

GOOD NEWS

Friday, 5/1/2009

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May Day! May Day! May Day! These words used to be a military signal communicating trouble and distress. Today, it just means more good news on the first day of May.

Faculty and Student Presentations

Ganong, L. H., Coleman, M., & Jamison, T. (2009, April). *From strangers to somebody's: Affinity-building between stepchildren and their stepparents*. Poster presented at the Council on Contemporary Families 12th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Pepper and Sharita Discuss CFB

I do not usually send videos or pictures with the Good News, but there are exceptions. Last Monday, **Sharita** and **Eric Wilson** appeared on Pepper and Friends, mid-Missouri's favorite morning talk show, to discuss the **Connecting for Baby Project (CFB)**, a relationship skills training program for young, unmarried couples with infants. This project is offered by HDFS and HDFS Extension in various parts of the state, and **Sharita**, who is an instructor in Communication Studies, and **Eric**, a local minister and **Sharita's** husband, have been leading CFB programs for over two years. This is the second time they have appeared on Pepper and Friends to talk about CFB. **Marnie Morgan**, HDFS alumna, is the CFB Project manager, and Drs. **Larry Ganong** and **Marilyn Coleman** are co-investigators of the federal grant that is funding the project. This project has provided assistantships for 12 graduate students, jobs for 2 work study students and 4 undergraduates, and internships for 4 undergraduates since 2007. Currently, there are 7 Regional Specialists across Missouri working on CFB. Check out the video! If the video does not work, go to KOMU.com and look for Pepper& Friends, and watch it there.

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Graduation Milestones

This past week several graduate students finished their master's degrees in HDFS – **Tyler Robertson, Chisato Kimura, and Ashley Blake**. Congratulations and best wishes for **Tyler, Chisato, and Ashley!**

Alumna Earns a Doctorate

Peggy Lisenbee (peggy_lisenbee@yahoo.com), who earned a master's degree from HDFS in 1992, will complete a doctorate in education at Oklahoma State University this month. **Peggy** has been teaching in community colleges in Oklahoma, and is on the faculty of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. **Peggy** teaches Language Arts and Classroom Management in their Curriculum and Instruction Department. Congratulations, **Peggy**!

Doctoral Candidate Presents

Jessica Troilo presented part of her dissertation in a colloquium at West Virginia University last week. **Jess** has been teaching part-time at WVU while she completes her dissertation. She writes that “the Dean of the College of Human Resources and Education asked if he could post her Powerpoint slides so graduate students could see how Grounded Theory worked.” Keep up the good work, **Jess**.

More Media Coverage

Here is a link to an article in the Columbia Missourian last week about grade school basketball. It featured **Terri Tatum** and her husband, Aaron, who is coach of the Benton Bees, and Tate Nickleberry, son of doctoral student **Lynette Nickleberry**, one of the Bees. There is a picture of Tate in the article – Coach Anderson, be aware!

<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2009/04/21/home-school-communicator-basketball-provides-fun-and-life-lessons/>

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This used to be called “Stop Day,” but please do not stop reading because now it is called “Reading Day.” That means finals start tomorrow (yes, on Saturday) and graduations are just a week away. It also means the Good News is about to take a summer break...

Faculty and Student Publications

Doctoral student **Toni Crowell** has a new paper in press (see below) and will be presenting at the Child Life Council National Conference on Professional Issues in Boston May 21-25. Her presentation, a two-hour workshop, is on “*Qualitative methods and child life research: Making connections to support evidence-based practice.*”

Crowell, T. (2009). Qualitative methodology and the child life researcher: Making connections to support evidence-based practice. *Child Life Council Bulletin*.

Milestones

Dr. **Duane Rudy** and his wife, Dr. Kim Leon, had a baby boy this past Sunday evening. His name is Nathaniel Benjamin and he was 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long at birth. He is very cute (we have seen pictures to prove it, so it is not just his dad's biased view). **Duane** writes, "Thanks very much for your kind words and thoughts." Congratulations, Kim and **Duane!**

Hailey Stout completed her master's degree. She will be moving soon to Hawaii with her husband.

Lynnette Nickleberry, a Ridgel Fellow and winner of a **Vemer Scholarship**, is now a doctoral candidate (DC), having successfully passed her comprehensive examination this week. Congratulations, **Lynnette!**

Outstanding Seniors Named

The HDFS Outstanding Seniors for 2009 are **Erica Alexander, Carolyn Iiams, Katie Karl,** and **Abigail Schmidt**. These exceptional students were honored by the faculty for high grades and community involvement. We are very proud of these seniors, as we are of all of our graduating seniors. Good luck and congratulations, **Erica, Carolyn, Katie,** and **Abigail!**

Scholarship Winners

HDFS faculty members have selected student award winners. These awards are accompanied by scholarship money for next year. The co-winners of the **Marilyn Coleman** Outstanding Graduate Student Award are **Linley Snyder** and **Tyler Jamison**. This award is given in honor of Curator's Professor and long-time faculty member, **Marilyn Coleman**. The winner of the **Z. Lois Bryant** Memorial Scholarship is **Latanya Lewis**. This award is given in honor of Dr. **Lois Bryant**, an alumna and faculty member who died in a car accident. The **Vemer** Scholarship goes to **Sang McCaull**. This award is in honor of alumna and former faculty member Dr. **Elizabeth Vemer**. The Adeline Hoffman Award is given to **Jacqui Benson**. This award, in honor of Adeline Hoffman, recognizes creativity and excellence in aesthetics. Congratulations to **Linley, Tyler, Latanya, Sang,** and **Jacqui!**

Summer Online Fun

For the first time ever, HDFS is offering summer school courses to undergraduates online. HDFS 1610 is nearly full, but there is room for students in HDFS 2300 Multicultural Children and Families and HDFS 4700 Children & Families in Poverty. HDFS students who return home for the summer can still add to their coursework!

Summer Face to Face Fun

HDFS is offering the largest number of undergraduate summer courses ever. CDL courses are being offered, as well as 1600, 1610, 2200, 2300, 3420, and our about-to-be-numbered course, 4001 (Human Sexuality across the Life Course). Internships also are on the schedule.

Former Faculty Member Returns to be HES Graduation Speaker

Our old friend and former faculty member in HDFS, Dr. **Mary McPhail Gray**, will be the HES graduation speaker this year. Dr. **Gray** is the Division Chief of Food Safety, Nutrition and Health at the Research, Education and Extension Office (REEO) in the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics (REE), United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Dr. **Gray** left her faculty position at MU for university administration, and eventually, government service.

They are 20-20

Department co-chair **Jean Ispa** and Curator's Professor **Marilyn Coleman** were among the 12 faculty honored by the Writing Intensive Program for their involvement in the WI program for at least 20 Years and 20 Semesters. Dr. **Coleman** was quoted in the Columbia Tribune, as saying she was honored for "sticking it out" so long. WI courses are hard work for enrolled students, graduate teaching assistants, and the professors, so Drs. **Ispa** and **Coleman** demonstrate, among other things, that they are not afraid of hard work! Congratulations, Dr. **Ispa** and Dr. **Coleman**!

Can you be a Prophet in Your Own Land?

Thursday morning David Lile of KFRU Radio in Columbia interviewed Dr. Wednesday Martin about her recently released book, *Stepmonsters*. According to an email to Drs. **Ganong** and **Coleman** from Dr. Martha Alexander, retired director of the MU Libraries, Wednesday "sang your praises, talking about the great [stepfamily] researchers, **Marilyn Coleman** and **Larry Ganong**, [who work] on the MU campus." Dr. Deb Robinson of University Extension told us that she was surprised to hear about MU faculty from a stranger on her radio. We do not know Dr. Martin, but we appreciate the "props."

No doubt Dr. **Christine Proulx** will be talked about on radio shows across the country, as her study about "empty nest couples," mentioned in the 9/5/2008 Good News, continues to be the subject of media attention and interviews.

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Last Good News email of the academic year! Graduate School graduation ceremonies are tonight and the HES ceremony is on Sunday. Have a safe and satisfying summer, and Go Tigers!

Faculty Publications

Gable, S., Krull, J. L., & **Chang, Y.** (2009). Implications of overweight onset and persistence for social and behavioral development between kindergarten entry and third grade. *Applied Developmental Science, 13(2)*, 88 – 103.

Dr. **Sara Gable** is a State Extension Specialist and Dr. **Yting Chang** is an alumna of HDFS. Congratulations, Drs. **Gable** and **Chang**!

May Graduating Seniors in HDFS

Here is a list of graduating seniors from HDFS. Congratulations to all of you! See this list and more HES names at:

<http://hes.missouri.edu/PotentialGraduates.pdf>

Child Development & Education

Rebecca May Davis HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Kaitlin Marie Doss HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Erin Leigh Kespohl HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Jennifer Lynn McCullough HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Nikki A. Nolan HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Nicole Marie Rousch HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Rebecca Michelle Seay HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Megan Elizabeth Valli HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Amber Lee Warren HDFS/Child Dev & Ed
Cassandra Leigh Wowczuk HDFS/Child Dev & Ed

Child Life Specialist

Colleen Elizabeth Boron HDFS/CLS
Carina E. Nelms HDFS/CLS
Michelle Pleimann HDFS/CLS
Abigail Lynn Schmidt HDFS/CLS

Family & Consumer Science Education

Kara Ann Lemen
Felisha M Sims

Family Studies

Erica Devin Alexander HDFS/Fam St
Jade Rachael Bu Depue HDFS/Fam St
Rachel Scott Linge HDFS/Fam St
Sarah Elizabeth Parsons HDFS/Fam St
Lauren Shelby Ragan HDFS/Fam St
Nicole Renee Samples HDFS/Fam St

Human Development

Christie Lynn Dykstra HDFS/Hum Dev
Jenna Erickson HDFS/Hum Dev
Frances Fujiko Harvey HDFS/Hum Dev
Marie Elizabeth Hummel HDFS/Hum Dev
Carolyn Sue Iiams HDFS/Hum Dev
Katie Lynn Karl HDFS/Hum Dev
Stephanie Lynn South HDFS/Hum Dev
Kelsey Grace Woodworth HDFS/Hum Dev

Faculty Invited to Write

Dr. Rosemary Blieszner of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Dr. Victoria Bedford of the University of Indianapolis are coediting the *Handbook on Families and Aging*, a new edition of *Handbook of Aging and the Family* (1995, Greenwood). They have invited Drs. **Marilyn Coleman** and **Larry Ganong** to write a chapter on remarriages and stepfamilies in mid-life and later-life.

Alumna News

Dr. **Nori Porter** tells us that she “presented part of my dissertation at the Washington State University research event, the Academic Showcase, a couple of months ago, and the editor of the newspaper contacted me to inquire if she could write an article about it. I’m very excited that people seem to be interested in my dissertation. Many thanks to my advisor Dr. **Jean Ispa**, my committee members and the HDFS department. I’m sending you the link if you are interested in putting this on the HDFS Good News.”

<http://www.wsutoday.wsu.edu/pages/publications.asp?Action=Detail&PublicationID=14554&PageID=21&ReferrerCode=%2Fctrf%2Fchovpngvba%2Enfc%3FNpgvba%3DNepuvir%26CntrVQ%3D21%26QvfcynlQngr%3D5%2F1%2F2009%26PnzchfVQ%3D%26PbyrtrVQ%3D2%26QrcnegzragVQ%3D%26GlcVQ%3D%26VfNyreg%3Dsnyfr>