

GOOD NEWS

Friday, 2/13/2009

Every week we share with you all of the good things that are happening to HDFS faculty members, students, alumni, and friends. Please send us your GOOD NEWS:

We are not superstitious, so we welcome this promising Friday the 13th with open arms. In addition, spring is just around the corner. Here is more Good News:

Faculty Publications

Hans, J.D., Ganong, L.H., & Coleman, M. (2009). Financial responsibilities toward older parents and stepparents following divorce and remarriage. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 30, 55-66.

Dr. Jason Hans is a graduate of HDFS and an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky.

New Course Approved

A course developed by Dr. Russ Ravert, HDFS 8110: Developmental Perspective on Health and Illness, has been approved by the Graduate School. Congratulations to Russ and to the Department!

CDL Kitchen Update

The CDL/Nutrition Science metabolic kitchen project is still underway, despite economic woes. Expected time of completion is Fall, 2009. Stay tuned.

HDFS and Campus Visitor in March

Thanks to Dr. Kathy Thornburg of the HDFS Center for Family Policy and Research, Adele Robinson of NAEYC will be holding a Q & A for HDFS faculty and graduate students on March 18th from 1:30-2:30 in Memorial Union N243. She will be sharing ideas and answering our questions about research wanted by policymakers, cross-sector data systems needed on children and the workforce, higher education and future workforce needs, and whatever child-related policy issues we want. She

will also speak publicly to the campus and community on March 18th from 3:15-4:15 in Middlebush Hall, Room 12. In that presentation she will be focusing on Early Childhood Education and Research and Development.

Adele Robinson is the NAEYC Associate Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, directing federal and state policy and public communications efforts. NAEYC is the world's largest association of early childhood professionals working with and for children from birth through age 8. Prior to joining NAEYC, Ms. Robinson was a Senior Program Associate in the Government Relations division of the National Education Association and was Director of Government Relations for the National Association of State Boards of Education. She was a Legislative Assistant to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, responsible for legislation relating to early childhood, elementary and secondary education, and higher education.

Ms. Robinson is co-author of *Advocates in Action: Making a Difference for Young Children*, an advocacy guide used by many colleges in policy coursework, and "Risky Credit," an article on tuition tax credits in the framework of education and tax equity policy, published in the *Stanford Law & Policy Review*, as well as other articles. She earned her undergraduate degree from Yale University and her law degree from Boston University School of Law. Before working in public policy, Ms. Robinson was an attorney in a law firm in Boston.

Reaching Out to MO Legislators

Dr. Dave Schramm, HDFS Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist, writes this week,

"I'm pleased to report we had a great experience and turnout for our breakfast with legislators as part of Marriage Week USA (Feb. 8-14th). It was sponsored by the Missouri Healthy Marriage Initiative and Missouri Extension. We had a wonderful time sharing, informing, and educating our elected officials about the great work that is occurring across Missouri related to healthy couples and families. It was nice to see Marnie Morgan and Graham McCaulley there sharing *Connecting for Baby*, Kim Allen and Kelly Warzinik with *Connecting for Children*, and Jo Britt-Rankin and Candy Gabel were there supporting our cause, along with extension specialists Jinny Hopp and Bob McNary. Many thanks also to Stacey Morse (HDFS grad and current legislative assistant to Senator Jeff Smith) that gave us a tour and introduced us to Senators Jeff Smith and Kurt Schaefer. We had a wonderful time mingling with other Missouri grantees and legislators."

This event was organized by Dr. Schramm and is the second year he has organized such an event. Thanks, Dave!

Reminder

Next Friday, the 20th, Dr. Joyce Arditti, Virginia Tech professor, Editor of Family Relations, and an expert on incarcerated parents, will be on campus to meet with faculty and graduate students from 1:00-2:00 PM to discuss writing for publication in social science journals in 309 Gentry. From 2:30-3:30 PM she will present a public (open to all) presentation, "Increasing our Knowledge about Parent Incarceration." This talk will be in Tate Hall room 22 (the Tate Auditorium).

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Spring is closer than ever, and we have 'weathered' another week of a rocky economic environment. We are ready for some Good News:

Grant Funded

HDFS affiliated faculty member and Professor in the Sinclair School of Nursing, Dr. **Eileen Porter**, has received a grant from the National Institute of Aging (NIH), "Describing the Experience of Self-Managing Close Calls for Old Homebound Women." Congratulations, **Eileen!** **Dr. Porter** has mentored several HDFS doctoral students in learning a method of descriptive phenomenology she has developed. She is assisted in this latest project by HDFS co-chair **Larry Ganong**, who has worked with **Eileen** on several of her funded projects.

Faculty and Student Publications

Dr. **Chris Proulx** has had a paper accepted for publication:

Proulx, C. M., Buehler, C., & Helms, H. M. (in press). Moderators of the association between marital hostility and change in spouses' depression. *Journal of Family Psychology*

Graduate student **Anthony James** and several extension colleagues (among them Jo Turner, Ina Linville, and Tammy Gillespie), have an article accepted for publication this month in the *Journal of Extension*, "4-H Youth Futures: College Within Reach."

Congratulations, **Chris** and **Anthony**!

Poverty Expert to Give HDFS Diversity Lecture at MU in April

The **HDFS Graduate Student Association** has received funding to bring an expert on domestic violence, poverty, and families in rural America to campus on April 6, 2009. Dr. Maria Kefalas will be delivering this year's HDFS Diversity Lecture from 3:30-5 p.m. in Ellis Auditorium. Dr. Maria Kefalas will give a presentation on her work on the meaning of marriage in low-income families, challenging misconceptions as to why many low-income women put motherhood before marriage. Dr. Kefalas is Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Violence Research and Prevention at Saint Joseph's University. She earned her BA from Wellesley College in economics and her MA and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago. After completing a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and teaching at Barnard College-Columbia University, she joined the faculty at Saint Joseph's University. She writes on a wide range of topics including family, community, culture, and class. Her books include *Working-Class Heroes: Protecting Home, Community, and Nation in a Chicago Neighborhood* (2003, University of California Press) and (with co-author Kathryn Edin) *Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood Before Marriage* (2005, University of California Press), recipient of the 2006 William J. Goode Book Award for the most outstanding contribution to family scholarship. Currently, she serves as an Associate Member on the MacArthur Foundation's Network on Adult Transitions. Based on research funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, her newest book with Patrick Carr, titled *Hollowing out the Middle*, describes how the most serious threat facing small-town America will be the loss of its most precious resource: young people.

Doctoral student **Graham McCaulley** led the proposal-writing efforts for the HDFS Graduate Student Association, assisted by **Jonathon Beckmeyer**. Their efforts will benefit the campus and the department a great deal. Thanks, **Graham** and **Jonathon**!

Milestones

Nora Hager, director of the Child Life Program in HDFS, shared with us that Child Life Master's alumna **Emily DePhillips** (MA, Fall 2008) just accepted a child life staff position in the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. **Emily** says, "Thanks to Mizzou's program I got a job at the #1 children's hospital right out of school!" Graduate student **Tyler Robertson** is completing his child life clinical internship there as well, and showed **Emily** around Philadelphia when she interviewed! Children's Hospital of Philadelphia was ranked by Parents magazine as #1 in the 10 Best Children's Hospitals for 2009. Congratulations **Emily**!

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In Columbia, it is time for the True/False Film Festival, which means it will be a 'lost weekend' for many of us. This really should be enough good news for anyone, but there is more...

Faculty Publications

Dr. **Russ Ravert** has been informed that a paper has been accepted for publications. Congratulations, **Russ!**

Ravert, R. D. (in press). Alcohol management strategies of college students with diabetes. *Patient Education and Counseling*.

IRS, HDFS-Style

HDFS has instituted two types of what we are calling “informal seminars,” one for teaching issues (Informal Teaching Seminars) and one for research (Informal Research Seminars). Dr. **Chris Proulx** led the first IRS this semester, and Dr. **Russ Ravert** led the second one this week. Both of the IRS sessions were excellent presentations/discussions and were well-attended by faculty and doctoral students.

Dr. **Larry Ganong** has been convening the ITS group. **Larry** and doctoral student **Tyler Jamison** have created a Blackboard site for information related to these seminars to be posted.

Hailey goes 9 for 9

Graduate student **Hailey Stout** is doing an internship this semester and one of her internship goals was to help 9 Americorps VISTA volunteers write their first grant proposals. She helped them with writing their résumés and cover letters, obtaining letters of support, creating budgets, planning implementations and measures, and, basically anything else they needed for the proposals. **Hailey** received word this week that all 9 of the proposals were funded. Nice work, **Hailey!**

Federal Aid now Available for Graduate Certificates

We learned this week that HDFS Graduate Certificates are now aid-eligible under federal financial aid rules. Terrence Grus is working on having myZou and Apply Yourself reflect these changes. Our certificates are in:

Gerontology

Youth Development Specialist

Youth Development Program Management and Evaluation

Graduate Scholarships

The HES Graduate Scholarship Committee awarded three Fellowships to HDFS students. Two of them are to new admissions, so we will wait to see if they decide to attend MU before celebrating. One went to current doctoral student **Linley Snyder**, however, so we will celebrate her now. **Linley** was awarded the Campbell-Harrison Scholarship. Congratulations, **Linley!**

Graduate Students Give

Three graduate student organizations, **MUCFR**, **HDFSGSA**, and the **Child Life Student Organization**, are planning a food drive for March in which grad students will go into every HDFS class one week, then go back the next week to pick up the donations. **Hailey Stout** sent the following email to all faculty members:

MUCFR is putting together a spring food drive for the Central MO Food Bank. We are asking for support from GSA and the faculty to make this the most successful one yet. In the past, we have put a box in Gentry 314 and sent out an email to everyone. This semester, we are feeling more passionate and would like to have a representative from one of the student organizations or the professor mention the food drive in class. I have some quick facts about Missouri food insecurity and poverty put together that we would like to mention to the students to compel them to help out. In addition, we would like to have the students bring their donations to class on a mutually

decided upon date and have a graduate student help bring them back to Gentry. We feel students will be more likely to bring a donation if they just bring it to class.

The professors and instructors are excited and extremely supportive. The HDFS 2400 TAs will be competing with each other to see who can collect the most food from their lab classes – the winner will get a \$25 gift card (\$10 from **MUCFR** and \$15 from Dr. **Mark Fine**, the 2400 professor).

Officers from the 3 student organizations will go to classes the week of 3/9-3/13 where they will present the food drive and make a connection between the course content and the food drive. For example, **Claire Cook** will talk to HDFS 3420 on the Monday of that week because Dr. **Russ Ravert** already had a health section planned. For **Jacqui Benson's** class on aging, **Hailey** will mention poverty statistics in the aging populations. Food will be collected the week of 3/16-3/20. Poverty and hunger are not Good News, but our graduate students' efforts to help fight against hunger is great news. We are extremely proud of their work!

The Score is Tied, There are Two Outs, and a Full Count on the Batter in the Final Inning

Graduate Instructor **Shaun Calix** has been nominated to be an Honorary Coach for the nationally ranked Mizzou Softball Team. Send 'em home, **Shaun!**

Media Updates

Graduate student **Demarre Carroll** made the cover of the national publication, The Sporting News, and Nelson Cowan, Curator's Professor of Psychological Sciences and spouse of HDFS co-chair **Jean Ispa**, was on KFRU's Morning Meeting this week. **Demarre** was quoted about Tiger basketball and Dr. Cowan talked about memory. Pretty eclectic media update!