

College of Education and Human Development's Newsletter June 20, 2005

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Faculty News

The Office of Education Services/Adult Learning and Professional Development (OES/ALPD) was recently recognized at the Stafford County Public Schools Annual Partners in Education Recognition Breakfast. **Libby Hall** (lhall4@gmu.edu) was present to accept a certificate of appreciation for the partnership ALPD has with Stafford County in the delivery of professional development activities for classroom teachers.

Mark Goor (mgoor@gmu.edu) published "Promoting Education for Students with Disabilities Via International Cooperation and Communication" with Pan Yi (Special education professor at Liaoning Teachers College, China) and Suzanne Martin (past president of the Council for Exceptional Children) in the *Journal of International Special Needs Education*.

David Wiggins (dwiggin1@gmu.edu) gave an invited lecture titled "From Slavery to the Playing Fields and Beyond: A History of the African American Experience in Sport" on June 13 at the summer colloquium on ethnicity and race at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) was featured and quoted heavily in the current June, 2005 issue of *The Challenge*, a publication of the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug Free Schools. The article is "Keeping Prevention Activities on Track: The Benefits of Evaluating School-based Prevention Initiatives" and can be read at <http://www.thechallenge.org/>. This article also cites the Center for the Advancement of Public Health's resource, prepared by Anderson and former GMU faculty Dr. Amr Abdalla, titled "A Step-by-Step Guide to Planning and Implementing Evaluation Strategies," available at www.caph.gmu.edu.

Elijah Mirochnik's (emirochn@gmu.edu) photographic essay entitled "Big Babies" has been published in *IONe Live Magazine*, May 2005 edition. The URL for the magazine is <http://www.ionone.com/art.htm>.

Elijah Mirochnik (emirochn@gmu.edu) led an art based participatory workshop at the Regional Conference of the International Network of Schools for the Advancement of Arts Education, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Washington, D.C., on May 21.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) conducted a training session with Orientation Leaders on May 31, 2005. This session focused on the Healthy Expectations program, and ways that Orientation Leaders can be helpful in shaping the lives of new students. The session covered specific strategies for addressing some of the underlying root causes for high-risk drinking and drug use, and involved the use of interactive decision technology.

The Center for the Advancement of Public Health (CAPH) served as a co-sponsor, with the Prince William County Public Schools, of a Diversity Summit. Held on May 20 and attended by 275 middle and high school students who serve as diversity team leaders, the Summit was held in the Verizon Auditorium and nearby classrooms on the Prince William Campus. CAPH's **Pat Copeland** (pcopelan@gmu.edu) hosted this three-hour series of activities.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) made a presentation at the annual meeting of Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators on June 9 in Virginia Beach. The two-hour speech and discussion was titled "Making a Case for Meaningful Action: Perspectives, Partners, Planning, Prevention and Potential." Approximately 40 individuals from colleges and universities from throughout Virginia were in attendance.

The Center for the Advancement of Public Health (CAPH) served as a co-sponsor and host of the "Finding Peaceful Solutions: Peer Mediation Conference" on June 8. Held on the Prince William Campus, this was organized by the Prince William County Public Schools, and involved approximately 300 middle school students in general sessions and breakout discussions. **David Anderson** (danderso@gmu.edu) served as CAPH's representative for this event.

PhD Students

Kevin Winslow (kwinslowk@cedarville.edu) defended his doctoral dissertation on 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 June 17. Committee members included Klaus Fischer (kfischer@gmu.edu) and **Tom Scruggs** (tscruggs@gmu.edu) as co-chairpersons and **Herb Ware** (hware@gmu.edu).

F. Ferimeldi (fermeldi@hotmail.com) defended his doctoral dissertation titled "Perceptions of Government Officials and Principals Implementing School-Based Management in Indonesia" on June 20. Committee members included **David Brazer** (sbrazer@gmu.edu) chairperson, **Jack Levy** (jlevy@gmu.edu) and **Anastasia Kitsantas** (akitsant@gmu.edu).

Penny Alease Norford (pennor4@aol.com) will defend her doctoral dissertation titled "The Effects of Suicide on Close Friendships of Suicide Survivors: Qualitative Interview with Close Friends of Those Bereaved by The Suicide of a Loved One" on June 21 from 3:00PM – 5:00PM in Robinson A251. Committee members include **Joe Maxwell** (jmaxwell@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Tom Scruggs** (tscruggs@gmu.edu), and **Carol Kaffenberger** (ckaffenb@gmu.edu).

Susan L. Sarber (ssarber@arlington.k12.va.us) defended her doctoral dissertation titled "Effectiveness of and Satisfaction with Online Support for Candidates Seeking National Board Certification" on June 17. Committee members included **Debbie Sprague**

(dspragu1@gmu.edu), Chairperson, **Gary Galluzzo** (ggalluzz@gmu.edu), and **Mary Kayler** (mkayler@gmu.edu).

Sandra Burford (sburford@gmu.edu) will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “Transition to Kindergarten for Children with Disabilities: Survey of Family Experiences, Appraisal and Coping” on August 9 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM in Krug Hall, Room 108. Committee members include **Eva Thorp** (ethorp@gmu.edu), **Tom Scruggs** (tscruggs@gmu.edu), Susanne Denham and Elaine Barker.

Grants/Proposals

Mike Behrman (mbehrman@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “George Mason University Region 4 T/TAC” to the Virginia Department of Education.

Tom Scruggs (tscruggs@gmu.edu) and faculty associate **Margo Mastropieri** (mmastrop@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Methodology for Qualitative Research Synthesis” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Robert Pasnak and faculty associate **Julie Kidd** (jkidd@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “An Economical Curriculum Enrichment” to the Department of Health and Human Services.

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