News and information from around the College

Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Kaitlin Mulcahy, Associate Director of the Center, was elected to Vice President of the New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health.

Counseling and Educational Leadership

The American Counseling Association recently announced the results of its 2013 elections. The College of Education and Human Services is pleased to announce the election of the following faculty members and students:

- Catherine Roland: American Counseling Association (ACA), Governing Council Representative, Division: Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA)
- Anna Flores Locke: American Counseling Association (ACA), Governing Council Student Representative
- Anna Flores Locke: AMCD Student Representative, Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development Board, an ACA Division
- Meghan Lehembre: AADA Treasurer, Association for Adult Development and Aging, an ACA Division

Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education

Michele Knobel was quoted in an article on USA Today College discussing memes and how they change while traversing across the Internet. The article is about the spread of the ‘Harlem Shake’ meme among college students. The article can be viewed at the following URL:

Bree Picower is coordinating a conference in NYC that is open to the MSU community. Sponsored by the New York Collective of Radical Educators, the conference is entitled: El Pueblo Unido/The People United. The keynote speaker is Karen Lewis, President of the Chicago Teachers Union who led the teacher strike earlier this year. Convening on March 16th in Manhattan, the conference will feature over 50 workshops led by teachers, youth and activists and we are expecting over 500 attendees. More information and registration information is available at http://www.nycore.org/conference/.

Educational Foundations

Nicole DiDonato and Helenrose Fives had an article published "Classroom Test Construction: The Power of a Table of Specifications" in the practice oriented online journal Practical Assessment, Research, and Evaluation (http://pareonline.net/pdf/v18n3.pdf).

Exercise Science and Physical Education

Steve Dippel, a senior in the Athletic Training program, was awarded the Johnson & Johnson Inc. Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) Paul Grace Scholarship Award. He was selected from a group of outstanding nominees. The $2500 scholarship was presented at the EATA Annual Meeting in January in Buffalo. Steve also received the Richard Malacrea Outstanding Athletic Training Student
Award from the Athletic Trainers’ Society of New Jersey. The Scholarship was presented at the ATSNJ Annual Meeting and Symposium in February.

Congratulations to the seniors and recent graduate in the Athletic Training program who passed the Board of Certification exam for Athletic Training certification during the academic year 2012-2013. These students include:

**Spring 2013**
- Tess Alfano
- Megan Cavallo
- Britany Coba
- Taylor Condal
- Kevin Gramata

**Fall 2012**
- Laruen Gramegna
- Arielle Liotive
- Johnny Rodriguez
- Jonathan Salazar
- Rachel Senyszen
- Elon Trager

On February 14th, at the Montclair Health and Wellness Partnership, Karen Straim, Associate Director of the Montclair Public Schools Health and Wellness Partnership, asked Estaban Morales, president of the Panzer Student Association, to speak to their Executive Board about the “Be Your Own Hero” workshop hosted on October 18th, 2012. The “Be Your Own Hero” workshop was a Montclair public school professional teacher development day held at Montclair High School gymnasium. There were 27 health and physical education teachers present for the customized Fitness Gram demonstration.

**Family and Child Studies**

Constance Gager was quoted in articles on Science.com and livescience.com regarding a recent publication by Kornich, Brines et. al. about the relationship of housework hours and sexual frequency. The articles can be found at the following URLs: [http://www.livescience.com/26696-housework-makes-men-less-sexy.html](http://www.livescience.com/26696-housework-makes-men-less-sexy.html), and Science News at [http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/347946/description/Some_chores_linked_to_less_sex](http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/347946/description/Some_chores_linked_to_less_sex).

Several undergraduate and graduate students in the Developmental Systems Science and Evaluation Research Lab (DSSERL), directed by Jennifer Urban, had submissions accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Eastern Evaluation Research Society to be held in Absecon, NJ on April 14-16, 2013. The undergraduate research assistants are: Michael Puccio, a student in the psychology program; Samantha Spencer, a student in the Family and Child Studies program; Kelly Panchoo a student in the Family and Child Studies program; graduate research assistant Alyssa Byrne, a student in the counseling program; and staff member Veronica Barrios and Marissa Burgermaster. The student-led submission by Michael Puccio, Samantha Spencer, Kelly Panchoo, Alyssa Byrne, and Veronica Barrios, was selected as a notable student submission.

Puccio, M., Spencer, S., Panchoo, K., Byrne, A., & Barrios, V. (2013, April). *Undergraduate student involvement in a mixed methods evaluation research project.*


**Health and Nutrition Sciences**

Ndidi Amutah was selected to be a 2013-2015 Fellow of the Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS) program. The REIDS program was designed to meet the challenges and barriers experienced by groups who are underrepresented in the field of HIV research. Fellows attend a six-week Summer Institute for two consecutive summers and will receive sustained mentorship for two full years from an interdisciplinary team at the Institute for Community Research (ICR), the Center for Health, Intervention and Prevention at the University of Connecticut, the Yale School of Nursing, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale.
Joseph Donnelly was a featured Speaker at the University of Texas, Arlington, February, 2013 on the topic, External Funding: Engaging Faculty in the Funding Steps & Strategies of Grantwriting.

Secondary and Special Education


Emily Klein was mentioned in a piece by Susan Cain entitled “Help Shy Kids-Don’t Punish Them”, in The Atlantic. The article can be found at the following URL: http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2013/02/help-shy-kidsdont-punish-them/273075/.

Upcoming Events

Sustainability Education and the Challenges of Sustainable Development
Dr. Victor Nolet, Western Washington University and US Delegation to the UNESCO International Network
March 20, 2013 at 4pm. Student Center Ballroom Dining Room
What is Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)? The focuses of ESD are: biodiversity, climate change education, cultural diversity, indigenous knowledge, disaster risk reduction, poverty reduction, gender equality, health promotion, sustainable lifestyles, peace and human security, water, and sustainable urbanization. In 2004, the United Nations declared 2005-2014 the Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (DESD). To further this agenda UNESCO promoted Education for Sustainable Development which gave rise to Teaching Education for Sustainable Development (TESD). Among the major nations, the United States has been one of the most reluctant to participate in this process. Although the United States has many experts in this field, it did not want to create an American delegation to the UNESCO International Network.
For further information please contact: Leslie Wilson/The Agenda for Education in a Democracy & the Center of Pedagogy at wilsonl@mail.montclair.edu.

Early Childhood Education Conference
Seize the Play: Supporting Play-Based Learning in an Era of Standardized Curriculum and Assessment
April 13, 2013, University Hall Conference Center
Keynote Speaker: Beverly Falk, Director of the Graduate Programs in Early Childhood Education at the City College of New York, School of Education. Beverly Falk has been a classroom teacher, public school founder and director, district administrator, researcher, and consultant - at the school, district, state, and national level – as well as a Fellow of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the CCNY Colin Powell Center on Public Policy. Dr. Falk’s work focuses on supporting teachers to create educational environments that support how children learn – through active engagement, by being responsive to diverse cultures and languages, involving families, and developing not only cognitive skills but other important dispositions such as curiosity, perseverance, empathy, flexibility, resilience, and social awareness. She is particularly interested in ensuring that our youngest, most vulnerable citizens in historically under-served diverse urban communities have equitable access to high quality learning opportunities. To register please visit: http://cehs-seizetheplayconference.eventbrite.com/
Montclair State University 7th Annual Student Research Symposium

Saturday, April 20th, University Hall Conference Center

The Montclair State University Student Research Symposium is a forum to showcase and reward student scholarship and research providing a venue for sharing undergraduate and graduate student research with the academic community, peers, and the greater community through poster display, oral or multimedia presentations. The Annual Montclair State University Student Research Symposium aims to promote interdisciplinary research and collaboration in the hope of instilling in our students the importance of exploring issues from multiple perspectives.


Prenatal Peace and Calming™: Empowered Childbirth Education for Any Stage in Pregnancy

The Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health is offering prenatal services for MSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Using the principals of infant mental health and the evidence from Lamaze International, the childbirth education workshops are open to all expectant women, men and parents. Participants engage in meaningful and authentic exercises to feel comfortable and confident at every stage of pregnancy, labor, birth and parenting.

Seminar Dates and Times

5 week sessions, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. $100 per family for a package of 5 sessions.
Indicate session number when registering. To register email: caecmh@montclair.edu

Session 1: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/16
Session 2: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21
Session 3: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2
Session 4: 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 9/3
Session 5: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15
Session 6: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

Brain Wiring & Attachment: A Breastfeeding Seminar for Dads, Moms, and Grandparents

This welcoming, compassionate and educational seminar is designed for all family members, including expectant mothers, fathers and grandparents. Ideal for families to take early in their pregnancy, this seminar will offer information on recovering from childbirth, babies’ brain development, breastfeeding, and babies’ bellies. The workshop will also offer tips on common breastfeeding questions such as, how to tell if your baby is getting enough milk, and how to read your baby's feeding cues. This seminar makes a great gift for your co-worker, colleague or family member!

2013 Seminar Dates and Times

3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, $30 per seminar
Indicate the date of your chosen seminar when registering. To register email: caecmh@montclair.edu

March 22nd
April 19th
May 17th
June 21st
July 19th
August 16th
September 20th
October 18th
November 15th

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