What’s New in CEHS

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News and information from around the College

College News

Thirty-four faculty and students presented their research at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in April.

Student Research Symposium Awards

Congratulations to the students listed below who were recognized for their research presented at the University Student Research Symposium on April 12. The Dean’s office would like to thank the faculty advisors and mentors who worked with these and all of the student presenters from the College.

Christine Peters, a student in the MA in Family and Child Studies program, was nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Presentation Award for her presentation “Experiences of mothers of children with Autism and aggression: The process of becoming Super-Copers.” Her advisor on the project is Dr. Christine Price.

Thomas Leonardis, a student in the BS in Exercise Science program, was nominated for the Outstanding Undergraduate Presentation Award for his presentation “Understanding injury mechanisms for training and rehabilitation of female dancers: Injury prevalence survey.” His advisor on the project is Dr. Steven Leigh.

Nadira Kwaja, a student in the MA in Counseling program, was nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Poster Award for her poster “A multi-stakeholder perspective on factors affecting successful transition to adulthood for youth with severe emotional disturbances.” Her advisor on the project is Dr. Jennifer Urban and her coauthors include Jennifer Urban, Krysten Hassmiller Lich, Rebecca Wells and Nicole Lawrence.

Counseling and Educational Leadership

Megan Delaney, a candidate for the Ph.D. in Counselor Education, successfully defended her dissertation entitled “The influence of counseling and social support on levels of depression in fragile mothers” on March 4th.

Lucille Gesualdi, Department Administrator, received a Career Development Grant from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to attend the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP) annual conference in San Diego, California.

Dana Heller Levitt, Connie Ducaine, a student in the Ph.D. in Counselor Education program, and Kimberly Lovato, a student in the MA in Counseling program, presented their paper entitled “Counselor values and body image in counseling” at the 2014 New Jersey Counseling Association Conference in Lincroft, NJ.

Dana Heller Levitt is a presenter at a training workshop offered by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) titled “How to write a self-study.” The Training workshop is in Alexandria, VA on April 25 and Co-presenters include Rick Gressard, Barry Mascari and Jeff Parsons.
Sandra Lopez-Baez has been invited to participate in a forum for the National Board for Certified Counselors-International (NBCC) because of her international leadership and innovation. The forum, *Sustainable Support: Creating an Innovative Counseling Society*, will engage international experts in the fields of counseling, capacity development and professional associations toward the establishment of an international counseling society. In addition, Dr. Lopez-Baez’s long commitment to the NBCC will be documented in the organization’s “History of Leaders” project. Her background and experience will become part of a series of interviews which will capture the memories and thoughts of some of the most important leaders of the counseling profession.

Alyson Pompeo, a candidate for the Ph.D. in Counselor Education, successfully defended her dissertation entitled “College students’ perceived and personal mental health stigma: The influence on help-seeking attitudes and intentions” on March 28th.

Alyson Pompeo and Dana Heller Levitt had an article titled “A path of counselor self-awareness” published in *Counseling and Values*, 59, 80-94.

**Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education**

On March 31st, Dierdre Paul became the official Republican nominee to run for Congress in Congressional District 9. At present, CD9 is represented by Congressman Bill Pascrell (D) and includes municipalities in Bergen County, Hudson County, and Passaic County. Dr. Paul has secured the support of the Bergen County Republican Organization, the Hudson County Republican Party, and the Passaic County Regular Republican Organization.

Krystal Sanchez, a student in the Modified Alternate Route Pre-school through Grade Three Certification program, received the New Jersey Child Care Association’s 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year award.

**Educational Foundations**

Alina Reznitskaya was awarded a research grant of $50,000 from the Spencer Foundation for her project titled "Measuring Argument Literacy Skills of Elementary School Students."

**Family and Child Studies**

Jennifer Urban is organizing and moderating a webinar entitled “Emergence, Self-Organization, and Developmental Science.” The Webinar is sponsored by the Society for the Study of Human Development and includes the following guests: Gary Greenberg, Wichita State University; David C. Witherington, University of New Mexico; George F. Michel, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Willis F. Overton, Temple University; and Richard M. Lerner, Tufts University. The presenters will discuss how new ideas in physics and biology influence developmental science, how to avoid the snares of reductionism in developmental science, and a developmental psychobiological approach to human development. The free webinar is on **Wednesday, Thursday, April 2, from 12pm – 1pm**. For more information and to register for the webinar visit: [http://www.kellydelaneydesign.com/sshonline/?page_id=93](http://www.kellydelaneydesign.com/sshonline/?page_id=93)

**Health and Nutrition Sciences**

The Dietetic Internship and the Didactic Program in Dietetics in the Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences hosted a site visit for re-accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics from March 30-April 1, 2014. The Dietetic Internship at Montclair State University is a 10-month, full-time, post-baccalaureate program with a nutrition therapy emphasis. It consists of a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice in the field of dietetics as well as classroom education. Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics and a minimum bachelor's degree are required in order to apply.
Secondary and Special Education

Mayida Zaal had an article titled “In the shadow of tolerance: The discursive context of Dutch-born Muslim youth” published in a special issue of Policy Futures in Education, titled “Islam and the end of European multiculturalism,” edited by Michael Peters and Tina Besley. The journal can be found at this URL: http://www.wwwords.co.uk/pfie/content/pdfs/12/issue12_1.asp.

Upcoming Events

Third Annual Todd Ouida Children’s Foundation Conference. The Power of Formative Experiences: What We Need to Learn and Experience to be Healthy Caregivers

Friday, May 9, 2014, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, University Hall Conference Center
Special Guest: Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle.
Registration fee of $40.00, MSU Student $15.00, MSU Faculty and Staff $30.00
Sponsored by the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health, Coalition for Infant and Toddler Educators, New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health, and Professional Impact New Jersey.

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