

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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Highlights

A group of CIMA educators left for Ecuador where they will spend a total of three years establishing an English language center at Yachay University.

2014 is on track to be a record-breaking year for attendance at NACADA conferences. Region 9, which comprises California and Nevada, had the largest attendance in Berkeley with 566 attendees. Several conferences will be held in April and May and early enrollments are encouraging.

Sandy Risberg, instructor, was selected as a Military Child Education Coalition, or MCEC, Parent Advocacy Fellow for a 20-month term. She will advocate for MCEC policies regarding College and Career Ready Standards, or C&CRS, and the Common Core State Standards, or CCSS.

Karrie Swan, assistant professor, is president-elect of the Kansas Mental Health Counselors Association.

About 110 people attended the K-State Military Education and Family Initiatives Symposium March 11 at Fort Riley co-hosted by the colleges of Education and Human Ecology. The professional development symposium was co-chaired by Jane Fishback, associate professor, and Sandy Risberg.

On March 13, Lori Andersen, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, and 30 elementary education preservice teachers in Block B and Block C facilitated 11 competitive events in the 1st annual Science Olympiad for USD 383 at Amanda Arnold Elementary School. Andersen and the students planned and implemented the 11 STEM-themed activities in collaboration with USD 383 personnel. Approximately 100 USD 383 students and their parents attended. This service-learning project was funded by a mini-grant from the College of Education.

Based on a report from the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Life regarding the Fall 2013 Academic Advising Survey, the college's Center for Student and Professional Services earned a higher mean score in each area than the university's other 67 academic departments/advising units.

David Thompson, professor and department chair, served on the university's selection committee for the 2014 Outstanding Department Head.

Publications

Andersen, L., & Ward, T.J. (2014). Expectancy-value models for the STEM persistence plans of ninth-grade, high-ability students: A comparison between Black, Hispanic, and White students. *Science Education*, 98, 2, 216-242. doi: 10.1002/sce.21092
(*Science Education* is ranked 10/219 in Education/Education Research Journals and has an impact factor of 2.382.)

Curtis, L. (2014). Ethiopia for teachers: A collaborative celebration of culture and literacy. In C.B., Leung, J.D. Richards, & C.A. Lasonde (Eds.), *International collaborations in literacy research and practice*, 15-39. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

- Curtis (2014). How to support children of military families. NBC Education Nation Parent Toolkit. <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=51885A90-9D72-11E3-857E0050569A5318>. Feb. 24, 2014.
- Fink, D., Wilson, A., Fink J., & **Risberg, S.** (2014). *Curricular Supplement: The little champs – child heroes attached to military personnel* (2nd ed). Bethesda, MD: Operation Champs.
- Fink, D., Domsch, A., & **Risberg, S.** (2014). *The little champs education initiative: Guidelines for implementation of the school champ kit*. Bethesda, MD: Operation Champs.
- Leslie, B.B., & **Fishback, S.J.** (2013). *Faculty self-efficacy beliefs: Why do they matter? Developing and sustaining adult learners.* (p. 323-334). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing. (Submitted for Fort Leavenworth's Command and General Staff College Silver Pen Award which recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to adult lifelong leader learning.)
- Maag, J.W., **Losinski, M.**, & Katsiyannis, A. (2014). Improving pre-service teachers' attitudes towards individuals with mental illness through an introduction to special education course. *International Education Research*, 2(1), 33-43.
- Teagarden, J., Zabel, R., & Kaff, M. (2014). The Janus Project: A conversation with Frank Wood. *Council for Children with Behavioral Disabilities Newsletter*, 28(2). Retrieved from <http://www.ccbd.net/CCBD/publications/newsletter/new-item3/new-item6/>

Presentations

- Allen, D.**, & Sprouse, T., (2014, March). *From solo to symphony: Orchestration of the roles in the professional development school partnership*. Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Collins, R.A. (2014, March). *Program planning and evaluation*. Presentation at the 2014 Kansas City Metro Afterschool Educator Conference, Olathe, KS.
- Collins, R.A. (2014, March). *Wikis: Creating learning*. Presentation at the Kansas City Professional Development Council's Enhancing Teaching and Learning Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Curtis, L.**, & Lohfink, G. (2014, February). *Advancing teacher education through application of the common core standards: The significance of inquiry-based interdisciplinary units*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, St. Louis, MO.
- Curtis, L. (2014, February). *Leading the way with innovative professional development initiatives in Ecuador and Ethiopia*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, St. Louis, MO.

- Favor, J. (2014, March). *Group projects: The good, the bad, and the ugly*. Presented at the Kansas City Professional Development Consortium Teaching and Learning Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Favor, J. (2014, March). *Using discoveries from educational neuroscience to design effective learning and training sessions*. Presented at the KC Metro After School Alliance 21st Century Learner Conference, Olathe, KS.
- Fishback, S.J. (2014, March). *Ten things you should know about the brain*. Presentation at the conference of the Enhancing Teaching and Learning, Kansas City, KS.
- Fishback, S. J. (2014, March). *Transition from soldier to student*. Presentation at the Kansas State Military Education and Family Initiatives Symposium, Fort Riley, KS.
- Getz, L.A., & Walker, A.** (2014, March). *Intern portfolio assessment in the secondary schools: Meeting the state requirement and beyond*. Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Haffner, A., & Kruse, L. (2014, March). *Implications of the military connected student and professional development school partnerships*. Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Hagedorn, S., & **Swan, K.** (2014, March). *Metaphors in stories and dreams*. Presentation at the Kansas Counseling Association Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Hughey, J. (2014, March). *"I am a professional school counselor, not a junior therapist, but clinical anxiety, depression, and PTSD are impacting academic achievement! What do I do?" Symptoms and solutions for a school counselor*. Paper presented at the Kansas Counseling Association Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Lane, J.J., & Frost, A.M.** (2014, March). *Protecting our students and schools: Information gleaned from the National School Safety Conference*. Paper presented at the Kansas Counseling Association Conference, Manhattan, KS.
- Hixson-Bowles, K., McKinney, C., Namovicz, L., Prescott, M., & Reyes, J.** (2014, March). *Traveling beyond our borders: Opening our centers to culturally & linguistically diverse students*. Workshop conducted at the annual meeting of the International Writing Center Association, Indianapolis, IN.
- McKeeman, L., (2014, March). *21st century world language classrooms: Web 2.0 tools to support communicative competence*. Paper presented at the Central States Conference of the Teaching of Foreign Language, in St. Louis, MO.
- McKeeman, L., (2014, March). *Good to great: One state's attempt to measure program quality*. Paper presented at the Central States Conference of the Teaching of Foreign Language, in St. Louis, MO.
- Risberg, S.L. (2014, March). *College and career ready: What does that mean for military connected students?* Presentation at the K-State Military Education and Family Initiatives Symposium, Fort Riley, KS.

Risberg, S.L. (2014, March). *The military child...another contextual factor to consider*. Presentation at the K-State Military Education and Family Initiatives Symposium at Fort Riley, KS.

Sherbert, V., & Lickteig, A. (2014, March). *Perspectives of effective collaboration across institutional settings*. Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Swan, K., & Weishaar, J. (2014, March). *Humanistic sand tray therapy*. Paper presented at the Kansas Counseling Association Conference, Manhattan, KS.

Yahnke, S., (2014, March.) *What do the data tell us?* Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Yahnke, S., & Bridges, N. (2014, March). *Celebrations and Challenges: A silver anniversary of addressing professional development needs in a professional development school partnership*. Paper presented at the National Professional Development School Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Graduate Student Accomplishments

MacDonald, G.L. (2014, March). *Multiracial graduate students' lived experiences in higher education*. Paper presented at the Kansas State Research Forums, Manhattan, KS.

MacDonald, G.L., & Stoney, B. (2014, March). *Minority faculty in the college of education: A qualitative case study of the challenges encountered in recruitment, retention, development and promotion*. Paper presented at the Race, Gender and Class 2014 Conference, New Orleans, LA.