**Faculty News**

Jeff Gorrell ([jgorrell@gmu.edu](mailto:jgorrell@gmu.edu)) received Mason’s Annual Spirit of King Award at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 28. This award is given each year to a Mason employee who has shown commitment to the development of a multicultural campus community through advocacy for equality and justice.

Anthony Kelly ([akelly1@gmu.edu](mailto:akelly1@gmu.edu)) is one of the recipients of the Fulbright New Century Scholar 2009-2010 awards. The theme for the program is “The University as Innovation Driver and Knowledge Center.”

Anthony Kelly ([akelly1@gmu.edu](mailto:akelly1@gmu.edu)) served as the guest editor for the special issue of the *Educational Researcher* on the *National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report* (December 2008).

Anthony Kelly ([akelly1@gmu.edu](mailto:akelly1@gmu.edu)) recently hosted an NSF-sponsored meeting in Sedona on the learning needs of megacities. Megacities are cities (or contiguous regions) with populations in excess of 10 million inhabitants.

Sheryl Cozart ([scozart@gmu.edu](mailto:scozart@gmu.edu)) and co-authors Gretchen Givens Generett and Paula Groves Price published an article titled: Biography as Curriculum: Autobiographical Representations in Preservice Teacher Education” in *Vitae Scholasticae*.

Sheryl Cozart ([scozart@gmu.edu](mailto:scozart@gmu.edu)) and co-authors Michael Jennings, George Noblit, and Bryan Brayboy published an article titled “Accountability and Abdication: School Reform and Urban School Districts in the Era of Accountability” in *Educational Foundations*.

Fred Bemak ([fbemak@gmu.edu](mailto:fbemak@gmu.edu)) was hosted by the Ministry of Health and the University of Costa Rica to provide training for post-disaster mental health workers following the January earthquake in San Jose, Costa Rica on February 13.

Marjorie Haley ([mhaley@gmu.edu](mailto:mhaley@gmu.edu)) gave the keynote speech titled “Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning: Understanding Multiple Realities” for the New York City Department of Education Office of English Language Learners and Languages Other Than English” on February 2. In addition she gave a workshop titled “Opening Minds to Languages Through Learner Diversity.”
Marjorie Haley (mhaley@gmu.edu) has an article titled “Why Teacher Dispositions are a Crucial Aspect of Student Success” featured in the magazine *The Language Educator* published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) January 2009. A photo features Marjorie and her students in EDCI 560, Methods of Teaching Foreign/World Languages.

Judith L. Fontana (jfontan1@gmu.edu) has been named as a Professional Developer for Content Enhancement Routines of the Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) from the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning.

Margret Hjalmarson (mhjalmar@gmu.edu) gave an invited talk titled “Understanding of Graphs and Functions in Engineering Education” at the James Kaput Center for Research and Innovation in Mathematics Education on February 4. A webcast is available at http://www.kaputcenter.umassd.edu/events/cs/.

Laurie Harmon (lharmon@gmu.edu) presented “Take a Walk on the Wild Side” at the Society for Park and Recreation Educators’ bi-annual conference at the University of Utah on January 31. Participants in the workshop engaged as students to read, hike, and write about an outdoor experience.

Shahron Williams van Rooij (swilliae@gmu.edu) and colleague Ramon Aldag, Professor of Management and Human Resources at the Wisconsin School of Business of the University of Wisconsin-Madison submitted a collaborative research proposal titled “Technology Adoption in the Services Sector: The Impact of Organizational Subcultures on the Adoption of Open Source Software” to the National Science Foundation.

PhD Students

Nancy Bazar (nbazar@gmu.edu) will defend her doctoral dissertation titled “Web Usability or Accessibility: Comparisons Between People with and without Intellectual Disabilities in Viewing Complex Naturalistic Scenes Using Eye-Tracking Technology” on February 25 from 10:00AM-12:00PM in West 2201. Committee members include Rick Brigham (fbrigham@gmu.edu), chairperson, Tom Scruggs (tscruggs@gmu.edu), and Mike Behrmann (mbehrman@gmu.edu).

Loren Edward Stephenson (isteniel@gmu.edu) will defend his doctoral dissertation titled “Professional Isolation and the School Principal” on March 12 from 1:00-3:00PM in West 2201. Committee members include Scott Bauer (sbaurer1@gmu.edu),
chairperson, David Brazer (sbrazer@gmu.edu), and Jim Upperman (jupperma@gmu.edu).

Benjamin Walker (reon1@msn.com) will defend his doctoral dissertation titled “Paraeducator Training Necessary to Facilitate Students with and without Disabilities While Preparing to Meet Mandated Credentialing and Licensure Requirements in an Urban Mid-Atlantic School District” on February 19 from 1:00 – 3:00PM in West Room 2201. Committee members include Margo Mastropieri (mmastrop@gmu.edu), chairperson, Tom Scruggs (ts cruggs@gmu.edu), and Rick Brigham (rbrigham@gmu.edu).

Grants/Proposals

Lynne Schrum (lschrum@gmu.edu) received a new award titled VADOED/Generation III Clinical Faculty” from the Virginia Department of Education in the amount of $26,012.

Kelley Regan (kregan@gmu.edu), Terry Werner (t Werner@gmu.edu), and Vicky Spencer (v spencer@gmu.edu) were awarded a two-year grant from the Virginia Department of Education in the amount of $293,052. The grant supports funds for training special education personnel who are seeking licensure for teaching students who access the general education curriculum. The project titled “A Statewide Distance Model for Training Special Education Personnel” involves the delivery of special education courses to cohorts throughout the state via synchronous and asynchronous distance formats.

Russ Brayley (rbrayley@gmu.edu) and Maggie Daniels (mdaniels@gmu.edu) have received a new sponsored project award in the amount of $17,537 with the City of Manassas. The title of the project is “Manassas Events: Develop a Comprehensive and Integrative Events Development Strategy for an Arts and Entertainment District in Manassas, Virginia.”

Elavie Ndura-Ouedraogo (endura@gmu.edu) and faculty associates Jack Levy (jlevy@gmu.edu), Bev Shaklee (bshaklee@gmu.edu), and Becky Fox (r fox@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Burundi Teacher Training Initiative (BTTI) to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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Shahron Williams van Rooij (swilliae@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Collaborative Research: Technology Adoption in the Services Sector: The Impact of Organizational Sub-Cultures and the Adoption of Open Source Software” to the National Science Foundation.
David Anderson (danderso@gmu.edu) and faculty associate Elizabeth Hanfman (ehanfman@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “The TRIAD Initiative” to the U.S. Department of Education.

Yoosun Chung (ychung3@gmu.edu) submitted a proposal titled “Effective Communication Methods of High-Tech Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Users in the Workplace: A Case Study of Five Full Time Employees with Cerebral Palsy” to the U.S. Department of Education.

**CEHD News**

Lori Shelby (lshelby@gmu.edu) and her research assistant Michelle Gibson (mgibson7@gmu.edu) received a scholarship to the 2009 Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium.

Tessa Cohen (tcohen2@gmu.edu), a Tourism and Events Management undergraduate student, has received a research fellowship through the Undergraduate-Faculty Apprenticeship Program. Her faculty mentor is Maggie Daniels (mdaniels@gmu.edu). The title of Tessa's project is “The Factors Influencing Wedding Reception Venue Selection in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area.” This is the third consecutive semester that an RHT undergraduate student has been one of the recipients of this prestigious, competitive award.

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