

# College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

## Awards

Zeta Eta chapter of Pi Omega Pi at Kansas State University ranked first in the National Chapter Award Competition for the 2013 award year. Rankings were announced at the National Business Education Association conference April 16-19 in Los Angeles, Calif. Zeta Eta chapter members Emily Lemke, Maria Stewart and Jessica Snapp received the award.

Jan Middendorf, director of the Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation, was a recipient of the 2014 President's Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals at K-State. She received the *Leadership Award* under that program.

## Highlights

Dean Debbie Mercer spent three days in Washington, D.C., where she visited elected officials, the Paraguay Embassy and attended an alumni event.

Dean Mercer and six faculty members attended the American Educational Research Association in Philadelphia, Pa. They were: Donna Augustine-Shaw, assistant professor; Kakali Bhattacharya, associate professor; Melissa Holmes, instructor; Jeong-Hee Kim, associate professor; Teresa Woods, project coordinator; and Jeff Zacharakis, associate professor. A joint reception was hosted with the University of Kansas for faculty, alumni and friends.

Four individuals from the college went with a group of 51 new K-State faculty members to Washington, D.C., to visit with federal funding agencies April 8-10. Those who attended were Lori Andersen, assistant professor, Susan Yelich-Biniecki, assistant professor, and Kakali Bhattacharya. Associate Dean Linda P. Thurston, one of the organizers of the visit, accompanied the group.

Linda P. Thurston served as a reviewer on an NSF panel.

Jeong-Hee Kim was successfully nominated to join the Professors of Curriculum at the 2014 American Educational Research Association, or AERA, yearly membership meeting in April. This organization was founded in 1944. Membership is invitation-only, limited to 125 and for curriculum scholars with supporting documentation.

David Thompson, professor, presided as vice chair at the National Education Finance Conference in Louisville, Ky.

## NACADA

- Attendance at NACADA's 10 regional conferences continues to be record-breaking, with more than 3,800 registered to date and three conferences yet to be held (Region 3 is concluding in Morgantown, W. Va.; Region 10 in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Region 6 in Des Moines, Iowa, will both be held in May).
- More than 900 proposals were submitted for the annual conference (Oct. 8-11 in Minneapolis); only 30 percent could be accepted for presentation despite the excellent quality and relevance of submissions.
- The 2014 Middle East International Conference is scheduled for Nov. 19-20 in Doha, Qatar.

Sandy Risberg, instructor, was selected to participate in the Military Child Education Coalition National Convening “Fulfilling the Promise: Academic Success for the Military and Veteran Child” in Washington, D.C., April 2-3. She joined other distinguished state and national leaders to create a plan that addresses academic needs for military and veteran children through the year 2020 in the areas of policy, advocacy and academic access and opportunity.

Ann Knackendoffel, assistant professor:

- Attended the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Sloan-C Emerging Technologies for Online Learning International Symposium April 9-11 in Dallas, Texas, with colleague, Donna Augustine-Shaw; and
- Is serving as the College of Education’s representative on the K-State Global Campus’s Quality Advisory Committee.

Dan Yunk was named the new executive director of the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute, or KELI. He will assume his new responsibilities in January 2015.

Karrie Swan, assistant professor:

- Was elected to the Kansas Association for Play Therapy for a three-year term;
- Was appointed to the Kansas Mental Health Association Board; and
- Was appointed as legislative advocate for the Kansas Counseling Association.

The college launched its online, open access, student research journal, “Prairie Journal of Educational Research.”

Patrice Scott, communications coordinator, produced the quarterly edition of “More Connections,” the college’s e-newsletter.

Amanda Morales, assistant professor and diversity coordinator, Mechelle Martinez, academic advisor, and Brenee King, program coordinator for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in STEM, completed a tour of Southwest Kansas March 10-12. The purpose of the trip was primarily recruitment of culturally and linguistically diverse students pursuing teaching as a career. The three met with community college leaders in Dodge City, Garden City, and Seward County to discuss current and future recruitment initiatives, made presentations at six community college undergraduate classes, and visited one middle school.

Morales coordinated the creation of a recruitment campaign with support from the Center for Student and Professional Services and Mary Hammel, Catalyst center associate director and creative services coordinator. Morales identified current teacher candidates of color to participate in the campaign. The result is a series of posters featuring underrepresented students entitled “Why Teach?”

Judy Hughey, associate professor, and Ken Hughey, professor, received a grant for \$27,026 from the Kansas State Department of Education, through the Safe and Supportive Schools Grant for “A Camp to Enhance School Counseling in Kansas: An Adventure in the Little Apple.” The camp is June 5-6 at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center in Manhattan.

K-State police officer Sgt. Chad Jager gave the faculty a 1.5-hour training session on the A.L.I.C.E. program, a guide to handling an active shooter situation.

## Publications

- Hachiya, R. F., Shoop, R. J., & Dunklee, D. R. (2014). *The principal's quick reference guide to school law: Reducing liability, litigation, and other potential legal tangles* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Herrera, S. G., Perez, D. R., & Escamilla, K. (2015). *Teaching reading to English language learners* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.
- Thompson, D. C., & Crampton, F. E. (Eds.). (2014). *Higher education finance research: Policy, politics, and practice*. Series editors: M. P. McKeown and C. Mullen, Volume 2 in the *Conducting research in education finance: Methods, measurement, and policy perspectives*. Charlotte, NC: IAP.
- Hachiya, R. (n.d.). Understanding legal issues about technology. In D. Christman & G. Ivory (Eds.), *Technology for principals and other school leaders* (1st ed.). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Curtis, L., Lohfink, G., & Hohl, E. (2014). Traditions: Multicultural literature and the inquiry approach for the primary grades. *IRA bridges: Instructional units for the engaging classroom*. Newark, DE: International Reading Association. Retrieved from <http://www.reading.org/Libraries/members-only/ira-bridges-7005-traditions-multicultural-literature.pdf>
- Kaff, M., Teagarden, J., & Zabel, R. (2014). Advocating for children with emotional and behavioral disorders: An interview with Eleanor Guetzloe. *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 49(5), 317-321.

## Presentations

- Allen, D., & Swan, K. (2014, April). *Creating conference proposals*. Invited to present seminar to Kansas State University College of Education, Graduate Education Graduate Student Organization.
- Bhattacharya, K. (2014, April). *Mixed medium of transnational shuttling and de/colonizing research*. Paper presented at American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Bhattacharya, K. (2014, April). *Creating transformative learning experiences using second life in qualitative research*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Burden P. R. (2014, April). *Preparing scoring guides and data tables for program reviews*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas, Olathe.
- Craft, C. M. (2014, April). *Appropriately expressing religious and spiritual identities as higher education professionals*. Session presented at the College Student Educators International National Conference, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Hughey, J., Goff, B., & Sauer, K. (2014, March). *Engagement as a scholarly activity*. Symposium breakout session presented at the Engagement Symposium, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.
- Kim, J. H., & Leiss, J. (2014, April). *Against sedentary education: A narrative inquiry into the role of body and physical education*. Paper presented at American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Leavy, P., & Bhattacharya, K. (April, 2014). *Arts-based research pedagogy and practice*. Workshop/mini-course delivered to educational researchers at American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Fishback, S. J. (2014). *Mind, brain and education science*. Kansas State University Teaching and Learning Center: Year of the brain review, Manhattan, Kan.
- Spears, J. (2014, April). *Next generation science standards*. Paper presented at the Local American Association of University Women, Manhattan, Kan.

Thompson, D.C., Alexander, K., & Bauries, S. (April 2014). *Publishing in premier education finance, law, and policy journals*. Pre-conference workshop delivered to the National Education Finance Conference, Louisville, Ky.

Thompson, D. C., Wasserman, L., Bauries, S., Salmon, R., Thro, W., & Wood, R. C. (April 2014). *School finance litigation, including legal and non-legal factors in claims judging trial practice and effects on prevailing parties*. General session panel at the National Education Finance Conference, Louisville, Ky.

Zacharakis, J., & Wang, H. (2014). *A pilot study of adult literacy student pathways between secondary and postsecondary education*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

Teagarden, J. M. (2014, April). *The Janus oral history project: Looking back to move the field forward*. Paper presented at the Council of Exceptional Students, Philadelphia, Pa.

Teagarden, J. M. (2014, April). *Project EXCELL*. Paper presented at the UFM Board Meeting, Manhattan, Kan.

## Student Accomplishments

Stephanie Pearson, graduate student, was selected as the inaugural presenter for the college's Distinguished Graduate Student Research Colloquium. She discussed her research about education and literacy in South Sudan.

Cheryl Grice, a recent graduate in educational leadership, was honored as the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Volunteer of the Year in the Time category. The award was presented at the Community Foundation Awards night and was attended by more than 400 community members.

Melisa Posey, graduate student in the department of special education, counseling and student affairs, won the KSU Alumni Association Multicultural Leadership Award.

Tayla Geist, sophomore in elementary education, won the C.O. Wright Scholarship Award for \$250 at the KNEA-SP Representative Assembly on March 28 in Kansas City.

Zeta Eta chapter of Pi Omega Pi at Kansas State University announced that Ashley Bowden is the National Business Education Association Award of Merit recipient for 2014.