.

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) was the featured speaker at the University of Maryland College Park Chi Sigma Iota induction. He spoke about "Counseling and Social Justice."

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) was quoted in the March 30-April 5th edition of the Irish Echo Newspaper, which is the most widely read Irish American newspaper in the U.S., regarding his work on youth suicide prevention in Northern Ireland.

Mark Goor (mgoor@gmu.edu) presented a week-long workshop on special education for teacher educators in Baku, Azerbaijan from April 11-15.

Maggie Daniels (mdaniels@gmu.edu) guest edited the most recent issue (Vol. 8, No. 3) of "Tourism Review International," a peer-reviewed journal that advances excellence in tourism research. This special issue pertains to travelers with specialized needs.

Vicky Spencer (vspencer@gmu.edu) has published an article titled "Crossing Over" in the March 2005 issue of *Intervention in School and Clinic*.

Jim Upperman (jupperma@gmu.edu), chair of the Superintendent of the Year selection committee, presented the 2004-05 Region IV Superintendent of the Year Award to Rob Smith of Arlington County on Wednesday March 30 at the Region IV Superintendents Meeting in Warrenton. Rob is being recognized for the outstanding service and leadership that he has provided in the establishment of a research based school improvement process, in which measurable results based on the mission of ACPS are utilized. Student performance gains in ACPS have been dramatic during the past several years, with particular focus on the reduction of achievement gaps. Rob has served ACPS as superintendent since 1997.

The Virginia Board of Education appointed **Mike Behrmann** (mbehrman@gmu) to a three-year term on the State Special Education Advisory Committee to fill the higher education representative vacancy. He will be on the following subcommittees:

1. Executive
2. Chairperson for Personnel Development
3. Co-chair of Restraint & Seclusion

PhD Students

Gerald Drake (gdrake@gmu.edu) will present his doctoral dissertation proposal titled "The Impact of Disciplinary Affiliation on Faculty Attitudes About Teaching and Students" on March 29 from 3:30PM – 5:30PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include **Joe Maxwell** (jmaxwell@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Eamonn Kelly** (akelly1@gmu.edu), John O'Connor and Susan Trencher.

Jennifer Norland (jnorland@gmu.edu) defended her doctoral dissertation titled "English Language Learners' Interactions With Various Science Curriculum Features" on Monday March 28. Committee members included **Margo Mastropieri** (mmastrop@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Tom Scruggs** (tscruggs@gmu.edu), and **Marjorie Haley** (mhaley@gmu.edu).

Kathleen O’Hanlan Souder (ksouder@comcast.net) will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “Reframing Initial Challenges Through Reflective Collaboration: A Case Study of First Year Teachers in a Professional Development School” on April 6 from 8:15AM – 10:15AM in Commerce I, Room 200. Committee members include **Jane McDonald** (jmcdona6@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Joe Maxwell** (jmaxwell@gmu.edu), and **Mary Helen Smith** (mssmita@gmu.edu).

Diane Bardia Pavey (dpavey@gmu.edu) defended her doctoral dissertation titled “Technology Integration: Perceptions of Elementary School Technology Lead Teachers” on March 29. Committee members included **Mike Behrmann** (mbehrman@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Joe Maxwell** (jmaxwell@gmu.edu), and **Charles Thomas** (cthomas@gmu.edu).

Elizabeth Halloran Tornquist (betsyhalloran@aol.com) will defend her doctoral dissertation title “The Relationship Between Poverty and Disability for Special Education Students” on April 13 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM in the Krug Hall Video Conference Room. Committee members include **Margo Mastropieri** (mmastrop@gmu.edu), **Tom Scruggs** (tscruggs@gmu.edu), **Jane Razeghi** (jrazeghi@gmu.edu) and Hugh Berry.

Barbara D. Acosta (Barbara.Acosta3@verizon.net) was a keynote speaker for the International Forum on "Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero 25 Years Later: Human Rights, the Economy, and Migration" held at the Monsignor Oscar Romero University, Chalatenango, El Salvador, March 16. The panel presentation, which was part of a series of events commemorating the life of the slain Archbishop 25 years after his assassination was broadcast on YSUCA Radio.

Grants/Proposals

Penelope Earley (pearley@gmu.edu) received a new award titled “NCATE Support” in the amount of \$29,988.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Evaluation of Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Prevention Initiative Among Minority Populations” to the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry.

Patricia Moyer (pmoyer@gmu.edu) received a new award titled “Program Evaluation of the Math and Science Partnership Program” from the COSMOS Corporation in the amount of \$74,252.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “PATRIOT C.O.O.L.: Promoting Student Organization Leadership to Prevent High Risk Drinking” to the USDOE.

Richard Miller (emiller@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Safety Literacy at the DMV” to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

Seminars and Conferences

Teachers as Researchers: School and University Collaborations

National Academy in Fairfax, Virginia (Washington D.C. area)

April 28-29, 2005

The Association of Teacher Educators will hold a two-day Academy highlighting the importance of teacher research and the university-teacher partnership. As part of the Academy, ATE will join the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Teacher Research Network for its 14th Annual Teacher Research Conference. Nationally recognized speakers, workshops, and roundtable discussions with teacher researchers will be part of these outstanding two days.

The early registration deadline is **March 31** (only \$125.00, ATE hotel rate is \$89.00/night). The Academy will be held in Fairfax, VA (a taxi ride from Dulles Airport) on April 28-29.

For Hotel information, call Hilton Garden Inn at 703-385-7774 for the \$89.00 ATE rate (overflow hotel). For more information including a preliminary program, please visit the ATE website at: www.ate1.org/pubs/National_Academy.cfm

The **George Mason University (GMU) Instructional Technology Program**, in partnership with the **Defense Acquisition University (DAU)** and the **Naval Education and Training Command (NETC)**, is hosting an Innovations in eLearning symposium June 7-8, 2005 at the Fairfax, VA campus. Visit our website at <http://innovationsinelearning.gmu.edu/> for more details. This event is ideal for: managers, learning officers, instructional and/or curriculum designers, learning consultants, instructors, researchers and training and development professionals from small to large size businesses, vocational schools, community colleges, colleges and universities, and government agencies and organizations.

The symposium will cover the latest trends in e-Learning, knowledge management and workflow performance learning. Keynote speakers and presentations from experts in the field of e-Learning will share the cognitive tools, technology and best practices for the effective design, delivery and implementation of e-learning.

At the conference you'll find...

- World-class speakers - You can look forward to our Keynote speakers **Vice Admiral J. Kevin Moran**, United States Navy, commander, Naval Education and Training Command; **Dr. Etienne Wenger**, CP Square, and our closing keynote speaker, **Wayne Hodgins**, futurist.
- With more than **30 general sessions** to choose from, you're sure to find solutions to your e-Learning challenges.
- **Exhibits** of the latest products and services.

- You'll enjoy **Networking** opportunities with your colleagues during breaks, lunches and at our opening night reception.

Registration for this two-day event is \$150.00 prior to May 27, 2005, which includes parking, breaks, lunches and a reception on opening night. Fee is \$175.00 at the conference site if payment is not received before May 27, 2005.

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

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, will sponsor seven advanced studies seminars on the use of NCES data. Each multi-day seminar will be held in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and covers several topics, including the nature and content of the database, computer software for accessing and analyzing the data, and funding opportunities. The primary purpose of these seminars is to demonstrate the richness of NCES databases and provide instruction on how to use the data properly and effectively. Seminar activities include lectures, illustrations, and demonstrations. The hands-on computer practice sessions will allow participants to conduct analyses with their selected databases. Applicants should have knowledge of statistics and be proficient in the use of SAS or SPSS statistical software packages.

The seven seminars run from mid-May to mid-July 2005, with an application deadline of April 1 for the first two seminars. Additional information is available in the Dean's office.

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