

## *CEHD Newsletter, April 11, 2006*

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

### *Faculty News*

Congratulations to **Tom Scruggs** ([tscruggs@gmu.edu](mailto:tscruggs@gmu.edu)) and **Margo Mastropieri** ([mmastrop@gmu.edu](mailto:mmastrop@gmu.edu)) for receiving the Special Education Research Award from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The CEC is the premiere association for special educators and works to improve the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents. This award recognizes an individual or research team whose research has made significant contributions to the education of exceptional children and youth. Tom and Margo will be recognized during the CEC Annual Convention & Expo, featured in a press release and CEC Today, and profiled in *Exceptional Children*. They will also be featured on CEC's Web site ([www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)) and act as CEC spokespersons for the media.

**Yoosun Chung** ([ychung3@gmu.edu](mailto:ychung3@gmu.edu)) has received the Words+/ISAAC Outstanding Consumer Lecture Award, which is given to an AAC user who has great things to share. She will make a presentation at the ISAAC Conference in Germany this summer.

**Joe Gagnon** ([jgagnon@gmu.edu](mailto:jgagnon@gmu.edu)) and colleagues P. Maccini and L. Mason presented "Effective Math Instructional Practices for Secondary Students with Emotional and Learning Disabilities" at the Closing the Achievement Gap: Northern Virginia Instructional and Professional Issues Conference in Fairfax on March 25.

**Elavie Ndura** ([endura@gmu.edu](mailto:endura@gmu.edu)), **Betsy DeMulder** ([edmulde@gmu.edu](mailto:edmulde@gmu.edu)), and **Stacia Stribling** ([sslawins@gmu.edu](mailto:sslawins@gmu.edu)) co-presented a paper titled "Voices from Within: Exploring Factors that Contribute to the Achievement Gap in Culturally Diverse Schools" at the Northern Virginia Instructional & Professional Issues Conference on March 25.

**Betty Sturtevant** ([esturtev@gmu.edu](mailto:esturtev@gmu.edu)) was a workshop trainer for principals at the University of the District of Columbia on March 11. The principals were from middle and high schools participating in the Reading Across the Curriculum project, which is a collaboration of DCPS and the Consortium of Universities.

**Betty Sturtevant** ([esturtev@gmu.edu](mailto:esturtev@gmu.edu)) and doctoral student **Kristy Calo** ([kcalo@gmu.edu](mailto:kcalo@gmu.edu)) have been invited by Scholastic, Inc. to develop an on-line course for literacy coaches in middle and high schools as part of the Scholastic RED program that is used by school districts across the United States.

**Betty Sturtevant** ([esturtev@gmu.edu](mailto:esturtev@gmu.edu)) co-edited the *Journal of Literacy Research*, Volume 37, No. 3. The *Journal of Literacy Research* is the peer-reviewed publication of the National Reading Conference and has a large international audience of literacy scholars.

**Fred Bemak** ([fbemak@gmu.edu](mailto:fbemak@gmu.edu)) was elected as a Fellow of the Association for Specialists for Group Work (ASGW), a division of the American Counseling Association. He gave the ASGW Fellows Address at the annual American Counseling Association Conference in Montreal on April 1.

**Rita Chi-Ying Chung** ([rchung@gmu.edu](mailto:rchung@gmu.edu)), **Fred Bemak** ([fbemak@gmu.edu](mailto:fbemak@gmu.edu)), and **Regine Talleyrand** ([rtalleyr@gmu.edu](mailto:rtalleyr@gmu.edu)) gave a presentation titled “Mentoring Across Cultures: Implications for Practitioners, Faculty, and Students” at the American Counseling Association Conference in Montreal on April 2.

**Fred Bemak** ([fbemak@gmu.edu](mailto:fbemak@gmu.edu)) organized a featured session at the American Counseling Association Conference in Montreal on April 1 with **Rita Chi-Ying Chung** ([rchung@gmu.edu](mailto:rchung@gmu.edu)), Sam Gladding, Jeffrey Kottler, and Courtland Lee titled “Senior Faculty Reflect on Best and Most Creative Teaching Moments: A Symposium for Faculty, Supervisors, and Students.”

**Fred Bemak** ([fbemak@gmu.edu](mailto:fbemak@gmu.edu)) and Robert Conyne presented a pre-conference Learning Institute at the American Counseling Association Conference in Montreal, Canada on March 31 titled “Journeys to Professional Excellence: A Workshop to Reflect on and Share Your Own Professional Life.” This workshop was based on their recent *Journeys to Professional Excellence* book published by the American Counseling Association.

**Bonnie Pfoutz** ([bpfoutz@gmu.edu](mailto:bpfoutz@gmu.edu)) will receive an honorary degree from NVCC on May 9. Further information can be found at <http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/Apr7-06.pdf>.

### *PhD Students*

**Rich Mehrenberg** ([rmehrenb@gmu.edu](mailto:rmehrenb@gmu.edu)) has been accepted as a SOL curriculum writer for Virginia Teachers of Tomorrow. Teachers of Tomorrow is an organization dedicated to promotion and recruitment of future teachers among interested high school students. <http://tot.ualr.edu/index.htm>.

**Arieh (Ari) Sherris** ([asherris@gmu.edu](mailto:asherris@gmu.edu)) as chair-elect of the Elementary Education Interest Section of TESOL, Judy Sharkey (University of Connecticut) from the Teacher Education Interest Section, Dudley Reynolds (University of Houston) from TESOL’s Research Standing Committee, and Jon Nordmeyer (School for International Training) are organizing a mixed methods study of the attitudes of ESOL and mainstream teachers about the changing roles each play in K-12 settings where the population of language minority students is increasing.

**Michelle Neibauer** ([scottshelly@earthlink.net](mailto:scottshelly@earthlink.net)) defended her doctoral dissertation titled “The Influence of Mentoring for Preparing Six Women High School Principals” on April 6. Committee members included **Jane McDonald** ([jmcdona6@gmu.edu](mailto:jmcdona6@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **Priscilla Norton** ([pnorton@gmu.edu](mailto:pnorton@gmu.edu)), and **Steve White** ([cwhite1@gmu.edu](mailto:cwhite1@gmu.edu)).

**Sam Steen** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) and Katie Harding presented “Promoting Achievement for African American Students through Culturally Relevant Group Work” at the Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) 2006 National Conference held in Mobile on January 10.

**Sam Steen** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) and colleague Katie Harding were invited presenters at Group-A-Rama 2006 hosted by Virginia Association for Specialists in Groupwork (VASGW) at the Annual Conference in Annandale on March 6. Their presentation was titled “A Data-Driven Model for Small Group Counseling.”

**Sam Steen** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) and Loudoun County Public School counselors presented “Racing to Achievement through Groupwork” at the Virginia School Counselors Association (VSCA) 2006 State Conference in Richmond March 30.

**Sam Steen** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) was awarded the Marion R. Flagg Scholarship from the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC) for his contributions, innovations, and initiatives made to the field of high school to college transition during his tenure as a first year High School Counselor.

**Sam Steen** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) was an invited workshop presenter at the 2nd Annual Future Educators Association (FEA) conference sponsored by Loudoun County Public Schools in Lansdowne on March 29. The workshop was titled “Achieving Academic Success: School Counselors Contribution to Student Achievement.”

### **Grants/Proposals**

**Barbara Given** ([bgiven@gmu.edu](mailto:bgiven@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Field Initiated Development Project Given Computerized Adolescent and Adult Reading Assessment (G-CAARA)” to the U.S. Department of Education.

**David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Healthy Expectations: Preventing High Risk Drinking by Transforming Campus Cultures” to the U.S. Department of Education.

**David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Traffic Safety Public Awareness” to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Sam Steen's** ([ssteen@gmu.edu](mailto:ssteen@gmu.edu)) research proposal titled “A Group Counseling Model for African American High School Students Experiencing Academic Difficulties Using Culturally Relevant Literature” was funded in the amount of \$500 through the ASGW Research Grants Program at the American Counseling Association (ACA) 2006 conference in Montreal Canada on April 1.

### **CEHD Events**

**CREST** will be holding its annual Science Camp for students entering grades 5, 6, and 7. Session ONE, *Weather Tamers*, will be held June 26–July 7 (no camp on July 4). Session TWO, *Crime Busters*, will be held July 10–July 21. Both sessions will meet 9:00 AM-

3:00 PM. Cost for Session ONE is \$495 and Session TWO is \$550. A non-refundable deposit of \$100/session is required to hold your space with the balance due June 1. For more information: Call CREST 703-993-2043, email [wfrazier@gmu.edu](mailto:wfrazier@gmu.edu), or check online at <http://gse.gmu.edu/centersoffices/crest/camp>.

### GMU Events

#### **“Could Somebody PLEASE Turn Down the Television!?”**

If you or someone you love has a hearing loss, come to *Celebrate Communication 2006* on Saturday, May 13, where this year’s theme is “That’s Entertainment!” This free community event will be held from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts where more than 50 Exhibitors will be offering information on topics such as enjoying music, TV and theatre when you’re hard of hearing, assistive technologies, sign language, hearing aids, local support groups, and hearing dogs. Rockin’ Mother Goose will be there to entertain the children, along with “Music Together” of Vienna. Other children’s activities will be offered as well as special vendor demonstrations and a snack bar. For continuous updates, visit the Northern Virginia Resource Center website at [www.nvrc.org](http://www.nvrc.org), call 703-352-9055(V), 9056(TTY), or contact Bonnie O’Leary at [boleary@nvrc.org](mailto:boleary@nvrc.org).

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

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EXCEPTION:

Center and Office Directors may continue to manage their own web sites.