

Faculty Accomplishment Newsletter



College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Fall 2008

A Message From the Dean

Thank you for your contributions to the electronic newsletter for fall semester 2008. I am proud of the contributions each of you made throughout this year. You have made a commitment to your department, the college, and the university by presenting your research or unique teaching strategies at conferences all over the country and even some outside the country. Your service to your department, the college, university, community, and throughout the state also keeps the University of Tennessee at Martin College of Education and Behavioral Sciences in the forefront of people's minds.

Keep up the good work and enjoy the rest of the fall semester!

~Dr. Mary Lee Hall

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- **Faculty Accomplishments**

Department of Educational Studies

Beverly Hearn

Teaching

- ◆ Enjoying using the apreso classroom.

Scholarship

- ◆ As president of Tennessee Teachers of English as a Second Language 2005-2006, instigated the publication of a state level journal and contributed an editorial and an article. The first issue is now in press.
- ◆ Presented "Connect to Diversity" at the Conference on Educational Renewal in an Era of Cultural Diversity at Wuhan, China, in May, 2008, with Dr. Cherry Watts.
- ◆ Presented "Increasing Reading Speed in English Language Learners" on October 1, 2008, at Asociacion Nacional Universitaria de Profesores de Ingles with a colleague, Elizabeth Alvarado, Facultad de Filosofia y Letras of the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Mexico.
- ◆ Article accepted for MexTESOL Journal. "Instructional Strategies for Using Problem-based Learning with English Language Learners"

Service

- ◆ Editorial Board, *The Reading Teacher*
- ◆ Editorial Board, *Tennessee TESOL Journal*
- ◆ Proposal reviewer for American Educational Research Association 2009 conference.
- ◆ Asked to serve on International TESOL serials and publications committee.

Betty Cox

Scholarship

- ◆ Cox, Betty, & Cox, Becky. "Developing Interpersonal and Group Dynamics Through Asynchronous Threaded Discussions: The Use of Discussion Board in Collaborative Learning." *Education*, Summer, 2008, pp. 553-565.

Service

- ◆ Reviewer, 2009 AACTE Annual Meeting presentation proposals

Sandra Murray

Scholarship

- ◆ Conducted two presentations on online learning at the National Council of Professors of Education Administration Annual Conference in San Diego – "Methods of Delivery for Online Courses in EDAS" and "A Panel Discussion on Issues and Topics Related to On-

Line Delivery of EDAS Courses”.

- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "Assisting the Struggling Teacher." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press
- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "Supporting the Novice Teacher." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press
- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "Breaking Down Barriers." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press
- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "Encouraging Teacher/Supervisor Interaction." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press
- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "The Mismatched World View." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press
- ◆ Murray, S. (2009). "Cadre of Experts." In K. T. Henson. *Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement*. Long Grove, ILL.: Waveland Press

Service

- ◆ Selected to participate on the Online Standards Taskforce for the NCPEA.
- ◆ Selected to serve on the taskforce for the revision of the ISLLC Standards.
- ◆ Reviewed proposals for the AACTE Annual Conference.

Robert Erk

Scholarship

- ◆ Notified by Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall that his textbook “Counseling Treatment For Children and Adolescents With DSM-IV-TR Disorders” Second Edition (2008) will be translated to Korean.

Cherry Watts

Scholarship

- ◆ May, 2008: Presented a paper with Dr. Beverly Hearn at the Conference on Educational Renewal and School Development in an Era of Cultural Diversity in Wuhan, China.
- ◆ June, 2008: Attended the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools conference in Nashville; became active member of the Tennessee Professors of Middle Level Students.
- ◆ July, 2008: Director of Special Education Summer Institute. Ran institute which lasted two weeks.
- ◆ August, 2008: Presented a paper at the National Social Science Association in Alaska.
- ◆ August, 2008: Presented to Henry County Board of Education the anthology of stories collected by the students of Henry County High's Brenda Shankle under the direction of graduate and undergraduate UTM students involved with a service learning project I coordinated.
- ◆ September, 2008: Attended the TACTE meeting in Nashville.

Crystal Whitlow

Teaching

- ◆ Developed some new classes for online delivery and learned some new techniques to enhance the online learning environment through video conferencing and voice authoring.

Scholarship

- ◆ Will be presenting with Dr. Cherry Watts on November 6-8 at the *International Child and Adolescent Conference XIV* co-sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children Division of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.

Service

- ◆ Training in Developing Effective IEP's provided to Carey Counseling case workers on October 2008.

Other "Awards"

- ◆ A new grandson! Born September 22nd!

Becky Cox

Teaching

- ◆ Began second semester of "Pilot" 302/305 linked courses for P-6 students. Have positive feedback from UTM students, cooperating teachers, and public school administrators.

Scholarship

- ◆ Presentation: "Coral Reefs: A Kaleidoscope of Color." July 2008. National Marine Education Association Conference. Savannah, GA.

Service

- ◆ Appointed to Huntingdon Primary School Involvement Team.
- ◆ Co-chair of the Conferences Standing Committee. National Marine Education Association.
- ◆ President, Tennessee Educators of Aquatic and Marine Sciences.

Linda Blanding

Scholarship

- ◆ Peer reviewed research paper, *Coping with Caregiving: The Effects of Caregiver Training on Knowledge and Resource Utilization, Caregiver Stress, Depression and Grief*, selected

for presentation at the National Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Conference in Los Angeles, CA on August 24, 2008.

Service

- ◆ Serve as Vice-President for Post-Secondary of the Tennessee School Counseling Association for 2008-09.
- ◆ Appointment for membership to a national task force of the Alzheimer's Association.

Other Awards

- ◆ Recognition and Appreciation by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer's Association for 20 years of volunteer service at the chapter, state and national levels.

Department of Health and Human Performance

Deborah Gibson

Teaching

- ◆ Developed and currently teaching a new, 300-level course in Epidemiology which is required for the Exercise Science and Wellness concentration. This course is an introduction to the basic principles and methods of epidemiology. Topics to be covered include the historical perspective of epidemiology, measures of disease occurrence and association, clinical epidemiology, disease screening, causal inference and study design.

Scholarship

- ◆ Project Director for the Tri-County Community Wellness Initiative which has been funded for a second year and will expand to five west Tennessee counties (Carroll, Henry, Gibson, Obion, and Weakley) This program has made it possible for over 160 pre-diabetic or diabetic individuals who rely on the health department for their primary health care to receive one-on-one nutritional counseling from a registered dietician and receive exercise instruction and equipment. 100 pairs of diabetic shoes were purchased and distributed to the health department to be distributed to those lacking adequate footwear. The grant made it possible for over 20 individuals to receive a dilated vision exam and 10 individuals to receive prescription eye glasses.

Service

- ◆ Appointed to the Tennessee Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Advisory Council
- ◆ Assisted the 27th Judicial District Drug Court in becoming one of the first 12 drug courts in the state to become "Certified".
- ◆ Presented "Drug Courts In Tennessee" at the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference.

JC Kim

Teaching

- ◆ Classes SPMG 305 / SPMG406 will attend four different professional sport organizations this Fall. About 35 students will participate in the field trip (at least once). These organizations include: the Nashville Broncs (ABA Basketball team), Diamond Jaxx and Memphis Redbirds (minor league baseball teams), and Mississippi Riverkings (minor league hockey team).

Scholarship

- ◆ Gau, L. S., & **Kim, J. C.** (May 2008). *The impact of nationality on spectator sport attitudes and team identification*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Conference of Sports and Leisure Management, Taiwan.
- ◆ Gau, L. S., & **Kim, J. C.** (*under review*). Team Identification and Attitudes Towards Spectator Sports and the Players: A Cross-cultural Perspective. Submitted to *International Journal of Sport Psychology*.

Service

- ◆ Co-Advisor of the Korean Student Association (KSA) of UT Martin since September 2008
- ◆ Member of Curriculum Committee in the department of HHP – specialized in Sport Management Program

Scott Pun

Service

- ◆ Member of Student Government Association Scholarship Committee. This committee will meet two times this fall and two times next spring to review, after each of the four competitions, the applications submitted by students for SGA Scholarship support for travel-study and study-abroad programs.

- ◆ Co-advisor with Laura Brown for SHAPE club, with 73 members.

Laura Brown

Teaching

- ◆ Developed and implemented a Public Relations for Teachers and Coaches class.

Scholarship

- ◆ Presenting, *Take away recess...Are you kidding? The Educational Benefits of Outdoor Play* at the Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention, Franklin, TN.

Service

- ◆ Co-Advisor with Scott Pun for SHAPE Club, with 73 members.
- ◆ Vice-President for Health and Wellness for Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 2008.

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice

Nancy Sonleitner

Teaching

- ◆ Three research projects developed in the Social Research Methods class, taught by Dr. Nancy Sonleitner, were presented by three students at the **Southern Sociological Society** meeting in Richmond, VA, April 1-4, 2008. J. Baker, psychology/sociology senior, investigated media exposure and fear of campus shootings, using the theory that the more frequently UTM students listen to, watch, or read news stories, the greater the likelihood they would have higher levels of fear of a campus shooting occurring on the UTM campus. Jen Havener, sociology junior, proposed investigating structural and background factors that contribute to minority incarceration. Her reasoning was that minorities located in high crime, poor neighborhoods, and individuals with low levels of education would be more likely to be involved in crime, and to be incarcerated. She proposed using national and state level data. Millicent Knipper, marketing senior, investigated UTM students' perceptions of sexual activity and sexually transmitted diseases on campus. Each of the three projects generated interest from the audience, especially the perceptions of sexual activity on campus presentation.

Service

- ◆ The **Service Learning Fair**, sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, and organized by Dr. Nancy Sonleitner was held in January, 2008, and again in September, 2008. Participants in the Service Learning Fair were organizations and agencies providing social services in surrounding counties in West Tennessee. Student who attend the Service Learning Fair have an opportunity to speak with representatives about the type of work they do in the community in order to find out the array of services offered to a diversity of clients, as well as locate that special service where they would like to volunteer their 10 hours during the semester, which is required in Social Problems classes taught by Dr. Sonleitner. The event is open to all university students seeking places to volunteer their time. Community representatives reported informally that they have been able to attract student volunteers through this event.

Other Awards

- ◆ Dr. Nancy Sonleitner received one of three awards for the Service Learning Initiative launched during the 2007-08 academic year by the UTM American Democracy Project. The award provided funding for projects to implement service learning in classes. The Social Problems class was the focus of service learning for Dr. Sonleitner, and students were required to provide 10 hours of community volunteer service over the course of the semester. To help students locate organizations and agencies to volunteer, a Service Learning Fair was organized for January 2008. Additionally, the event was open to students from other classes, faculty, and staff of the University who were seeking to volunteer, but didn't know who to contact. The Service Learning Fair was successful in attracting approximately 25 social service organizations.

Department of Psychology

Brian Johnson

Teaching

- ◆ Developed a course for UT Online for Psyc 365 (*Special Topics in Psychology*): *Social Psychology and the Law* for Spring 2009 or Summer 2009 term.
- ◆ Continued offering on-line courses for Psyc 312 (*Social Psychology*) and Psyc 340 (*Industrial-Organizational Psychology*). I have taught the Psyc 312 course now five times and the Psyc 340 course a total of seven times.
- ◆ Supervised Cassandra Jackson's Psyc 490 *Field Work in Psychology* coursework.

Scholarship

- ◆ Served as faculty mentor for Katie Price, who successfully defended her Honor's Thesis, *Understanding hate: Homophobia as a predictor of aggression* in April 2008.
- ◆ Giving a Talk for the Tennessee Academy of Sciences entitled *Social influence and the teaching of evolution*. This project also involves Angie MacKewn from the Psychology Department and Lionel Crews and Michael Gibson from Geology, Geography, and Physics.

Service

- ◆ Completed my service on the UTM Faculty Senate Executive Committee and as Faculty Senate Secretary in June 2008.
- ◆ Began a 3-year term on the UTM Extenuating Circumstances Admissions and Residency Appeals Committee in August 2008.
- ◆ Continued serving as Co-chair of Psychology Club.
- ◆ Met with Governor's School for the Humanities students interested in major in psychology on June 19, 2008.
- ◆ Was a S.O.A.R. Faculty Panel Participant for the July 18, 2008 S.O.A.R.
- ◆ Was elected to serve as UTM Phi Kappa Phi Hospitality Committee Chair beginning in Fall 2008 term.
- ◆ Served as a reviewer for the revision of an Industrial-Organizational Psychology textbook (*Psychology & Work Today*, 10th edition) by Duane and Sydney Ellen Schultz for Pearson Prentice Hall.
- ◆ Served as a reviewer for the development of a first edition Social Psychology textbook (*Principles of Social Psychology*) for Pearson.
- ◆ Served as a reviewer for the development of a first edition Research Methods and Statistical Analyses textbook (*An Introduction to Research Methods and Statistical Analyses*) for SAGE Publications.
- ◆ Conducted an accuracy review of 16 chapters of testbank questions (60 multiple choice, 20 completion, and 20 short-answer questions per chapter) for Pearson Allyn and Bacon.
- ◆ I am currently serving as one member of a twelve member Advisory Board for a new Introductory Psychology text from Cengage/Houghton Mifflin. I began serving on this in March 2008 and will continue until March 2009.
- ◆ I am serving as Faculty Advisor for InterFaith Student Center for the AY 2008-2009.

Other Awards

- ◆ Invited to speak to the UTM Student Government Association during their August 29, 2008 Retreat. I spoke on *Group decision-making: Problems and solutions*.

Susan Buckelew

Teaching

- ◆ Added a field work component to the Introduction to Clinical Psychology Course (Psy 300). Each student spends a half day on site at Baptist Hospital in the Behavioral Medicine unit. Fall Semester, 2008.

Scholarship

- ◆ Manuscript accepted and in press: Buckelew, S.P., Crittendon, R.S., Butkovic, J.D., Price, K.B., & Hurst, M. (2008). Hope as a predictor of academic performance. *Psychological Report*, 103, 411-414.
- ◆ APA poster presented: 2008, August. Buckelew, S.P., Butkovic, J.D., Crittendon, R.S., Roberts, K.D. & Brown, G.E. "Hoping for a Good Grade." Poster presented to the American Psychological Association Meeting, Boston, MA.
- ◆ Data Collection completed on EEG patterns of good and poor sleepers research project. Abstract under review for poster presentation and manuscript in progress. Consulted with Dr. Doug DeGood from University of VA who visited our campus in May, 2008. Helped to

coordinate his presentation on sleep disorders and college students for faculty and students in our department.

Service

- ◆ Invited by the University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) and served as an external examiner to a dissertation defense by Melanie Marie Langford entitled, "The Efficacy of a Combined Cognitive-Behavioural and Interpersonal Therapy Approach to the Treatment of Fibromyalgia Syndrome: A Randomized controlled Trial" Summer, 2008.
- ◆ Spoke to the local Alzheimer's Support Group on Coping with Alzheimer's disease on May 17, 2008.

Denise Jones

Scholarship

Autism Awareness Month Activities (April)

- ◆ McKenzie Kiwanis: Increasing Autism Awareness
- ◆ Jackson Madison County Hospital: Parent 2 Parent Meeting
- ◆ Huntingdon Head Start Training for teachers on autism

Service

- ◆ Member of Inter-Collaborative Team: Improving Outcomes of Autistic Children

Let's Applaud Faculty Accomplishments!

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