

GOOD NEWS Friday, 9/25/2009

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Thoughts in Columbia are turning toward barbeque and blues this weekend. Time for more Good News from HDFS!

We Have Another Winner!

Graduate student **Graham McCaulley** will receive one of three student awards from the National Council on Family Relations' Education and Enrichment Section! Each year, the E&E section receives a number of outstanding proposals authored or co-authored by students. Students whose proposals receive the highest score are honored with this award. **Graham** will receive a certificate, his NCFR student registration fee will be waived, *and* a check for \$200 will be presented at the E&E section board meeting to be held Wednesday, November 11th at the NCFR meeting in San Francisco. His winning submission was co-authored with Dr. **David Schramm**, "Lessons learned from a divorce education program given online and in-person." Congratulations to **Graham** and Dr. **Schramm**!

CDL Research Consortium

Dr. **Jean Ispa** and CDL Director **Jessie Bradley** attended the second meeting of the Regional Lab School Research Consortium at Iowa State on September 11th. The group is working toward developing a research project involving multiple lab schools that will focus on student-teacher development and methods for teaching observation skills. In addition, some consortium participants will be examining the relation of playing in nature and childhood obesity. **Jessie** described the group this way, "The group is a lively bunch with a lot of big ideas and sometimes it is hard to narrow things down but our efforts are to combine data and to look for grants to support such research." There was a tour of the Lab School that is attached to the HDFS Building at Iowa State. **Jean** and **Jessie** were envious of the observation rooms for viewing parent/child interactions or for conducting parent interviews. We look forward to continuing to be part of this Consortium and the research opportunities it will bring to faculty and students.

Other CDL Good News: You Could Eat off the Floor, but Don't

The CDL was just inspected by the Health Department and Food Program and we passed inspection in "flying colors." The CDL scored 100% with zero noncompliance. Thanks to all the **CDL staff and teachers** for being so diligent in our food service. A special thanks to **Roberta Marty-Moss** and **Dee Ann Sneed** for their careful record keeping a preparation for this inspection.

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Friday, 9/18/2009

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It is starting to look, smell, and feel more like fall. That is good news, and the Tigers beat the Jayhawks in volleyball this week and the Cardinals are still in first. But wait, there is much more to celebrate:

HES Scholarship Convocation

Several HDFS students received recognition at last Sunday's HES Convocation for scholarships and fellowships. We are very proud of them and wish them the best:

Rachel Chatham

Florence Harrison Scholarship

Brittnay Jewett

Virginia Lee Fisher Gumption Award

Latanya Lewis
Scholarship

Georgiann Dickey Partridge

Latanya Lewis

Z. Lois Bryant Memorial Scholarship

Lisa LaPerriere
in HDFS

Virginia Williams Sudduth Scholarship

Sang McCall
Scholarship

Elizabeth Vemer Memorial Minority

Kyrie Graves
Scholarship

Elizabeth Vemer Memorial Minority

Anthony James
Scholarship

Elizabeth Vemer Memorial Minority

Lynette Nickleberry
Scholarship

Elizabeth Vemer Memorial Minority

Tyler Jamison
Student

Marilyn Coleman Outstanding Graduate

Linley Snyder
Student

Marilyn Coleman Outstanding Graduate

Linley Snyder
Scholarship

Mable Campbell/Campbell-Harrison

Greg Brooks
HES

Adeline M. Hoffman Scholarship in

James Stowe
Doctoral Fellowship

Marion & Vernon Piper Distinguished

New Graduate Faculty

Dr. **Melissa Herzog** and Dr. **Cynthia Reeser** were appointed to Graduate Faculty status, which means they can advise master's theses and serve on graduate students' committees. Congratulations, Drs. **Herzog** and **Reeser**!

Faculty (and Alumni) Publications

Berlin, L. J., **Ispa, J. M.**, **Fine, M. A.**, Malone, P. S., Brooks-Gunn, J., Brady-Smith, C., Ayoub, C., & Bai, Y. (2009). Correlates and consequences of spanking and verbal punishment for low-income White, African American, and Mexican American toddlers. *Child Development, 80*, 1403-1420.

Sharp, E. A., & **Ispa, J. M.** (2009). Inner-city single Black mothers' gender-related childrearing expectations and goals. *Sex Roles, 60*, 656-668.

Hans, J., & **Coleman, M.** (in press). The experiences of remarried stepfathers who pay child support. *Personal Relationships*.

HDFS Faculty Member Named to Editorial Board

Dr. **Christine Proulx** was appointed to the *Journal of Marriage and Family* Editorial Board. *JMF* is perhaps the leading journal devoted to family research in the world. Being appointed to the *JMF* Board is quite an honor for an Assistant Professor, and is a testament to the esteem with which other scholars regard her work. Dr. **Proulx** brings the number of HDFS faculty on the *JMF* Board to five (**Coleman, Cooney, Fine**, and **Ganong** are the others). Congratulations, Dr. **Proulx**!

We Have Some of These

HES Director of Development Nancy Schultz sent us this information from the CNN web site. Listed #3 of 10 of the best-kept-secret careers, according to U.S. News and World Report, was **Child Life**:

“U.S. News and World Report compiled their annual "Best Careers" report and this year, they added something new. They profiled 10 jobs that scored just below "Best-Career" level but, because they're little known, they may be easier to land a job.

3. Child-life specialist

What you do: In this rewarding field, you'll work with sick children and their families in hospitals, hospices or programs for children with serious diseases.

You'll determine the medical and emotional needs of the child and support him or her, whether it's creating games and activities, helping to get them comfortable in their surroundings, or role-playing scary medical procedures. You'll also help support the patient's family.

What you need: A bachelor's degree in a related field and one year of experience working with hospitalized children.

Salary: \$43,997”

Dr. Reeser Presents

New faculty member **Cynthia Reeser** presented her dissertation research to about 30 faculty and graduate students yesterday afternoon as part of the HDFS Research Colloquium. Using life course and Bronfenbrenner’s ecological model as the theoretical underpinnings for her work, she examined cohort differences among the Baby Boomer generation. As it turns out, not all of the Boomers were part of the Woodstock Nation . . . Thanks, Dr. **Reeser**, for an interesting presentation!

Undergraduate Orientation Held

Only three students, all new transfers to HDFS, attended an undergraduate orientation last week led by Dr. **Terri Cooney** and HDFS Advisor **Anthony James**. It is too bad more students did not attend because those that did found the information about the department, the curricula for specific emphasis areas, internships, and potential careers very helpful. We will try this orientation meeting again in the future.

Gymnastics Scholar

Lisa LaPerriere made the Gymnastics Academic Team for the 2008-09 academic year. **Lisa** is a child life student in HDFS. Congratulations, **Lisa**!

New Web Page Designer

Amber Francis has accepted position as web designer and administrator for HDFS and several other departments in HES. HDFS and these units pooled their money to hire **Ms. Francis** on a part-time basis to help us move our department web pages into the 21st Century. She starts work on September 22. **Ms. Francis** has been the person responsible for web development/design in the School of Social Work and will continue in that position. Because she will be working for HDFS only part-time, it will take a few months for you to see changes, but rest assured, change is going to come. Welcome, **Amber**.

Pigskin Preschool Update

Rich Feistman reported that Pigskin went well this past weekend, with 12 children and 3 teachers. Tell your friends who love the football Tigers and their children to bring the kids to Pigskin Preschool! **Rich** reported that reservations for future games are coming in rapidly.

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This is a sad anniversary of an infamous day earlier in this century. I am sure everyone will spend some time today reflecting on that day and remembering those who died.

We also will focus on the present and what we hope to accomplish and contribute to our society and our world. We start the day by sharing some Good News.

Grant Received (if the Paperwork gets Done)

Dr. Larry Ganong, Curator's Professor Marilyn Coleman, and HDFS affiliated faculty and Sinclair School of Nursing Professor Dr. Eileen Porter received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to study, "Helping Rural Older Adults Develop Plans to Reach Help Quickly in Emergencies." This intervention study is based upon Dr. Porter's work with older widows, "title," and will use Drs. Ganong and Coleman's multiple segment vignette design to help rural older adults and members of their support networks develop plans for reaching help quickly in household emergencies. Dr. Ganong and Dr. Porter have worked together on several previous research projects with older adults (Porter as PI, Ganong as the world's oldest research assistant). Dr. Porter has developed a method of conducting descriptive phenomenology that is used throughout the country, and several HDFS doctoral students have been mentored by her in using this research approach. Congratulations to Drs. Ganong, Coleman, and Porter!

DV Training

Dr. Kim Anderson from the School of Social Work presented a brief workshop on domestic violence for the Connecting for Baby (CFB) Project staff earlier this week. Dr. Anderson is an expert on domestic violence, and her excellent presentation and Q and A were extremely helpful to the CFB "Comets." In attendance were HDFS graduate students Graham McCaulley, Nick Frye, Darajun Abel, Kyrie Graves, Rachel Gordon, Ashlie Lester, Rich Feistman, Tyler Jamison, Madeline Ebeling, Jessica Scott, undergraduate intern Rachel Riney, CFB Project Manager Marnie Morgan, CFB consultants Sabra Eads and Brian Eads, Dr. Marilyn Coleman, and Dr. Larry Ganong.

P & T Workshop

Dr. Marilyn Coleman gave a short presentation and a lengthier Q and A to about 20 College of HES faculty members this week. The topic was university promotion and tenure procedures. Marilyn was on the campus committee last year and shared her insights about what that committee expects to see in faculty dossiers.

New Graduate Fellows in HDFS

This semester four new graduate students begin their careers at MU as fellowship recipients. Doctoral students James Stowe (Kansas State University), Greg Brookes (Hardin College), and master's students Tricia Harris (UC-San Diego), and Madeline Ebeling (University of Iowa) received University fellowships as well as departmental assistantships. They join at least six (we may have lost count) returning graduate students who are or were Fellowship recipients from the University or HES. Congratulations and welcome to Mizzou to James, Greg, Tricia, and Madeline! Director of Graduate Studies and Curator's Professor Marilyn Coleman also deserves thanks and recognition for helping these deserving students compete successfully for these fellowships.

Gift to CDL

CDL Director Jessie Bradley reported that HES Development Officer Nancy Schultz found a generous donor who gave \$2000 to the CDL to help purchase books and training videos for our Teacher/Student resource library. We hope to be able to reveal the anonymous donor's name in the near future. Thanks for sharing this good news, Jessie!
World Famous Pigskin Preschool Returns

Tomorrow is the football team's first home game, which means Pigskin Preschool swings into action. Graduate students Rich Feistman and Justine Marty are co-directing Pigskin Preschool this year. They report that they are fully staffed and ready to go. As you may know, the proceeds from Pigskin Preschool go to support graduate and undergraduate students' professional development activities. Go Tigers! Go Pigskin Preschool!

Jackie Will Wear Two Hats

CDL Instructor (Blue Door) Jackie Bacina has been accepted into the PhD program in HDFS. Congratulations, Jackie!

Alumnus Gets a New Task

HDFS alumnus (3 times; BS, MS, PhD) Dr. Shannon Weaver has been appointed to serve as Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Connecticut. Her department chair, Dr. Ron Sabatelli, writes that "Shannon is a great person for this role as she is 'student focused' and committed to building a strong HDFS undergraduate program." Congratulations, Dr. Weaver!

Dean J Has BIG Day

HES Dean and Professor of Human Development and Family Studies Stephen Jorgensen is having a BIG birthday this week. A BIG birthday is when both digits in your age change. The dean is not broadcasting how old he is (actually, he is quite open about it), but we feel confident that he is in great shape for the 40 year old that we assume he is. Happy Birthday Dean Jorgensen! Have many more!

GOOD NEWS Friday, 9/4/2009

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Labor Day is nigh and the air is starting to feel more like autumn. We have enjoyed two weeks of the Fall Semester, and yet we are still enjoying some holdover Good News from the summer.

Faculty (and Grad Student) Publications

Faculty (Drs. **Ganong, Coleman, Ravert, Proulx, Schramm**), students (**Shaun Calix, Jonathon Beckmeyer**), alumni (Dr. **Tanja Rothrauff**), and colleagues on campus (Dr. **Margie Sable, Mike Sullivan**) have had a productive summer. Here is some of the evidence:

Ganong, L., Coleman, M., & Rothrauff, T. (2009). Patterns of assistance between adult children and their older parents: Resources, responsibilities, and remarriage. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 26*, 161-178.

Miller, W.B., **Sable, M.R.**, and **Beckmeyer, J.J.** (in press). Preconception motivation and pregnancy wantedness: Pathways to toddler attachment security. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Ravert, R. D., Calix, S. I., & Sullivan, M. J. (in press). Using cell telephones to collect daily experiential data from college undergraduates. *Journal of College Student Development*.

Ravert, R. D., Schwartz, S. J., Zamboanga, B. L., Kim, S. Y., Weisskirch, R. S., Bersamin, M. (2009). Sensation seeking and danger invulnerability: Paths to college student risk-taking.

Personality and Individual Differences, 47, 763-768.

Proulx, C. M., Buehler, C., & Helms, H. M. (2009). Moderators of the association between marital hostility and change in spouses' depression. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 23, 540-550.

Proulx, C. M., Helms, H. M., Milardo, R. M., & Payne, C. C. (2009). Friends' relational support and wives' family relationships: The role of interference from husbands. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 2-3, 195-210.

Schramm, D.G., & Higginbotham, B.J. (2009). A revision of the Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 50, 341-355.

Student Parent Fair a Success

MUCFR organized the Student Parent Fair that was held in Stotler Lounge of the Memorial Union last Monday. It was an impressive affair with a large variety of exhibitors with resources for student parents. I asked **Claire Cook**, doctoral student and President of the MU Council on Family Relations organization, to share news about last Monday's fair for students who have children. Here is her response:

I would be happy to pass along information about the small army that made this event happen. We have been working most of the summer to organize and plan the event. **Shannon Cromwell, Linley Snyder** and **Rachel Gordon** solicited vendors for the event. **Jonathon Beckmeyer, Ashlie Lester**, and **Tami Coon** secured donations from local businesses for door prizes. **Tyler Jamison** spearheaded the clothing exchange and made all the posters for our event and I was in charge of networking with other University departments and advertising. We also had several people volunteer their time yesterday to make sure the event was properly staffed. These individuals include: **Ashlie Lester, Rachel Gordon, Tyler Jamison, Jonathon Beckmeyer, Shannon Cromwell, Linley Snyder, Nick Frye, Andrea Piel, Madeleine Ebeling** and me (**Claire Cook**).

The event served 50+ families, and overall seemed to be a success. We were pleased to have a smattering of community and university resources present. We received positive feedback from the students who participated and the vendors who were present. We were happy those in the university community took an active interest in this event. We are very pleased with the Student Parent Fair and look forward to building on the existing elements to make the fair even better next year!

HDFS Diversity Lecture Renamed

The HDFS faculty unanimously agreed to rename the annual HDFS Diversity Lecture to honor **Elizabeth** and **Turner Vemer**. The new name is the "**Vemer** Diversity Lecture in Human Development and Family Studies." This is intended to be a token of appreciation from the department to the **Vemer** family for its' past support. It is a fitting honor that reflects **Turner**

and **Elizabeth's** values and interests.

Dr. Cooney is a Fellow

Dr. **Teresa Cooney** will be working part-time in the Graduate School this year as a Faculty Fellow. She will be helping perform a variety of administrative duties as the Graduate School office makes some temporary re-arrangements because of the departure of Dr. Pamela Benoit. Dr. **Cooney** has also assumed the role of Director of Undergraduate Studies in HDFs.