



College of Education Connections

May, 2015

2014-2015 College of Education Award Winners



Pictured (left to right)
Hank Harris (Counseling), Research Award;
Ian Binns (REEL) and Jean Vintinner (REEL), Teaching
Fellows Award;
Greg Wiggan (MDSK), Diversity Award and Teaching
Award;
Kathie Goldman (Dean's Office), Outstanding Staff
Award;
Tina Heafner (MDSK), Service to Schools Award

2015-2016 College of Education Scholarships and Awards

On May 8, the College of Education honored recipients of scholarships and awards. Marisa Rose DiFronzo from Weddington High School won the Beginning Teacher Award. She is pictured to the right with Dean Ellen McIntyre, Representative Tricia Cotham, and Senior Associate Dean Melba Spooner.



Other pictures from the evening are below.



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Publications:

Boykin, J., Leitheiser, J., & **Martin, F.** (2015). The HPT Model Applied to a Yoga Studio’s Performance, *Performance Improvement*, 54(1), 28-38.

Martin, F. (2015). Elearning Design: From Instructional Events to Elements. In Khan, B. & Ally, M. (Ed). *The International Handbook of E-learning*. Routledge. (pp.153-170).

Rubenstein, L. D., **Gilson, C. M.**, Bruce-Davis, M. N., & Gubbins, E. J. (2015). *Teachers’ reactions to pre-differentiated and enriched mathematics curricula. Journal for the Education of the Gifted*. Advanced online publication.doi:10.1177/0162353215578280.

An article by **Kelly Anderson (SPCD)**, **JaneDiane Smith (SPCD)**, **Jacob Olsen (Counseling)**, and **Bob Algozzine (EDLD)** was featured in the spring 2015 issue of *Rural Special Education Quarterly* as part of a topical issue on "Innovations in Rural Teacher Preparation in Special Education." The article from UNC Charlotte described the “Systemic Alignment of Dual Teacher Preparation.”

edTPA Update:

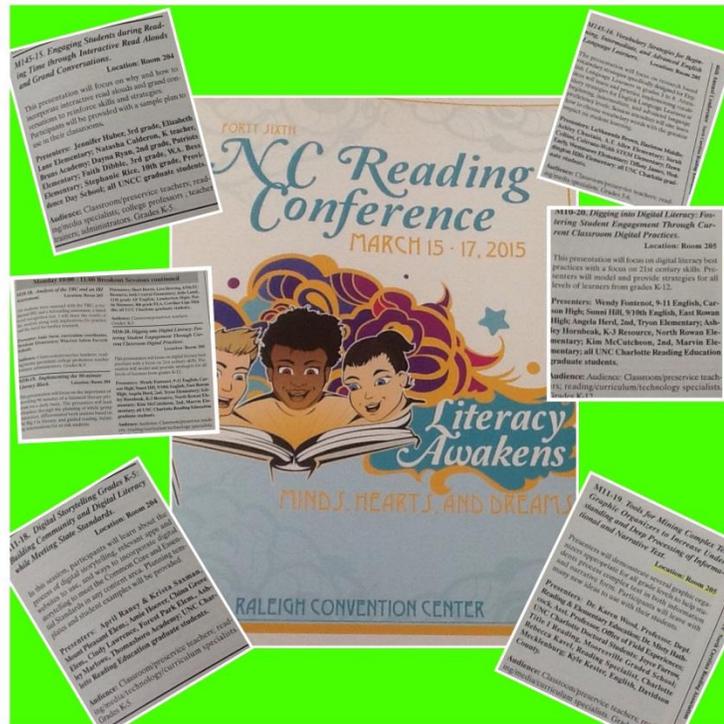
Thank you to all faculty involved with implementing aspects of edTPA in their courses. In all programs, the College of Education faculty continue to excel in meeting the needs of its students! At an April edTPA TPALs meeting, faculty decided to not have the edTPA scores be consequential for licensure until Spring, 2016. It is still required for graduation during student teaching. Remember that all faculty are welcome to attend TPAL meetings to engage in the conversation.

From the Field:

This spring, students in the **M.Ed. in Reading Education program**, presented at the North Carolina Reading Conference. A collage of their presentation descriptions is pictured to the right.

Michelle Stephan (MDSK) recently facilitated a series of facilitated book discussions with elementary, middle, and secondary teachers in Kannapolis City Schools about effective mathematics practices.

In April, the **Center for Educational Measurement and Evaluation (CEME)** and the **Center for STEM Education (CSTEM)**, along with the Mathematics Department at Clemson University, jointly sponsored the first annual UNC Charlotte AP Statistics Practice Examination. Twelve teachers from York, Gaston, and Mecklenburg counties, and 115 of their students came together for the event. The teachers, under the direction of experienced College Board and ETS consultants **Rich Lambert (CEME, UNC Charlotte)**, Lew Davidson (CMS), Tom Potter (Gaston County Schools) and Bob Taylor (Clemson University), conducted the mock exam.



The University continues to host P-12 teachers on campus for NCDPI Professional Development.

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The **College of Education's Professional Development School (PDS) Network** has supported professional learning to hundreds of teachers and hundreds of UNC Charlotte teacher candidates this year through sustained, formal partnerships with fourteen PDS partners. Co-directors **Drew Polly (REEL)** and **Marvin Chapman (REEL)** and **Senior Associate Dean Melba Spooner** would like to thank the UNC Charlotte PDS liaisons for their commitment to these partnerships. More information about the PDS network can be found here (<http://pds.uncc.edu>).

Professional Development Week:

Thank you to all of the facilitators of sessions during professional development week. It has been a great week full of learning and collaboration as we wrap up the 2014-2015 academic year and prepare for an exciting 2015-2016 academic year.

Graduate Student Research Symposium:

Two Ph.D. students in Urban Education received awards in the Humanities and Education Category at the UNC Charlotte Graduate Research Symposium in April.

First place: **Tempestt Adams**, *Teacher Educator Perceptions on Pre-Service Teacher Preparation*

Second place (tie): **Dymilah Hewitt**, *Mitigating Circumstances and the Unlikely Fate of an African Folklore Villain*

Additionally, **Katie Brown** presented at the symposium.

Website Redesign:

Many units have improved the look and usability of their websites this year. Special thanks to **Ed Conway (OIT)** for leading these revisions and improvements.

Condolences:

We send our condolences to **Ian Binns (REEL)** for the loss of his step-mother.

Mark Your Calendar:

June 22, 2015- Multicultural Play Therapy Center Conference

August 21, 2015- College of Education Faculty Meeting

August 24, 2015- [New Student Convocation](#)

The College of Education Dean's Office and Newsletter Editor, Drew Polly, would like to wish you a safe and happy summer! Feel free to send content for the June newsletter to drew.polly@uncc.edu.

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."

Daniel J. Boorstin