

Cato College of Education Connections

May, 2017



From Dean McIntyre:

Thanks for a great year, everyone. I look forward to seeing many of you this summer during the projects and research we have going on. Happy summer!

Congratulations

Bob Algozzine (EDLD, pictured) won the First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal, UNC Charlotte's most prestigious faculty award in recognition of excellence in research. Bob has graciously donated his award to departments to fund efforts to support graduate student research.



The 2016-17 College of Education Award Winners are:
Excellence in Teaching- **Amy Good (REEL)**
Excellence in Service- **Lan Kolano (MDSK)**
Excellence in Research- **Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell (EDLD)**
Faculty Diversity Award- **Spencer Salas (MDSK)**
SHRA/SPA Staff Award- **Ashley Flatley (Assesment)**

The College of Education Student Awards included multiple scholarships and awards for current students and alumni. The recipient of the Beginning Teacher of the Year Award was **Olivia Kowalewski**, who currently teaches at **Newton-Conover Middle School**.



The **Departments of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education and Reading and Elementary Education** received awards for their excellence in assessment from UNC Charlotte Academic Affairs. Pictured are **Scott Kissau (MDSK)**, **Teresa Petty (Associate Dean)**, and **Mike Putman (REEL)**.

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In April, a reception was held to recognize the latest additions to the Cato Mural outside the College of Education building. The 2017 honorees include Dr. Melba Spooner, Dr. Misty Hathcock, Dr. Jim Lyons, Dr. Ron Madsen, Coach Bob Pharr and Ms. Carrilee Long. The Department of Educational Leadership also recognized Dr. Lyons wealth of contributions to the college through the dedication of bench situated in the plaza next to the mural.



Erik Byker (REEL) was named a Global Teacher Education Fellow. The award supports the internationalization of teacher preparation programs by advancing and disseminating research and best practices. GTEI Fellows design global learning classrooms, with the long-term goal that the teacher candidates of these classrooms will design their own Global Learning Classrooms with their future students.

Janet Baxter (SPCD), John Beattie (SPCD), Diane Browder (SPCD), Michael Green (REEL), and Wendy Wood (SPCD) on their retirements from UNC Charlotte. Thank you to all of them for their commitment and dedication to the university. Faculty were recognized at the April College of Education Faculty Meeting. **Diane Browder** is pictured to the right.

Kristen Beach (SPCD) received an outstanding reviewer award from the journal *Teaching Exceptional Children*.

Florence Parkhill, Administrative Assistant for The National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT), received the Golden Nugget Award for "going above and beyond the call of duty, and representing UNC Charlotte in a manner in which we can all be proud".

Michelle Plaisance, a graduate of the **Ph.D. program in Curriculum and Instruction** recently won the Virginia Clarke Gray Award for her work at Greensboro College. The award is for exceptional junior faculty.

Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education master's degree candidates, Andelle Bayard, Kellyn Brooks, Erin Gardiner, Jennifer Hallman, Stephanie Kelly, and Ivana O'Kelly were awarded fellowships to participate in the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's prestigious Teacher Seminars Program for Summer 2017. The teacher-fellows will travel to The University of Southern California, New York University, The National World War II Museum, Boston University, and Columbia University respectively to study issues ranging from Alexander Hamilton and the Founding Era

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to 9/11 to American Memory. For **Spencer Salas (MDSK)**, who mentored the students through the awards competition as part of his online-course in teacher leadership, "We are especially proud of our working teachers enrolled in our online degree programs and celebrate the national achievement that these awards represent!"

New Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Analyses

The department of Educational Leadership is now offering a graduate certificate at the master's and doctoral level in quantitative analyses. The certificate requires 12 hours (4 courses). For additional information, contact Lynn Ahlgrim-Delzell at laahlgri@uncc.edu or [704-687-8539 ext. 1](tel:704-687-8539). Details can also be found on the Educational Leadership webpage at <http://edld.uncc.edu/programs>.

College Research Colloquia

If you are interested in sharing your research next year at the College Research Colloquia please contact Associate Dean Dawson Hancock.



Sharing their Expertise

In April, 12 graduate students in the Masters of Reading Education program presented at the North Carolina Literacy Conference. A group of the speakers are pictured to the right.

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Dates to Remember:

Full Professor Information Meetings- August 17 and 23, 11 a.m., COED 110
 College of Education Faculty Meeting- August 25, COED 010

Publications

Miller, R. A., Wynn, R. D., & Webb, K. W. (2017). Queering disability in higher education: Views from the intersections. In E. Kim & K. C. Aquino (Eds.), *Disability as diversity in higher education: Policies and practices to enhance student success* (pp. 33-46). New York, NY: Rutledge.

Rodriguez, S., Garbee, K., **Miller, R. A.,** & Sáenz, V. B. (2017). How community colleges in Texas prioritize resources for Latino men. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/10668926.2017.1281179

Salas, S. & Portes, P. R. (2017). *U.S. Latinization: Education and the new Latino south*. SUNY Press.

Grants Awarded

PI	DEPARTMENT	AWARD TITLE	SPONSOR	AWARD AMOUNT
Scott Kissau	Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education	Beyond the North Star...	UNC General Administration	\$279,957
David Pugalee (Direct Award)	Center for STEM Education	STEM Research and Engineering Apprenticeship	Academy of Applied Science	\$3,000
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