

GOOD NEWS

Friday, 11/7/2008

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Greetings from Little Rock and the National Council on Family Relations. I had hoped to present more NCFR news of alumni, faculty, and students, but that is not possible today. That Good News will have to wait until next Friday. My excuse is that I arrived in LR two days before my luggage did (hotel socks are expensive, by the way), which has thrown off my usually dependable organizational skills. There will be plenty of Good News next week.

The Election is Over!

President-elect Obama was in Columbia last week, and several HDFS faculty and students were there. Click on the link below to see pictures of this event. Doctoral student Anthony James and his son are pictured (thanks to Dr. Sara Gable for this link):

<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/multimedia/slideshow/2008/10/31/generations-gather-change/>
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Alumnus Returns

Marnie Morgan has returned to MU and HDFS as the project manager of the Connecting for Baby Project. Marnie has worked for Extension and for the state of Missouri on a variety of social service projects. She has hit the ground running and is working like she has been here two years instead of two weeks. Welcome back, Marnie!

Tiger Night of Fun

MUCFR President Hailey Stout lets us know that MUCFR and HDFS GSA members participated in Tiger Night of Fun, a Columbia Parks and Receptions sponsored alternative to door to door trick or treating on Halloween. This event is for children ages 12 years and under. Last year there were more than 3600 children who attended and that number was similar this year. At our booth, the children helped create three different 3' X 5' Halloween Murals.

While all MUCFR members helped plan the event, several students made extra time contributions: Stephanie Schindler, Tamara Coon, Ashley Blake, Ashlie Harris, Shannon Cromwell, and Nick Frye. In addition, Jonathon Beckmeyer and Katie Johnson from HDFS GSA volunteered at our booth, making this a successful event for both the community and our Department. Way to go!

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NCFR Presentations Part III

The final (of three, see the last two weeks' issues of HDFS Good News for the others) list of presentations of HDFS faculty, students, and alumni at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference in Little Rock, Arkansas follows. Sadly, they are not in APA format, but sometimes this cannot be helped (this excuse is not acceptable for papers submitted to certain classes in HDFS).

Faculty presentations:

Dr. **Lawrence Ganong** was the discussant for a paper session on “The Intersection of Health and Relationships among Aging Populations.”

Dr. **Marilyn Coleman** presented a round table on “How to Build Affinity in Stepfamilies.” She was ably assisted by Dr. **Ganong**, whose name was omitted from the program but who served unswervingly nonetheless.

Dr. **Mark Fine** presented a round table on “Effects of Cultural Norms Related to Breastfeeding on Families.”

Student presentations:

Young Adults' Conceptualization and Attribution of Gender, **Marilyn Preston, Lynette Nickleberry**, Mary Jo Neitz (MU professor of Women’s & Gender Studies)

Alumni presentations:

From Sex to Messing Around: The Reclassification of Oral-Genital Contact, Katrina Akande, Martie Gillen, **Jason Hans** (University of Kentucky).

Abortion Attitudes: How Much Does Context Matter? Ahlshia Shipley, **Jason Hans** (University of Kentucky).

Self-Perceived Origins of College Students’ Attitudes toward Homosexuality, Megan Kersey, **Jason Hans** (University of Kentucky).

Filipino fathers and their children, **Scott Harper** (Oklahoma Christian University).

Who Helps Whom? Sources of Assistance Received by Older Persons, Xuewen Sheng, **Timothy Killian** (University of Arkansas).

Rural Disadvantage in Informal Social Support for Older Persons and their Well-being, Megan Kula, **Timothy Killian** (University of Arkansas).

Depressive Symptoms of Older Person in the United States and Europe, Brittany Peyrot, Jean Turner, Megan Kula, **Timothy Killian** (University of Arkansas).

Timothy Killian (University of Arkansas) was the discussant for a session on “Grandparenting.”

Discrimination and Self-Esteem: Familial Ethnic Socialization as Protective, Melinda Gonzales-Backen, **Adriana Umana-Taylor** (Arizona State University), Edna Alfaro.

Behavioral Autonomy Expectations among Mexican-origin Mothers and Daughters, Mayra Bamaca, **Adriana Umana-Taylor** (Arizona State University), Ashley Brown.

Teaching Update for Teachers: Service Learning in Family Studies, Janet Eyler, Jacki Fitzpatrick, **Elizabeth Sharp** (Texas Tech University).

Happily ever after? Young women's transition to marriage, **Elizabeth Sharp** (Texas Tech University), Cara Chan, Cassandra Parker, Danielle SoRelle-Miner, Elise Howard.

Jennifer Hardesty (University of Illinois) was the Students/New Professionals Conference Program Representative.

Pigskin Preschool Wrap-Up

Pigskin Preschool Co-Director **Hailey Stout** writes:

“This football season, Pigskin Preschool served over 150 children during home football games (75 in the last 2 games alone!). We served families from as far away as Minnesota and Texas. We also had second generation Pigskin children attend as well. The program generated \$7000 that will be distributed the students who worked the games to support their educational expenses.

Ashley Blake and I would like to recognize and thank the following graduate and undergraduate students who worked the games with us: **Tyler Jamison, Richard Feistman, Allison Levitch, Katie Johnson, Heidi Watkins, Tamera Coon, Jo Anne Chang, Claire Cook, Kathryn Holley, Justine Marty, Shaun Calix** (and fiancé Mary Francis Rogers), **Nikki Nolan, Lauren Ragan, Becky Seay, Julie Lynch, and Christina Brunette.**”

Pigskin Preschool is in its 41st year. Hundreds of students in the past and present have benefited from this service project, as have countless Tiger football fans and their children. The Department of HDFS appreciates the ongoing support of the **CDL** and the MU Athletics Department. Special thanks go to **Debbie Harms**, our fiscal officer, who spends a lot of time helping Pigskin Preschool leaders and making sure the students have access to their earnings. This year, graduate students **Ashley Blake** and **Hailey Stout** teamed up as Pigskin Co-Directors to make this one of the most successful years ever.

The Fine Art(s) Section

Extension Human Development Regional Specialist **Art Schneider** wrote two proposals that were funded for an arts project in Boonville. **Art** shares, “We are now working on a bust of Boonville's Senator David Barton, father of Missouri's first State Constitution, Missouri's first U. S. Senator, and the namesake of one of Boonville's elementary schools that is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. We are providing the school with a duplicate plaster bust of the bronze bust. The bust, plaques, and pedestal will cost about \$10,000.” In addition to **Art's**

grants, the community fundraised the other \$4000 and will be dedicating the bust May 1, 2009. By the way, if you ever want to know anything about Boonville and its history, ask **Art Schneider**. Just be sure you have plenty of time. Congratulations, (fine) **Art!**

Good News Quiz Two

There are many things you do not want to hear when you arrive safely after flying from Columbia to Little Rock but your conference clothes do not, for two days. Which of the following statements were *not* said to me during those two days?

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Answers will be accepted until next Friday.

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As we anticipate the pleasures of Thanksgiving Day, we know we have much to appreciate, despite the foul weather, horrible economy, and looming final exams. Every week we express our thanks and celebrate a little with the sharing of Good News from HDFS!

Faculty Publication

Department Co-Chair **Jean Ispa** and Dr. **Mark Fine** co-authored a recently accepted paper in the prestigious journal, *Child Development*. Congratulations, **Jean** and **Mark**! Here is the reference:

Berlin, L. J., **Ispa, J. M., Fine, M. A.**, Malone, P. S., Brooks-Gunn, J., Brady-Smith, C., Ayoub, C., & Bai, Y. (in press). Correlates and consequences of spanking and verbal punishment for low-income White, African American, and Mexican American toddlers. *Child Development*.

Dr. Download and Friends

Dr. **Ispa** and former HDFS graduate students (now alumni), Dr. **Nori Porter** (Washington State University faculty), and Dr. **Annamaria Csizmadia** (University of Connecticut faculty) are the co-authors of one of the Top-10 downloaded Journal of Marriage and Family articles in 2007. The Director of Social Work at Mizzou and HDFS friend, Dr. **Margie Sable**, was also a co-author. A Top-10 Congratulations to **Jean, Margie, Nori, and Annamaria** – very impressive!

Ispa, J. M., Sable, M. R., Porter, N., & Csizmadia, A. (2007). Pregnancy acceptance, parenting stress, and toddler attachment in low-income Black families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 69, 1-13.

GSA Presentations, Part I

For the last three weeks we chronicled the presentations of HDFS faculty, students, and alumni at the National Council on Family Relations annual meeting. This week it is the Gerontological Society of America's turn. Alumnus Dr. **Tanja Rothrauff** and Department Co-Chair **Larry Ganong** will present a paper Monday at GSA. This paper is based on **Tanja's** doctoral dissertation – congratulations, **Tanja** and **Larry**!

Rothrauff, T. C., & Ganong, L. (2008, November). *Older childless adults' patterns of and motives for inter-vivos transfers*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD.

Cooking for Marital Bliss

Dr. **David Schramm** was featured in the November 15, 2008 Columbia Missourian's Lifestyles section in an article called, "Key Ingredients for a Healthy Marriage." Much of the information in this article was based on **Dave's** research. Way to go, Dr. **Schramm!**

Great Plains IDEA Enrollments

We now have 3 **Gerontology** master's students currently enrolled and one new student was accepted for Spring, 2009. In the **Youth Development** masters program we have 3 currently enrolled majors and 3 that were accepted for Spring. HDFS at Mizzou are the new kids in Great Plains IDEA, and we are so pleased with our new online graduate students.

2008 NASULGC New Teacher Award

MU HDFS alumnus Dr. **Jennifer Hardesty**, Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Illinois, won a prestigious 2008 New Teacher Award from the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Jen has won numerous teaching awards at the University of Illinois and her dissertation research won a research award from the National Council on Family Relations. Although **Jen's** bachelor's degree was from eastern Kentucky and she did a post-doctorate in research at Johns Hopkins, it was at Mizzou that she first learned to teach while earning her MS and PhD degrees. Needless to say, we are very proud of **Jen Hardesty** and her good work! Here is **Jen's** acceptance speech:

I am honored to receive this award and thank **NASULGC** and the **USDA** for recognizing and honoring teaching excellence.

I would like to first thank **Dean Laurie Kramer** from the University of Illinois, who is here, for her efforts to support teaching excellence in our college and for supporting me as a developing teacher – thank you, Laurie.

Second, I would like to thank the graduate program in **Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia**, who first nurtured my passion for teaching, and specifically **Drs. Larry Ganong and Marilyn Coleman**. They held my hand during my first teaching experience as a graduate instructor and then let it go when they knew I was ready.

Third, I thank **my students**. They inspire me most. I teach about how families work, and I prepare students to work with families. My guiding philosophy is that students must examine their own family history to effectively work with other families. As you can imagine, some students are very resistant to this. I tell them about a student in one of my classes who, in the course of completing an assignment for my class, decided to find his father whom he had never met. With the help of his grandmother, he located his father and flew to meet him for the first time over Thanksgiving break during that semester. He told me that he is a better family professional because of that experience. I think of him when I wonder whether my teaching makes a difference.

Finally, I would like to thank **my sister Karen** who is here and the rest of **my family**. For better or worse, they provide me with lots of class material.

Answer to Good News Quiz Two

I am shocked at the number of individuals who did not get this one correct. Perhaps it was the tricky *not* in the question (see below). The right answer was 'c.' Score your own quizzes and turn in your grades, please. Have a great Thanksgiving!

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