What’s New in CEHS
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News and information from around the College

Student Research Symposium Awards

Congratulations to the students listed below who were recognized for their research presented at the University Student Research Symposium. 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.

Ryan Nie, a student in the MS in Exercise Science and Physical Education program received the $500 prize for the Outstanding Graduate Poster Award for his poster “Calculating knee joint torque during a vertical jump from an individualized relationship between muscle activity and joint torque”. His advisor was Dr. Steven Leigh.

Alison Halpern, a student in the BS in Nutrition and Food Science program, was nominated for the Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Award for her poster “Time of transition: An exploratory study of university students, culinary skills, eating decisions, and health outcomes”. Her advisor was Dr. Douglas Murray.

Samantha Iovino, a student in the BS Nutrition and Food Science program, was nominated for the Outstanding Undergraduate Presentation Award for her presentation “World readiness”. Her coauthors were Dr. Charles Feldman and Dr. Douglas Murray and her advisor was Dr. Douglas Murray.

Stephanie Phelan, a student in the MA Family and Child Studies program, was nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Presentation Award for her presentation, “An exploratory analysis of 4-H Program logic models”. Her advisor was Dr. Jennifer Brown Urban.

Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Gerry Costa was recognized by the NJ Commissioner of Family and Child Services for his outstanding service through the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health in partnering across New Jersey to promote the health and well-being of children and families.

In the aftermath of the bombings at the Boston Marathon, Gerry Costa, Director of the Center, offered tips on how parents can help children cope with the graphic reports. Three online news outlets included the information on their websites, NorthJersey.com, Baristanet, and Patch.com.

Center of Pedagogy

At the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Educational Computing Cooperative (NJECC), ADP Labs Director Gregg Festa was presented with the "Making It Happen Award" from the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). Festa was recognized for fostering better computer skills and usage in the schools in connection with NJECC, as well as with Montclair State students and faculty and the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal, MSU’s school/university partners. Festa was nominated for this international award by the NJECC president, George Magdich. Information about the "Making It Happen" award can be found here: http://www.iste.org/membership/awards-recognition/making-it-happen-award.
Ruth Zerwitz-Berenson, Counselor in the Teacher Education Advocacy Center, was named the Outstanding Academic Advisor for 2012-2013 by Montclair State University's Center for Advising and Student Transitions.

Two reports, recently released by national organizations, highlight the best practices of Montclair State University’s Teacher Education Program. First is the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) report, "The Changing Teacher Preparation Profession: A Report from AACTE’s Professional Education Data System (PEDS)" (located here: http://aacte.org/news-room/announcements/aacte-releases-data-report-on-state-of-teacher-preparation.html). This report presents a composite analysis of data from the 2011 and 2012 PEDS surveys for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, respectively. MSU’s Teacher Education Program is featured in the section titled, "Clinical Preparation is Part of All Teacher Preparation Programs."

The second report is the Fhi 360 and TNE publication, "Partnering to Prepare Tomorrow's Teachers," in which MSU’s teacher education programs, especially the Newark-Montclair Urban Teacher Residency, are prominently featured as exemplars of best practice. Nearly all of the photographs in the report, taken by Mike Peters, MSU Photographer, are of the residents teaching in Newark. This report sets forth seven overlapping elements of high functioning partnership. Examples from the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal are mentioned throughout the report. The full issue brief can be viewed and downloaded on FHI 360’s website.

Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services

Eden Kyse is the new Director of the Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services (CREEHS). From the inception of CREEHS, Dr. Kyse has been coordinating the complex work of the Center, building important partnership relationships; designing and implementing evaluation and marketing plans; and developing policies and processes for CREEHS operations.

Counseling and Educational Leadership

Muninder Ahluwalia was named the Outstanding Advisor to Graduate Students for 2012-2013 by Montclair State University’s Center for Advising and Student Transitions (CAST).

Cynthia Bankowski, a student in the MA in Educational Leadership program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the University Council on Education Administration convention.

Daniel Cinotti, a student in the PhD in Counselor Education program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the American Counseling Association conference.

Jonathan Mazza, a student in the MA in Counseling program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the University Council on Education Administration convention.

Andrea Rydel, a student in the MA in Counseling program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) national conference.

Sara Springer, a student in the PhD in Counselor Education program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the American Counseling Association conference.

Dean’s Office

Dean Francine Peterman has been selected to serve on the Advisory Board for the Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center (MACC@WestEd) operated by WestEd to help state leadership in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania advance their education reforms. WestEd, a non-profit research, development and service agency, working to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning for children, youth, and adults, was selected by the US Department of Education to operate the MACC@WestEd. It is part of a federal technical assistance network of 15 Regional Comprehensive Centers and seven supporting Content Centers. The Comprehensive Centers are charged

**Cyrene Crooms**, a student in the EdD in Teacher Education and Teacher Development program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the National Council for Black Studies conference.

**Kathryn Strom**, a student in the EdD in Teacher Education and Teacher Development program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the American Educational Research Association conference.

**Daniel Fisherman**, a student in the EdD in Pedagogy and Philosophy program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the Philosophy of Education Society conference.

**Olivier Michaud**, a student in the EdD in Pedagogy and Philosophy program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the Philosophy of Education Society conference.

**Joseph Todd**, a student in the EdD in Pedagogy and Philosophy program, received a CEHS Student Research Award to present at the American Educational Studies Association conference.

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

**Danne Davis** was selected by the students, faculty, and staff of the LGBT Center Pride Awards committee as this year’s LGBTQ Ally of the Year for her outstanding commitment to the LGBTQA community at Montclair State University. The award will be presented during two different events. The first event is the 2013 LGBT Center Pride Awards Ceremony hosted by the LGBT Center on Wednesday, May 1st at 4:30pm in Addie’s Courtyard Lounge and the second is the 2013 Deans Awards being held on Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30pm in the Student Center Formal Dining Room.

**Educational Foundations**

**Tamara Lucas** and **Ana Maria Villegas**, Professor in the Department of Secondary and Special Education, had their article entitled “Preparing Linguistically Responsive Teachers: Laying the Foundation in Preservice Teacher Education” published in *Theory into Practice*, 52:2, 98-109.

**Exercise Science and Physical Education**

The Athletic Training Education Program proudly announces their impressive accomplishments at this year’s Relay for Life of Montclair State University, which was held on Friday, April 26th, 2013. The student-run team, entitled "Athletic Training Club", raised a total of $3,457.00, which ranked them the #2 team amongst 65 total teams at the event. **Robert Lindenbaum**, a sophomore in the Athletic Training Education Program, raised a total of $1,982.00, which placed him as the #1 participant throughout the entire event. The team and Robert were each recognized during the event’s closing ceremony the following morning for their outstanding achievements. The team was led by Captain **Chelsea Davis**, a second year student in the Athletic Training program, who was also this year’s Relay for Life Co-Director. The dedicated team was made up of 17 members, with the vast majority of the team consisting of students in the Athletic Training Education Program. The team members included:

| Chelsea Davis | Andrew Potts | Dalia Lopez |
| Robert Lindenbaum | Jennifer Kalash | Bridget Keough |
| Sara Zuccalmaglio | Jessica Fittipaldi | Samantha Frost |
| Allyson Steinberg | Micah Camille Baluyot | Allison Wacker |
| Maikee Migallos | Muna Rimawi | Ashley Radice |
| Rachel Yanosh | Sarah Kilian-Meneghin | |
Family and Child Studies

The paper entitled “Our Voice Matters: A Qualitative Inquiry that Explores the Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Needs of Urban Minority Girls” written by Robert Reid and Pauline Garcia-Reid received the Best Paper Award at the Spring 2013 International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference.

Health and Nutrition Sciences

In April, the Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences was granted approval by the NJ President’s Council to offer a new BS in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Education, effective Fall 2013. Following many years of its successful BS in Health Education, this new degree reflects the program’s growth and development in the multidisciplinary field of public health.

On May 23, Nndi Amutah will provide a webinar for the NJ Public Health Training Institute “Rethinking the C in MCH: The Role of the Community in Addressing Health Disparities”.

In May, Joseph Donnelly and Dr. Rob Horn, Chairperson of the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, will present "Challenges, Strategies, and Solutions Addressed in Statewide Evaluation Title V-Abstinence Education Programs" at the second Annual National Pregnancy Program, in Baltimore, MD.

On April 8th, Eva Goldfarb took part in a meeting of U.S. leaders in the field of sexuality education to develop national standards for higher education teacher training in sexuality education. The standards, which will be the first of their kind, are expected to be published and disseminated in early 2014.

Dr. Goldfarb presented a workshop for caregivers and family members of the elderly in Montclair and surrounding communities entitled: Sexual and sensual need, desire and expression among the elderly: a guide for those who love and care for seniors. The workshop, which was open to the public, was held at the Montclair Municipal building in Montclair Township. Dr. Goldfarb also presented a workshop for the MSU community entitled: “Bisexuality: An in-depth look at the B in LGBTQ”, as part of the MSU 2013 Safe(r) Space Conference sponsored by the LGBT center.

Bassel Khair, a newly admitted student to the Nutrition and Food Science Master of Science program, received a full scholarship. The scholarship, offered through the Global Education Center, was awarded to students displaced as a result of the conflict in Syria.

Eat. Play. Live… Better (EPLB), a community initiative that focuses on health eating and active living, was featured on Baristanet, announcing the appointment of Laura Torchio as the project’s coordinator. Ms. Torchio, an MSU alum, is also president of Bike & Walk Montclair, and is the New Jersey advocacy organizer for Safe Routes to School. The article quotes Amanda Birnbaum, the principal investigator of EPLB program, “At MSU, we’re always trying to advance our mission to be a resource to the community, and to promote positive change. Eat. Play. Live...Better is an excellent example of that.” The article can be found here: http://www.baristanet.com/2013/04/eat-play-livebetter-names-project-coordinator-partners-with-montclair-restaurants/.

From May 29- June 8th, Professor Jhon Velasco will lead a delegation of undergraduate and master’s students to Havana, Cuba to study the public health care system and politics in Cuba, to provide a broader comparative understanding of critical health policy issues.

Secondary and Special Education

Ana Maria Villegas was invited by the Dean of the College of Education at Florida International University to spend a day with faculty and students engaging them in work related to preparing culturally responsive teachers. A flyer for the event can be viewed here: http://education.fiu.edu/docs/events/GuestSpeakerPoster_Villegas.pdf
Upcoming Events

2013 Special Education Conference, The 2nd Annual Positive Practices in Special Education: Response to Intervention

Featured Speaker: Sara Whitcomb, Ph. D., Keynote Speaker and RTI Expert

June 4, 2013, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
University Hall Conference Center, 7th Floor
MSU Students - $5, All others $60.00

This second annual conference will extend content provided at last year’s event. New and repeat attendees are invited to participate in teams of administrators, general educators, special educators, and specialists. Content will be directed towards all educators working to support student academic, behavioral, and social emotional outcomes. This conference will provide up-to-date research, assessment, and intervention strategies related to Response to Intervention (RtI) approaches for service delivery across general and special education. Educators will enhance their knowledge of best practice in Response to Intervention. Participants will have the opportunity to hear nationally recognized speakers and to attend targeted breakout sessions to best meet their professional needs.

Selected Topics Include:
What do RtI systems for academics, behavior, and social emotional needs really look like?
What does RtI look like in secondary schools?
What are concrete steps for beginning RtI implementation?
How does RtI align with other initiatives in my school?
How do we get parents involved with RtI?

Details about the event can be found here: http://www.montclair.edu/cehs/news/article.php?ArticleID=10986
To register visit: http://cehs2013specialedconference.eventbrite.com/

Second Annual Todd Ouida Children’s Foundation Conference. The Magic in Moments: Patterns of Early Relationships that Create Resilient Individuals and Peaceful Societies

Thursday, May 16, 2013, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, University Hall Conference Center
Featured speakers: Dr. Erika Bockneck, Todd Ouida Clinical Scholar, University of Michigan; Dr. Claudia Gold, Director, Early Childhood Social Emotional Health Program, Newton Wellesley Hospital; Dr. Gerard Costa, Director, Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health.
Registration fee of $40.00, includes breakfast, lunch, parking and a resource flash drive.
Attendees are eligible for Social Work CEUs in accordance with #N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4(b)4, LPC Continuing Ed hours approved by NBCC, and professional development hours.
For more information call 973-655-6685 or email caecmh@montclair.edu.

To register visit http://tocfconference2013.eventbrite.com


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.

Indicate session number when registering. To register email: caecmh@montclair.edu

5 week sessions, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. $100 per family for a package of 5 sessions.

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

Indicate the date of your chosen seminar when registering. **To register email:** caecmh@montclair.edu

3rd Friday of the month, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, $30 per seminar

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

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