

GOOD NEWS **Friday, 3/6/2009**

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:**

It is March already! Spring is nigh. More Good News...

HDFS Graduate Student Earns All-Big 12 Academic Honor

This week we learned from the MU Athletics Department that HDFS Youth Development graduate student **Demarre Carroll** was named to the All Big 12 Academic First Team. Congratulations, **Demarre!** Here is the press release:

Mizzou's DeMarre Carroll, Matt Lawrence Named All-Big 12 Academic Carroll named to All-Big 12 First Team, Lawrence earns Second Team nod

Irving, Texas – University of Missouri seniors **DeMarre Carroll** and Matt Lawrence were named to the 2009 Academic All-Big 12 Team the league office announced on Wednesday.

Carroll earned his way onto the First Team after recording a 3.70 grade-point average in graduate school this year. A 2008 graduate of Mizzou, **Carroll** has enjoyed a standout senior campaign and leads Missouri in both scoring (17.1) and rebounding (7.3) and is the only player in the Big 12 Conference to rank among the Top 10 in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and steals.

Lawrence is a Second Team pick for the second consecutive year and is slated to graduate from MU this spring. Lawrence is third on the team in scoring (8.6) and is closing out a tremendous home career tonight against Oklahoma, which includes 222 career three-point field goals, which ranks No. 3 all-time in school history.

Members of the Big 12's All-Academic team are nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services and media relations offices. First team members have recorded a 3.20 or better GPA, while the second team are those with a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or in the two previous semesters and have participated in 60 percent of his team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

HDFS-GSA Outstanding Graduate Student

Congratulations to **Claire Cook** on winning the HDFS-GSA Outstanding Graduate Student Award for 2009! It was a close race! **Claire** will now move on to be HDFS-GSA's nominee for the Superior Graduate

Achievement Award presented by the campus-wide GSA. Good luck to **Claire**. HDFS-GSA President **Shaun Calix** thanks everyone for voting!

Fellowships Awarded to New Graduate Students

Two College of Human Environmental Sciences graduate fellowships were accepted this week by incoming doctoral students. **James Stowe**, a graduate of Kansas State, has accepted a Piper Fellowship and **(David) Greg Brooks**, from Arkansas, has accepted a Hoffman Fellowship. Welcome to Mizzou, **James** and **Greg**! These two bring us to six graduate students on either College or University Fellowships. We are still waiting to hear about some others. Kudos also to **Marilyn Coleman**, Director of Graduate Studies, who works hard to see that HDFS graduate students receive their well-deserved financial assistance.

Collaborating is Good News

Stacey D. Owsley, Director of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office at the HDFS Center for Family Policy & Research, shares with us this Good News:

Under the leadership of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office at the Center for Family Policy and Research, leaders from the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education, Social Services and Head Start recently developed and executed a statewide memorandum of understanding. The document outlines regulations for early childhood programs and provides recommendations for collaborative practices in order to help reduce duplication and maximization of services and supports for children and families. The purpose of the state-level memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to facilitate an alliance between the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Department of Social Services, the Region VII Office of Head Start in cooperation with the Missouri Head Start Association, and the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office. The parties of the agreement are committed to promoting integration of all early childhood programs through enhancing awareness of and coordination with programs and resources that address needs of all young children in Missouri. The parties also hope the agreement encourages counterparts at the local level to participate in a similar process utilizing the state-level model in the development of local MOUs.

CASSP Reaches Out

Veronica E. Stovall, Extension Associate at the Center on Adolescent Sexuality, Pregnancy and Parenting in Human Development and Family Studies Extension, reported that on Friday 13, 2009, CASPP partnered with RAIN, Shape and Boone County Health Department and provided free condoms, 33 Confidential and Free HIV testing to MU students as well as 40 HPV shots to female students on Campus to Support Sexual Responsibility and National Condom Week.

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The semester is half over and Spring Break is a week away. More Good News...

Faculty Publications

Dr. **Russ Ravert** and Dr. **Teresa Cooney** had publications published or accepted this week. Terri's co-authors were alumni Dr. **Tanja Rothrauff** (now at the University of Georgia) and Dr. **Jeong Shin An** (now at Pusan National University in South Korea).

Ravert, R. D. (in press). "You're only young once": Things college students report doing now before it is too late. *Journal of Adolescent Research*.

Schwartz, S. J., Zamboanga, B. L., **Ravert, R. D.**, Kim, S. Y., Weisskirch, R. S., Williams, M., K., Melina, B., Finley, G. E. (in press). Perceived parental relationships and health risk behaviors in college-attending emerging adults. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Rothrauff, T.C., Cooney, T.M., & An, J.S. (2009). Remembered parenting styles and adjustment in middle and late adulthood. *The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 64B, 137-146.

Congratulations, **Russ, Terri, Tanja, and An!**

Faculty Member Named to Board

Dr. **Johnetta Morrison** was named to the Central Missouri Community Action Board of Directors as an early childhood consultant. Congratulations, **Johnetta!**

HDFS Graduate Student is the First

Last week HDFS Youth Development graduate student **Demarre Carroll** was named to the All Big 12 Academic First Team. This week he was named to the All Big 12 Basketball Team as a player. This is the first time in Big 12 league history that a basketball player was first team in both Academics and Athletics! Another congratulations, **Demarre!**

Youth Development Master's is Featured by MUDirect

For a couple of weeks MUDirect is featuring the HDFS **Youth Development** online master's degree. Go to <http://mudirect.missouri.edu/>.

Visiting Scholar and Policy Expert to Campus

Adele Robinson is the Associate Executive Director of Policy & Public Affairs for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Prior to NAEYC, Ms. Robinson was the Director of Government Relations for the National Association of State Boards of Education and was a Legislative Assistant to the U.S. Senate Committee on early childhood, elementary, secondary, and higher education. She will be discussing the state of Early Childhood Education Policy and Research & Development of Public Policy. Please join us Wednesday, March 18th from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in Middlebush Hall, Room 12. If you have questions, please contact **Hailey Stout** at hms471@mizzou.edu.

New Cross-Listed Topics Course

In two years, the first of about 78 million baby boomers will turn 65. This population change will have a huge impact on many professions. **HDFS 7001**: *"Health Interventions: Understanding and Improving Physical Function and Independence in Older Adults"* will identify strategies for sustaining and improving quality of life. Topics will include perceptions of independence and frailty, technology, exercise, falls, abuse and sexuality. Taught by Steven Zweig, MD, MSPH, and David Oliver, PhD, this graduate course is cross-listed as Family and Community Medicine 7001, **HDFS 7001**, Nursing 7001, Public Health 7001 and Architectural Studies 7001. Contact Megan Clark at clarkmr@missouri.edu or 884-8421 for more information.

Alumnus Gets Tenured and Promoted

Dr. **Elizabeth Sharp** received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor at Texas Tech University. She earned both her master's and doctorate in HDFS at Mizzou. Congratulations, **Elizabeth!** Dr. **Sharp's** cohort of graduate students at MU has a perfect record of being tenured and promoted at their universities (at Arizona State, Arkansas, Connecticut, Miami University, University of Central Missouri).

Get Them Ready for College Now

Rachel Linge, HDFS Senior and Program Director for Kids on Campus of the Columbia Boys & Girls Club, has arranged for doctoral student **Lynette Nickleberry** to meet with the Kids on Campus in Gentry. Rachel writes, "I work at the Boys and Girls Club of Columbia and every week I bring eight 10-11 year olds to campus every week to familiarize them with campus and show them all the possibilities available to them if they start working hard now. The program is called Kids on Campus. The kids work with their mentor for an hour and the other hour I like to schedule a group activity, usually led by a campus academic or professor." This sounds like a

great program. Thanks, **Rachel**, for bringing the “Kids” to HDFS, and thanks, **Lynette** for your service!

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Smells like spring, March Madness is with us, and Spring Break is nigh. More Good News...

Certified Family Life Education (CFLE)

The National Council on Family Relations has recognized the undergraduate program in HDFS as meeting the requirements to be an approved CFLE program. This means that undergraduates who complete specific coursework will be eligible to become Certified Family Life Educators after two years of work experience post-graduation. Congratulations to us!

Washington Insider Draws a Crowd

Adele Robinson, the Director of Public Policy for the NAEYC, came to Mizzou this past Wednesday to discuss Education Policy, Early Childhood Education, and Research & Development. She met early in the morning with the Missouri AEYC (many of whom drove in from Kansas City, Springfield, and elsewhere in the state). She spoke later in the day with our graduate students and faculty regarding current education policy and research and development.

She finished up her day at a formal lecture that was open to the community. She filled a lecture hall that seats 163 people. Attendees at this lecture included professionals from Missouri AEYC, Parents as Teachers, First Chance for

Children, Department of Health and Senior Services, Department of Social Services, Asian Affairs Office, Head Start, Educare, OPEN, Project REACH, and lots of students and faculty from other departments (Law, School of Social Work, Public Affairs, Journalism, Education...), a significant number of undergrads, faculty, and grads from our department. Ms. Robinson is an extremely knowledgeable professional and did a great job of switching gears for each of these audiences.

The department owes many thanks - to Hailey Stout for organizing many of these sessions and advertising Ms. Robinson's visit, to all of you who were able to come to one of these sessions, to MUCFR members who helped with the funding application and advertisement, to the Center for Family Policy & Research for helping organize the 3 different events (and for their networking), to Center Director Kathy Thornburg for taking such great care of Adele (and driving her to catch her 6:00 AM flight from Columbia), and to MU's ORG for funding Adele's visit.

Distance Parent Education

HDFS doctoral student Graham McCaulley developed an online version of the Focus on Kids (FOK) Parent Education program for his master's degree project last semester. He worked closely with Dr. David Schramm, and was advised by Dr. Marilyn Coleman, with Dr. Larry Ganong providing some additional editing. FOK was developed in 1995 by HDFS faculty members and has been offered in Boone and Callaway counties since then to thousands of divorcing and separated parents. This scientifically-based program has been continually updated as research findings expand what is known about co-parenting and the effects of parental behaviors on children. Last week, Graham, Dr. Schramm, and HDFS co-chairs Jean Ispa and Larry Ganong made a presentation to the Boone County Circuit Court judges and members of their staff about the nearly completed FOK online program. The judges were impressed and plan to make this an available option for specific parents who would not otherwise be able to attend the!
program. FOK is now being offered in 40 counties in the state of Missouri.

How Many Fingers am I Holding Up?

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation came to the CDL Thursday, March 19 from 9:15 to 12:00 and provided all interested families with children 6 months to 6 year olds with a free vision screening.

Milestones

HDFS graduate (BS, MA) Megan Zaleuke just finished a year with AmeriCorps and has accepted a new position as Program Director with the nonprofit Camp Twin Lakes. Camp Twin Lakes offers year-round therapeutic and educational programs for children facing serious illnesses and other physical, emotional and life challenges. It is located in Rutledge, GA, 50 miles east of Atlanta. She is thrilled because the camp is very much like the camp she envisioned for her master's degree project. Congratulations, Megan!