

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Highlights

Dean Debbie Mercer attended the Bowl Game in Tempe, AZ, and co-hosted a donor event.

The College of Education produced a documentary “A Long Road: 150 Years of Collective Experience from Five African-American K-State Alumni” that premiered at K-State Salina and on main campus as part of the university’s MLK Observance Week.

The college hosted its first iCamp, a daylong institute on Jan. 15 for educators at all levels interested in increasing iPad use and effectiveness in their classrooms. iCamp was lead by Cyndi Danner Kuhn, instructor in curriculum and instruction. Catalyst Center Director Dennis Devenney simultaneously held the iPad Initiative and Implementation Forum for technology directors at school districts across Kansas. About 300 people attended these events.

David Griffin, director of the Center for Student and Professional Services, reported that CSPA completed Phase I of its plan to improve communications with students and parents by installing digital signage to its newly carpeted lobby. The monitor displays important dates, upcoming events, testing information and general facts about the college.

Four faculty members in the department of educational leadership began the development of a leadership initiative for technical colleges in Kansas. They are: David Thompson, professor and department chair; Frank Spikes, professor; Royce Ann Collins, associate professor; and Jeff Zacharakis, associate professor.

Jane Fishback, associate professor:

- Selected to chair a keynote panel at the 2014 American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conference.
- Selected to serve as guest editor for a special Military Education edition of the refereed journal *Adult Learning*.

Publications

Devin, M., Mercer, D., Mathes, M., Trigg, T., & Zoellner, S. (2013). Case study in the power of collaboration: Planning process for the Kansas educational leadership institute. *Educational Considerations*, 41(1), 6-11.

Devin, M. (2013). From vision to implementation: KELI’s first year. *Educational Considerations* 41(1), 12-18.

Mercer, D., & Myers, S. (2013). Theory into practice: A cry from the field for innovative leadership development. *Educational Considerations*, 41(1), 2-5.

Hernandez, C., Morales, A., & Shroyer, G. (2013). The development of a model of culturally responsive science and mathematics teaching. *Cultural Studies of Science Education Journal*, 8(4), 803-820.

Schottelkorb, A. A., Swan, K. L., Garcia, R., Gale, B., & Bradley, B. M. (2014). Therapist perceptions of relationship conditions in child-centered play therapy. *International Journal of Play Therapy*, 23(1), 1-17.

Shroyer, M.G., Morales, A., Yahnke, S., & Bietau, L.A. (2013). Researching PDS initiatives to promote social justice cross the educational system. In K. Zenkov, D. Corrigan, R. Beebe & C.R. Sell (Eds.), *Professional Development Schools and Social Justice: Schools and Universities Partnering to Make a Difference* (pp243-261). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Zacharakis, J., Tolar, M., & Collins, R.A. (2013, Dec). The political economy of growing a rural university in the United States using online education: An examination of incentives for educational imperialism and academic capitalism. *International Journal of Lifelong Education*. DOI:10.1080/02601370.2013.857732

Presentations

Andersen, L., & Matkins, J.J. (2014, January). *Developing a community of practice with preservice science teachers using blog-based reflections*. Paper presented at the 21st International Conference of the Association for Science Teacher Educators, San Antonio, TX.

Frost, A.M., Lane, J.J., & McCants, T. (2014, January). *Team building for global citizenry*. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference of Education, Honolulu, HI.

Rumsey, C. (2014, January). *Collaboratively planning and teaching an inquiry lesson aligned with CCSS in an elementary mathematics methods course*. Invited presentation at the annual joint mathematics meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, Baltimore, MD.

Graduate Student Accomplishments

Bevely, Q. A. (2013, Spring). Creating an inclusive residence hall. *UMR-ACUHO Perspectives*, 49(3), 21.

Foy, J.K. (2013, December). *Alternative languages(s) of attraction and gender*. Invited presentation sponsored by the Teacher's College at the ESU recruitment and retention committee, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

Stephanie Pearson, doctoral candidate, made several presentations at the U.N. over winter break. She met with President Obama's cabinet in December about creating education centers in refugee camps in South Sudan because of the outbreak of violence. Pearson also traveled to Russia and England where she met with government officials about the educational model her research team created and how her model could be integrated into their own education and governmental systems.

Wild, K. (2014, January). *Promoting success for female nontraditional students*. A poster session presented at the Oregon Women in Higher Education Conference, Corvallis, OR.