

GOOD NEWS Friday, 10/3/2008

This weekend we have Tigers on TV, and blues and barbeque downtown. Do you need better news than that? We have some! Every week we plan to share all of the good things happening to HDFS faculty members, students, alumni, and friends. Please do not forget to send us your **GOOD NEWS:**

Faculty Publications

Dr. **Mark Fine** and former MU HDFS Professor Dr. Dave Demo, now at the University of North Carolina – Greensboro, finished their book, *Beyond the Average Divorce*, which will be published by Sage. The final manuscript was approved and will now go into production. Congratulations, **Mark** and Dave!

More Media Attention

Elizabeth Reinsch, human development specialist with the University of Missouri Extension, was quoted in a *USA Today* article on 9/7/08 about grandparents raising grandchildren.

Ibtisam Barakat, HDFS alumnus, gave a nonfiction reading from her award-winning book, *Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood* (winner of the International Reading Association Best Non-fiction Book for Young Adults in 2008 and the Middle East Council's Best Literature Award) on October 2 in Jesse Wrench Auditorium in the Memorial Union on campus. It was sponsored by the Center for the Literary Arts.

Toni Crowell was written up in a Ukrainian paper because of her recent work there with Operation Smile. Although she has yet to find a translator to tell her what it said, **Toni** sends along the following excerpt from an email from Olga Kudamanova, Medical Programs Coordinator of Operation Smile Russia, which according to **Toni** sums things up better....

The team screened 202 children and over the 5 days of surgery 49 children, 10 of them being primary lips and 21 primary palates were operated on 2 tables. But it is so much not the number of kids operated on or screened that this mission was about. It was about making the people who have gone through years of war know that there are people out there ready to come and help them, it was about working hand-in-hand with the local health care providers to mostly confirm they were already doing the right thing and make them believe in themselves and only in a very few cases sharing tips and tricks with them.

There are also 2 other ways that I hope this mission will also be beneficial for Chechnya in the long run. Working closely at the hospital with the local health care providers our wonderful and definitely very experienced volunteers have identified certain areas where further help can be provided to improve the health care in Chechnya. That includes some further very specific training, as well as working with other organizations like Unicef to try to direct some of the vital but currently lacking supplies into the republic and specifically the hospital we worked at.

The other way is, hopefully, that, following our example, other charity organizations will head towards Chechnya to help them in different medical, educational and other areas. I believe, one of the most important resumes of this mission and the message we should be conveying is that the help is needed there, it is extremely appreciated and it is quite safe to provide it there.

The mission was an inaugural one to Chechnya which ran from Sept. 16- 27, 2008. **Toni** has been all over the world with Operation Smile. We are all very proud of her work – thanks, **Toni!**

What is it with the Columbia Tribune, HDFS Faculty, and Food?

For the second week in a row an assistant professor in HDFS was interviewed by Tribune food journalist Marcia Vanderlip. Last week Dr. **Dave Schramm** was interviewed about the benefits of couples eating dinner together, and this week it was Dr. **Chris Proulx** and her husband, Jamie Smith, discussing beer and how that beverage can bring couples closer. In addition to a huge picture of **Chris** and Jamie on the Food Section's main page, there was a nice feature about Jamie's home brewing production and **Chris'** enthusiastic support of his hobby. Although the heading above the picture was perhaps unfortunate (Adventures in Beer), the picture was great!

Child Life Research

Doctoral student and Blumenthal Fellow **Toni Crowell's** abstract entitled, *Qualitative methods and Child Life Research: Making Connections to Support Evidence-Based Practice*, was accepted for the Child Life Council 27th Annual Conference on Professional Issues in Boston, May 21-24, 2009. It will be a two-hour seminar presentation. Congratulations, **Toni!**

CDL-Nutrition Partnership

CDL parents are getting involved with the new partnership with Nutritional Sciences. CDL parent and HDFS alumnus, Dr. **Kimberly Keller**, was on the Channel 8 news this week talking about the impact of the new kitchen on the CDL and how that affects her as a parent. CDL parents Lisa McDaniels and Michael Keene have joined the CDL/Nutritional Science Task Force.

Terri's and Longevity

Terri Tatum, fiscal queen of the Center for Family Policy and Research and **Terri Foulkes**, Program Coordinator for the Opportunities in a Professional Education Network (OPEN) Initiative, were honored yesterday for service to MU at a joint meeting of the HDFS faculty and CFPR staff. **Terri T.** has been at MU for 15 years, and **Terri F.** has been here for 5. Thanks for your service to CFPR and to MU, **Terri** and **Terri!**

Named to Editorial Board

HDFS co-chair Dr. **Larry Ganong** was named to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. **Larry** has been on the board of JMF since 1990.

Appointed to the MU Promotion and Tenure Committee

Curators' Professor and Director Graduate Studies in HDFS, Dr. **Marilyn Coleman**, has been appointed to the campus Promotion and Tenure Committee. This committee reviews the dossiers of every faculty member who goes up for promotion and/or tenure.

Chair of Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Larry Ganong has been appointed by Chancellor Brady Deaton to be the chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. HDFS faculty member and Extension State Specialist Dr. **Sara Gable** also is on the committee. **Ganong** has been the chair of the IAC subcommittee on Academic Affairs the past three years, although his appointment as IAC chair is no doubt due to his undefeated record as an Honorary Coach in Tiger football games (1-0).

GOOD NEWS **Friday, 10/10/2008**

This has been a week of virtuoso performances in Tigerland – first the Tigers dismantle the Cornhuskers 52-17 in Lincoln, Buddy Guy and friends entertain a barbecue-eating crowd with blues in downtown Columbia, and Itzhak Perlman transfixes a sold out Jesse Hall with his unmatched skills on the violin. I get the feeling there will be more virtuoso performances in our collective futures.

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Faculty Member Gets a Big Grant

Assistant Professor and State Extension Specialist **David Schramm** sent word that a multi-state grant that he is leading will be funded by HHS. A Cooperative Extension multi-state collaborative team was recently awarded **\$1.2 Million** by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau to fund a five year project, *Child Welfare Training: Curriculum Development and Evaluation for Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education*. The project team includes Extension Specialists who are members of the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network (NERMEN; www.nermen.org) and from the University of Missouri (**David Schramm** and **Kim Allen**, Lead Principle Investigators), University of Georgia (Ted Futris), Iowa State University (Anthony Santiago), North Carolina State University (Andrew Behnke), University of Arkansas (Wally Goddard and James Marshall), Auburn University (Francesca Adler-Baeder), Kansas State University (Charlotte Shoup Olsen), and University of Illinois (Angela Wiley). The project will involve developing and pilot testing a marriage and relationship education curriculum as well as in-person and distance education trainings for child welfare professionals, graduate students and other professionals, including Cooperative Extension educators, working with or preparing to work with adults and families. This curriculum will address healthy marriage and relationship skills for populations underserved in the general population and overrepresented in the child welfare system. Ultimately the project will yield a research and evidence based national training resource and curriculum that will promote the development of healthy relationships and marriages across the country. For more information about the project and other relationship and marriage enrichment resources from Cooperative Extension, visit www.nermen.org.

More News from Dave

Apparently reading the Good News introduction for the first time, **Dr. Schramm** sent a collection of his recent good news. **Dave** has been busy working, but he also has made time to talk about his work with

the media, which is extremely important for scholars and educators at land grant institutions to do. Thanks for all that you do, **Dave Schramm**, and thanks for sharing it with us!

Dave was interviewed by USA Today about the dinner and newlywed research: http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/life/20080918/d_rita_blog18.art.htm

KOMU News also did a story on **Dave's** research on couples eating dinner together – doctoral student **Ashley Harris** and her fiancé were also interviewed – it was on TV on Sept. 22

Dave did a radio interview for a station in St. Louis too (about the newlywed info).

On the 24th of September, ABC News in New York interviewed **Dave** about his research on the cost of divorce– they did a story on Alec Baldwin's divorce and how lawyers make money, etc. on 20/20 primetime last Friday night. They said they were going to use his research/statistics on the show.

This past Monday **Dave** was interviewed by Charles Reineke, the editor of "Illumination," MU's magazine of research, scholarship and creative achievement. For each issue they do a short profile on the last page about a younger faculty member and their research. The issue won't come out until the fall, but **Dave** reports, "it was a great opportunity to talk about my research," which is what researchers love to do.

Graduate Certificates Official

The Office of Academic Affairs of the UM System approved three on-line graduate certificates for HDFS. Go to the HDFS web site to learn more about these certificate programs. The certificates are:

1. Youth Development Specialist
2. Youth Development and Program Management and Evaluation
3. Gerontology

Center for Family Policy and Research Staff are Busy

In October, CFPR Director Dr. **Kathy Thornburg** will give keynote addresses at the Arkansas Early Childhood Association and the National Head Start's Association Director's Summit.

Stacey D. Owsley, Director of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office and the Center for Family Policy & Research, shared these activities with us:

Carolyn Stemmons, Assistant Director for the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, will be presenting at the Early Childhood Summit in Missouri, a conference co-sponsored by the Missouri Head Start Association and the Association for the Education of Young Children-Missouri. **Carolyn** will be co-presenting with Kim Oligschlaeger, State Homeless and Even Start Coordinator with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Their presentation will provide information to Head Start grantees, child care partners and school districts on available services for homeless families. The session will include information on provisions within the 2007 Head Start Act on outreach and serving the homeless population and strategies on how school districts and Head Start programs can collaborate to best serve this vulnerable population.

Also, under the leadership of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, **CFPR**, Missouri was selected to serve as 1 of 10 SpecialQuest State Leadership Teams across the nation. SpecialQuest Birth-Five is a program is funded by the Office of Head Start, Administration on Children and Families at the US Department of Health and Human Services. SpecialQuest supports inclusive early childhood services and is managed by the Napa County Office of Education in California with staff from the previous Hilton/EHS Training Program, in collaboration the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Missouri will work with SpecialQuest Birth-Five over a three-year period to develop and implement a state-level cross-agency plan for coordinated early childhood professional development on inclusion for service providers working with children birth-five with disabilities and their families. Missouri will work to increase inclusive opportunities for young children with disabilities by embedding the SpecialQuest approach, resources, and materials into the professional development and service systems, including a specific focus on improving practices in Early Head Start and Head Start programs. MHSSCO serves as the state liaison and is working closely with Missouri team members, workgroups and the national SpecialQuest network. Congratulations, **Stacey** and **Carolyn!**

Nori Porter Writes

Dr. **Nori Porter**, who finished her doctorate in May of 2008, has written a couple of book chapters and a technical report. **Nori** is teaching at Washington State University in Pullman. All of them were written in Japanese. The book chapters are based on a term paper written for Dr. **Johnetta Morrison's** class "Programs for Young Children" in 2004. The report came from a research project entitled *Exploring childrearing support programs that facilitate parents' active participation* [Japanese], by the Foundation of Children's Future in Japan. Way to go, **Nori!**

Porter, N. (2008). Reggio Emilia in the United States [Japanese]. In K. Sumio (Ed.), *Purojekuto gata no jitsusen kenkyu* [Project-type early childhood practice and research] (pp. 94-103). Kyoto, Japan: Kitaoji shobou.

Porter, N. (2008). What is a project approach? [Japanese]. In K. Sumio (Ed.), *Purojekuto gata no jitsusen kenkyu* [Project-type early childhood practice and research] (pp. 117-137). Kyoto, Japan: Kitaoji shobou.

Porter, N. (2008). How to promote skills to effectively work with parents in early childhood teacher preparation [Japanese]. In M. Oto (Ed.). *A survey of early childhood programs that facilitate parents' active participation* (pp.153-158). Tokyo: Foundation of Children's Future, Japan.

A Rare Correction and a Quiz

Last week in the GN, I reported that **Toni Crowell** had participated in Operation Smile in the Ukraine, when clearly it was in Chechnya. **Toni** pointed this out, carefully refraining from using the word idiot when she did so. Since this is the midterm of the Fall Semester, the correction is in the form of a multiple-guess question:

Larry Ganong reported that **Toni Crowell** had participated in Operation Smile in the Ukraine, when clearly it was in Chechnya. He does not know the difference between Chechnya and Ukraine because:

- (a) He attended public schools his entire life, some of them in Kansas.
- (b) His older sister dropped him off the porch on his head when he was a baby.
- (c) He has never left the Midwest and so he thinks these are towns in southeast Missouri.
- (d) He is a terrible proof reader when he is in a hurry.
- (e) All of the above except c.
- (f) All of the above.
- (g) None of the above.

Correct answer will be shown next week.

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Alumni Publish

Two alumni, Dr. **Jen Hardesty** (University of Illinois) and Dr. **Elizabeth Sharp** (Texas Tech University) have articles in the latest issue of *Family Relations*:

Hardesty, J.I., Khaw, L., Chung, G., & Martin, J. M. (2008). Coparenting relationships after divorce: Variations by type of marital violence and fathers' role differentiation. *Family Relations*, 57, 479-491.

Sharp, E.A., SoRelle-Miner, Bermudez, J.M., & Walker, M. (2008). "The glass ceiling is kind of a bummer": Women's reflections on a gender development course. *Family Relations*, 57, 530-541.

First Graduate of the Fall Semester

Yanfang Yue (Xingru) finished her master's degree this week. She did an internship with Dr. **Mary Jo Herde**, HDFS alumna and coordinator for special programs at MU's Asian Affairs Center (AAC), in which she organized a reading intervention program for international student parents at MU. **Xingru** also worked with Tammy Gillespie of 4-H doing program evaluation for a project with prisoners and their families called The Living Interactive Family Education (LIFE) Program. Congratulations on your degree, **Xingru!**

Heading South

Carina E. Nelms, a Child Life Student in HDFS, will be doing her Child Life internship at Shands Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida for about 15 weeks starting in January. **Carina** also works for the OPEN Initiative at the Center for Family Policy and Research. Good luck, **Carina** (use sunscreen)!

Interdisciplinary Work

Dr. Kim Anderson, Associate Professor of Social Work at MU, is doing the curriculum development for the large HHS grant headed by Dr. **David Schramm**. This is a great example of interdisciplinary collaboration between HDFS and Social Work.

CFPR News

Denise Mauzy, Director of the OPEN Initiative, will be presenting with colleagues from Oklahoma and Wisconsin at the NAEYC Annual Conference. The presentation will focus on the National Registry Alliance's partnership with NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation. Missouri is one of four states participating in a pilot program that allows programs seeking accreditation to use state registry reports to verify education and training data to establish candidacy. The OPEN Initiative, housed at the Center for Family Policy & Research, has been providing leadership for this effort over the last two years.

Congratulations to **Amber Sparks**! **Amber** was elected the President of the Central Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children last fall and began her term in May. **Amber** is a Coordinator with the OPEN Initiative and a graduate of HDFS.

Mark your calendar for the evening of May 22, 2009 for AEYC-MO Spring Reception to benefit the Dr. **Kathy R. Thornburg** Leadership Fund. This leadership fund is specifically designed to support new emerging leaders who have evidenced a commitment to the organization through board or committee service. The fund provides scholarship support for professionals to attend state and national leadership events. Awardees are paired with a mentor who can support his/her professional development and leadership activities. More information about the Spring Reception will be provided in February 2009.

Center for Family Policy and Research staff members **Stacey Owsley**, **Denise Mauzy**, and Dr. **Kathy Thornburg** are serving on the Child Care Licensing Review Committee that is meeting 6 times this fall to update the licensing rules—it's been 17 years since the last up-date!

Early Head Start Researchers

Presidential candidates Obama and McCain talked about early childhood intervention during the last presidential debate. Good news for them and us – Drs. **Kathy Thornburg** and **Jean Ispa** are in DC now at the Early Head Start Research Consortium meeting.

Pencils Down – Grade Your Own Paper

Last week there was a one-question quiz. Here is the question with the correct response highlighted. “**Larry Ganong** reported that **Toni Crowell** had participated in Operation Smile in the Ukraine, when clearly it was in Chechnya. He does not know the difference between Chechnya and Ukraine because:

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- (d) He is a terrible proof reader when he is in a hurry.
- (e) **All of the above except c.**
- (f) All of the above.
- (g) None of the above.”

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Happy Homecoming week at Ol' Mizzou! The semester is half over, and we are still alive and well. This week finds more good news to share.

HDFS at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference – Installment I

As usual, HDFS will be well represented at the annual meeting of NCFR. Here are some of the posters and presentations we will be sharing with others:

Proulx, C. M., Buehler, C., & Helms, H. M. (2008, November). *Moderators of the link between marital hostility and depressive symptoms.* Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Jamison, T. B. (2008, November). *'We're not living together:' Informal cohabitation in emerging adults.* Presented at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR.

C Griffin, M. M., Kerpelman, J., Adler-Baeder, F., & **Schramm, D. G.** (2008, November). *Evaluating prevention programs: Methods, results, and lessons learned.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Sutton, E.M. & Ganong, L. H. (2008, November). *Undergraduate human sexuality textbooks: Coverage of STDs and pregnancy*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Ganong, L. H., Coleman, M., & Markham, M. S. (2008, November). *Development of a coparenting evaluation measure*. Poster to be presented at the National Council on Family Relations.

Schramm, D. G. & Adler-Baeder, F. (2008, November). *Economic pressure and stressors in stepfamilies: A family stress model for stepfamilies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Coon, T. & Fine, M. (2008, October). *The effect of parenting stress on children's cognitive development*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Way to go, **Chris, Tyler, Dave, Eva, Larry, Marilyn, Mindy, Tami, and Mark!**

Alums and Graduate Students Help Run NCFR

In the Feminism and Family Studies Section of NCFR HDFS alumnus Dr. **Elizabeth Sharp** is taking over as Secretary/Treasurer. Doctoral candidate **Jessica Troilo**, as student/new professional representative, has helped redesign the section webpage to link NCFR speakers' papers and books as pdf files. Congratulations, **Liz and Jess!**

Another \$\$ Winner

Eva Sutton's research, "Undergraduate Human Sexuality Textbooks: Coverage of STDs and Pregnancy," was one of the top-rated proposals submitted by a student to the NCFR Education and Enrichment Section. The section awards committee will award a \$200 prize to **Eva** at the E&E section meeting on Friday November 7th at 7:00 pm. Congratulations, **Eva**! Be sure to buy your advisor a refreshing beverage afterwards to help celebrate.

Child Life Students are in Demand

Nora Hager, CL program coordinator, sent us the placement information for all of our students who have successfully navigated the child life internship interview gauntlet for Spring 2009:

Undergraduates:

Colleen Boron – Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Carina Nelms – Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL

Michelle Pleimann – Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO

Abby Schmidt – Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Graduates:

Chisato Kimura – Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Tyler Robertson – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Nora reports:

“Several of these students had several interviews and more than one offer, despite a very competitive market. For some the decisions were easy, and for others it was agonizing. However, our students seemed to impress the interview teams. In fact, one of the

internship coordinators commented to me, ‘This is the first time we have had students apply from your educational facility. Both of the applicants have truly impressed us with their preparation and insight. Bravo.’ Our expectation is that they will continue to impress their supervisors once they get there!”

We are very proud of these students. They are being accepted into some of the best children’s units and children’s hospitals in the country. Congratulations and good luck to **Colleen, Carina, Michelle, Abby, Chisato, and Tyler!**

Sharing Her Data

Dr. **Terri Cooney** was notified this week that The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan has selected the longitudinal data set that she collected for her project “Consequences of Parental Divorce for Young Adults” (National Institute of Mental Health 1990-95) to be part of their public-use national data archive. ICPSR selects data sets for the social science community, which they believe are high quality and will attract interest from researchers looking to do secondary analysis on various social science topics. In addition to making the data and codebooks web accessible to researchers, ICPSR also provides a variety of research supports. Anyone looking for data sources on a variety of topics can access data from their website (ICPSR). **Terri’s** data are based on structured interviews with a state-wide (Maryland) sample of nearly 500 young adults (ages 18-23), half of whom experienced their parents’ divorce one year prior to the study’s first interview (the other half are a random sample with never-divorced parents). At both interviews (2 years apart) respondents were questioned about such topics as their family life and relationships, intimate relationships, school and work, mental health and adjustment. Those from divorced families also completed questions regarding their parents’ divorce. There is a wide variety of questions that can be addressed with these data—using the divorced-nondivorced family comparison, or by focusing within group on general young adult issues. The inclusion of her data set in this archive is an honor – congratulations, **Terri!**

GOOD NEWS

Friday, 10/31/2008

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This week Columbia was visited by University Extension folks from around the state for their annual conference, presidential candidate Barack Obama, and many trick or treaters. Nothing scary in this email - have a safe and fun Halloween and go Tigers!

Faculty Publications

Department co-chair Dr. **Jean Ispa** and alumnus Dr. **Elizabeth Sharp** (Texas Tech University) recently had a paper accepted for publication:

Sharp, E. A., & Ispa, J. M. (in press). Inner-city single Black mothers' gender-related childrearing expectations and goals. *Sex Roles*.

HDFS at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference – Installment II

Here is another one of the posters and presentations we will be sharing at NCFR next week:

Ball, K., Chang, C., Bullock, L., & Fine, M. A. (2008, November). *Do Rural Communities Grow Couch Potatoes?* Poster to be presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR.

Schwartz, S., Zamboanga, B., **Ravert, R.**, Kim, S. Y., Weisskirch, R., Williams, M., & Finley, G. 2008, November). *Relationships with Parents and Health Risk Behaviors in Emerging Adults*. Presented at the NCFR Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Other Presentations

Dr. **Russ Ravert** and graduate student **Tyler Robertson** and undergraduate student **Colleen Boron** presented, "Development of a Multimedia Scrapbooking Project for Hospitalized Children" at the eResearch Seminar at the University of Missouri on October 17.

On October 27 **Russ Ravert** presented, "Invulnerability, sensation seeking, and college-attending emerging adult risk behavior," at the Developmental Brown Bag Seminar at the University. Way to go **Russ, Tyler, and Colleen!**

MUCFR Receives Honorarium

MUCFR President **Hailey Stout** writes that:

We received \$1,072.43 to bring Adele Robinson to campus as a guest speaker next semester on March 18th. She is going to update us on the state of national early childhood education policy and new bills in congress. She is also going to devote time to discussing the process of translating research into public policy.

Adele Robinson is the 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.

NAEYC is considered by Congressional offices as a critical advisor on Head Start, the Child Care & Development Block Grant, provisions in No Child Left Behind particularly regarding literacy and teaching young children, teacher quality provisions of the Higher Education Act, and other legislation that discusses access to and quality of early learning from birth through third grade.

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.

Congratulations, **Hailey** and **MUCFR!**

Good News and Bad News

This is like one of the jokes that begin, “I have good news and bad news . . .”. The Good News is for doctoral Student **Toni Crowell**, who has accepted the position of Academic Clinical Child Life Specialist at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. The position entails half-time providing clinical supervision of the child life staff and half-time developing a research program for the Child Life Department through the hospital's Research Institute. The Hospital for Sick Children (Sick Kids), affiliated with the University of Toronto, is Canada's most research-intensive hospital and the largest centre dedicated to improving children's health in the country. As innovators in child health, Sick Kids improves the health of children by integrating care, research and teaching.

This is a great position and we are very proud of **Toni** and pleased that she is moving on with her career. I was joking about the bad news part of this announcement – we will miss **Toni**, but we want the best for her, and this sounds like a pretty good job. Congratulations, **Toni!**

CFPR News

Stacey D. Owsley, Director of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, **Center for Family Policy & Research**, announced this week that:

Under the leadership of the Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, Center For Family Policy and Research, Missouri was awarded an implementation grant to supplement the Missouri State Leadership Team in the completion of their action plans for professional development on inclusion. The SpecialQuest Birth-Five Initiative supports inclusive early childhood services and is managed by the Napa County Office of Education in California with staff from the previous Hilton/EHS Training Program, in collaboration the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Congratulations, **Stacey** and the **CFPR**!

Milestones

Affiliated HDFS faculty member Dr. **Eileen Porter**, Professor in the Sinclair School of Nursing, announced that she became a grandmother this week. Congratulations, **Eileen**! Have fun!

Pigskin Preschool Update

The **World Famous Pigskin Preschool** has served 80 kids during the first 4 games and had 45 scheduled for the most recent game. Pigskin is on the way to breaking attendance records, much like the football Tigers are. Congratulations to PP Directors **Hailey Stout** and **Ashley Blake**, and to the students who volunteer to serve!