



College of Education
Connections
February, 2015

Congratulations to:

Chance W. Lewis (MDSK), Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor of Urban Education, was one of only 20 scholars in the nation invited to the *Ensuring Success for Men of Color: Leveraging Evidence to Drive Better Policy, Practice, and Effective Investment*, a national summit hosted by the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan. Scholars invited provided recommendations to help guide foundation representatives, policymakers, and institutional leaders toward better policy, practice, and effective investment based on their scholarly work in this area.

In the News:

A study conducted by **Rich Lambert (EDLD)**, **Paul Fitchett (MDSK)** and Chris McCarthy at the University of Texas was recently featured in the University of Texas at Austin newspaper (<http://www.dailytexanonline.com/2015/02/17/ut-psychologist%E2%80%99s-research-suggests-k-12-teachers-leave-jobs-due-to-stress>). The study includes a large-scale administration of a survey of elementary school teachers' psychological responses to the resources and demands of their jobs.

From the Field:

Through support from a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) grant, **Tom Fisher (OFE)** and **Paul Fitchett (MDSK)** are directing an intensive school-based program for undergraduate students in the Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education (MDSK) at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis City. This semester, students are completing coursework in MDSK 3151 and SECD 4140 as well as clinical requirements at the school.

Upcoming Conferences :

UNC Charlotte Literacy Conference. Faculty from the Department of Reading and Elementary Education are hosting a Literacy conference this Saturday February 21, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Keynote speakers include **Dean McIntyre** and Steve Amendum from North Carolina State University. Information can be found here: <http://unccliteracyconference.weebly.com/>.

UNC Charlotte Writing Project Conference. The UNC Charlotte Writing Project is hosting a writing conference on April 20, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information please contact Monica Alston at mfalston@uncc.edu.

Dates and Deadlines:

February 21, 9:30- 1 p.m., Reading Conference, Cone Center

February 27, Noon, Deadline to Post Unsatisfactory Grades Online

March 2-7, Spring Recess, No Classes

March 13, 9:30 a.m., College of Education Faculty Meeting

March 17, Last Day for Students to Withdrawal from Courses

April 1, 8:00 p.m., Melissa Harris-Perry Event about Race and Gender, Student Union 340

Teaching Fellows Trip:

In late January, the senior Teaching Fellows, directed by **Misty Hathcock (OFE)**, participated in a day of professional learning at the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. This world-class professional development experience allowed the Teaching Fellows to complete activities on topics such as engaging and motivating learners, differentiating instruction, and designing instruction to meet students' individual learning needs.



Recent Publications:

Farinde, A., Adams, T., & **Lewis, C. W.** (2014). Segregation revisited: The racial educational landscape of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. *The Western Journal of Black Studies*, 38(3), 177-183.

Heafner, T. L., Hartshorne, R., & **Petty, T.** (Editors) (2014). *Exploring the Effectiveness of Online Education in K-12 Environments*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, DOI:10.4018/978-1-4666-6383-1.

Jones, M. & **Shue, P.L.** (2015). English language learners engaged in project based work. In M. Dombink-Green, & H. Bohart (Eds.), *Spotlight on young children: Supporting dual language learners*. Washington, DC: NAEYC.

Petty, T., Heafner, T., Farinde, A. & Plaisance, M. (2015). Windows into teaching and learning: Professional growth of classroom teachers in an online environment, *Technology, Pedagogy and Education*, DOI:10.1080/1475939X.2014.991422

Petty, T., Heafner, T., Farinde, A. & Plaisance, M. (2014). Establishing a mentoring relationship between pre-service and mentor teachers through windows into teaching and learning. In T.L. Heafner, R. Hartshorne, & T.M. Petty (Eds.) *Exploring Effectiveness of Online Learning Environments in K-12 Environments*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Povenmire-Kirk, T., Diegelmann, K., Crump, K., Schnorr, C., Test, D., Flowers, C. & Aspel, N. (2015). Implementing CIRCLES: A new model for interagency collaboration in transition planning. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 42, 51-65.

Strategic Vision Meetings

Thank you to all who participated in the Strategic Vision meetings last week. The conversations and ideas were very powerful as we continue to shape our future work.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandela