

College of Education and Human Development's Newsletter October 24, 2005

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

Faculty News

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) has been appointed by the President of the International Association for Counseling as a Consultant to the Executive Council.

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) presented at The American Council on Education National Conference titled "Realizing America's Promise: Embracing Diversity, Discovery, and Change" in Phoenix. He was one of 8 GMU faculty and staff from throughout the university that went to the conference to present about GMU initiatives in diversity. His symposium was titled "Synchronizing Diversity Research Initiatives."

Joe Gagnon (jgagnon@gmu.edu), J. Wehby, A. Strong and K.B. Falk published "Research-based Reading and Math Interventions for Youth with Emotional Disturbance" in L. M. Bullock, R. A. Gable, and K. J. Melloy's 6th CCBD mini-library series *Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders*.

Joe Gagnon (jgagnon@gmu.edu) presented "Special Education in International Schools: Self-Assessment and Planning" at the 2005 Near East South Asia Council for Overseas School Administrators Conference in Cairo, Egypt on October 22.

Bob Baker (rbaker2@gmu.edu) and **David Wiggins** (dwiggin1@gmu.edu) met with Mr. Engaard Hansen, feature writer for the *Jyllands-Posten* daily newspaper on October 3 to discuss ethics and equality in sports and other sport management issues. Mr. Hansen is traveling through the United States over a three week period on a trip sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

David Wiggins (dwiggin1@gmu.edu) co-authored a chapter with Daniel Mason of the University of Alberta titled "The Socio-Historical Process in Sports Studies" in D. L. Andrews, D. S. Mason, and M. L. Silk, eds. *Qualitative Methods in Sports Studies*, NY: Berg, 2005.

Jennifer Garvey Berger (jberger1@gmu.edu) had a book she co-edited in 2002 titled *Executive Coaching: Practices and Perspectives* published in Japanese.

Rich Miller (emiller@gmu.edu) spoke on driver education at the Allstate Insurance Company's Teen Driving Safety Summit in Ocean City, MD on October 11 and in Portsmouth, VA on October 13.

Donna Sterling (dsterlin@gmu.edu) and Stephanie Roche (Fairfax County Public Schools Elementary Science Specialist) had an article published in *Science Scope* titled "Presenting Mitosis."

Donna Sterling (dsterlin@gmu.edu) and CEHD masters student **Amy Mannikko** (amannikk@gmu.edu) had an article published in *Science Scope* titled "Making Sense of Topographic Maps."

Layne Kalbfleisch (mkalbfle@gmu.edu) presented a seminar talk titled "The Functional Anatomy of Talent" on October 19 to the College of Education at Purdue University.

Laurie Harmon (lharmon3@gmu.edu) and Mark Gleason, Michigan Technological University, gave a 1 1/2 hour education session on the use of an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) as a method for people to interact with the natural environment at the National Park and Recreation Association meeting in San Antonio on October 21. The ROV has been used with children and adults. It allows people to examine marine environments while above the water by operating the small underwater robot (with lights and mechanical arm) on a 500' tether system using a joystick and observing the underwater ecosystem via a video monitor connected to the underwater camera on the robot.



Bonnie Bell Carter (bcarter6@gmu.edu) and **Vicky Spencer** (vspencer@gmu.edu) had an article accepted in the *International Journal of Special Education* titled "The Fear Factor: Bullying and Students with Disabilities."

Dimitar Dimitrov (ddimitrov@gmu.edu) presented "An IRT Approach to Validation of Cognitive Operations for Test Items" at the Annual Mid-Western Educational Research Associate Conference in Columbus on October 13.

Dimitar Dimitrov (ddimitrov@gmu.edu) and **Charles Thomas** (cthomas@gmu.edu) presented "Latent Trait Modeling of Longitudinal Changes in Treatment Effects on Constructs of Teens' Sexual Abstinence" and "Validation of Retrospective Classroom Learning Procedure" at the Annual Mid-Western Educational Research Association Meeting in Columbus on October 14.

Dimitar Dimitrov (ddimitrov@gmu.edu) received an award for his service on the Mid-Western Educational Research Association Council from 2003-2005.

Libby Hall (lhall4@gmu.edu) served on an NCATE Accreditation team visit October 15-19.

PhD Students

Deanna Breslin (dbreslin@capablecommunity.com) conducted site visits for the National Evaluation of the Safe Start Demonstration Project on October 6-7 in Chicago (www.chicagosafestart.net) and October 17-18 in Chatham County, NC (www.chathamkids.org) for the Association for the Study and Development of Community (www.capablecommunity.com).

Grants/Proposals

Sheryl Cozart (scozart@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Teachers Network Leadership Institute Application” to the Holmes Partnership.

Julie Kidd (jkidd@gmu.edu) submitted proposals titled “An Economical Improvement in Literacy and Numeracy” and “Enhancing Academics by Strengthening Early Abstract Thought” to the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences.

Jeannine Tate (jtate1@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Clinical Faculty Program 2005-2006 with the Northern Virginia Clinical Faculty Consortium” to the Virginia Department of Education.

Wendy Frazier (wfrazier@gmu.edu) received a new award titled “VADoED/Career Switcher FY05” from the Virginia Department of Education in the amount of \$15,796.

Mike Behrmann (mbehrman@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Kellar Instructional Handheld Data System (KIHD System)” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Mike Behrmann (mbehrmann@gmu.edu) and **Marci Kinas Jerome** (mkinas@gmu.edu) were awarded the Combined Priority for Personnel Preparation to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities Federal Grant to support the Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Severe Disabilities: A Statewide Inter-University Collaboration Between George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Virginia, Radford University, and Norfolk State University. The award amount is \$200,000 a year for four years.

Margret Hjalmarson (mhjalmar@gmu.edu) and colleague Kathleen Wage submitted a proposal titled “Collaborative Proposal: The Signals and Systems Concept Inventory” to the National Science Foundation.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) received a new award titled “Evaluation of Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Prevention Initiative Among Minority Populations” in the amount of \$37,500.

Nada Dabbagh (ndabbagh@gmu.edu) received a new award from the Mine Safety and Health Administration titled “Immersion Project” in the amount of \$135,200.

CEHD News

The **Fourth Annual LawFit Trooper Challenge** was held on Friday and Saturday October 14-15 at the GMU Field House. Troopers from nine states, the United States Marine Corps, and the U.S. Army competed in the two-day event. Officers from Virginia, Rhode Island, Mississippi, and North Carolina won National Titles. All participants proved they were truly "Fit to Serve." Kudos to the 35 **RHT** Physical Education, Exercise Science, Recreation, and Sport Management majors who played a significant role in the success of this unique and powerful event.

Conferences

The Fifth IASTED International Conference on WEB-BASED EDUCATION ~WBE 2006~ January 23-25, 2006 Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/2006/mexico/wbe.htm>

WBE 2006 is aimed to provide scholars, faculty, researchers, and administrators in all web-based educational areas with an excellent opportunity to convene with colleagues from approximately 50 countries and discuss innovative ideas, results and outcomes of research in this new and exciting field. All papers submitted to this conference will be peer evaluated by at least two reviewers. Acceptance will be based primarily on originality of ideas and approaches, uniqueness and completeness of research, and significance of contribution.

WBE 2006 is sponsored by The International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) and will be held in conjunction with the IASTED International Conference on [Advances in Computer Science and Technology \(ACST 2006\)](#).

ATE (Association of Teacher Educators) 2006 Annual Meeting titled "Advocacy Through Engagement: The School-Community Collaborative Imperative in Educating ALL Children" will be held in Atlanta February 18-22, 2006. Further information can be found at www.ate1.org or in the Dean's Office.

Please send requests to update the CEHD web sites as follows:

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SCHOOL OF RHT INFORMATION (academic programs, faculty/staff, students)

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CEHD WEB INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM (design, impact, impression)

Jeff Gorrell (jgorrell@gmu.edu), cc: Martin Ford (mford@gmu.edu)

We will promptly forward requests directly to [the OTS Webmaster email account](#),

cehdwebs@gmu.edu, where one of the qualified web assistants will complete the request based on timeliness, priority, and other factors. We will cc: OTS Director Jami Reynolds on all such messages so that she can monitor the progress of the web assistants as necessary.

EXCEPTIONS:

Center and Office Directors may continue to manage their own web sites and/or send requests to OTS Director Jami Reynolds (jreynol7@gmu.edu) as long as those web changes do not involve any of the areas noted above. All updates involving graphical material (e.g., faculty/staff photos) or simple typos and corrections should be sent directly to Jami.