



Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for accommodating me by adding your **vitae** to your 2014 **annual review report**. Please be sure to include the master's and doctoral students you have mentored. The leadership team will be looking at the data this summer just to look at the variations in load. We will not be using these data to make load decisions. In fact, we will use your 2015 annual review and vitae to make load decisions for the 2016-2017 year. This gives you time to reflect on and refine your work, as needed.

And now for the news...

Congratulations...



To **Terri Pennell** for 25 years of service! Terri has not only been with the university for this time period but also with the same department -- Middle School, Secondary, and K-12. Terri is known for her warm and friendly demeanor and for always having a smile and a kind word for EVERYONE!!! In the words of Kathy Lloyd: CONGRATULATIONS TERRI, you are "Cream of the Crop!"



To **Dr. Mark D'Amico**, who received the **Barbara K. Townsend Emerging Scholar Award** from the Council for the Study of Community Colleges.

More Congratulations and News...

Dr. Tina Heafner was elected as Chair-Elect for the **College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) Executive Board of the National Council for the Social Studies**. CUFA is an associated group of the National Council for the Social Studies with an organizational focus on academic research.

Dr. Paul Fitchett was selected to serve on the editorial board for *Theory and Research in Social Education*, the flagship journal for CUFA.

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Dr. Greg Wiggan's *Curriculum violence: America's new civil rights issue* has been nominated for the 2014 American Education Research Association (AERA) Outstanding Book Award in Curriculum Studies.

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Dr. Susan Harden has been selected to be a Faculty Mentor in the **Charlotte Research Scholars program**, which is a competitive program for UNC Charlotte. **Dr. Rich Lambert** and **Dr. Harden** were the two faculty selected from COED and awarded with paid undergraduate students to help conduct research this coming summer.

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Sabrina Brown received a **Graduate Life Fellow** award for the **2014-2015** academic year.

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Two MDSK TESL alumni have received individual grants from the **National Endowment for the Humanities** for summer 2014. They are:

Johnson, Sarah. (2014, Summer). Abraham Lincoln and the forging of modern America. NEH Landmarks of American Culture and History Workshops. Edwardsville and Springfield, IL. \$1,200

Schmidt, Daniel. (2014, Summer). Mesa Verde National Park: Pueblo culture in the American Southwest. NEH Landmarks of American Culture and History Workshops. Cortez, CO. \$1,200



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Dr. Spencer Salas who has been named a **Fulbright Scholar Peer Reviewer** for "Education" by the Council for **International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)** for the 2014 Core Fulbright Scholar award cycle.

The mission of the College of Education at UNC Charlotte is to prepare highly effective and ethical professionals who have a positive impact on children, youth, families, community, and schools and who are successful in urban and other diverse settings. This mission is accomplished through teaching, research, and community engagement that lead to improved practice and by working in partnership with schools, communities, and university colleagues.