



College of Education

# Connections

January, 2016

## Message from the Dean:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It is going to be a wonderful semester with the many new initiatives just underway and a few more celebrations to come. As our College Principles indicate to us, do *take time* to reflect on the wonderful work we get to do. I wish you the best this semester. It will go too fast.

## Congratulations to:

**Tina Heafner (MDSK)** represented the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) as an invited speaker on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Panel at annual conference for the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) held in New Orleans in the late fall.

**Gloria Campbell-Whatley (SPCD)** was named a UNC General Administration Fellow for Diversity Initiatives.

**Brian Kissell (REEL)** was selected to lead a seminar on digital storytelling for the Charlotte Teachers' Institute.

**Teresa Petty (MDSK)** was selected as a Quality Matters Fellow for the UNC Charlotte Center for Teaching and Learning.

**Rich Lambert, the CEME Director**, has been appointed by the College Board to serve as a Question Leader for the 2016 AP Statistics Exam. As Question Leader, Rich will lead a team responsible for developing and refining a grading rubric, training graders, and monitoring inter-rater reliability.

**Adriana Medina (REEL)** and **Mike Putman (REEL)** for being inducted into the MU Chapter (UNC Charlotte's chapter) of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society. The induction ceremony coincided with International Education Week in November. Adriana and Mike are pictured below with **Erik Byker (REEL)**, a fellow member of Phi Beta Delta.



**Michelle Stephan (MDSK)**, in her role as the President of the North Carolina chapter of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE-NC) was recognized in an Editorial in the Raleigh News & Observer for her contribution in supporting keeping the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics here in North Carolina.

### **Workshop on Child Development**

Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs presented by **Jamie Brown (CHFD)** and **Deanna Murphy (CHFD)** will be February 9 from 6:00- 8:00 PM at the Center City Campus. Registration is here- <http://lll10.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=2138844520>

### **Latest Issue of the Journal of Applied Education and Policy Research**

The latest issue of the *Journal of Applied Education and Policy Research* has just been published. The journal is part of the Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation. Articles can be found here- <https://journals.uncc.edu/jaepr/issue/current>, and include manuscripts from **Lisa Merriweather, Chuang Wang (EDLD), Mark D'Amico (EDLD), and Jim Bird (EDLD)**.

### **Public Forums on Charlotte-Mecklenburg School's Student Assignment**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women Voters is hosting two public forums about school reassignment. Both are 10-11:30 a.m., January 30 at South Charlotte Regional Library, and February 6 at North County Regional Library.

### **Nominations for College of Education Awards**

Recognize the incredible work of your colleagues! Nominate colleagues for the UNC Charlotte College of Education Awards. Information is here: <http://oeo.uncc.edu/awards-excellence-college-education>

### **Mark Your Calendar**

January 25, 10 a.m., Rollanda C. O'Connor, What Matters in Literacy, Center City Campus. Information: <http://oeo.uncc.edu/read>

January 29, Boldy Engaging through Culturally-Relevant Teaching Conference (BEST), Center City Campus. Information: <http://oeo.uncc.edu/best>

February 19, 9:30 a.m., College Faculty Meeting, COED 065

March 8, Teacher to Teacher Conference, College of Education Building

### **Publications**

**Campbell-Whatley, G.D.,** Wang, C., Toms, O., & Williams, N. (2015). Factors affecting campus climate: Creating a welcoming environment. *New Waves Educational Research and Development, 18(20)*, 40-52.

**D'Amico, M. M. & Morgan, G. B.** (2015). Turning data into information: Helping Community Colleges use existing data to advance student success. *Journal of Applied Educational Policy Research, 1(2)*, 77-81.

**Martin, C. S., Polly, D., Wang, C., Lambert, R. G., & Pugalee, D. K.** (2016). Primary grades teachers' fidelity of implementation during mathematics professional development. In K. Dikatas (Ed.), *Innovative Professional Development Methods and Strategies for STEM Education (pp. 33-52)*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-4666-9471-2.ch003

**Massey, D. & Heafner, T.** (2016). *Seeds of inquiry: Using short texts to enhance student understanding of world history*. Culver City, CA: Social Studies School Service.

**Merriweather, L. R.** (2015). Changing “I”: Autoethnography and the reflective self. *Journal of Applied Educational Policy Research*, 1(2), 64-69.

**Polly, D., Martin, C. S., Wang, C., Lambert, R. G., & Pugalee, D. K.** (2016). Supporting the Enactment of Standards-based Mathematics Pedagogies: The Cases of the the CoDE-I and APLUS Projects. In K. Dikilitaş (Ed.), *Innovative Professional Development Methods and Strategies for STEM Education* (pp. 139-151). Hershey, PA: IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-4666-9471-2.ch009

Vacca, R. T., Vacca, J. L., & **Mraz, M.** (2016). *Content Area Reading: Literacy and Learning across the Curriculum*. Twelfth Edition. Boston: Pearson.

Current or previous issues have included Voices from the Field from the following:

UNC Charlotte Faculty: Drew Polly, Tracy Rock, Bruce Taylor, and Jean Vintinner

UNC Charlotte Former Doctoral students: Alonda Clayborne, Erin Donovan, Joyce Farrow, Rebecca Kavel, Elena King, Ashley Parker, Derrick Robinson, Laura Rosenbach, Lokia Scott, Melissa Sykes, Brian Williams

UNC Charlotte Former MEd. Students: Cindy Hovis, Betsy Ziskind

**Wang, C. & Bird, J.** (2015). Selecting statistical procedures for multi-level data: Examining relationships between principal authenticity and teacher trust and engagement. *Journal of Applied Educational Policy Research*, 1(2), 70-76.

### Grants and Contracts

**Susan Harden (MDSK)** and **Heather Smith (Geography)** were awarded a \$33,000 contract by the Levine Museum of the New South to complete an evaluation of the exhibit and programs of *NUEVolution: Latinos in the New South*.

**Scott Kissau (MDSK)**, **Tehia Glass (REEL)**, and **Florence Martin (EDLD)** earned Faculty Research Grants.

**David Pugalee (C-STEM)**, **Jean Vintinner (REEL)**, and **Paola Pillioneta (REEL)** earned Scholarship of Teaching and Learning grants.

**Drew Polly (REEL)**, **Adriana Medina (REEL)**, and **Mike Putman (REEL)**, have received a subcontract to serve as evaluators of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools’ Beacon Initiative, which aims to support low-performing schools. **Chuang Wang (EDLD)** will also collaborate on this project.

**Please send Connections content to [drew.polly@uncc.edu](mailto:drew.polly@uncc.edu).** Please include the word “connections” in the subject line. February content is due February 12, 2016.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character- that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.