



The Teachers College

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY™

Continuing the Legacy of Excellence in Teacher Education

Though The Teachers College is well-respected and recognized nationwide, no award means as much to us as what our students - past and present - think about us and our programs. What follows are recent messages received from graduates.

I wanted to take five minutes to drop you all a line and say thanks so much for encouraging students to be active members and instilling in us the importance of professional organizations; most certainly for really pushing the issue of hands on. Each year I see a variety of new teachers and I'm ever more thankful of the ways I was taught to teach my students. Kudos to you all and the job you do preparing your students. I have certainly appreciated it.

--Amber Sherretts (BSE '94),
Topeka

Thank you for the great training that I received through the PDS program at ESU. I cannot tell you how beneficial it has been for me to have been a part of such an intense, yet definitely well worth it, program. When I first started teaching I recognized how fortunate I was to have had a year of student teaching under my belt. I feel like I knew so much more of how to start a school year and more of those logistical things that most teachers just figure out as they are overwhelmed with all of the things that come with starting a new job.

Thank you for the investment that you personally gave me in my time at ESU and for the encouragement to push through and follow the dream

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Bennett Visits Japan

From September 15-21, I was pleased to have the opportunity to visit Nara University of Education in Nara, Japan to present information about ESU's teacher education program and about teacher training in America in general.

I met first with students informally to talk and answer questions about teacher training at ESU. Even though they were graduate students, most of them were preparing to be teachers. They enjoyed practicing their English but one of them spoke very good English and helped with translation.

I then gave a formal presentation to graduate students and faculty of the university. For this presentation I spoke through professional translators. Lastly, I spoke at a conference of educators whose mission is to study American education. One of the members of the organization served as the translator for this presentation. I found out professional translators make things *much* easier.

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USDE Secretary Applauds ESU

In a speech at Columbia University on October 22, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan mentioned Emporia State University's teacher preparation program as a shining example for other colleges of education to model.

Below are excerpts from his speech:

"I don't think the ingredients of a good teacher preparation are much of a mystery anymore," Duncan said. "Our best programs are coherent, up-to-date, research-based, and provide students with subject mastery. They have a strong and substantial field-based program in local public schools that drives much of the course work in classroom management and student learning and prepares students to teach diverse pupils in high-needs settings. And these programs have a shared vision of what constitutes good teaching and best practices—including a single-minded focus on improving student learning and using data to inform instruction."

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Global Leadership Trip 2009

Four students from The Teachers College travelled to Europe this summer to exam leadership in an ever-changing world. The students, part of a Global Leadership class at ESU, toured Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Lithuania in late May and early June, and recapped their experiences during a presentation back on the Emporia campus upon their return.

Among the 16 ESU students were Sarah Francis, Overland Park, elementary education; Natalie Skaggs, Gardner, elementary education; Marcus Summers, Fairview,

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*Pictured below:
Natalie Skaggs and
Nikaela Swarner*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Awards Banquet for Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding Recent Graduates to be held October 30

The 2009 Distinguished Alumni and the 2009 recipients of the Outstanding Recent Graduate award will be honored during Homecoming week.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Three of the four alumni named as the 2009 class of Distinguished Alumni are graduates of The Teachers College. They are:

- Dr. Becky Hays Boober (BSE '76, MA '82), of Holden, Maine
- Dr. Randy Scott (BSE '79), of Los Altos, California
- Sue (Naylor) Swaim (BSE '67), of Aurora, Maine

Justice Harold See (BA '66), of Montgomery, Alabama is the other alumnus in this year's class.

The award has recognized ESU's most prestigious alumni since 1960. The initial selection is made by a committee representing alumni and faculty, and the Alumni Association Board of Directors approves the final slate of award winners. To read more about the award visit www.emporia.edu/saf/awards/disalum.html.

OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATES

A student turned instructor of The Teachers College is among three people receiving the 2009 Outstanding Recent Graduate award.

Jodie (Kimball) Leiss (BSE '03, MS '06) of Emporia, will be recognized by the ESU Alumni Association at the Alumni Celebration Dinner. Also recognized will be Megan Burgess, of Topeka, and Mark Schmelzle, of Valley Center.

The award recipients are selected annually by the university's undergraduate colleges and schools; read more about the award at www.emporia.edu/saf/awards/outgrad.html.

The dinner will be on Friday, Oct. 30 and begins with a 6 p.m. reception in the Memorial Union's Colonial Ballroom, followed by the 6:30 p.m. dinner in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The public is invited to attend. The cost per person is \$25. To RSVP, contact the alumni office at (620) 341-5440 or alumni@emporia.edu.

Musical entertainment will be provided by ESU music students. The program will be hosted by L. Russell Everhart, Alumni Association President, and Jonathan Krueger, Associated Student Government President.



For more information about Homecoming 2009, visit www.emporia.edu/saf/homecoming2009.htm

Plan to attend

November 3 - Education Career Fair, Memorial Union, Webb Lecture Hall

9 a.m. - Noon: Fair; 1 - 5 p.m.: Interviews

Students: Register with Career Services to sign up for interviews

Employers: Register with Career Services

For more information:

www.emporia.edu/careerservices or call 620-341-5407.



"Remember the Titans" Coach to Deliver Bonner and Bonner Series Lecture November 4

The football coach whose inspirational story was captured in the 2000 film, "Remember the Titans," will speak at Emporia State University this fall.

Herman Boone delivers his Bonner and Bonner Diversity Lecture Series address, "Remember the Titans—Valuing Diversity," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 in Albert Taylor Hall

in Plumb Hall on the ESU campus. The public is invited to attend the lecture free of charge.

Boone's story is that of two coaches who were able to put aside prejudices and unify a Virginia high school football team that compiled a 13-0 record and won the 1971 state championship.

"We're very excited that Coach Boone has accepted this engagement," said Dr. Michael Lane, ESU president. "He will share many life lessons on the importance of accepting diversity in our lives plus how to create cohesive dynamic and successful teams. I'm certain everyone who attends will walk away with more than one lesson."

The Bonner and Bonner Lecture Series was established in 1992 in honor of Drs. Thomas and Mary Bonner, ESU's first and second African American faculty members. Both were tenured professors with a combined 48 years of service and contributions to ESU.



Children's Literature Author, Historian and Critic to Speak November 18 & 19

An author, historian and critic in the world of children's literature will be the Jones Distinguished Lecturer this fall.

Leonard Marcus, an authority on children's books and the authors and artists who create them, will give a free presentation Wednesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union's Kanza Room on the ESU campus.

The lecture, entitled "A New Deal for the Nursery: Golden Books and the Democratization of American Children's Book Publishing," is the behind-the-scenes tale of the visionary enterprise that brought together top authors and artists, advanced printing technology, and savvy marketing talent to make Golden Books a household name.

Along with a book about the Golden Books series, Marcus has also written a book about Margaret Wise Brown, author of *Goodnight Moon* and *Dear Genius: The Letters of Ursula Nordstrom*, an anthology of letters to many of the greats of children's literature. Other works of his include *Minders of Make-Believe*, *A Caldecott Celebration*, *Side by Side*, *Storied City*, and *The Wand in the Word*. His recent children's books include *Pass It Down: Five Picture-Book Families Make Their Mark*, and *Funny Business: Conversations with Writers of Comedy*.

Marcus is a trusted critic, currently writing for *The New York Times Book Review*, *The Horn Book*, and *Publishers Weekly*, among other

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Save These Dates

2010 Kansas Master Teacher Awards

January 29, 2010: Deadline for 2010 nominations is 5 p.m.
 February 22, 2010: Kansas Master Teacher Announcement
 March 31, 2010: Kansas Master Teacher Award Day
 Visit www.emporia.edu/teach/dean/master/ for more information.

February 22, 2010 - Kansas Reading Recovery® and Early Literacy Conference

Visit www.emporia.edu/readingrecovery for more information.

March 3, 2010 - Education Career Fair

Visit www.emporia.edu/careerservices to register and find out more; contact Career Services at 620-341-5407.

March 29, 2010 - Story-Telling Workshop & More

Featuring children's author Carmen Deedy
 Visit www.emporia.edu/jones for more information.

May 7, 2010 - Teachers College Honors Banquet

Contact the The Teachers College Dean's office at 620-341-5367 for more information.

June 13-17, 2010 - KS Future Teacher Academy

Visit www.emporia.edu/jones for more information.

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publications. His book reviews appeared in every issue of *Parenting* magazine for 21 years. He is a three-time judge of the New York Times Best Illustrated Books of the Year prize, a standing member of The Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award committee, and was a judge of the 1996 National Book Awards. Marcus has been a featured guest of ABC's Good Morning America, C-SPAN 2 Book TV, Fox Network's Good Morning Sunday, and National Public Radio's All Things Considered and Talk of the Nation.

"Mr. Marcus's depth of knowledge about the authors and illustrators of children's books is truly amazing," said Jones Institute special projects director Lucie Eusey.

Along with his lecture on Wednesday night, there will be a special exhibit of original Caldecott-winning artwork from the ESU Archives' May Masee collection. The exhibit, reception, and opportunity to buy books will take place from 6-6:50 p.m. A book signing, exhibit viewing, and refreshments will follow the presentation. The reception is hosted by Phi Delta Kappa, Flint Hills Chapter.

In addition to the evening lecture, an additional lecture for educators will be presented on Thursday, November 19 at 3 p.m. in ESU's Visser Hall, Room 330. There, Marcus will present "Minders of Make-Believe: Children's Book History in Ten Giant Steps from The New England Primer to Harry Potter." This wide-ranging illustrated talk highlights the key moments in a lively 300-year-old debate that has often made allies – or enemies – of the nation's publishers, librarians, religious leaders, parents, and educators.

This will be the 22nd Annual Jones Distinguished Lecture. It is sponsored by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence and ESU Archives. Both events are free and open to the public.

Professional Development Opportunities for Educators

Earn Graduate Credit

The Jones Institute for Educational Excellence is offering several one-day workshops in the upcoming months, most offer graduate credit. Visit www.emporia.edu/jones for more information.

November 5 - The Daily 5 Plus

For elementary classroom teachers: This workshop will briefly review the literacy model, and then delve into discussion and sharing with other Daily 5 teachers. *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/09fall-daily5.htm.*

November 6 - SODA (social/behavioral learning strategy): Teaching Students with ASD How to Navigate Social Situations

For K-12 special educators, K-12 general educators, & parents of persons with ASD: This workshop will describe a social/behavioral learning strategy (SODA) that teaches students (K-12) with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) how to successfully navigate social situations. *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/09fall-soda.htm.*

November 13 - Empowering Students through Assistive Technology Infinitec Statewide Assistive Technology Conference 2009 & Outstanding Student Technology Awards Presentation

This annual conference sponsored by the Kansas Infinitec Coalition offers full and half-day sessions on the use of assistive technology. Students will be recognized at a luncheon for their use of technology in their instruction. *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/09fall-infinitec.htm.*

November 17 - Madeline Hunter is ALIVE & WELL... or Should Be!

For K-12 Classroom Teachers: This workshop will provide participants with an overview of Hunter's model of Effective Instruction with an emphasis on effective lesson design. *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/09fall-hunter.htm.*

December 4 - When Harry Met Ruby: Effective Classroom Management for New Teachers

For K-12 Classroom Teachers: Based on the work of Harry Wong and some of the key points of Ruby Payne's *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, this workshop provides the keys to positive classroom management as a foundation for student achievement. *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/09fall-met.htm.*

January 22 - Hitting the Target: Unwrapping the Standards for Assessment

For K-12 Classroom Teachers: This workshop focuses on identifying the learning targets in district curricular objectives and/or state standards through a process called "unwrapping." *For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/conferences/10spring-target.htm.*

Student Achievements

Hannah Prophet, health and physical education major, was chosen as one of two representatives by the American Association for Health Education (AAHE). AAHE stated Prophet was chosen for her professional involvement and potential to be a future leader.

As a representative, she will be attending the upcoming national AAHPERD Student Leadership Conference. At this conference she will be trained in mentoring other future professionals and in advocating for quality health and physical education programs. The conference will be October 22-25 in Edgewater, Maryland.



Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) graduate students Elizabeth Ermis and Jennifer Gibson are finalists in the PacifiCorp design and development competition. The competition involves teams of two students designing and developing a detailed written solution and oral report in response to a complex instructional design case study.

They will be joining the other finalist teams and present their instructional design solution at the 2009 AECT International Convention in Louisville, KY October 27-31.

Of note is that the two other teams consist of doctoral level students from Florida State University and Utah State University.

This is the second time an ESU IDT team has been chosen as finalists in this international competition. In 2007 IDT then-students Sandy Valenti and Steve Harmon were chosen.

For more information, visit www.aect.org/pacificorp/.



Fourteen students studying education at ESU were chosen in May to represent their university in the prestigious Ambassadors organization for the 2009-10 academic year. They are:

- Lindsay Atchison, Baldwin City
- Ashley Bonjour, Manhattan
- Molli Chitwood*, Osawatomic
- Meghan Clark, Shawnee
- Vice President Drake Foster*, Mulvane
- Esteban Gomez, Newton
- Treasurer Whitney Lanier*, Newton
- Carrie Leach**, Olathe
- Brenton McCoy, Shawnee
- Tara McNamara, Halstead
- Emily Moore, Olathe
- CASE/ASAP - Alumni Relations Liaison Hannah Prophet*, Topeka
- Christopher Ross, Newton
- Caitlin Smith, Amarillo, TX, art therapy.

* denotes second-year ambassador,

** denotes third-year ambassador

ESU Shepherd Scholars Honored



A dozen Emporia State University students were honored as the 2009-10 class of Shepherd Scholars in April. Three-quarters of the scholars are education majors.

"I congratulate you on your accomplishments to date – but also on your future accomplishments, not only next year as seniors, but beyond ESU in your careers," said ESU President Michael Lane, at a ceremony honoring the students.

The 2009 Shepherd Scholars are:

- Frances Busby, Osage City, secondary English education
- Caitlin Eck, Bartlett, accounting
- Jill Ferrell, Hutchinson, secondary

English education

- Paige Kinzie, Macksville, secondary English education
- Karen Kroge, Lawrence, secondary social sciences education
- Jonathan Krueger, Bentley, political science and public affairs
- Jacob Kucza, Lawrence, elementary education
- Katie McClain, Lawrence, secondary social sciences education
- Jasmine Puderbaugh, Topeka, secondary English and French education

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psychology and health education; and Nikaela Swarner, Shawnee, elementary education.

Lessons during the trip focused on the political, religious, and economic phases that have transpired in

Europe throughout history. The students also learned about the impact and role of globalization, technology, environment, and population in leadership.

Accompanying the students were advisers Dr. Pat Neufeld, Dr. Jim Williams, Dr. Tes Mehring and Taylor Relph, student intern.

During the trip, ESU students were able to reach out to students at ESU's sister school, the

University of Tartu in Estonia.

The group also made presentations about American culture and democracy at high schools in Estonia and Lithuania.

Students blogged about their experiences during the trip, posting comments, photos and video, available from esustudyabroad09.wordpress.com.



1950s

Marlow Ediger (BSE '58, MSE '60), North Newton, has had several articles accepted for publication recently: "Scope in the Social Studies" in *Edutracks*, "Motivating Student Learning in Science" in the *CT Journal of Science Education*, "Reading in the Social Studies" in the *Florida Council Social Studies Newsletter*, "Modern School Mathematics" in the *College Student Journal*, "Using Teacher Observation to Evaluate Pupil Achievement in Science" in *Education Magazine* (published in Qatar, Persian Gulf, Middle East), "The Student, School, and Society," in *Experiments in Education* (India), and "Writing, the Pupil, and Social Studies," in *Society and the Environment* (Australia).

John LeBar (MSE '59), Durham, NC, is in his 50th year of teaching and coaching in higher education. He spent two years at Rice University, four years at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and 44 years at Duke University. He writes, "It all started at Emporia State as a graduate assistant in 1959." LeBar is an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in Duke's department of health, physical education, and recreation.

1960s

Leo W. Pauls (MS '65), Emporia, is currently working as a fund raising consultant for the Webster Conference Center in Salina, KS.

Sherrer Named Vice Chair

Recently, the Kansas Board of Regents elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. The nine-member Board elected Jill Docking of Wichita as the new Chair and Gary Sherrer (BS 1963), of Overland Park as Vice Chair.

Sherrer, Overland Park, was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by former Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2007. Sherrer previously served as Kansas' 45th Lieutenant Governor.

Sherrer began his professional career as a public school teacher, specializing in speech and debate, and then spent the majority of his career in banking. He served as the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce from 1995-2002.

Sherrer has been involved in leadership training and development for more than 25 years and was a founder of the Leadership Kansas program.

John (BSE '67, MSE '69) and Sue (BSE '67) Swaim, Aurora, ME, recently retired after more than 36 years in education, specializing in middle school education. The both have served as president of the National Middle School Association. Each has also received the John H. Lounsbury Award, the highest award

given by NMSA. From 1993-2007, Sue was the executive director of the NMSA. John was instrumental in developing the middle school teacher education program at the University of Northern Colorado where he is professor emeritus and at Otterbein College where he was a professor for the last 14 years of his career.

Lee Iris Cates Britton (MS '69), Gateway, AR, died May 28, 2009. She started her teaching career in a one-room school in Zavalla, TX. She taught home economics in Grandview, WA and in Kansas in Mound City, Spearville, Russell, Plevna, Inman, and Ottawa. She was the head of the Buhler home economics department for 10 years. She also taught Reno County extension courses.

1970s

Diana J. (Pock) Frownfelter (BSE '71, MS '95), Topeka, after teaching family and consumer sciences from 1978-2008, Frownfelter retired from USD 327, Silver Lake. Previously, she was a marketing specialist for the Kansas board of agriculture and taught at El Dorado High School.

Ouida Faye (Furnas) Polson, (BSE '71), Keller, TX, recently retired after 37 years of teaching.

Donald C. Wilson (EdS '73), Wichita, passed away May 18, 2009. He was a retired school administrator. He is survived by his wife, Les-

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Help Us Stay In Touch

Do you have information to share with us and/or your classmates? If so, please return the completed form to The Teachers College Newsletter, Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Campus Box 4036, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801-5087 or fax to (620) 341-6674 Attn: JIEE. You may also use the online form at www.emporia.edu/jones/tcnewsletter/alum-choice.htm.

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Teachers College Fund for Excellence

TTC Fund for Excellence is intended for scholarships, enrichment activities, and other critical needs. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check payable to the ESU Foundation and note "The Teachers College Fund for Excellence" on the memo line and mail to:

The Teachers College
Fund for Excellence
ESU Foundation--1500 Highland
Emporia, KS 66801-5018

\$ _____

My employer will match my gift. Enclosed is a matching gift form.

I would like information regarding planned giving.

I would like information on establishing an endowed fund.

Donor Recognition Clubs

Annual gifts to ESU in the following amounts qualify donors for special recognition.

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| Medallion..... | \$25,000 - \$49,999.99 |
| Sustainer | \$10,000 - \$24,999.99 |
| Chairman | \$2,500 - \$9,999.99 |
| Ambassador..... | \$1,000 - \$2,499.99 |
| KSTC..... | \$500 - \$999.99 |
| Hornet | \$250 - \$499.99 |
| Century..... | \$100 - \$249.99 |
| Loyalty | Less than \$100 |

R The Renaissance Group President Lane joins Board of Governors

A national organization committed to improving and reforming education now has Emporia State University's president as one of its leaders. Dr. Michael R. Lane was recently elected to the Board of Governors of The Renaissance Group (TRG), a national consortium of colleges and universities. One of five TRG members elected, Lane will serve a three-year term on the board.

The Renaissance Group works on issues dealing with teacher preparation, promoting exemplary practices, partnerships and leadership that ensure high levels of teaching and learning for schools.

ESU has been a member of TRG since 1990 and housed the executive offices for TRG from 1999-2005.

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that was set in my heart as a little girl. I know that the students who you are currently working with are so very fortunate to have you as their mentor.

—Jennifer Spohn (BSE '04),
Tucson, AZ

Within the first few weeks of her career, Sara (Turner) Reeves (BSE '05), Sherman, TX, wrote: "I am really fortunate, with the shortage of teachers here out of 18 new teachers I am the only one with a degree in education. ESU really prepares you for situations like these, where these alternative plans do not. While they talked about the terrible day they had, I talked about how wonderful my classes are."

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"I have been involved in a listening and learning tour during the last nine months that has taken me to more than 30 states. There are many other first-rate teacher preparation programs—Stanford, the University of Washington, and Michigan, just to name a few. But I want to be clear that it doesn't take an elite university and a big endowment to create a good teacher education program.

"At Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, home of the National Teachers Hall of Fame, the Teachers College is the crown jewel of the school. Roughly 80 percent of students are supervised by full-time education faculty instead of adjuncts—and all elementary education professors are in the public schools every day. Senior year is a 100 percent field-based program in Emporia's public schools, where

student teachers do everything from assisting with grading to sitting in on parent-teacher conferences.

"It's often said that great teachers are unsung heroes, but for me that truism has real meaning. Teaching is one of the few professions that is not just a job or even an adventure—it's a calling. Great teachers strive to help every student unlock their potential and develop the habits of mind that will serve them for a lifetime. They believe that every student has a gift—even when students doubt themselves."

To read the full-text of the speech, visit www.ed.gov/news/speeches/2009/10/10222009.html.

To watch the speech, visit [rtsp://realmedia.cc.columbia.edu/acis/advanced/tc/duncan10222009.smi](http://realmedia.cc.columbia.edu/acis/advanced/tc/duncan10222009.smi)

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lie, two daughters and three grandchildren. Because of his love for education a memorial fund has been set up for the higher education of his three grandchildren and may be mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, Box 47, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

Roberta "Robbie" G. (Phillips) Thomas (BSE '76), Bel Aire, retired from Andover USD 385 in May 2009 after 32 years of teaching, including 30 teaching gifted education elementary.

Somsri "Susie" Singchareon (MSE '77), Kansas City, and her husband, Wikrote "Willy" Nokwichien, are selling their restaurant, Thai Paradise, after

nearly 30 years of operating the business. Singchareon had been a teacher in her native Thailand and has a Ph.D. She and her husband hope to retire and travel to Thailand to see family.

1980s

Eileen Beavers (BSE '82), Chapman, was named secondary master teacher by the Chapman Teachers Association. Eileen has been teaching for 27 years, having started teaching in Chapman in the fall of 1997. Initially she taught Spanish I, II and III and now is teaching Spanish IV as well.

Patricia M. (DeFries) McCarver (MS '85), Prescott, AZ, is a faculty mentor for the Teacher's College of Western Governor's University based in Salt Lake City. She completed her Ph.D. in Integral Studies (transformative learning and change) through the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco in May 2003. She was elected to a second term on the Yavapai College District Governing Board and currently serves as the governing board chair.

Dr. Sharon Zoellner (MS '89) is the new superintendent of Louisburg, USD 416. She

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KS High School Students Explore Education Careers

The 20th year of the Kansas Future Teacher Academy was held in June 2009 at ESU. A total of 41 Kansas high school students got to experience what it takes to be a teacher. Applications for the 2010 academy will be available in January 2010.

For more information about the academy, visit www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/ or contact Terri West at 620-341-5372 or Scott Waters at 620-341-5764.



New Faculty & Staff

Alternate Route Program

Kristen Limpert, Assistant Professor, Mid-Career Alternative Licensure Director



Martha Roche, Admin. Assistant



Community Counseling Services

Ann M. Miller, Director, Community Counseling Services



Early Childhood & Elementary Teacher Education

Sheryl Bevis, Instructor



Sharon Brown, Elementary Advising Office Coordinator



Melissa Reed, Instructor



Faculty Achievements

Kathy Ermler, Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at Emporia State University, was recently inducted into the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Athletic Hall of Fame. While a student at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, she participated in field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field. During her final year of competition, she was invited to participate on the national field hockey team. Dr. Ermler was one of six 2009 inductees.



Matt Seimears, assistant professor in early childhood and elementary teacher education, has been invited to present as part of a panel at a preconference workshop at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education 2010 Annual Meeting in February. The conference workshop is "Assessment Literacy for the 21st Century." Seimears received this invitation as a result of his participation in May 2009 as one of five presenters at the "What Every Teacher Educator Should Know About 21st Century Assessment Strategies" Web Conference.

Nominations Sought

Presidential Award for Distinguished Service to Diversity

Nomination Deadline:
Friday, November 20, 2009

The Diversity Education Committee of ESU announces the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service to Diversity. This year, for the first time, the committee is extending the call for nominations beyond ESU and into the Emporia community for nominees for this award, which recognizes leadership, engagement, and service toward multiculturalism and diversity at ESU and in the larger Emporia community.

The committee seeks nominees whose work encourages respect, understanding, and appreciation of difference; who make contributions fostering and supporting the development of cultural understanding and acceptance within and outside the ESU community; who mentor and support emerging leaders from different backgrounds; and/or who develop and support programs to enhance appreciation of cultural differences on campus.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Barbara Baker, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Emporia State University, Campus Box 4065.

Darrell E. Wood Service Award

Nomination Deadline:
Friday, November 13

This award recognizes the outstanding and unique contributions given by an individual in supporting the mission of The Teachers College. The nature of the award reflects significant contributions that are not reflected in scholarly, instructional, or service-oriented endeavors recognized by The Teachers College Faculty Recognition Awards. This award may be given to any individual (classified or unclassified) employed in The Teachers College. The award is given only when peer consensus affirms the existence of exemplary contributions by an individual.

The chair of the Dean's Advisory Council (Matt Howe, Box 13) must receive the candidate's name and supportive documentation by Friday, November 13.

Please direct any questions to the award coordinator: Lucie Eusey, Director of Special Projects, Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Campus Box 4036, leusey@emporia.edu, 620-341-5372.

By the numbers

During the 2008-09 year, faculty of The Teachers College continued professional involvement through the following accomplishments:

- 120 State/Regional Presentations
- 65 National/International Conferences
- 5 Books
- 11 Chapters
- 42 Refereed Journal Articles
- 13 Grants (not including existing grants)
- 9 ESU Academic Enhancement Grants

Jones Institute for Educational Excellence



Annie Opat, Director, Reading Recovery



Stephanie Yeager, Sr. Admin. Asst.

Special Education & School Counseling



Susan Anderson, Instructor



Julie Elson, Instructor

Not pictured:

Joe Rhine, Office of Professional Education Services

Dr. Michael Shimeall, Associate Professor, School Leadership and Middle/Secondary Teacher Education

Oksun Fechter, The Resource Center

Department Notes

Chairs

Dr. Brian Schrader is serving his second year as interim chair of the department of psychology, art therapy, rehabilitation, and mental health counseling.

Dr. Joella Mehrhof is serving as interim chair of the department of health, physical education, and recreation while Dr. Kathy Ermler is on sabbatical.

Dr. Jean Morrow is serving as interim chair of the department of special education and school counseling as well as chair of early childhood and elementary teacher education.

Promotion / Tenure

Nancy Albrecht - Professor and Tenure, School Leadership

Jim Costello - Associate Professor, Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling

Jane Eberle - Associate Professor and Tenure, Instructional Design and Technology

Brian Schrader – Professor, Psychology, Art Therapy, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Counseling

Alumni Notes (continued)

started her career teaching third grade and junior high math and science in O'Fallon, MO. She moved to Fort Leavenworth to teach at Patton Junior High School Later, Zoellner became an elementary school principal in the De Soto district, where she spent the last 20 years in varying capacities, including as the business director in charge of student services and technology, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent and superintendent.

1990s

Brian Boeve (BSE '92), Overland Park, is a new assistant principal at Louisburg High School. Previously, he was a principal in Morland, an assistant principal and principal in Smith Center, and a principal at Phillipsburg High School.

Robin Wheeler (BSE '92), Buffalo, MO, received the 2009 Teacher of the Year award from Gateway Rent To Own and KJEL-KFBD Radio. Wheeler most recently has taught preschool at D.A. Mallory Elementary School. Previously, she taught kindergarten and 1-3 grades in Ava and Buffalo. This year she is a reading interventionist for K-3 for the Dallas county R-1 School District.

Patti Peterson (MS '93), Lee's Summit, MO, and her husband, Jerry, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Before becoming a licensed professional counselor, Patti worked in Westmoreland, Lawrence, Gardner, McPherson and various other locations in western Kansas. She has worked in both private practice and in hospital networks in the Kansas City metro area and also in An-

derson County. She is now at a practice in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Allison Anderson (MS '94, EdS '95), Emporia, is the new coordinator of early childhood services for the Emporia Public Schools, overseeing the preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds at Maynard Early Childhood Center. Previously, she worked as a school psychologist for the Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative. In 2008-09, she was the early childhood coordinator for the De Soto school district.

Cheryl A. (Young) Ellis (BSE '93), Kansas City, MO, took a five-year hiatus from teaching to raise her twins. She is now teaching with Insight School of Kansas in Olathe. She is one of three special education coordinators for the program. Insight is an online program for high schoolers and adults.

Shae M. Jackson (BSE '98, MS '07), Topeka, taught for nine years – grades 2-5 – and is now pursuing a graduate degree in speech-language pathology.

Carey Mock (BME '99), Prairie Village, performs in the Kansas City area. In September he performed "Celebration of Song" in Overland Park, featuring the music of Bette Midler and Barry Manilow. Mock taught music in Abilene and directed the Great Plains Theatre there for several years. He works as a music director, composer, and arranger and gives private voice and piano lessons.

2000s

Kurt N. Kohler (MS '04), Hays, began his duties as head volleyball coach at Fort Hays

Recent Awards Recipients

Marcus Childress – Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, Award for support of the King Abdullah Scholarship Program

Kathy Ermler – Mary Headrick Award

Harvey Foyle – National Social Science Association, 25th Anniversary Award for contributions to and support of the NSSA organization

Clint Longacre – KPRA Leadership Award

Joella Mehrhof – Xi Phi Outstanding Faculty Award

Shawna Shane – Joe Cannon Service Award

Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro – Pearlie Robinson Award at the AATA Conference

Vicki Worrell – CDAAPERD Health Merit Award and the Kathleen Kinderfather Award

State University in March 2009. Previously, he coached volleyball at Barton County Community College in 2005-006, but then took over as Barton County's athletic director for two and a half years. He also has coached Missouri Western State University and at Allen County Community College.

Rob McKim (MSE '05), Fort Scott, is the new Fort Scott High School assistant principal. Previously, he taught mathematics for 15 years and coached a variety of sports. He began his career in Effingham, then moved to Topeka, and most recently taught in El Dorado.

Emily D. (Niblack) Aronis (BS '06), Wichita, got married on May 30, 2008. She has worked since July as the wellness administrator for all Bombardier aerospace US locations. She is responsible for development of the new employee wellness program called, BFit.

Erica N.M. Jackson (BS '06, MS '08), Topeka, recently joined the faculty at Washburn University as a lecturer in biology.

Melissa Maurer (BS '08), Spring Hill, joined the faculty of Spring Hill Elementary School this fall as a second-grade teacher.

Katie Morris (BSE '09) Holton, recently received the Rotary Club of Emporia's Award for Excellence for Outstanding Seniors in Education. Morris was presented a plaque by ESU President Michael Lane and Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Tes Mehring.

Judith Spor (MS '09) is the new instructional coordinator for science at Derby, USD 260.

Lewis Whitson (BS '09), Fredonia, was recognized last spring as the National Association for Sport and Physical Education Outstanding Student Major of the Year.



Dr. Phil Bennett presents material, via translation, to university students in Nara, Japan.

Topics of my presentation included:

- Degrees in the U.S. – bachelor’s and master’s
- Conceptual Framework
- National Standards – Program and Accreditation
- Impact of National Standards
- Assessment – Teacher Work Sample, Student Teacher, and Others
- Needed Research for Reform
- Major Obstacle to Reform
- Professional Development Schools

The two topics of most interest to all groups were our professional development school and teacher work sample assessment. Since their teacher education candidates only do four weeks of student teaching, the concept of a full year of student teacher/internship as we have in our professional development schools was impressive to them.

We spent a great deal of time discussing the criteria and procedures for professional development schools. In fact, two of the professors visited one of our professional development schools last March. I believe they would like very much to use our model but they have some major obstacles, not of their making, to overcome.

The teacher work sample was of interest because it is a comprehensive assessment of the teacher education candidates that includes a component where candidates must demonstrate they have had an impact on student learning. The Japanese educators are interested in incorporating more performance assessments like the teacher work sample.

The thing of most interest I learned was that becoming a teacher in Japan is very competitive. While it is easy to get a teaching license, it is not easy to pass the exam to actually become a teacher. Having a license does not allow you to actually get a job as a teacher. After passing the exam the job market is also competitive. As a result the teacher dropout rate is very low in Japan. In the U.S. we lose about half of our teachers in the first five years. In Japan only about 5% quit teaching within the first five years. I am not sure how our salaries compare to Japan. That is a translation problem (money and language) I never quite got solved.

An interesting phenomenon I encountered was the tame deer in Nara (there is *no* deer hunting in Nara). The deer were friendly and walked freely everywhere. However, they preferred to be fed rather than petted. In fact, I found them to be unfriendly when you stopped feeding them (involving butting and biting your clothes). I visited Kyoto with the assistance of two faculty members from the university and visited Osaka on my own. Venturing on my own was challenging but a lot of fun.



Dr. Bennett encounters the tame deer of Nara.

I really enjoyed my visit to Japan both as visiting scholar (I use the term loosely) and as a visitor to the country.

Dr. Phil Bennett, Dean

Fellow Educators Receive National Award

Abby Cornelius (MLS '04) and Teresa Snethen (MLS '03), were honored this week for work which earned their school a prestigious award from the American Association of School Librarians.

The AASL named Overland Park's Blue Valley North High School its 2009 National School Library Media Program of the Year. Cornelius and Snethen are library media specialists at the school; the school district honored Cornelius

and Snethen at a reception Oct. 21.

From its beginnings as an extension of ESU's teacher education program in 1903, the library program at SLIM has developed to embrace an expanded view of library service, information management, and information technology.

Pictured: Teresa Snethen (left) and Abby Cornelius (right).



Shepherd Scholars, continued from page 4

- Levi Short, Hamilton, biochemistry and molecular biology
- Tamara Stimatz, Emporia, psychology and rehabilitation
- Melissa Swager, Goodland, mathematics

The Shepherd Scholars program was established at ESU in 1994 by Augusta Shepherd and her late husband, R. Hershel Shepherd, of Emporia. The scholarship provides generous support for ESU's most accomplished upperclassmen in their senior years.

For Frances Busby, the ceremony held a special surprise – she was also recognized with the Roe R. Cross Scholar Award, presented by ESU professors named as Roe R. Cross Distinguished Professors. For the third year, the elite circle of professors honored one of the Shepherd Scholars with an additional scholarship.

“It’s great! It’s a wonderful honor,” Busby said. “It really makes you feel good, that you’re getting somewhere with what you’re doing,” she said.