What’s New in CEHS

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News and information from around the College

Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Kathleen Mulrooney, Project Coordinator of the NJ ACE Coordinating Center, and Gerry Costa, Director of the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health, were co-authors of an article in the November issue of Zero to Three. The article is titled “Stronger than the storm: Keeping infants and young children in mind during the response to super storm Sandy.”

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families has awarded a 2-year, $720,000 contract to the Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health to prepare and deliver infant mental health professional development trainings to a wide range of infant and early childhood staff in the 10 counties most affected by Superstorm Sandy. This award, which runs from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015, is expected to result in 500 staff being eligible to apply for the newly established New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health Endorsement System (IMH-E®), for Levels I and II.

The New Jersey Autism Center of Excellence (NJ ACE) Coordinating Center at Montclair State University is being awarded a $1.2 million enhancement award by the Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism, in response to an expansion of oversight of clinical research sites from three to nine. This brings the total 5-year grant (2012-2017) to $2.7 million.

Center of Pedagogy

Dr. Camika Royal, from Arcadia University, addressed the Newark Montclair Urban Teacher Residents in a talk titled, “And long the mile: Enduring the work of urban schooling.” In her presentation and classroom session, she explored key issues, challenges, and possibilities present in urban reform, history of policy and practice. Her work informed a lively discussion and a day full of insightful and provocative discussion for future Newark teachers.

Montclair State University was chosen as the regional training site for Jumpstart team leaders from Brooklyn College, Columbia, Barnard, Kean University, Rutgers Camden, Rutgers Newark, Temple University, and MSU. Barice Williamson, the Director of the Teacher Education Advocacy Center (TEAC) at Montclair State University and the Jumpstart Campus Champion, has embraced Jumpstart’s values and supported the new Site Manager, Alyssa Nittolo, in her role at the university. This 2013-2014 academic year, 47 MSU students have been recruited, trained and placed in Newark preschools as part of the Jumpstart program. Jumpstart, an Americorp program, seeks to promote early literacy skills in young children so that all children will enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. Jumpstart’s mission and appreciation for diversity fit perfectly under the umbrella of TEAC, the mission of which is to promote the development and implementation of culturally responsive educational programs for pre-collegiate, undergraduate and graduate students.
Dean’s Office

Margaret Jusinski, a student in the EdD program in Teacher Education and Teacher Development program, had an article published in the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*. The article titled "Lights! Camera! Action!" is based on work Margaret is doing with her students as well as a discussion that occurred in TETD 810--a course that focuses on digital technologies, literacy and learning. A companion video that Margaret and her student developed is viewable at this url: [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/store/10.1002/JAAL.240/asset/supinfo/jaal240-sup-0001-Video.mp4?v=1&s=e0a2d3abd06b7e5441f2ca5bbcc940c764448b333d](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/store/10.1002/JAAL.240/asset/supinfo/jaal240-sup-0001-Video.mp4?v=1&s=e0a2d3abd06b7e5441f2ca5bbcc940c764448b333d)

Adrian Martin, a student in the EdD program in Teacher Education and Teacher Development, had an article published in *Studying Teacher Education: A Journal of Self-Study of Teacher Education Practices*. The article is titled “Putting philosophy to work in the classroom: Using rhizomatics to deterritorialize neoliberal thought and practice” and is co-authored with Kathryn Strom, who is completing her dissertation in the program.

Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education

Tina Jacobowitz, Chairperson of the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education, and Michelle Kovacs, a student in the MAT in Elementary Education and Teacher of Students with Disabilities program, had an article published in the journal *Educational Democracy: A Journal of the NNER*. The article is titled “Understanding and confronting policy and corporate pressure in the current era: Implications for the Agenda for Education in a Democracy” and is also coauthored by Nicholas Michelli, former Dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Bree Picower had an article published in the *Journal of Educational Transformation* entitled “You can't change what you don't see: Developing new teachers' political understandings of education.”

Family and Child Studies

The Department of Family and Child Studies is proud to announce the formation of a new student organization, the Montclair Student Council on Family Relations (MSCFR). MSCFR is a student-led organization affiliated with the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). Dr. Lyndal Khaw, Assistant Professor of FCST and also a current Board member of NCFR, serves as the group’s founding faculty advisor. The inaugural executive board members are some of our outstanding FCST undergraduate students: Alyssa Willis (President), Amelia Strunck (Vice-President), Maura Nestor (Treasurer), Kiara Sarner (Secretary), and Julianne Esposito (Publicity Chair). MSCFR is officially a Class IV student organization at MSU.

The organization is dedicated to providing opportunities for professional and leadership development, promoting social action, and service to our local community. It is open to any MSU student. Upcoming activities include the following:

1) Organizing a Holiday Toy Drive for the children at Oasis this December.
2) Hosting a speaker event for the university community in Spring 2014
3) MSCFR also plans to promote students' professional development by providing various peer mentoring opportunities in Spring 2014

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A student in the PhD in Family Studies program and two recent graduates from the BA in Family and Child Studies program presented their research at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations in San Antonio, Texas in November. Mame Kani Diop is the doctoral student, Jessica Szweda
is a recent graduate of the MA in Family and Child Studies program, and Jose Rodas is a recent graduate of the BA in Family and Child Studies program. Their presentations were as follows:


Upcoming Events

Montclair State University 8th Annual Student Research Symposium
Saturday, April 12th, 2014 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.