

## CEHD Newsletter, August 27, 2007

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

### Faculty News

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Congratulations to Professor Emerita **Linda Seligman**. She has received the award of Counselor Educator of the Year by the American Mental Health Counselors Association.



**Martin Ford** ([mford@gmu.edu](mailto:mford@gmu.edu)), with co-author Peyton Smith, published a major theoretical contribution titled “Thriving With Social Purpose: An Integrative Approach to the Development of Optimal Human Functioning” in the Summer 2007 issue of the *Educational Psychologist*, volume 42, 153-171.

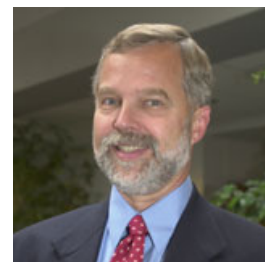
**Margret Hjalmarson** ([mhjalmar@gmu.edu](mailto:mhjalmar@gmu.edu)) published an article titled “Engineering Students Designing a Statistical Procedure for Quantifying Variability” in the *The Journal of Mathematical Behavior*, 26 (2), 178-188.



**David Brazer** ([sbrazer@gmu.edu](mailto:sbrazer@gmu.edu)) and **Erin Peters** ([epeters1@gmu.edu](mailto:epeters1@gmu.edu)) published “Deciding to Change: One School District’s Quest to Improve Overall Student Performance” in the *International Journal of Education Policy and Leadership*. Their paper presents one in a series of case studies about decision making in educational contexts.

**David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) conducted two short courses at the Summer School of Alcohol and Drug Studies at Rutgers University, held July 15–20. The courses were titled “Communicating for Results: Using the Media for Our Advantage” and “Community-Based Strategies for Youth, Adults and Elders: Shared Responsibilities for Meaningful Approaches.”

**David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) conducted multiple sessions with peer companions being prepared with the Seniors and Survivors of Torture Empowerment Program (STEP) during June and July. Topics covered included Situations and Roles, Resources, and Challenges. This program is conducted with Vietnamese elders who are being prepared to work with other seniors in the region.



The Center for the Advancement of Public Health (CAPH) co-sponsored the National Conference of Vietnamese Trauma Survivors and Seniors May 24-26 at George Mason University. The conference was the first of its kind in the nation, with approximately 170 people in attendance. CAPH’s role included evaluation activities

associated with the conference workshops and the conference overall. **David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) provided keynote remarks on May 24 titled “Legacy of Life: Creating Healthy Futures” which were translated into Vietnamese for non-English speaking participants.

## *PhD Students*

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Correction: **Anna Evmenova** ([aevmenov@gmu.edu](mailto:aevmenov@gmu.edu)) presented her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Camera! Lights! Captions!: The Effects of Picture or Word Captioning Adaptations and Alternative Narration on Video Comprehension by Students with Intellectual Disabilities” on August 8. Committee members included **Mike Behrmann** ([mbehrman@gmu.edu](mailto:mbehrman@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **Margo Mastropieri** ([mmastrop@gmu.edu](mailto:mmastrop@gmu.edu)), and **Pam Baker** ([pbaker5@gmu.edu](mailto:pbaker5@gmu.edu)).

**Marci Kinas Jerome** ([mkinas@gmu.edu](mailto:mkinas@gmu.edu)) defended her doctoral dissertation titled “The State of Accommodations for Fifth Grade Students with Disabilities on the Virginia SOL Reading, Writing, and Math Tests” on August 21. Committee members included **Mike Behrmann** ([mbehrman@gmu.edu](mailto:mbehrman@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **Susan Burns** ([mburns2@gmu.edu](mailto:mburns2@gmu.edu)), and **Herb Ware** ([hware@gmu.edu](mailto:hware@gmu.edu)).

**Betty Spencer** ([bspencer@arlington.k12.va.us](mailto:bspencer@arlington.k12.va.us)) will present her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “An Examination of Changes in Teacher Attitudes, Teaching Practice, and Student Achievement” on September 5 in Robinson A251 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Committee members include **Joan Isenberg** ([jisenber@gmu.edu](mailto:jisenber@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **Bonnie Pfoutz** ([bpfoutz@gmu.edu](mailto:bpfoutz@gmu.edu)), and **Charles Thomas** ([cthomas@gmu.edu](mailto:cthomas@gmu.edu)).

**Karrin Lukacs** ([klukacs@gmu.edu](mailto:klukacs@gmu.edu)) will present her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Quantifying the “Ripple in the Pond”: Development and Validation of the Teacher Change Agent Questionnaire” on September 5 in Robinson A251 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Committee members include **Gary Galluzzo** ([ggalluzz@gmu.edu](mailto:ggalluzz@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **David Brazer** ([sbrazer@gmu.edu](mailto:sbrazer@gmu.edu)), and **Anastasia Kitsantis** ([akitsant@gmu.edu](mailto:akitsant@gmu.edu)).

**Lukisha Barrera** ([lbarera@gmu.edu](mailto:lbarera@gmu.edu)) presented her doctoral dissertation proposal titled “Understanding Latino Parental Involvement in a Racially Changing School” on August 20. Committee members included **David Brazer** ([sbrazer@gmu.edu](mailto:sbrazer@gmu.edu)), chairperson, **Becky Fox** ([rfox@gmu.edu](mailto:rfox@gmu.edu)), and **Earle Reybold** ([ereybold@gmu.edu](mailto:ereybold@gmu.edu)).

## *Grants/Proposals*

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**Scott Bauer** ([sbauer1@gmu.edu](mailto:sbauer1@gmu.edu)) received a new award titled “SLC/USDoED/Coaching Model” in the amount of \$67,726.

**David Anderson** ([danderso@gmu.edu](mailto:danderso@gmu.edu)) received a new award titled “Boat People SOS/Rise Eval” in the amount of \$12,000.

**Margo Mastropieri** ([mmastrop@gmu.edu](mailto:mmastrop@gmu.edu)) received a new award titled “Penn State/USDoED/SPLLED/BehavDis” in the amount of \$512,740.

**Jack Levy** ([jlevy@gmu.edu](mailto:jlevy@gmu.edu)) received a new award titled “VADOED/USDOE/EDUC 600: Reading & Writing LEP Fall 07” in the amount of \$125,171.

**Layne Kalbfleisch** ([mkalbfle@gmu.edu](mailto:mkalbfle@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Characterizing the Development of Neural Systems Supporting Reasoning” to the National Science Foundation.

**Nada Dabbagh** ([ndabbagh@gmu.edu](mailto:ndabbagh@gmu.edu)) and colleagues **Patricia Moyer-Packenham** ([pmoyer@gmu.edu](mailto:pmoyer@gmu.edu)), **Michelle Buehl** ([mbuehl@gmu.edu](mailto:mbuehl@gmu.edu)), and **Anastasia Kitsantis** ([akitsant@gmu.edu](mailto:akitsant@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “PASS Math” to the Institute of Educational Sciences.

**Kevin Clark** ([kclark6@gmu.edu](mailto:kclark6@gmu.edu)) and colleague **Kim Sheridan** ([ksherida@gmu.edu](mailto:ksherida@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Game Design Through Mentoring and Collaboration” to the National Science Foundation.

**Margo Mastropieri** ([mmastrop@gmu.edu](mailto:mmastrop@gmu.edu)) and colleague **Tom Scruggs** ([tscruggs@gmu.edu](mailto:tscruggs@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “A Cohort Doctoral Program in Special Education” to the U.S. Department of Education.

**Mike Behrman** ([mbehrman@gmu.edu](mailto:mbehrman@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “The Virginia Accessible Instructional Materials Center” to the Virginia Department of Education.

**Shane Caswell** ([scaswell@gmu.edu](mailto:scaswell@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Youth Football Injury Surveillance Program” to the MedStar research Institute.

**Lynne Schrum** ([lschrum@gmu.edu](mailto:lschrum@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Editor: Journal of Research on Technology of Education” to the International Society for Technology in Education.

**Mike Behrman** ([mbehrman@gmu.edu](mailto:mbehrman@gmu.edu)) submitted a proposal titled “Special Education Training and Technical Assistance Center for Region 4” to the U.S. Department of Education.

## ***CEHD News***

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The TAACC Workshop (Training for Augmentative & Alternative Communication Competency) is online for registration at the website [www.TAAC.org](http://www.TAAC.org). If you need further information please contact Joyce Sharp ([jsharp1@gmu.edu](mailto:jsharp1@gmu.edu) or 34703).

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

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