Announcements

Catherine Baird is a new librarian at MSU and will be acting as the Liaison Librarian for the following CEHS departments and centers:

- Counseling and Educational Leadership
- Early Childhood, Elementary and Literacy Education
- Educational Foundations
- Secondary and Special Education
- Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children
- Ben Samuels Children’s Center

Catherine is available to consult with faculty and staff about individual research projects as well as teaching students effective library and information search skills. She also welcomes suggestions to improve the library’s collection of books, journals, and databases, useful to CEHS faculty, staff, and students. Catherine joins MSU from Sheridan College in Ontario, Canada, where she was the Liaison Librarian for Education, Health Sciences, and Community Studies. She holds a Master in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario and a Master of Arts from the University of British Columbia.

Please contact her at bairdc@mail.montclair.edu or 973-655-7144

CEHS would also like to welcome our new staff members.

Curtis L. Harris, MPA
Grants Coordinator

Prior to joining the College of Education and Human Services at Montclair State University, Curtis worked in the nonprofit sector, the Federal Government and at other institutions of higher education. Curtis was the founder of the HIV Project at the American Indian Community House and from 1989 to 1999, grew the program from a single office in New York City to five sites across New York State. In 1997, Curtis was recognized with a $100,000 award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for his work on behalf of Native Americans living with HIV and AIDS. In 1999, Curtis was selected from over 8000 applicants to become one of 450 Community Builders at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development where he worked under the direction of now Mayor Bill De Blasio. After leaving HUD, Curtis worked in grants administrator positions at Columbia University, Monmouth University, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Barnard College. Curtis is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache tribe and graduated from Louisiana State University with a BA in Political Science and from New York University with an MPA in International Health Policy.

Paulette V. Blowe
Director, Gifted & Talented Program

Paulette received her BA in Music at Williams College, her MA in School Administration from Rowan University and is currently completing her PhD studies in Urban Systems at Rutgers University-Newark. Prior to joining us at MSU, Paulette was a Senior Research Project Manager of The School System Improvement (SSI) Project at the Rutgers, New Brunswick campus. Outside of work, Paulette enjoys theater, traveling, cooking, and music composition.
Dr. Nicolette Salerno
Program Asst. TETD Doctoral Program supporting faculty and students
In addition to her new role in CEHS, Nicolette is also an instructor at Caldwell University where she teaches developmental psychology courses. Nicolette attended Rutgers University and Montclair State, receiving a master’s degree in Counseling from MSU and an Ed. D from Rutgers in Higher Education Administration. She is a Board Certified Life Coach focusing on life transitions and chronic illness. In her spare time she volunteers in her community in the schools and in service organizations including Kiwanis and Unico. She has also worked at BCC, Sussex County College, and Rutgers University. In her spare time, she loves to garden, cook, travel to new cities, read and hang out with her kids.

Tammy J. Samuels
Assistant Dean, College of Education and Human Services
Tammy received her MA from Montclair State University and was the first ever graduate student speaker at University Commencement. She earned her BA from Rutgers University, where she ran Division I Track and Field. Tammy’s professional career spans over 15 years in higher education, holding positions in counseling and administration with several institutions including Medgar Evers College, Middlesex County College, Wilson College, and Rutgers University. Prior to joining MSU this fall, Tammy was the Interim Associate Director of Career Services at Duke University. She has been actively involved in a number of professional associations such as the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE), NC Association of Colleges and Employers (NCACE), NJ Cooperative Education and Internship Association (NJCEIA), ACPA, and Rotary. She’s received several awards over the years including Outstanding Member of the Year for EACE this past May and Practitioner of Year with NJCEIA in June 2010. In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, baking, the theatre, and family time at the park.

Jason Rubin
Budget Manager, Deans Office
Jason is a Montclair State University alumnus and graduated with a BS in Finance. He moved on to become a Certified Public Accountant. Jason started his career at Deloitte as an auditor and later moved on to work in finance and accounting roles at MTV and Nickelodeon. In his spare time Jason actively participates in Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City and enjoys spending his summers on the beach. He is also a fan of the Yankees, Knicks, and Miami Dolphins.

Ellen Grady
Program Assistant, Deans Office
Ellen received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Human Resource Management from Rowan University and continued on to receive her MA in Organizational and Strategic Leadership at Neumann University. Prior to MSU, Ellen worked in undergraduate admissions as student at Rowan University and spent the last 4 years at Neumann University, also in undergraduate admissions. Ellen is thrilled to be joining the MSU team!

Brittany Nowicki
Program Assistant, Deans Office
Brittany is a recent graduate of Rutgers University and received her BS in Environmental and Business Economics. She spent time in the Marketing and Communications department at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education (GSE) and looks forward to bringing new ideas to MSU. In her spare time she enjoys watching The New Girl and attending NY Rangers hockey games.
Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

Gerard Costa presented at two international events in last month. “The Essential Emotional and Interpersonal Experiences for Healthy Brain and Mind Development”, and “Early Identification and Intervention with Autism Spectrum Disorder”, at the XXXII Annual Conference of the Chilean Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Neurology. This conference took place October 16, 2014 at Dream Hotel, Punta Arenas, Chile. Gerard’s second presentation, entitled “Helping Children when Fear Takes Over” and “Leadership for Promoting Empathy in Young Children”, took place at the School Leadership Center of Trinidad and Tobago Annual Conference on October 25, 2014 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. Dr. Andrea Paz Moyano, a Psychologist from Santiago, Chile, will visit Montclair January 12-17, 2015, to learn about the Center’s training, clinical, consulting, and community services. This will be conducted in conjunction with Dr. Luis Montecinos, a psychologist and native of Chile and Interim Dean of College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Gerry also hosted and presented at a meeting of the New England Regional Network of APA’s violence prevention program Adults and Children Together Raising Safe Kids (ACT RSK), here at MSU on November 7, at the Student Center. ACT RSK is a parenting workshop for caregivers of young children (0 - 8 years) that has been established to be a promising program to help families practice more effective parenting. You can learn more at this link: http://actagainstviolence.apa.org

The Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health received their third annual gift of $40,000 from Trish and James Detura to continue support for the “Giving Birth and Being Born” program, led by Jill Wodnick, MA, LCCE.

Dean’s Office

Kim O’Halloran and Michael Gordon, of Rutgers University, recently had their article entitled “A synergistic approach to turning the tide of grade inflation” published in the Higher Education Journal.

Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education

Bree Picower is delivering a plenary and a paper at the National Association of Multicultural Education in Tucson, Arizona. The plenary is on the impact of neoliberal school reform on communities of color. Her paper is on grassroots, teacher-driven professional development.

Michele Knobel and Colin Lankshear gave an invited presentation to the 21st Century Childhoods Colloquium, at Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus in Melbourne, Australia on October 24. The title of the paper was “Growing a Field: Fostering New Literacies Research for Educational Understandings”.

Health and Nutrition Sciences

The Class of 2015, in collaboration with the Greater Newark Conservancy, presented “Health in the City—A look at Better Urban Food and Lifestyle Choices!”, in honor of National Food Day, as a part of Montclair State University’s Dietetic Internship lecture series. National Food Day encourages people to make changes in their own diets and to take action to solve food related problems in our communities. The event took place on October 27, 2014 with a documentary and a question and answer information session held by Megan Sweet from the Greater Newark Conservancy. The documentary highlighted access to quality nutrition and healthy living that exists in urban areas. For more information about the organization and National Food Day please visit: http://www.citybloom.org/ and http://www.foodday.org/about.
Secondary and Special Education

Talida State has accepted an offer to serve as an editorial board member for the Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions (JIBI).

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the following events hosted by The ADP Center for Learning Technologies!

- **Global Citizenship with Video Conferencing Workshop**
  *Monday, November 17, 4:00-5:00p.m., ADP Center UN1145*
  We will discuss the benefits of using this technology as well as how to incorporate it into your classroom.

- **Tech Talk Tuesday: Prezi**
  *Tuesday, December 2, 12:00-1:00p.m., ADP Center UN1121*
  Learn how to engage your audience by using Prezi for your next presentation.

*To stay up-to-date with our events, as well as what’s going on, follow us on Twitter @ADPCenter*

*Are you using technology in an engaging or innovative way in your class or research? How about sharing your ideas at Winter Tech Camp, January 13-14, 2015. Stop by ADP Center (UN1140) or e-mail Megan Nancy, Director at nancym@mail.montclair.edu to discuss!*

“The Rule” a Film by Marylou & Jerome Bongiorno

*Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00p.m., University Hall 1010*

The Film Forum: Inserra in collaboration with Amici Italian Club, The Agenda for Education in Democracy, The History Club, and the Honors Program presents “The Rule”. See how the Benedictine monks of Newark Abbey, in the heart of one of America’s most dangerous cities, are able to achieve amazing success with the most vulnerable population: inner city African American and Latino teenage males. Join us for the MSU viewing of the documentary and a conversation with the filmmakers. For more information contact Robert Friedman: friedman@mail.montclair.edu and take a look at the preview! [http://vimeo.com/102848031](http://vimeo.com/102848031)

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