Monday Morning in GSE

Graduate School of Education's Newsletter March 11, 2002
(Please submit items to Gail Haller (ghaller@gmu.edu) by Thursday of each week.)

Dates and locations for the NCATE team reviewer training have been set. The Elston Inn and Conference Center at Sweet Briar College has been reserved for the week of June 3-7, 2002 to conduct the first training session. Please email Mark Goor at mgoor@gmu.edu of your interest or for further information.

Faculty News

Sylvia Sanchez and Eva Thorp have been awarded a contract from the Academy for Educational Development/Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Quality Improvement Center and Disabilities Services Quality Improvement Center titled "Supporting Second Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy in Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Children: Research-based Program Practices." The project will develop training materials and deliver training and technical assistance to migrant and seasonal Head Start personnel throughout the country. Bob Stechuk will serve as the coordinator.

The Multicultural State Leadership Team Project (Eva Thorp, PI; Kypee Evans, Coordinator; Marci Kinas Jerome, PhD student, Technical Specialist) sponsored a mid-year virtual institute February 8, via video conference and live video stream on the internet for family professional teams from Puerto Rico, Maryland, Indiana, and Kentucky. The topic was "Renewing and Sustaining Our Shared Enthusiasm for Our Work." Dr. Dennis Webster of GMU's Multicultural Research and Resource Center served as a guest resource. GMU project staff and their partners from the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (Nona Flynn, Co-director; Cherie Takemoto, Executive Director) facilitated team sharing. Participating teams attended GMU's summer Multicultural Early Childhood Team Training Institute in Summer 2001 and continue to work with GMU's project staff to implement state plans for increasing the capacity for early childhood programs to welcome children and families from diverse cultural communities.

Sharon Castle (and Kathleen Rockwood from Central Connecticut State University) presented a paper titled "Tracking Student Progress in a Professional Development School" at the annual meeting of the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) in New York City.


Fred Bemak was interviewed by Channel 8 on the News Talk show to discuss the upcoming
CBS presentation of unreleased graphic film footage of the September 11 attack.

David Anderson served as the keynote speaker for the "A Night of Stars" awards banquet for residence hall students who earned a GPA of 3.75 or above during one of the past two semesters. His remarks were titled "LEGACY," and attendees were provided a bookmark, prepared by the Center for the Advancement of Public Health, which illustrated this theme. David Anderson participated in a daylong seminar on February 27 for employees of the communications branch of the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. He was one three speakers for this "CSAP Message and Measurement Seminar," with an emphasis upon evaluation of nationwide communication campaigns.

Joan Isenberg, with Stephanie Epp, Executive Teacher Associate for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and Faye Wagoner, National Board Certified teacher, conducted a pre-conference session titled "Using National Board Certification to Enhance Teacher Education Programs" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in New York City.

Joan Isenberg, with Rebecca Fox, Joyce Munro (AACTE) and Wendy Tognari, Learning First Alliance, conducted a session titled "Creating NBPTS-Based Experiences in Advanced Teacher Education" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in New York City.

Kevin Clark and his team of Instructional Technology Immersion students are being sent to Portland, Oregon by the Bureau of Land Management in conjunction with the United States Forest Service as part of their Distance Learning Program Immersion Project.

Joan Isenberg and Stephanie Epp, Executive Associate, Higher Education Initiative and Teacher Development for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, co-presented a session titled, "Using the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Graduate Schools of Education" at the 2002 Office of Special Education Programs Joint Personnel Preparation State Improvement Conference in Arlington on February 21.

Joe Maxwell was the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Qualitative Research Conference at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on February 22-23. His talk was on "Realism, Meaning, and Qualitative Research."

David Anderson and Jennifer Maltby of the Center for the Advancement of Public Health (CAPH) conducted a workshop at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Boston. This workshop _ "Healthy Expectations: Holistic Approaches to Substance Abuse Prevention" _ summarized the background, theory, and activities of this initiative currently being implemented at GMU with the freshman class and high school seniors. Details about the project and the presentation content will be posted on the project web site at www.healthyexpectations.gmu.edu.

Scott Poole defended his dissertation titled "The Cognitive Interview: Forging a Better Link Between User Needs and Educational-Based Information Systems" on March 6. Committee members included Martin Ford, Chairperson, Joe Maxwell and David Brazer.


André Nougaret defended his dissertation titled "The Impact of Licensure Status on the
Pedagogical Competence of First Year Special Education Teachers" on March 4. Committee members included Tom Scruggs, Chairperson, Gerry Wallace, and David Brazer.

**Donna Ayres** will defend her dissertation titled "The Effectiveness of a Lesson Planning Strategy to Aid Preservice Elementary Teachers in Developing Reflective Practice on Lesson Design" on March 29 in A251 Robinson Hall from 1:30PM - 3:30PM. Committee members include Barbara Given, Chairperson, Elyse Lehman, and Martin Ford.

**Margaret Crutchfield** made two presentations at the 2002 U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on February 20-22. The presentations were titled "Working Towards Solutions: Developing a Standards Based Performance Assessment System" and "Alternative Routes to Licensure: An Examination of Policy and Practice in Ten States."

**Margaret Crutchfield** co-presented a session at the annual conference of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in New York City on February 25 titled "Update on Program Review for NCATE Performance-Based Accreditation."

**Leslye Mc-Dade Morrison** will defend her dissertation titled "A Study of the Perspectives of Department of Defense Education Personnel on Web-Based Learning Environments" on March 22 in A251 Robinson Hall from 10:30AM - 12:30PM. Committee members include Wayne Thomas, Chairperson, Mike Behrmann and Brenda Bannan-Ritland.

**Paul Oliver** will defend his dissertation titled "Maximizing Learning in Multi-User/Multi-Sensory Virtual Environments: An Instructional Design Model for Enhancing Simulated Worlds" on March 22 in A253A Robinson Hall from 2:00PM - 4:00PM. Committee members include Kevin Ruess, Chairperson, Joe Maxwell and Chris Dede.

**Grants & Proposals**

**Patricia Moyer-Packenham** (Project Director) received a new grant award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) in the amount of $65,347 for the Math Bridges Project. This is a collaborative project with the Loudoun County Public Schools to support the development of K-8 teachers in mathematics.

**Margo Mastropieri** submitted a proposal titled "Promoting Social Behaviors of Students with Autism with Social Stories" to the U.S. Department of Education.

**Betty Sturtevant** with faculty associates Julie Kidd, Steve White, and Kristy Dunlap submitted a proposal titled "Gear Up Grant" to Fairfax County Public Schools (Glasgow Middle School).

**Mark Goor** submitted a proposal titled "Doctoral Internship Program with USA Today" to USA Today.

**Rebecca Fox** submitted a proposal titled "SOAR GRANT" to the National Education Association.

**Mike Behrmann** received a new award sponsored by U.S. Department of Education titled "Special Education Training/Technical Assistance Centers" in the amount of $789,119.

**Betsy DeMulder** received a new award sponsored by the United Way titled "Active Minds, Healthy Families: Supporting Early Learning and Development Through Parent and Community Involvement in the Preschool Years" in the amount of $8,500.
**Harolyn O. Wiley** and faculty associate **Clare Talbert** submitted a proposal titled "Facilitating Transitions to College: A Program for High School Students with Disabilities" to the Virginia Board for People With Disabilities.

**Kevin Clark** received a new award sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education titled "Potomac Regional Education Partnership Community Technology Centers" in the amount of $9,989.

**Sylvia Sanchez** and **Eva Thorp** received a new award from the Academy for Educational Development titled "Second Language Acquisition Technical Assistance" in the amount of $93,600.

### GSE Events

The Training and Technical Assistance Center (T/TAC) - Region 4, part of the Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities, will be holding a half-day conference on Saturday, April 13. Dr. Joseph Domino, from the Eugene Research Institute and the University of Oregon, will be speaking on Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR). CSR incorporates research-based reading comprehension strategies with cooperative learning. Dr. Domino will discuss techniques for helping students with previewing a reading selection, understanding key vocabulary, generating main idea statements, summarizing, and developing both recall questions and questions that require students to move beyond the text. Further information and registration materials can be found at [http://kihd.gse.gmu.edu/ttac](http://kihd.gse.gmu.edu/ttac) or by calling Lynn Wiley at 703-993-3670.

CompuWrite Camp is a summer half-day camp for rising 4th - 8th graders who are reluctant writers. Children will use the five-stage writing process and many pieces of technology to express creative ideas. It will be held from July 1-26th, tuition is $575.

CompuPlay Camp is a summer half-day camp for children with moderate, severe, or multiple disabilities, ages 2-21 years. Children will gain experience with assistive technology that meets their individual needs. The camp will be held July 29 - August 9; tuition is $275.

Both camps are sponsored by the Kellar Institute. For further information call 703 993-3670.

### GMU News

**Cynthia Baird**, who earned a Masters in New Professional Studies/Teaching from GMU in 1998, and presently serves as Mathematics Department Chair at Brentsville District High School in Prince William County, is one of three finalists for the County's Teacher of the Year and the Agnes Myer Outstanding Teacher Award.

HFRR alumnus **Mike Kohn** (B.S. 1997) won a bronze medal as part of the 2002 Men's U.S. Olympic Bobsled Team!

GSE "Points of Pride" are now online as part of our new Alumni & Development web presence. You can view them at [http://www.gse.gmu.edu/offices/development/index.html](http://www.gse.gmu.edu/offices/development/index.html). Suggestions, additions and comments are welcome - please send them to Sue Bedry at sbedry@gmu.edu.
The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) will sponsor seven advanced studies seminars on the use of NCES data. Each seminar is open to faculty members, advanced graduate students and data analysts involved with educational research. All seminars will be held in the Washington, D.C. area.

The seven seminars and their application dates are as follows:

- **ECLS (Early Childhood Longitudinal Study)**  
  April 12, 2002
- **Finance**  
  April 19, 2002
- **NELS:88 (National Educational Longitudinal Study)**  
  April 19, 2002
- **NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress)**  
  May 10, 2002
- **SASS (Schools and Staffing Survey)**  
  May 17, 2002
- **NHES (National Household Education Surveys)**  
  June 21, 2002
- **PISA (Program for International Student Assessment)**  
  June 21, 2002

Further information can be found at their website [http://www.nces.ed.gov/conferences/](http://www.nces.ed.gov/conferences/) or by contacting Patricia St. Rose at (703) 807-2338 or [patricias@smdi.com](mailto:patricias@smdi.com). Information is also available in the Dean's Office.

AACTE, NAESP, NASSP, Boston University and Harvard Medical School are co-sponsoring a conference "Learning & the Brain" May 9-11 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Further information can be found in the Dean's office or at [http://www.edupr.com](http://www.edupr.com).

PBL 2002, A Pathway to Better Learning will be held June 16-20 in Baltimore. Further information can be found in the Dean's office or at [www.udel.edu/pbl2002/](http://www.udel.edu/pbl2002/).


[http://www.aace.org](http://www.aace.org) *(The following conference announcements were listed previously and will continue to appear until the conference date)*

AERA is holding the "Validity and Value in Education Research" meeting April 1-5, 2002 in New Orleans. Further information can be found at [www.aera.net](http://www.aera.net).