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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

### **Why we will thrive – through thick and thin**

Times have been tough. Here at UF, budgets have been trimmed. Out there, schools are groaning under the weight of student poverty. Still, Dean Catherine Emihovich sees something inspiring in the spirit that sustained the college through 2007 – a spirit that will go out into the world and make it a better place. ([more](#))

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## TOP STORIES

### COE taps one of its own as associate dean for academic affairs

Professor Tom Dana, director of the School of Teaching and Learning, has been selected to succeed Jeri Benson as associate dean for academic affairs. The self-described “technology and data geek” will take over COE’s No. 2 position in July. ([more](#))



### Couple gives COE \$600,000 to carry on tradition of middle-grades reform

The College of Education has been a leader in the middle school movement since its beginning. Now Gainesville residents Fred and Christine Shewey have given the college a major gift that will help UF pioneer the next generation of middle-school reform. ([more](#))

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### China: the Next Educational Frontier

They’re the world’s most populous nation, they excel at producing science and mathematics graduates, and they have hundreds of years of experience with high-stakes testing. What can we learn about education from China, and what can China learn from us? Faculty are invited to share their experiences teaching, learning and researching in the People’s Republic of China, in a Brown Bag Lunch hosted by Dean Catherine Emihovich, to be held Feb. 11 from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Norman Terrace Room. You bring the brown bag lunch; the Dean’s office will provide drinks and dessert.



### Scholarship of Engagement nominations open

It’s always hard to pick winners for COE’s annual Scholarship of Engagement Awards. After all, Norman Hall is filled with accomplished scholars who are putting top-notch research skills to work on the community’s most troubling problems. Please help the college narrow down the field: if you know someone whose socially-engaged research stands above even COE’s high standards, you have until Feb. 22 to nominate them. Go [here](#) for more details.

### Learn about new professional practice doctorate

UF is part of a multi-university effort to reshape the Doctor of Education degree into a professional practice doctorate that better fits the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century educators. If you want to learn more about professional practice doctorates – and how other research

universities have devised their degree programs – a panel of experts will discuss these issues in a teleconference Jan. 25 from 1-3 p.m. in the Terrace Room. Presenters include David Marsh of the University of Southern California and a panel of scholars from Vanderbilt University. Attendees can submit questions in advance of the meeting to [syraj@ufl.edu](mailto:syraj@ufl.edu) or [Hagedorn@ufl.edu](mailto:Hagedorn@ufl.edu).

### **Beta Chapter offers new ways for counselor educators to connect**

UF's Counselor Education students and faculty are well-known for their desire to change the world for the better. Check out the latest issue of the *Beta Chapter Bulletin* to find out how they are making that change. Published by the local Beta Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota International, the international honor society for counselors and counselor educators, the newsletter is available on the Counselor Education Web site (go to <http://education.ufl.edu/Counselor/> and look under Current News). Featured in the current issue: an overview of the department's work in Africa, a profile of retiring counselor education Professor Larry Loesch and an update on the chapter's fundraising efforts.

### **Bring cutting-edge linguistic research into your classroom with new lecture series**

If you teach anything related to language – writing, reading, speech or the whole gamut of subjects that draw on those skills – you'll want to attend the "Contemporary Issues in Secondary Language Acquisition" series this semester in Dauer Hall. Organized by COE Assistant Professor Maria Coady and faculty from UF's Linguistics and Romance Languages Programs, the series brings accomplished linguists to UF to discuss cutting-edge ideas about the ways humans learn and process language – and to discuss how those insights can be applied in the classroom, particularly with second-language learners. The first speaker, Elaine Tarone of the University of Minnesota, will speak at Dauer Hall at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, followed Jan. 31 by Jim Cummins of the University of Toronto. More information is available [here](#).

### **Commencement Awards nominations due Jan. 25**

Do you know a COE student or recent graduate who deserves to be honored for their scholarship or public service? At the college's May 3 commencement, COE will honor outstanding students who graduated in Summer 2007, Fall 2007 or Spring 2008. Faculty have until Jan. 25 to nominate students for the Commencement Awards. Applications are available [here](#), and must be turned in to the Student Services office in G416 Norman Hall. For more information, call 392-0721 x400.

### **Support first-generation college students through CROP doughnut sale**

The College Reach-Out Program (CROP) is holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale to raise funds to help middle and high school students from low socio-economic backgrounds visit educational sites and college campuses. You can buy doughnuts for \$5 per box in the CROP office in G-415 Norman Hall. The sale ends Jan. 31 and doughnuts will be delivered Friday, Feb. 1.

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## **FACULTY/STAFF APPOINTMENTS/HONORS**

### **Snyder appointed to editorial duties**

Patricia Snyder, holder of the David Lawrence, Jr. Chair in Early Childhood Studies, has been appointed an associate editor for the journal *Topics in Early Childhood Education*. She also was appointed on Jan. 1 as a consulting editor for the *American Journal on Mental Retardation* (AJMR). Snyder recently completed her final issue of *Journal of Early Intervention*, which she edited for five years during her tenure at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and Vanderbilt University. In addition to these assignments, Snyder is currently a member of the editorial boards of *Infants and Young Children*, *Young Exceptional Children*, and *Educational and Psychological Measurement*.

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## **STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **Doctoral student named Teacher of Distinction**

Nicole Bien, a 10-year veteran of the special education classroom and UF doctoral student, was named a Collier County Teacher of Distinction in late November. The honor includes membership in the Collier Schools Teacher Academy (the district's teacher leader program) and a \$1,000 honorarium which Bien will use on a project with her school community. Bien is pursuing a doctoral degree in special education administration through UF's Project EXCEL.

### **Orlando gets Karen Koegel scholarship**

Doctoral student Ann-Marie Orlando is this year's recipient of the Karen Koegel Scholarship, awarded annually by COE's Department of Special Education to one student who provides leadership in the field and produces scholarship that makes a difference in the lives of people with significant disabilities. Orlando's research investigates the use of assistive technology in literacy development for children with significant disabilities.

### **Five win Minority Teacher Education Scholarships**

Five ProTeach students have been awarded the Minority Teacher Education Scholarship by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers. The recipients – **Jeffrey Andre** of Boynton Beach, **Kristina Barkus** of Deland, **Chandani Bhakta** of Orange Park, **Kia Cheers** of Pompano Beach and **Frances Arrebola-Llopiz** of Coral Gables – will receive \$2,000 per semester while completing their undergraduate work. Current UF students and transfer students are selected for the scholarship through a competitive process involving analysis of transcripts and a personal essay. Winners are required to teach in a Florida school upon completion of their degree.

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## **PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **COE doctoral students bring classroom democracy to conference**

Democracy and the 2008 elections took center stage when six COE doctoral students presented their classroom practices to secondary social studies teachers from all over the country at the annual conference of the College and University Faculty Association/National Council for Social Studies in San Diego Nov. 28. Bob Dahlgren, Sheryl Howie, Emma Humphries, Cheryl Kmiec, Michele Phillips, and Steve Masyada, all of whom work with Professor Elizabeth Yeager of the School of Teaching and Learning, shared their methods for establishing a democratic classroom, using critical media analysis to examine political ads, creating a political campaign and critically analyzing referendum and ballot initiative proposals.

### **Hagedorn offers expertise – from Iowa to India**

Presidential hopefuls weren't the only people flocking to Iowa in December 2007. Professor Linda Serra Hagedorn, chair of COE's Department of Educational Administration and Policy, traveled to Iowa State University over the break to offer a workshop on "Understanding Community College Students" to the doctoral candidates in Iowa State's respected Community College Leadership program. Hagedorn also answered a call for help from across the globe: the University of Madras recently asked her to be external reviewer for a dissertation on India's community college system.

### **Presentations**

Clark, M.A. (2007, November). *Examining the Gender Gap in Educational Outcomes in Public Education: Implications for School Counselors*. European Branch of the American Counseling Association Annual Conference: Bad Herrenalb, Germany.

Clark, M.A. & Stone, C.B. (2007, November). *Leaving No Child Behind: Issues and Trends in 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Counseling*. European Branch of the American Counseling Association Annual Conference: Bad Herrenalb, Germany.

Clark, M.A., Dahir, C., Burnham, J. & Portman, T.A. (2007, October). *The Changing Dynamics of 21st Century School Counseling*. Poster presented at national conference of the Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors. Columbus, Ohio.

Clark, M.A., Yacco, S. & Rant, J. (2007, November). *Examining Male Underachievement in Public Education: Parental and Educator Perspectives*. Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference. Daytona Beach.

### **Publications**

Puig, A. & Adams, C. (2007). Introducing spirituality into multicultural counseling. In W.M. Parker & M.A. Fukuyama. *Consciousness raising: A primer for multicultural counseling* (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.), pp. 181-203. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas Publisher.

Lee, S.M., Puig, A., Pasquarella Daley, L., Rai, A.A., Dallape, A., & Parker, M. (2007). Revising the White Racial Consciousness Development Scale. *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*, 39, 4, 194-208.

Lee, S. M., Puig, A., & Clark, M. A. (2007). The role of religiosity on postsecondary degree attainment. *Counseling and Values Journal*, 52, pp. 25-39.

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## **P.K. YONGE NEWS**

### **PKY research to create new options for struggling readers**

Intensive reading intervention classes are supposed to help struggling readers master the fundamentals before moving on to higher level work. But many Florida educators worry that the system is dooming these students by exposing them to the same instructional approach again and again – even when it isn't working. P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School is looking for a way to break the cycle with Project CHOiCE, which researches new approaches to teaching struggling readers. ([more](#))

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## **IN THE NEWS**

A recent sampling of “media hits” from the College of Education:

***The (Nashville) Tennessean* – Professor and Chair James McCleskey, Special Education (12/01/07)** In a story on the high number of children in special education classes in Tennessee, McCleskey was quoted as saying that, under No Child Left Behind testing requirements, school districts feel pressure to move low-performing students out of the general classroom.

***The Gainesville Sun* – Director Bernie Oliver, UF Alliance (12/02/07)** Oliver was quoted in a story about the annual conference of the Anti-Racism Coalition at Duval Elementary School. Oliver urged students and teachers to stand up and challenge people who express “warped ideas” about race in the classroom.

***The Chronicle of Higher Education* – FloridaTeach Program (12/19/07)** The College of Education's new teacher preparation program for science and mathematics teachers was mentioned in a lengthy article on similar programs being adopted across the country – all modeled on the University of Texas-Austin's successful UTeach program. The program was also mentioned in stories in the *Arizona Daily Sun* and the *Dallas Morning News*.

***Education Week* – Professor Candace Harper (12/05/07)** Harper was quoted in a story about a study that assessed the nationwide state of testing to evaluate the progress of



English language learners. Citing her own studies – which found some Florida schools administering tests over a loudspeaker while others were administered by individual teachers – Harper said that some states’ test results might be invalid.

***Daytona Beach News-Journal*** – Associate Professor Stephen Pape (12/24/07) Pape was quoted in a story on American students’ lackluster performance on international measures of mathematics achievement – and its possible links to the lack of qualified K-12 teachers. Pape noted that the traditional “direct instruction” approach does not work for all students.

***Counseling Today*** – Assistant Professor Cirecie West-Olatunji and Professor Edil Torres Rivera (12/01/07) West-Olatunji and Torres Rivera provided their insights on race relations in academia, as part of a feature article inspired by recent race-related incidents including the Jena Six controversy and the hanging of a noose on a professor’s office door at the Teachers’ College at Columbia University.

***Dallas Morning News*** – Professor and Chair Linda Serra Hagedorn (12/27/07) Hagedorn’s study on “course-shopping” among college students was mentioned in an article on a Texas law that limits students to six dropped classes throughout their college careers.

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## CALENDAR

### JAN. 17

“Rethinking SLA Data Collection: Dealing with Naturalistic Learners”

Elaine Tarone, University of Minnesota

4 p.m., Dauer Hall

Contact: Maria Coady, [mcoady@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:mcoady@coe.ufl.edu)

### JAN. 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### JAN. 23-27

Holmes Partnership Annual Conference, Orlando

### JAN. 25

Panel Discussion on the Professional Practice Doctorate

1-3 p.m., Norman Terrace Room

Contact: Linda Serra Hagedorn, [Hagedorn@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:Hagedorn@coe.ufl.edu); 352-392-2391 x263

### JAN. 29

Elections – Presidential Primaries, Ballot Measures & Gainesville City Commission

**JAN. 31**

“Rethinking the Scientific Basis for Literacy Instruction”

Jim Cummins, University of Toronto OISE

4 p.m, Dauer Hall

Contact: Maria Coady, [mcoady@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:mcoady@coe.ufl.edu)

**FEB. 7-10**

AACTE Annual Meeting, New Orleans

**FEB. 11**

“China: the Next Educational Frontier”

Faculty Brown Bag Lunch with Dean Catherine Emihovich

Noon- 1:30 p.m, Norman Terrace Room

**FEB. 21**

Education Career Night

7-8 p.m., Reitz Student Union

Contact: [jmount@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:jmount@coe.ufl.edu) or (352) 392-0728, ext: 250

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Minority recruitment and retention event coming up**

If you know a school administrator who is trying to improve faculty diversity – or an education student of color who is looking for a position – let them know about the upcoming Recruitment and Retention Conference, to be held April 6-8 by the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers. The conference was developed to assist school districts in identifying and recruiting high quality minority teachers. This year’s event will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, and will feature scholarship recipients from 33 public, private and independent institutions, presenters on various topics, and pre-professional development workshops for community college students entering the profession through the Minority Teacher Education Program. To date, the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers – headquartered here at Norman Hall – has brought 2,500 new teachers into Florida’s schools. For more information about the conference, contact Cheryl D. Williams at (352) 392-9196.

**Save the date: respected series on death education returns in April**

University of Chicago professor Froma Walsh, creator of a research-based system for helping families endure grief and loss, will be the featured speaker in this year’s Peterson Death Education Series, to be held April 17 at the UF Hilton Conference Center. The lecture series, one of the nation’s first on end-of-life issues, got its start at UF more than 30 years ago under the direction of former COE Professor Hannelore Wass, a leading



researcher in the field of death studies. For information on the lecture, contact Ana Puig in the College of Education at [anapuig@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:anapuig@coe.ufl.edu) or 392-2315, ext. 235.

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