



Fall Semester 2009

## Honors, Awards, and Activities!

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- Conferences Attended
- Presentations

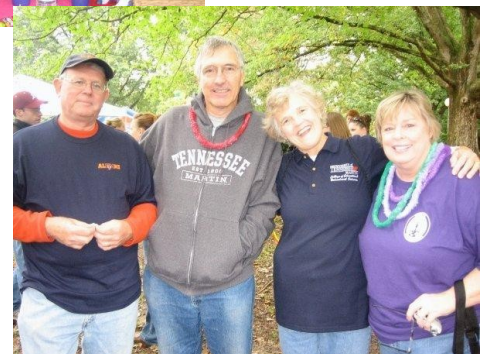
## Notes from the Dean...

It is really hard for me to believe fall semester is almost over! It seems only yesterday we were enjoying the opening faculty meeting for the beginning of this academic year! I am so pleased with the productivity on the part of the faculty in our college. The current newsletter shows ample evidence of quality in teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty continue to accrue awards for teaching and scholarship as well as providing the kind of service in the West Tennessee region that promotes the mission of the college to prepare a diverse clientele to enter the world of work or graduate studies. Our graduates do impact the quality of life in the communities they serve and that starts with our faculty.

Dr.Hall

## College Tent Wins Second Place at Homecoming!

Thanks to Ms. Jennifer Cook, the Dean's Student Leadership Team, and other students in our majors, we had a great tent again this year at Homecoming. Despite the weather, we had a lot of fun, as you can see in the photos.



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## BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

### Dr. Michelle Merwin

#### Scholarship

Dr. Merwin presented a paper, "Abraham Lincoln as Case Study: The Work of Rollo May Visible in the Life of the Great Emancipator", at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Humanistic Psychology Conference, Division 32 of the American Psychological Association, Colorado Springs, CO.

### Dr. Susan Buckelew

#### Scholarship

The following article was published in the June edition of *Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback*. (2009), volume 34 (2), pages 99-103: "Awake EEG disregulation in good compared to poor sleepers" by Susan P. Buckelew, Douglas E. DeGood, Kristyn D. Roberts, Jessica D. Butkovic, & Angie S. MacKewn. This is an international interdisciplinary journal and represents a collaborative research effort between UTM and University of Virginia (DeGood). The paper was also presented at the annual meeting of the AAPB (Association for Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback) in April 2009 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This research was partially funded by a UTM research grant.

### Dr. Nancy Sonleitner

#### Presentation

Dr. Sonleitner gave a presentation at the Southern Sociological Society meeting held April 1-4, 2009, on *Western Assumptions in a Non-Western Educational Environment*. The meeting was held in New Orleans.

#### Research

Dr. Sonleitner took two student researchers to the conference who also presented their research. Tammi Evans presented her research on the Effects of Sleep Deprivation on the Academic Performance of College Athletes vs. Non-Athletes. Mary Mason presented her research on What Makes People Happy and How Stress Affects Happiness.

Dr. Sonleitner is continuing to analyze data from the research project she is conducting with Deborah Gibson on the Effects of the Quantity and Quality of Sleep on Academic Performance in College Athletes and Non-Athletes.



## EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

### Dr. Becky Cox

#### Awards

Dr. Cox was selected the "Higher Education Science Teacher of the Year" 2009 by the Tennessee Science Teachers Association.

#### Presentations

Dr. Cox made presentations at the following:

- National Science Teachers Association, New Orleans, LA. "Frog Life Cycles." NMEA Share-A-Thon;
- National Science Teachers Association, New Orleans, LA. "Rock Cycle." Council for Elementary Science International Make and Take Workshop; and
- National Marine Educators Association, Monterey, CA. "The Wonders of Wetlands."
- "Splash! Into Standards." Presentation for K-4 Teachers. Tennessee Science Teachers Association. November, 2009

#### Service

The following show Dr. Cox's service activities for the year:

- President, Tennessee Educators of Aquatic and Marine Sciences
- Co-Chair, National Marine Education Association Conference, 2010 at Gatlinburg, TN
- Co-Chair, Standing Conference Committee, National Marine Education Association
- Reviewer of supplement textbook *Introduction to Online Learning*, Sage Publications
- Online reviewer of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Global Climate Change Education
- Represented Tennessee Educators of Aquatic and Marine Science at the Tennessee Environmental Education Association Conference. Nashville, TN
- West Tennessee STEM Center for Learning. Advisor, Educational Studies.
- STEM Education for Tennessee's Future. Tennessee Science Teachers Association. November, 2009.

### Dr. Betty Cox

#### Publications

Dr. Cox had the following publications (with Perry A. Zirkel):

- "Lose Your Job, Then Sue the Board?" *The School Administrator*, American Association of School Administrators, May, 2009, pp. 24-28 (20,000 individual distributions).
- "School Boards' Adverse Employment Actions Against Superintendents: An Empirical Analysis of the Case Law." *West's Education Law Reporter*, June 25, 2009, pp. 1-19 (second publication in the Illinois Public Employee Relations Report, Volume 26, Issue 4, 2009) (both are refereed).

#### Presentations

Dr. Cox made the following presentations:

- "Superintendent Nonrenewal, Termination, Suspension, and Buy Out." Presentation at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Law Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas (November 21, 2008) (with Perry A. Zirkel)
- "The Politics of Preparation." Paper prepared for presentation at the Association of Teacher Educators SIG for Educational Leadership, Dallas, Texas (February 17, 2009) (with Drs. Becky Cox and Ginny Esch)
- "Unseating the Superintendent: The Resulting Case Law." Presentation at the 2009 American Educational Research Association, San Diego, California (April 16, 2009)(with Perry A. Zirkel)
- Effecting Change in Educational Leadership: Whose Responsibility?" Presentation at the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) 2009 Summer Conference, San Antonio, Texas (August 5, 2009).

**Educational Studies, continued...****Dr. Beverly Hearn****Presentations**

Dr. Hearn presented at the American Psychological Association in Toronto as part of a symposium about applying instructional design principles in the secondary content classroom.

**Publications**

Dr. Hearn published an article on the topic Problem Based Learning with English Language Learners in the most recent issue of MexTESOL Journal, and had an article accepted for publication on the topic Early Childhood English Language Learners in the U.S. for a themed issue of the MexTESOL Journal.

**Grants**

Dr. Hearn has been awarded a Project RITE grant for the next year.

**Teaching**

Dr. Hearn has two new online courses, READ 700: Foundation of Reading, and TESL 700: Principles of teaching ESL.

**Scholarship**

On November 5, Dr. Hearn went to France for a TESOL poster presentation: Improving reading speed.

**Service**

The Reading Clinic has seven elementary and middle school students who are progressing well. Dr. Hearn has also been reviewing articles for *Reading Teacher*.

**Dr. Patricia Hewitt****Presentations**

Dr. Hewitt gave a presentation at the National Social Science Association national conference and the National Science Teachers Association national conference. She also gave a presentation at the National Social Science Association in San Francisco: Yes, They're Still Here: American Indians of the Southwest

**Service Listing**

She participated in Dresden Elementary School Science Club activities and is a Proposal Reviewer for annual conference of the Association for Science Teacher Education

**Grants**

Dr. Hewitt received an Institute in Chemistry and Physics grant.

**Other Awards**

Dr. Hewitt was selected for Who's Who in American Universities.

**Educational Studies, continued...****Dr. Suzanne Maniss****Awards**

Dr. Maniss was chosen Online Teacher of the Year from Online and University Studies.

**Presentations**

She had a Counseling Presentation at National Social Sciences Association Conference in August.

**Dr. Sandra Murray****Scholarship**

Dr. Murray developed two new online courses - Electronic Tools for Educational Leaders and Measurement and Decision Making, and attended the week long Instructional Technology Center Faculty Summer Workshop to learn new skills to use in her courses.

**Presentations**

Dr. Murray presented a workshop on Bullying for the Milan Special School District Instructional Assistants, and provided an in-service training for aspiring teacher candidates who attend classes at the UTM Parsons Center.

**Publications**

Dr. Murray had the following publications:

- "Assisting the Struggling Teacher." In K. T. Henson. Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement. Long Grove, ILL Waveland Press
- "Supporting the Novice Teacher." In K. T. Henson. Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press
- "Breaking Down Barriers." In K. T. Henson. Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement. Long Grove, IL Waveland Press
- "Encouraging Teacher/Supervisor Interaction." In K. T. Henson. Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press
- "The Mismatched World View." In K. T. Henson. Supervision: A collaborative approach to instructional improvement. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press
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**Educational Studies, continued...****Dr. Beth N. Quick****Publications**

Dr. Quick had the following publications:

- The Landscape of Prekindergarten in Tennessee and Beyond. Tennessee Wolf Trap Teaching Artists Training. Nashville, TN.
- Options for Effectively Assessing Student Outcomes. Tennessee Early Childhood Higher Education Institute. Nashville, TN.
- The six Cs of effective teaching. New Teacher Advocate. Kappa Delta Pi.
- (in press) Mastery learning. In J. C. Carper, T. C. Hunt, T. J. Lasley, & C.D. Raisch (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent* (pp. ). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- (in press) Project learning. In J. C. Carper, T. C. Hunt, T. J. Lasley, & C. D. Raisch (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent* (pp. ). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Other Scholarly Activity**

Dr. Quick had an Invited Book Review for McGraw Hill. *Classroom Assessment* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) by Airasian and Russell (Summer 2009) She was also a Peer Reviewer for The American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference Proposals and a Panel Reviewer for Federal Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Applications for the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Quick was the Panel Chairperson for Federal Early Head Start Expansion Grant Application Reviews (ARRA Funding) for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services: Head Start Bureau, Washington, D.C. She was Peer Reviewer for The Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Annual Conference Proposals and for National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference Proposals.

**Memberships**

Member, Tennessee Board of Examiners, Tennessee Department of Education

Member, Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) State Steering Committee

**Dr. Glenda C. Rakes****Publications Listing**

Rakes, G. C., & Dunn, K. E. (in press). The impact of online graduate students motivation and self-regulation on academic procrastination. *Journal of Interactive Online Learning*. [published from RITE grant for 2008-2009]

**Dr. Rakes, continued**

Dunn, K. E., & Rakes, G. C. (in press). Producing caring qualified teachers: An exploration of the influence of preservice teacher concerns on learner-centeredness. *Teaching and Teacher Education*. doi:10.1016/j.tate.2009.06.013

## Inside Story Headline

### Presentations

Dr. Rakes had the following presentations:

- Concerning learner-centered education: The influence of preservice teacher concerns on their learner-centeredness. Paper presented at the 117th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association; Toronto, Canada, in August 2009. (with K. Dunn)
- Teachers learner-centered beliefs and concerns regarding instructional technology. Paper to be presented at the Twentieth Annual International Conference for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education; Charleston, South Carolina, in March 2009 (with Michael Spaulding)
- A comparison of preservice and in-service teachers' perceptions toward technology benefits and integration. Paper to be presented at the Twentieth Annual International Conference for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education; Charleston, South Carolina, in March 2009 (with Michael Spaulding).

### Book Chapter

The editor and members of the editorial board of The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Journal of Research on Technology in Education (JRTE) have selected the top 10 research articles since 2002 regarding K-12 technology implementation and integration. ISTE plans to publish these articles as chapters in a book along with commentary from the authors in the near future. This article has been selected for inclusion:

Rakes, G.C., Fields, V.S., & Cox, K.E. (2006). The influence of teachers technology use on instructional practices. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*, 38(4), 411-426.

### Grant

Dr. Rakes was the Project Director for Project RITE (Research in Technology in Education); Students' Motivation and Use of Cognitive Self-Regulated Learning Strategies as Predictors of Procrastination in Online Courses, which was funded by the University of Tennessee System Educational Technology Collaborative, 2008-2009.

## Dr. Michael Spaulding

### Presentations

Dr. Spaulding attended and presented at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

He also had the following papers to be presented at the Twentieth Annual International Conference for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education; Charleston, South Carolina (both with Dr. Glenda Rakes):

- (March 2009). Teachers learner-centered beliefs and concerns regarding instructional technology.
- (March 2009). A comparison of preservice and in-service teachers' perceptions toward technology benefits and integration.

### Publications

Dr. Spaulding published "Perceptions of academic honesty in online vs. face-to-face classrooms" in *Journal of Interactive Online Learning*

**Educational Studies, continued...****Dr. Joyce Swan****Presentations**

Dr. Swan made the following presentations:

- Research Council for Mathematics Learning, Annual National Conference, Rome, GA. Presentation: Changes in Teaching Styles and Methods: Insights from Project IMPACT.
- Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest, Annual Spring Regional Conference, Jackson, TN. Presentations: "Puzzling Pentominoes" and "Math Mysteries and Chasing Vermeer. In collaboration with Robyn Daniel, an undergraduate TEP student.
- Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest, Annual Fall Regional Conference, Martin, TN. Presentations: "Puzzling Pentominoes" and "Math Mysteries and Chasing Vermeer. In collaboration with Robyn Daniel, an undergraduate TEP student.
- Sept. 19, 2009 Mathematics Teacher of Tennessee Northwest annual fall conference, Martin, TN, presented "Games for multiplication and division for 3rd-5th grade students"
- Nov. 18-19, 2009 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference, Nashville, TN, Presenting "Becoming Facilitators: Middle School Teachers Enacting Change", with Stephanie Kolitsch and Desiree McCullough.

**Dr. Cherry Watts****Teaching**

Dr. Watts has added Service Learning to a Secondary Social Studies Methods Course: What the Teacher Candidates Learned. In SEDU 415/615 Social Studies Methods for Secondary Teachers, her students completed their 6 hours of service learning at the Crossroads Teen Center in Martin. Their reflections indicate that they learned much about diversity, poverty, and differentiated instruction.

**Publications**

Dr. Watts has been accepted to be published in the National Social Science Journal in 2010. (the official refereed publication of NSSA)

**Presentations Listing**

Dr. Watts made the following presentations:

- NSSA Conference in San Francisco, October, 2009. Think, Write, Change: How Reflective Practice in an Introductory Teacher Education Class Informs the Practice of New Teacher Candidates.
- Presented at the National Middle School Conference in Indianapolis, November, 2009.
- The Middle School Concept in Practice: How Tennessee Schools Do It. With Allen H. Seed from the University of Memphis.

## **Educational Studies, continued...**

### **Dr. Watts, continued**

#### **Service**

Dr. Watts presented a PowerPoint on Guatemalan education to STEA and Kappa Delta Pi in an effort to get support to raise money for mini-libraries for Guatemalan elementary schools.

#### **Award**

Dr. Watts was the recipient of one of the Service Learning Grants sponsored by the Institute for Civic Engagement.

#### **Grants**

Dr. Watts received the Special Education Institute Grant—a 3-year competitive grant to continue the Special Education Institute. In June, 2009 Dr. Watts had 29 teachers participate in a mini-institute. In July, 2009 she had 50 teachers participate in the institute. A total of 9 special education courses were taught by institute instructors.

### **Dr. Cris Whitlow**

#### **Teaching**

Dr. Whitlow was included in the “Top Three List” membership as determined by student evaluations, spring 2009. She was also promoted to Associate Professor and tenured, spring 2009.

#### **Scholarship**

Dr. Whitlow was elected by The National Council of Teachers of English as the 2009 recipient of the English Leadership Quarterly Best Article of the Year Award for her article titled “Ninety Minutes of Inclusion Observed: 10 Essential Elements.”

The National Council of Teachers of English, at the Conference on English Leadership (CEL), has selected Ninety Minutes of Inclusion Observed: 10 Essential Elements as the 2009 recipient of the English Leadership Quarterly Best Article of the Year Award, one of CEL’s highest honors for scholarly contributions to our profession.

#### **Service**

Council for Exceptional Children leadership team for the National Conference held in April, 2010- Chair of Entertainment Committee.

2010- Chair of Entertainment Committee.

## STEA

### STEA at UTM's Annual Pumpkin Parade

By: Lindsay Haynes, Vice President

On Friday, October 30, 2009, the STEA chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin helped facilitate games, face painting, and trick-or-treating for the local children of Martin. Although it was raining pretty steadily, the crowd of children and their parents only seemed to grow larger as the event went on. The children began arriving for games and face painting at the Weldon Public Library a little before 3pm. Our chapter provided and facilitated five games for the children, including Halloween Tic-Tac-Toe, Jack-O-Lantern Bean Bag Toss, Pumpkin Candy Walk, Skull Toss, and a duck game for the smaller ones. We also had members who painted the children's faces. As children came in, a couple of our members helped families to register in a pumpkin decorating contest. This was where the kids brought in a pumpkin that they had decorated, and then some of the library staff judged to see who won. Since the rain prevented us from leading the children around to local businesses to trick-or-treat as we usually do, the businesses brought their candy to the library, and we were able to hand it out despite the rain! There were so many cute costumes, including a toddling baby Superman, several Nintendo Mario characters, even more princesses, and a couple of bumblebees and Spidermen. The turnout was great, and it was wonderful to see our members actively involved with children from the community. All around, everyone had a great time!

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This is our secretary, Emilie Liberto, with Superman!

This is one of our members, Caryce Gilmore, working the face painting station.



## HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

### Dr. Laura Brown

#### Teaching

Dr. Brown completed the Water Safety Instructor Trainer update and attended the TAHPERD conference in November with licensure students

#### Scholarship

Dr. Brown submitted an article to *Childhood Education* with Dr. Becky Cox entitled "Outdoor Play and Its Benefit to the Whole Child: Health, Educational and Behavioral"

#### Service

SHAPE Club (co-advised by Laura Brown and Scott Pun) was recognized by Martin Housing Authority for outstanding service. Dr. Brown is currently serving as Past Vice-President for Health and Wellness for TAHPERD (Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance)

#### Other awards

ANNOUNCEMENT– The Grand Opening of the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway was held on Saturday, November 14!

### Stuart Currie

#### Presentations

Mr. Currie had the following presentations:

- 2009 Physical Education Teacher Education Conference, October 7-10, 2009, Myrtle Beach, SC. Poster Presentation: A Three-Phase Modified Delphi Technique Formulating Tennessee Independent School K-12 Quality Physical Education Program Guidelines
- 2009 Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, November 1-3, 2009, Murfreesboro, TN. Presentation: When Can We Play? Integrating a Teaching Games for Understanding Methodology for a School Soccer Unit

#### Service

Mr. Currie was nominated for Chair Elect within the office for the Coaching Education Council in the Sport and Leisure Division of SDAHPERD.

### Dr. Karen Greenockle

#### Publications

Dr. Greenockle had the following publications:

- "The New Face in Leadership: Emotional Intelligence" invited submission to Special Fall issue on Leadership in Quest, official publication of the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education.
- "Your Job – Your EQ – Your Health" published in The Department Chair: A Resource for Academic Administrators, national publication, Spring 2008.



## **Health and Human Performance, continued...**

### **Dr. Greenockle, continued...**

#### **Presentations**

Dr. Greenockle presented "Social-Emotional Intelligence and its Role in Physical Education presented at the 2009 NAKPHE Conference, in Sarasota, Florida, Spring 2009. She also presented "Embracing the Globalization Challenge", which was an invited presentation for the Administrators Workshop at the 2009 NAKPHE Conference, Sarasota, Florida, in Spring 2009.

### **J.C. Kim**

#### **Teaching**

Dr. Kim's SPMG 406 (Advanced Sport Management) Class visited Memphis Motorsport Park on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> as a field trip. They had a specific facility tour and Q&A session with General Manager, Director of Ticket Sales, and Director of Business Development.

#### **Service**

Dr. Kim had a Conference Research Oral Presentation (TAHPERD: Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance), on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The topic was "How Sport Management Students are Taking Their Education Beyond the Classroom."

### **Dr. Linda Ramsey**

Dr. Ramsey was elected Governor-Elect of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Kiwanis, and is the first female to hold this position. Also, she has retired full time, and will be teaching half-time this fall. She received the honor of becoming Professor Emeritus last spring. She also reported, "I have the good fortune of being a first time grandmother of Eliana Hanee Ramsey who is 5 months old."

### **Dr. Janet Wilbert**

#### **Teaching**

Dr. Wilbert developed a virtual portfolio for the Health and Human Performance students to use in their internship and practicum class. She attended a conference in October on Pediatric gait and posture analysis; she took the Teaching Online course through the ITC, attended the video conference on the Millennial student, and adopted a new text which necessitated revamping the Professional Leadership class.

#### **Scholarship**

Dr. Wilbert just presented at the Health Science Educators conference in Nashville. This is a conference that she also helps to put on through a Dept. of Education grant. She has worked with this grant for more than 5 years.

#### **Service**

Dr. Wilbert was elected Faculty Senate President-elect for 09-10, and is Chair of the HHP curriculum committee.

## University Studies

We welcome Beth Edwards and Dawn Dill, in University Studies, to our college. University Studies became a part of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, effective July 1, 2009. Currently we have 343 active students in the Bachelor of University Studies program.

## And from the Office of the Dean...

We wish you all a very Happy Holiday!!!

