Greetings from RC48. Happy New Year!

- **Welcome!** We are delighted to welcome a cadre of experienced scholars into RC48: **Elaine Anderson**, Supervisor, Social Services, Nebraska VR; **Julia Caruso**, Employment Counselor, Nebraska VR; **Deanna Durkes**, Substance Abuse Specialist, RADAC at Lawrence; **Lynn Hall**, Family Partner, Nebraska VR; **Amy Ortega**, Bilingual Senior Employment Specialist, Nebraska VR; **Mika Satake**, KETCH at Wichita; **Heather Schulte**, Tax Auditor, KS Department of Revenue; **Saige Vohs**, Employment Associate, Nebraska VR; **Wendy Wettstead**, Youth Treatment Specialist, Nebraska VR; and **Rachel Woods**, Employment Associate, Nebraska VR.

- **US News & World Report Ranking.** The Rehabilitation Counseling program at ESU has ranked in the top third of the nation since 2011. ESU’s graduate online programs have been ranked **11th in the nation for 2015**. In 1999, ESU became the first campus in Kansas to offer coursework online. Rehabilitation courses have been available online at ESU for over ten years. The faculty of RC48 are proud to be a part of this distinguished circle of educators.

- **Accepting Applications: Presidential Scholarship** Two Presidential Graduate Scholarships are available for 2015-2016. Each award is $4000 ($2000 per semester). Applicants must be new, first-time master’s or doctoral students with an undergraduate degree from ESU and cumulative GPA of 3.5. Applicants must demonstrate evidence of leadership experiences and activities which indicate promotion of the common good. Application deadline is March 6th.

- **Accepting Applications: Boylan Scholarship** Two Laurence C. Boylan Scholarships are available for 2015-2016. Each award is $2125. Recipients receive awards during Fall 2015/Spring 2016. Recipients are required to enroll in 6+ graduate hours. Applicants must be degree-seeking graduate students who have completed one year of study with a GPA of 3.0; and submit proof of financial need, letter describing how their education/degree relates to future plans, and three faculty references. Application deadline is March 13th.

- **Accepting Applications: Scholars Circle** The Graduate School is accepting applications from graduate students for Scholars Circle Funding. Applicants can apply for up to $250 for research support (funding must be used for research materials/supplies). Applicants must be enrolled, degree-seeking graduate students. Application requires a description of research activity, budget outline, and letter of support from supervising faculty. Application deadline is February 27th.

- **Position Vacancy: Faculty Member.** We are currently seeking a full-time, doctoral-level, tenure-track faculty member to join the Rehabilitation Education Programs, working with undergraduate and graduate students. Teaching, advising, scholarship, and service requirements; CRC and clinical supervision preferred. Start date is set for August 2015. Review full announcement at Chronicle of Higher Education

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Deaf Culture in Film: Activities for ASL Classes. As of December 19th, our own Dr. Damara Paris’s text on classroom activities for sign language teachers is available for purchase at Amazon. Congratulations, Dr. Paris! Count on this book being a part of ASL class this summer.