

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Awards

David Thompson, professor and chair of the department of educational leadership, was selected as this year's recipient of the National Education Finance Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award. He was unanimously chosen because of his "outstanding contributions to the field" and will be presented the award at the organization's national conference in May.

Kay Ann Taylor, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, received the Commerce Bank Presidential Faculty and Staff Award for Distinguished Services to Minority Students.

Highlights

The Righteous Among the Nations exhibit arrived at Hale Library for the official ribbon cutting, thanks to Susan Yelich Biniecki, assistant professor of educational leadership. College faculty, staff and administrators worked with K-State Libraries staff and administrators to ensure the event's success. Numerous media outlets were in attendance.

Royce Ann Collins, associate professor of educational leadership, began exploratory discussions with the Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va., concerning how K-State could deliver the Master of Adult Education program in similar fashion to the existing program at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

The College published the first edition of "More Connections," its quarterly e-Newsletter. The publication was strategically timed to promote K-State's 150th Kickoff Celebration and the Righteous Among the Nations exhibit. All three College departments were represented in the e-Newsletter.

"Humanity Looks Good on Everyone," a documentary about Associate Professor Marilyn Kaff's work in Tanzania, aired on Feb. 5 on public TV stations in western Kansas. The College recently learned the film will air on the Wichita PBS station in March and has also been picked up by BYU TV in Utah, which broadcasts to more than 60 stations.

Christy Moran Craft, associate professor of special education, counseling and student affairs, was selected to be guest editor for a special issue on "Religion and Spirituality" in the Journal of College and University Student Housing. The edition will be published in May 2014.

Publications

Zacharakis, J. & Van Der Werff, J.A. (2012). The Future of Adult Education in the Military. In J. Zacharakis & C.J. Polson (Eds.). *Beyond Training, The Rise of Adult Education in the Military. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*, 136. Jossey-Bass pp. 89-98.

Zacharakis and David Thompson co-authored a manuscript and submitted it to *Phi Delta Kappan*, challenging elements of the Carnegie Projection on the Education Doctorate (CPED). The manuscript was entitled *In Response to J.A. Perry: What Is the Meaning Behind the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate?* This challenge disputed arguments made in the *Kappan* in a recent article entitled *To Ed.D. or Not to Ed.D?*

Carroll, D. (2012). They still see color online. An African American faculty member's experience in distance education. In S. Thompson (Ed.), *Views from the frontline: Voices of conscience on college campuses*. Champaign, IL: Common Ground Publishing.

Larson L.C. (2012/2013). It's time to turn the digital page: Preservice teachers explore e-book reading. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 56(4), 280-290.

Larson, L. C. (Autumn, 2012). Beyond books: Integrating children's literature and technology. *Reading Association of Ireland Reading News*, 6-11.

Presentations

Collins, R.A. *ABCs of Accelerated Programs for Adult Learners*. Tennessee State University. Nashville, TN: January 15, 2013.

Collins, R.A. *Converting Curriculum to Eight Week Format for Adult Learners*. Tennessee State University. Nashville, TN: January 15, 2013.

Safak, E., & **Rumsey, C.** (2013, January). *Building a Foundation for Professional Vision in Elementary Methods Courses Through Reflective Practices*. Annual Meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators in Orlando, FL.

Augustine-Shaw, D., and Myers, S. *Quality Mentoring/Induction for First Year Principals*, *Kansas Educational Leadership Institute*. United School Administrators of Kansas Annual Convention. Wichita, KS: January 24, 2013.

Student Highlights:

Jerri Kemble, superintendent Centre School District and current doctoral candidate (major professor Trudy Salsberry) announced plans to open her district's virtual school worldwide. She is working with Wei Wu, assistant professor, to establish contact in China.

Lacey Sell, superintendent Chapman School District and current doctoral student (co-major professors David Thompson, Mary Devin, and Donna Augustine-Shaw) received notice that a school in her district has been nominated for the Prestigious Blue Ribbon School Award. The district also won the Governor's Achievement Award for Building Level Standards of Excellence.

Tim H. Cox, candidate in the academic advising master's program, won this year's National Distance Learning Week essay contest.

Ashley Gleiman (major professor Dr. Jeff Zacharakis) was published as follows:

- Gleiman, A. (2012, Dec. 18). Five ways to be "military friendly". *The EvoLLLution*. Retrieved from: http://www.evolllution.com/community_programs/five-ways-to-be-military-friendly/
- Gleiman, A. & Swearngen, S. (2012). Understanding the military spouse learner using theory and personal narratives. In J. Zacharakis & C. Polson (Eds.). (2012) *New directions for adult and continuing education*, Vol. 136: Beyond training: The rise of adult education in the military. San Francisco: Jossey Bass. (4), 77-88. DOI: 10.1002/ace.20037