

## **GOOD NEWS**

### **Friday, 1/23/2009**

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:**

Happy New Year! Despite a lot of sad news early this new year, as well as the poor economy, ongoing wars, and threats of terrorism, we anticipate an excellent 2009 for Mizzou and HDFS.

#### **Faculty Publications**

Congratulations, Dr. **Ravert!**

**Ravert, R.D.**, & Zimet, G. D (2009). College student invulnerability beliefs and HIV vaccine acceptability. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 33, 391-399.

#### **Students Serve the Community (Yes, shopping counts as service)**

If you recall, MUCFR adopted a family for the holidays. On behalf of that organization, President **Hailey Stout** wants to thank the students and faculty for their support and generosity. **Tyler Jamison's** midnight shopping madness stretched the \$365 collected enough to provide our family a \$75 food voucher and purchase everything on their list. In addition to **Tyler's** amazing budgeting skills, she is also a master bow maker. **Tyler** and **Tamara Coon** wrapped all the presents together under the guidance and supervision of graduate students **Jonathon Beckmeyer** and **Marilyn Preston**. Thanks again to all for making this charitable event both successful and fun!!!

#### **Fellowship Winner**

**Jacqui Benson**, PhD student in HDFS, was awarded the Gregory Fellowship by the College of Human Environmental Sciences for this semester. Congratulations, **Jacqui!**

#### **Getting Ready for Difficult Dialogues**

CDL instructor **Jackie Bacino** (Blue Door) and doctoral student **Lynette Nickleberry** were **selected to be** MU Difficult Dialogue Faculty Fellows for 2009. Over the course of the program, selection for the MU Difficult Dialogues Program has been exceptionally competitive (e.g., only about half of the applicants are accepted). The University of Missouri has received two Ford Foundation Difficult Dialogues Initiative grants (totaling \$200,000) for this project that promotes awareness of campus climate and diversity issues in higher education, academic freedom, and constructive dialogue on campus. The MU Difficult Dialogue Program has been in progress for more than 3 years. Jackie and Lynette will learn skills in addressing controversial issues in the classroom. They will attend workshops designed to provide them with information and skills

relevant to conflict resolution, deliberative dialogue, religious pluralism, and awareness of diversity issues. The short course will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 – 9 p.m. from February 19 through April 16 (except March 26 during Spring Break). Jackie and Lynette will then implement a difficult dialogues module in a course they will teach in the Fall, 2009.

### **Doctoral Faculty Appointments**

Dr. **Sara Gable** was reappointed and Dr. **Chris Proulx** was approved for the first time to doctoral faculty status for a five year period, starting in December, 2008. Congratulations to **Sara** and **Chris**!

### **Human Development Extension Serves the Northeast**

The NE Missouri Long-term Recovery Partnership, which consists of Samaritan Well: Lewis County Unmet Needs Committee, NEMO Unmet Needs Committee-Monroe County, and NEMO Unmet Needs-Marion and Ralls County received a grant for \$20,500 from MIDRO (Missouri Interfaith Disaster Recovery Organization) to continue helping individuals and families in Marion County impacted by the 2008 flooding. This grant was written by **Sherry Nelson**, MU Extension Human Development Specialist. As other needs continue to be identified for the 2008 flood victims, these committees will continue to seek resources and funds to help those impacted to return to their level of functioning before the flood. To date 29 individuals and families in Monroe County, 97 individuals and families in Marion and Ralls Counties, and 41 individuals and families in Lewis County have received help from this fund and member organizations. Way to go, **Sherry**!

### **Architectural Studies, Look Out**

Ok, we are really not a design threat to our colleagues in Architectural Studies, but last week HDFS co-chair **Larry Ganong** and graduate students **Anthony James**, **Richard Feistman**, **Rachel Gordon**, **Kyrie Graves**, **Justine Marty**, and **Darajun Abel** rearranged furniture and created a consulting room in Gentry 404 that TAs in Principles of Human Development can use when they meet with students in this Writing Intensive course. Next semester, we pick out new drapes and carpet (joking, we are in a budgetary crisis – maybe next year we vacuum and dust again)!

## **GOOD NEWS** **Friday, 1/30/2009**

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**Researcher and *Family Relations* Editor to Visit HDFS**

Dr. Joyce Arditti from Virginia Tech will be visiting MU and HDFS on Friday, February 20. Dr. Arditti will meet in Gentry 309 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM with graduate students and faculty to discuss her insights as current editor of the journal, *Family Relations*, about publishing in high-quality journals. At 2:30 Dr. Arditti will present a talk on incarcerated parents in Tate Hall Auditorium. Everyone on campus and from the community is invited to attend this 2:30-3:30 PM talk.

### **We Hold our Own**

We do not need to wait for outside researchers to visit us because we have an active faculty of our own. Starting this month, we are holding research seminars for doctoral students and faculty. The first was held Thursday, January 29, at 3:30 in Gentry 3. Dr. **Chris Proulx** shared her thoughts and led a discussion on “Navigating a new (to you) research area: Lessons learned from recent pilot data collection.” Master’s degree students are also welcome to attend and others may if you ask in advance (we have space issues). The idea is to informally chat about our work and research issues in general. The schedule for the rest of the semester is as follows (all at 3:30 in Gentry 3):

Feb. 26  
March 12  
April 23  
May 7

### **Mentoring Faculty**

HES Dean and HDFS Professor **Stephen Jorgensen** and Curator’s Professor **Marilyn Coleman** are 2 of the 14 mentoring faculty in a new faculty mentoring program called Focus on Faculty. This program is being run by HDFS affiliated faculty member Dr. **Jackie Litt** and Drs. Jill Hermson and Cheryl Tucker. Dean Jorgensen and Marilyn have been assigned faculty across campus to meet with periodically and help them adjust to the demands of their jobs.

### **Informing the Legislators**

Dr. **Kathy Thornburg**, Director of the Center for Family Policy and Research, was asked by the Senate Pro Tem, Senator Charlie Shields, to speak before the full Senate about the importance of early childhood. Her 15 minutes of fame occurred Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Way to go, **Kathy!**

### **HDFS Alumni Do Well**

Dr. **Elise Radina** at Miami University of Ohio and Dr. **Tashel Bordere** of the University of Central Missouri recently were informed that they were to be promoted to Associate Professor

with Tenure at their respective institutions. Congratulations to **Elise** and **Tashel**! We are very proud of you! Please keep sending us your best graduate students...

### **Drs. Morrison in the Missourian**

HDFS faculty member Dr. **Johnetta Morrison** and her husband, Political Science Professor Dr. K.C. Morrison, were on the front page of the Missourian with former city Councilwoman Almeda Crayton in Tuesday's Columbia Missourian. They were celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr Day at the university-sponsored gala on Monday.

### **Good News Quiz # 3 (Relatively) New Great Plains Graduate Students**

In less than a year we have welcomed these new students to our graduate program via the online program with the Great Plains IDEA. One of them is the leading scorer on the Tiger's men's team. Can you pick him from the list?

<b>Joan Faur</b>	Gerontology	Fall 08
<b>Kenya DelValle</b>	Gerontology	Fall 08
<b>Demarre Carroll</b>	Youth Development	Fall 08
<b>Stephanie Femrite</b>	Youth Development	Fall 08
<b>Amy Byergo</b>	Gerontology	Fall 08
<b>Rebecca Rentchler</b>	Youth Development	Fall 08
<b>Lisa Burns</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Keisha Phillips</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Carolyn Peppers</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Kimberly Koeman</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Katie Chiaverini</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Laura Mankin</b>	Gerontology	Spring 09
<b>Sarah Pickerell</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09
<b>Yvette McNellis</b>	Youth Development	Spring 09