



# College of Education Connections September, 2015

## Message from the Dean:

Thank you for attending the symposium “What do The Data Say?” that highlighted research on teacher preparation. Many comments from the break-out sessions showed the power of dialoguing around data. Chancellor Dubois and Provost Lorden were impressed and pleased by the interest and attendance. Nice work everyone! --Dean McIntyre

## Congratulations to:

**Scott Kissau (MDSK)** who was named North Carolina Foreign Language Teacher of the Year by the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina. <http://education.uncc.edu/news/dr-scott-kissau-named-foreign-language-teacher-year>

**Florence Martin (EDLD)** for winning the Crystal Award for excellence in online teaching from the Association for Educational Computation and Technology (AECT) Division of Distance Learning <http://inside.uncc.edu/news-features/2015-09-15/martin-receives-award-qm-certified-redesigned-online-course>.

**David Pugalee, Director of the Center for STEM Education**, has been invited to a special task force sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Members of *A Task Force on Conceptualizing Elementary Mathematical Writing: Implications for Mathematics Education Stakeholders* will have their initial meeting in October at the University of Connecticut. The aim of the Task Force is to offer a collective perspective on mathematical writing for elementary students.

**Michael Matthews (SPCD)** recently gave an invited public lecture, "Why do gifted students drop out of high school?" at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

**Florence Martin (EDLD)** and **Rebecca Shore (EDLD)** are working on a grant from the UNC General Administration entitled *Competently Ready to Work*.

## Ready to Picnic?

The COED 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic for Faculty, Staff, and families will be October 9, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Frank Liske Park, 4001 Stough Rd., Concord. Here are the items to bring based on unit/department.

Sides or Salads: MDSK, EDLD, OEO, C-STEM	Desserts: SPCD, CSLG, OFE, OIT
Chips and snacks: Dean’s Office	Soda, juice, water: REEL, TEALR

## edTPA Update

Laura Hart (Dean’s Office) sent out an edTPA update in late August via e-mail. Among the highlights: TPAL meetings (all invited), submission dates for the semester, and a summary of edTPA data.

### **What do the Data Say?**

A special thank you to Laura Hart, Anne Cash, and Kevin Bastion from EPIC in Chapel Hill, and the numerous breakout group leaders for their presentations at the *What do the Data Say?* Program on September 11. Thank you to all who were able to attend and participate.

### **International Travel Grants**

October 1 is the deadline for COED International Travel Grants. Contact: Adriana Medina, [amedinal@uncc.edu](mailto:amedinal@uncc.edu).

### **Interested in Honing your Teaching Skills?**

The Center for Teaching and Learning offers professional development opportunities. Among the upcoming workshops is *Engaging Students with Structured Discovery* facilitated by **Tracy Rock (REEL)** and *10 Best Practices for Teaching Online* by **Florence Martin (EDLD)**.

### **Interested in Publishing on Online Learning**

The Journal of Applied Educational and Policy Research led by Editor **Chuang Wang (EDLD)** and Associate Editors **Mark D'Amico (EDLD)**, **Rich Lambert (EDLD)**, and **Paul Fitchett (MDSK)** have an active call for a special issue on Online Learning. The deadline for manuscripts is November 1, 2015. More information can be found here. <https://journals.uncc.edu/jaepr/announcement/view/14>.

### **Pursuing Extraordinary Outcomes in Public Education 3rd Annual National Conference**

Are you doing innovative work in public schools or in the community that can assist educators to improve achievement of students? Would you like to network with educators from across the U.S.? The Urban Education Collaborative welcomes you to register for the 3rd Annual Pursuing Extraordinary Outcomes in Public Education National Conference on November 6-7, 2015 at the UNC Charlotte Center City campus. For more information visit: <http://thecollaborative.uncc.edu/events/pursuing-extraordinary-outcomes-public-education-3rd-annual-national-conference>.

### **LGBT Counseling Program**

Dr. Abbie Goldberg will be facilitating a program on October 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. entitled LGBT Parents and their Children: Research and Implications for Clinical and Counseling Practice. All are invited and you can contact **Pam Lassiter (Counseling)** at [plassite@uncc.edu](mailto:plassite@uncc.edu) for more information.

### **Traveling Aboard:**

In August **David Pugalee (C-STEM)**, **Chuang Wang (EDLD)**, **Rich Lambert (EDLD)**, **Michelle Stephan (MDSK)**, **Vic Cifarelli (Mathematics Department)**, and former doctoral student Christie Martin presented research papers at the International Symposium of Elementary Mathematics Teaching in Prague.



### **In the News:**

The Instructional Systems Technology program has new degree programs in online learning and teaching. <http://education.uncc.edu/news/new-program-embraces-future-educational-technology>

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

edTPA College TPALS meeting (all invited), September 22, 1:30 p.m., COED 110. Contact: Laura Hart, [laura.hart@uncc.edu](mailto:laura.hart@uncc.edu).

COED Graduate Program Directors Meeting, September 23, 10:30 a.m., COED 110.

COED Picnic, October 9, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Frank Liske Park, Details above in this newsletter.

**Publications:**

Beach, K. D., Sanchez, V., Flynn, L. J., & O'Connor, R. E. (2015). Teaching academic vocabulary to adolescents with learning disabilities. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 48(1), 36-44.

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