From Dean McIntyre:
Friday, September 29th is our first meeting in the new Cato College of Education scheduling format. Thank you to those who are participating!

Congratulations:
Kelly Anderson (SPCD) and Sejal Foxx (Counseling) received a personnel preparation grant from the Officer of Special Education Programs under the U.S. Department of Education to prepare master's level students across departments to work with student with the most challenging behaviors. The title of the grant is Project Intensive Needs Teacher and Counselor Training (INTACT).

Charlie Wood (SPCD) and Ya-yu Lo (SPCD) received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education will fund five future UNC Charlotte special education Ph.D. students’ training in an important specialization in the field. The grant builds on and intertwines with the Cato College of Education’s current programming in special education by preparing scholars to be higher education faculty with a specialty in multi-tiered academic and behavioral interventions.

Florence Martin (EDLD) was invited to be a fellow for Digital Learning in the Office of the Senior Associate Provost collaborating with the Center for Teaching and Learning, Distance Education, and Audiovisual Integration and Support for Learning Environments group.

Ian Binns (REEL, pictured left) was selected for a national fellowship made up of an interfaith group of clergy, scientists and writers who are committed to elevating the discourse surrounding religion and science. The fellowship is a two-year commitment, and involves three annual meetings to learn from experts and build relationships. The fellows will then create content, run programs and deliver presentations inspired by the work of Sinai and Synapses.

The Instructional Systems Technology (EDLD) program has received Quality Matters certification for its Program Design. The Online Program Design Certification recognizes programs that are designed around measurable learning objectives or competencies. Design or revision of individual courses within the program aligns with program objectives, involves QM-Certified personnel, and is consistent with the relevant QM Rubric.

Brian Kissel (REEL) served as a guest blogger for the International Literacy Association about writing instruction. Here is the blog post he wrote: https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2017/08/22/writing-workshop-vs.-writers'-workshop. Kissel also served as the Keynote Speaker at the Greenville County International Reading Association (GCIRA) in October, featured speaker at the University of California Irvine in December, and featured speaker at the Colorado Council International Reading Association (CCIRA) in February. He has been asked to speak about his recent publication When Writers Drive the Workshop (Stenhouse, 2017).
Alumnus and current **Educational Leadership** doctoral student **Liz Snyder** was named Principal of the Year for Cabarrus County Schools.

Counseling student **Evan Miller** was selected for the Minority Fellowship for Addictions Counselors (NMFP-AC) from the Association for Addiction Professionals.

**Partnering with Local Schools**

In an effort to provide UNCC Elementary Education preservice teachers with rich experiences working alongside elementary-aged students, **Amy Good (REEL)** and **Brian Kissel (REEL)** have organized a series of joint field trip experiences that blend Writing Instruction and Social Studies Instruction. Both groups of students first got to know each other by becoming pen pals. Then, students from the Community School of Davidson came to UNCC campus to study the history and geography of our campus. They then wrote narrative stories, which allowed UNCC students to see how writing develops amongst third grade students. The second field trip involves a visit to uptown Charlotte where UNCC students and their 3rd grade partners will conduct research about the history of Charlotte and the Piedmont region at ImaginOn library, eat lunch at the 7th Street Market, and tour the Levine Museum of the New South. During this visit, they will study the history of the South while reading the museum as an informational text. Additional field trips are planned later in the semester.

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Panelists Discussing Social Justice
Tehia Starker Glass (REEL) and Stephen Hancock (REEL) were panelists discussing social justice during last week's remembrance of the Charlotte Uprising brought on by the killing of Keith Lamont Scott (pictured right).

Charlotte Teacher Early College Garners National Attention
Education Week featured the Charlotte Teacher Early College in an article in late August. The article can be found here: http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/teacherbeat/2017/08/the_next_generation_of_teacher.html

Providing Shelter after Hurricane Harvey
Three students from the University of Miami were evacuated along with Rebecca Shore's son, Bobby, (instead of flying all the way back to China) due to Hurricane Irma, and visited Niner Nation during their two week stay in the Shore household. They especially enjoyed speaking Chinese with Dr. Wang ( pictured left).

Dates to Remember:
Cato College of Education Faculty Meeting- September 29, 9:30-11 a.m., COED 010
edTPA TPALS, November 8, 2:15-3:30, in COED 110

Bank of America Award Reception
From Amy Good (REEL): Dear College of Education Family, Thank you all for taking time out of your weekend to support the Bank of America Teaching Award. I was honored to be a nominee and it was so nice having you all there for the wonderful celebration of teaching. Every teacher deserves a red carpet party- Thank you for making it extra special. J Amy

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Connect with Universities in Puerto Rico
From Sandra Dika (EDLD): CienciaPR is helping individuals and institutions in the continental US connect with students, administrators and faculty/researchers in Puerto Rico, so that we can help Puerto Rican universities in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Maybe you can help, or invite your institution to help. They anticipate collaborations in areas like helping students complete coursework, helping institutions rebuild their research infrastructure, and bringing researchers here so they can complete projects. They also can help you connect with various ways to volunteer your resources and skills, and I know some of you were interested in finding out how to do so. The contact person is giovanna.guerrero@cienciapr.org. The link to learn more about and to register for the initiative is: (http://bit.ly/CienciaPRMaria).

Publications


Please send Connections content to [drew.polly@uncc.edu](mailto:drew.polly@uncc.edu) by October 28.

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” Pele