Congratulation to Priscilla Norton (pnorton@gmu.edu) on receiving Virginia’s Outstanding Faculty Award presented in Richmond on February 8. She is the first CEHD faculty member to receive this extraordinarily competitive award since its inception in 1987. The full article on this award can be found at http://gazette.gmu.edu/articles/9697.

Rita Chi-Ying Chung (rchung@gmu.edu) and colleagues D.E. Hinton, J. Sinclair and M.H. Pollack published an article titled “The SF-36 Among Cambodian and Vietnamese Refugees: An Examination of Psychometric Properties” in the *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 29(1), 38-45 (2007).

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) and Rita Chi-Ying Chung (rchung@gmu.edu) were the featured speakers for a statewide workshop sponsored by the Michigan Association for Specialists in Group Work on February 10 in Detroit. Their presentation was titled “Working with Challenging Clients in Group Counseling: Innovative Strategies.”

David Wiggins (dwiggins@gmu.edu) has been invited to serve on the Editorial Board of the *African American National Biography* to be published by Oxford University Press. Under the direction of Editors-in-Chief Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, the *African American National Biography* will include a total of 4,000 biographies in an 8 volume print edition and another 1,000 biographies available only online as part of Oxford University Press’s Oxford African American Studies Center launched in April 2006.

Peter Dieke (pdieke@gmu.edu) taught a seminar titled “Tourism Policy” for the graduate (MS) tourism degree program of Luleå University of Technology, Sweden as an adjunct faculty member. During the five days from February 3 – 7, 30 hours of seminar meetings in English were offered on the University of involved 17
Joe Gagnon (jgagnon@gmu.edu) and colleague B. Bottge published an article titled “Mathematics Instruction in Secondary Interim, Short- and Long-term Alternative Placements” in Preventing School Failure, 51(1), 39-47.

Joe Gagnon (jgagnon@gmu.edu) was invited to be a guest reviewer for the journal Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis.

Bill Brozo (wbrozo@gmu.edu) gave a presentation to the faculty and staff of Kent Gardens Elementary School in McLean on February 12 titled "Making Reading and Writing a Boy Thing." He also signed copies of his book To be a Boy, To be a Reader.

Bill Brozo (wbrozo@gmu.edu) was quoted in an article titled “Adolescent Literacy: The Hottest Topic" from the February/March 2007 issue of Reading Today. In the same issue he was cited as one of the adolescent literacy experts polled in the annual survey "What's Hot, What's Not for 2007."

Jim Upperman (jupperma@gmu.edu) is chairing the Region IV Superintendent of the Year selection committee. The recipient of this year's award will be honored at the annual VASS Spring Banquet in Roanoke and will be one of the finalists for the Virginia Superintendent of the Year award. This marks the sixth consecutive year that he has served in this capacity.

David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) served as a panel member on Addressing Underage Drinking on College Campuses. The panel was offered twice on February 12 at the annual meeting of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in Washington, D.C. The panel sessions, attended by 100 people, provided overviews of the College Alcohol Survey, Promising Practices: Campus Alcohol Strategies, and the Mason-based Healthy Expectation and COMPASS programs.

Debbie Sprague (dspragu1@gmu.edu) presented “Educational Technology: Establishing a Research Agenda” as the invited luncheon speaker for the Texas Education Computer Association Symposium in Austin on February 6.

Dimiter Dimitrov (ddimitro@gmu.edu) has co-authored a paper with colleagues Ponsoda S. Romero and C. Ximénez titled “La robustez del método de validación de la distancia mínimocuadrática: un estudio de simulación” which was presented at the Congress on Methodology in Social Sciences, at the University of Barcelona on February 6.
Lynne Schrum (lschrum@gmu.edu) has been interviewed for the *Loudoun Easterner* about the elementary program in Loudoun County. The full article can be found at: [http://www.easterner.com/articles/2007/02/07/news/news08.txt](http://www.easterner.com/articles/2007/02/07/news/news08.txt).

Jorge Osterling (josterli@gmu.edu) gave an Executive Board-Sponsored presentation titled “US Immigration Reform and Social Justice: The Impact on ELLS” at the National Association for Bilingual Education Conference in San Jose on February 9.


Mary Kayler (mkayler@gmu.edu), Leo Rigsby (lrigsby1@gmu.edu), Karen Weller (kweller@gmu.edu), and Krissy Bartlett (kbartle2@gmu.edu) were invited to conduct a workshop titled "Learner Centered Theory into Practice: Supporting the Scholarship of Teaching" at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg on February 8.

**PhD Students**

Zain Nassif (zhassif@hotmail.com) will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “Beliefs and Perceptions of Early Childhood Teachers in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia About Classroom Assessment in Preschools” on February 21 in Robinson A251 from 10:00 AM – 12:00PM

**Grants/Proposals**

Mike Behrmann (mbehrm@gmu.edu) and co-investigator Shuangbao Wang (swang3@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “OSEP Technology Center for Ages 0-2” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Kevin Clark (kclark6@gmu.edu) with colleagues Paul Houser (phouser@gmu.edu), Paul Schopf (pschopf@gmu.edu), Benjamin Kirtman (bkirtman@gmu.edu), and Arun Sood (asood@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Climate Dynamics” to the National Science Foundation.

Donna Sterling (dsterlin@gmu.edu) and faculty associates Wendy Frazier (wfrazier@gmu.edu) and Rick Diecchio (rdiecchi@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Virginia Earth Science Collaborative Extension” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Fred Bemak (fbemak@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Counselors Without Borders: Care for the Gulf Coast” to Oprah’s Angel Network.
Debbie Sprague (dspragu1@gmu.edu) and faculty associate Lynne Schrum (lschrum@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Supporting Educators at Differentiation to Improve Student Achievement” to the U.S. Department of Education.

**CEHD News**

**Kristin Percy-Calaff**, GSE 2005 alumna, received the second place prize in the National Association for Bilingual Education’s Outstanding Dissertation of the Year award competition at the organization’s national conference in San Jose. Her dissertation title is *Seeking a Better Future: Latino Students’ Journeys Towards College*.

**Barbara Dale Acosta**, GSE 2005 alumna, will receive the first prize in the American Educational Research Association’s Outstanding Dissertation of the Year award in bilingual education. The title of her dissertation is *The Influence of Literacy Instructional Practices on the Achievement of English Language Learners in Two-Way Bilingual Education Programs*.

Congratulations to CEHD recent graduate **Denise Yassine** (dyassine@flinthill.org) who has received the Driving Spirit Award which recognizes current members of the Flint Hill School faculty and staff who have demonstrated ethical leadership, diligent intellectual scholarship and a commitment to teaching, coaching and mentoring students.

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