

GOOD NEWS

Friday, 1/19/2007

Just as we did last semester, every week we intend to 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:**

Last year ended with much good news to report, and this year starts out the same way. **Have a great Winter Semester!**

New Faculty Hired

There will be some new faces in HDFS, starting fairly soon. **Jessie Darko** will be joining us in a few weeks as the new Director of the Child Development Lab. Jessie is from Ann Arbor, Michigan. She has been the director of an international child development center at the University of Michigan. Jessie will be an Instructor in HDFS as well as CDL Director.

Dave Schramm, a doctoral candidate at Auburn University, will be joining us August 1 as a new Extension State Specialist and Assistant

Professor. He will be the statewide coordinator of Focus on Kids and will develop and conduct extension programs across Missouri. In addition, he will teach one course per semester on campus and will serve on graduate committees.

We are still searching for the final open position. Stay tuned...

Alum Wins HES Award

It was just announced that the 2007 winner of the **HES Alumni New Professional Award** is Dr. **Adriana Umana-Taylor**. Adriana is on the faculty at Arizona State University. She also tells us that she and Matt are expecting their second child later this year. Congratulations, Adriana!

Faculty and Student Publications

Schrodt, P., Baxter, L.A., McBride, C., Braithwaite, D., & **Fine, M. A.** (2006). The divorce decree, communication, and the structuration of coparenting relationships in stepfamilies. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationship*, 23, 741-760.

Coleman, M., Ganong, L., & Rothrauff, T. (2006). Racial and ethnic similarities and

differences in beliefs about intergenerational assistance to older adults after divorce and remarriage. *Family Relations*, 55, 576-587.

Child Life Alum Gets a Job

Child Life alumnus **Julie Howenstein** just got a job as a full-time CCLS at Phoenix Children's hospital in Arizona.

Child Life Student Gets an Internship

Cara Ditter is at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston this semester.

Graduate Students to Present at Conference

Save the Date! The Women's and Gender Studies Graduate student conference will be held Saturday Jan 27th. **Jessica Troilo** and **Mindy Markham** will be presenting.