

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

Prepared for
President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Award

Dr. Amanda Morales, assistant professor, was informed that AACTE's Committee on Research and Dissemination selected her dissertation as one of two recipients of the 2013 AACTE Outstanding Dissertation Award. Official announcements are embargoed until the conference in late February.

Student Highlights

Stephanie Pearson, graduate student in curriculum and instruction, presented each day at the United Nations conference in New York City Oct. 24-27 about her work concerning education in South Sudan. In addition, Pearson had a private dinner with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Pearson met Clinton for the first time when she addressed the UN in February, and the Secretary of State said she hoped they could get together sometime. When the agenda was released for the October meeting and Clinton noticed Pearson was presenting, she invited the graduate student to dinner.

EDACE doctoral student, Nozella Brown, presented at the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) Annual Conference in November on her research with the Kansas Research and Extension program. Topic title was: "Does it Work? Assessing the Effectiveness of Nutrition Education for Low-Resource Latinos."

Highlights

Dr. David Thompson, professor and chair, completed a taped radio interview about how public school physical infrastructure affects student learning and instruction. The interview was conducted by "Marketplace" on American Public Media, the public radio business and economics show. American Public Media is the second largest producer and distributor of public radio programming and the largest owner and operator of public radio stations in the nation (over 800).

Sandy Risberg, instructor, arranged a tour of Fort Riley for 22 curriculum and instruction faculty, administrators and staff on Nov. 29th. Highlights included a briefing by Garrison Commander Col. William J. Clark, and a presentation and tour of Ware Elementary by Principal Deb Gustafson.

Navigating the waves of Social and Political Capriciousness: Inspiring Perspectives from DREAM-eligible Immigrant Students (Morales, Herrera, & Murry (2009) is now the second most read Sage Journal Publication in the nation.

In November 2012, the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy, or CIMA, celebrated the successful matriculation of the 300th graduate student recruited to K-State by the Center.

Christy Moran Craft, associate professor, led a planning group in organizing a research presentation for faculty called "Academic Parenthood" and served as a panel member in a follow-up "Women of K-State" event in which the challenges of obtaining work/life balance while meeting the demands associated with an academic career were discussed.

The College of Education sponsored the premiere of "Humanity Looks Good on Everyone," a half-hour documentary about Associate Professor Marilyn Kaff's work with special needs children in Tanzania on Nov. 29.

Karrie Swan, assistant professor, accepted a leadership position as awards chair for the Kansas Counseling Association (KCA).

Swan also presented at Clay Center High School's career fair on "counseling professions."

Faculty members, Linda Thurston, associate dean, Jeff Zacharakis, associate professor, and Chepina Rumsey and Haijun Kang, assistant professors, attended the National Science Foundation, or NSF, Day on Nov. 8 in Lincoln, NE.

Cyndi Danner Kuhn, instructor, presented a workshop on Nov. 29 to 4-H Extension Agents titled "21st Century Renaissance for Curriculum." The e-book format can take static print media and enliven it with video clips, photos, voiceovers, links and more.

Linda Thurston, associate dean

- Reviewed proposals for a new program at NSF related to increasing the participation of women, individuals with disabilities and individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in the STEM educational enterprise.
- Reviewed an ad hoc proposal for NSF in STEM education.
- Reviewed a research paper submitted to the Journal of Mixed Methods Research.
- Participated in a review panel for NSF's Division of Education and Human Resources in Washington, D.C.

Presentations

Herrera, S., Wood, M. & Ballard, T. (2012). Collaborating with university partners to create a successful international student experience. Symposium conducted at the annual conference of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association, Kansas City, MO.

Fishback, S.J. (Nov 2012). Emerging conversations: The impact of the Internet on the brain. Las Vegas, NV: American Association of Adult and Continuing Education National Conference. Presenter is selected based on expertise in significant and emerging areas of adult education to lead a ninety-minute seminar.

Fishback, S. J. & Leslie, B.B. (2012). Community college adjunct faculty self-efficacy beliefs about facilitating classroom discussion. Las Vegas, NV: American Association of Adult and Continuing Education National Conference. An overview of an ongoing research study that examines adjuncts self-efficacy beliefs and that relationship with developmental teaching. A conference call from conference presenters interested in research collaboration is scheduled to coordinate research contributions to the study.

Fishback, S. J., Peck, L.C., Joo, K. P. (2012). Informal/Nonformal learning symposium: Community college formal and informal advising of first generation community college learners. Las Vegas, NV: American Association of Adult and Continuing Education National Conference. Potential solutions to first generation learners who lack knowledge and experience with college resources, requirements and structures.

Swan, K., Lane, J. (2012, October). Social class and classism: Expanding multicultural awareness. Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Kansas City, MO.

Swan, K., Lane, J. (2012, October). Transforming supervision through mindfulness-based relationships. Presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Kansas City, MO.

Yelich Biniecki, S. & Conceição, S.O. (2012). Transnational identity development: Building blocks of experiences in foreign locations. Commission of the Professors of Adult Education,

International Special Interest Group, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 9, 2012.

Kirchner, M. & Yelich Biniecki, S. (2012). Promising practices for engaging student veterans: Lessons from the frontlines of an urban university. American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 8, 2012.

Frey, T., Adams, C., Fayne, H.R., Rothstein, A., Paget, T., Knight, L.A., & Laoyacono, L. (November 10, 2012). Perspectives on Partnership: P-16 Models for STEM Education. Panel presentation moderated by Susan Albertine at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Network for Academic Renewal Conference: Next Generation STEM Learning: Investigate, Invigorate, Inspire. Kansas City, MO.