

GOOD NEWS Friday, 10/30/2009

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No, newcomers to Columbia and Mizzou, it does not usually rain this much in October. In fact, we are kind of blaming you for bringing the rain with you, when you moved here. But rather than continue to do that, which will only add further gloom to our already damp spirits, let's focus on some Good News while we dry out:

From Whence Do The Adults Emerge?

Doctoral student **Tyler Jamison** and assistant professor **Russ Ravert** are in Atlanta and will tell us next week when they return from a conference on emerging adults. **Tyler** presented this paper:

Jamison, T. B. (2009, October). *"We're not living together": Informal cohabitation in emerging adults.* Presented at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adults Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Congratulations, **Tyler**!

MU Black Studies Program 2009 Fall Conference

The MU Black Studies Program held its 2009 conference this week on campus at the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. HDFS doctoral students **Lynette Nickleberry** and **Anthony James** presented papers at the conference. Their papers were:

Nickleberry, L. (2009, October). *Exploring African American masculinities across time and disciplines.* Presented at the MU Black Studies Program Conference. Columbia, MO

James, A. (2009, October). *A structural analysis of race, religion, and politics in the Obama Era.* Presented at the MU Black Studies Program Conference. Columbia, MO

Congratulations, **Lynette** and **Anthony**!

Practice, Practice, Practice

Yesterday at the HDFS Research Colloquium four doctoral students practice presentations they will be giving at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference in San Francisco. **Shaun Calix, Graham McCaulley, Jonathon Beckmeyer, and Nick Frye** presented research findings to faculty and other graduate students. They looked about ready to go. Good luck, **Nick, Jonathon, Graham, and Shaun**! Dr. **David Schramm** is the co-author of **Shaun** and **Graham's** presentations, doctoral student **Claire Cook** is **Jonathon's** co-author, and Dr. **Christine Proulx** is the co-author of **Nick's** presentation.

Big 12 Scholar

HDFS co-chair **Jean Ispa**'s grant proposal for a Big 12 Faculty Fellowship was approved for funding by the Faculty Development Committee. Congratulations, Dr. **Ispa**!

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do

From graduate student **Rachel Gordon**:

It's time to get in the holiday spirit . . .

MUCFR is now hosting its annual ADOPT-A-FAMILY Drive!!

We are working with the Voluntary Action Center's annual Adopt-A-Family event, and although we do not know the details of our family yet, we are asking for donations.

There is a large need this year for families so we will likely be "adopting" a large family. Any donations would be a great help for this event.

We will be collecting donations from now until Friday November 6th. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. If everyone gives a few dollars, we can really make a difference in the lives of a family this holiday season.

Please return donations to 307 Gentry (under the door is fine).

Thank you so much for your support and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Remember the Gilmore Girls? Google it if You Have To

Well, the WB network and mythical Stars Hollow, CT has nothing on HDFS at MU, because we have the **Gayer Girls**! MU's answer to the funny, fast-talking, close-as-can-be mother-daughter duo of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore is Dr. **Debra** and **Liz Gayer** – Dr. **Gayer** is an HDFS alumna and Associate Teaching Professor of Nursing who was just named Coordinator for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at the MU Sinclair School of Nursing. **Liz** is an HDFS undergraduate student and a member of the **Big 12 Champion MU women's soccer team**! Congratulations, **Deb** and **Liz**! Big week for the **Gayers**!

Last Week's Quiz Question Answer?

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GOOD NEWS

Friday, 10/23/2009

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The leaves are spectacular this week. In a matter of days the leaves went from dull to brilliant (great metaphor for college, right?). This is Homecoming Week at Mizzou, so go Tigers! Lots of good news this week in HDFS:

Faculty and Student and Alumna Publications

It is not unusual to report several professional publications by faculty, students, and alums in the HDFS Good News. It is unusual that they all appear in the same issue of one journal. Dr. **Larry Ganong** and Dr. Joe Grzywacz of Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine co-edited a special issue of the journal *Family Relations* on the topic of Families and Health. The special issue included articles by **Ganong** (with his co-editor), Dr. **Christine Proulx** and doctoral student **Linley Snyder**, and alumna Dr. **Elise Radina** of Miami University of Ohio. Here are the references:

Grzywacz, J. G., & **Ganong, L.** (2009). Issues in families and health research. *Family Relations, 58*, 373-378.

Radina, M. E. (2009). Breast cancer –related lymphedema: Implications for family leisure participation. *Family Relations, 58*, 445-459.

Proulx, C.M., & Snyder, L. A. (2009). Families and health: An empirical resource guide for researchers and practitioners. *Family Relations, 58*, 489-504.

Department Co-chair Enjoys Her “Homecoming” at Cornell University

Dr. **Jean Ispa** was a featured speaker at The Second Biennial Urie Bronfenbrenner Conference at Cornell University (October 21-23, 2009). This year's conference theme was “*Improving the State of Americans: Prospects of Translational Research in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.*” This was the second biennial conference in honor of Dr. Bronfenbrenner's contributions to the study of human development. Each of the conferences in the series is devoted to one of his interests, particularly to the exciting ideas that he worked on during the last decades of his very productive career. The conference was sponsored and hosted by the Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center at Cornell University. The conference organizers have a contract with APA to publish the proceedings from the conference in an edited volume. Dr. **Ispa's** talk was, “*Pursuing and Sharing Knowledge to Inform Practice and Policy: The Value of Qualitative Research in Translational Research.*” Being an invited speaker to this conference is an honor, and one that is special for Dr. **Ispa**, who was a doctoral advisee and friend of Urie Bronfenbrenner at Cornell. Jean emailed this morning that another one of her former professors, who was 93 years old, attended her talk, and they visited after. Congratulations, Dr. **Ispa**!

Alumna to Penn State

Dr. **Linda Halgunseth**, HDFS alumna, accepted a Research Faculty position at The Pennsylvania State University in the Center for Family Research in Diverse Contexts. She will be responsible for publishing scholarly journal articles, writing grants, and overseeing research on the effects of after-care participation on children's well-being and school-day performance. **Linda** has been Director of Research for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, DC. Penn State really wanted **Linda** – she turned them down once, but they made her an offer she could not refuse (something about succeeding JoPa as football coach once he retires). Congratulations, **Linda**! We are proud of your accomplishments!

More Awards for the CFPR Team

Stacey Owsley of the **Center for Family Policy and Research** sent us this news about an award received by **CFPR** team members:

October 15, 2009 was the 2009 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity awards ceremony. Established in 1988 by the Governor's Council on Quality and Productivity, the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity is a team award recognizing service excellence, efficiency, innovation, technology, process improvement, and employee development in Missouri State Government.

Of the 25 nominations that were received for consideration, 4 received this prestigious award. The **Missouri Show Me Bright Futures Project** was one of the 4 award winning teams! The **Missouri Show Me Bright Futures** vision is that every child deserves to be healthy, experience joy, have self-esteem, have caring family and friends, and believe that he or she can succeed in life.

Selected as an innovative project, **Missouri Bright Futures'** goals are to promote mental health in children, adolescents and their families, provide prevention, early recognition, and intervention strategies in health and education settings, and encourage partnerships and collaboration between professionals, families and communities.

Thank you to **Carolyn Stemmons** for representing the **Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office** on the **Bright Futures** Steering Team and providing leadership for this project. Congratulations to **Carolyn** and the entire collaborative-interagency **Bright Futures Team!!**

Dr. Deaton Saves us Money

A visit by Dr. **Deaton** this week resulted in savings for HDFS. It was not **Chancellor Brady Deaton** that helped us this time, but MU First Lady and HDFS Adjunct Professor Dr. **Anne Deaton**, whose interest in qualitative research software resulted in an unexpected savings. Last week we announced in the Good News that HDFS was adding the qualitative research analysis software NVIVO 8 to a computer in Gentry 316. Dr. **Deaton** asked if she could drop by to see a demonstration of the program, and after the demo we discussed the lack of University site licenses for qualitative software. **Anne** went to her office and fired off some emails, I did the same, and lo and behold, we find out from IT that the university has just

negotiated an agreement with NVIVO for a university-wide site license. Not yet even posted on the MU web pages, this news will save HDFS about \$500 (we had not yet opened our newly purchased software, which will be returned). Thanks, Dr. **Deaton!**

First 'Good News' Quiz Question of the Year

This is multiple guess. Grade your own answer. The answer will be shared next week.

While reading the November issue of *Money* magazine, Dr. **Larry Ganong**:

- a. Was surprised to see a bar graph provided to the magazine by HDFS and Extension faculty member Dr. **David Schramm** in an article on remarriage and finances (p. 70)
- b. Was surprised to see that "college professor" was the third-rated best job in America for the next decade (p. 93)
- c. Was surprised twice - both a and b are true
- d. None of the above – this is obviously a fake question - What is a professor from Mizzou doing reading *Money* magazine?

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Suddenly, October has become November (note to Art, this is something we call, "poetic license," and is not to be taken literally), or at least it feels like it. Need some good news? We have some . . .

Undergraduate Honors in HDFS

During the last two faculty meetings we discussed encouraging HDFS undergraduates to pursue an "Honors Degree" in HDFS. HDFS 1600 has had an honors section for several years when Dr. **Cooney** teaches it, and we plan to make it possible for students to take HDFS 2400 and HDFS 3420 next semester for honors credits. We will work on making this possible for other courses in the department as well. The faculty are editing the old *Honors in HDFS* requirements and we will be sending it to all undergraduates and posting them on the web.

Faculty-Alumni Award

Dr. **Linda Bullock**, Professor in the Sinclair School of Nursing and HDFS Affiliated Faculty Member, received an Alumni Faculty Awards from the MU Alumni Association earlier this month. Congratulations, Dr. **Bullock!**

HDFS Alumna Gets Education Grant

Tia Schultz, HDFS alumna and a doctoral student in Special Education at MU, received funding for a grant proposal she wrote. **Tia** and her work with families of special education students were featured in a recent College of Education publication. Congratulations, **Tia**! We are proud of you!

Online Students Grow in Number

HDFS is only in Year 2 of participation in the Great Plains IDEA consortium of universities offering graduate degrees and certificates online, but we already have 29 graduate students enrolled in our online degree programs. We have 9 Gerontology students and 19 in Youth Development, and later this semester we will graduate our first student! Dr. **Teresa Cooney** has been advising the Gerontology students and Dr. **Marilyn Coleman** has been advising the Youth Development students.

We Make the Top 20

No wonder faculty and graduate instructors in HDFS look tired. This semester, we are teaching 5,033 student credit hours (SCH) at the undergraduate level, and 490 SCHs at the graduate level. The total of 5,513 SCH put HDFS in second in the College of Human Environmental Sciences (after Nutrition and Exercise Physiology). At the graduate level, however, we are more than 2.5 times larger than Architectural Studies, the second largest in graduate SCH. Overall in the university, HDFS is in the 20 largest departments in terms of the number of students taught (I excluded comparisons to the Schools of Law, Nursing, and Journalism, which have no departments. Even if we count these Schools as single units, HDFS is still 22nd at MU, despite being much smaller than those schools and than most departments). Keep up the good work, faculty and students!

Visitors

On October 19 Dr. Annie Sobel will be bringing guests from Fort Leonard Wood to tour the Child Development Lab and other similar labs on campus (i.e., the Adult Day Connection, and the Allen Learning Lab).

Taking Sides

Curator's Professor Dr. **Marilyn Coleman** has been named to the Academic Advisory Board for the Taking Sides series of books published by McGraw Hill Publishing Company.

New Software

I hate to stereotype, but what kind of people are we to get excited about software? Qualitative researchers, that's who! The Department has purchased a site license for NVIVO 8.0, a software program that allows analysis of non-numeric data (e.g., words, pictures, films). Mike Sullivan will be

installing it on the new computer that will be placed in Gentry 316 next week. This is a fairly expensive program, but it is now ours to keep. Analyze away!

GOOD NEWS Friday, 10/9/2009

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We are nearing the middle of the semester, and leaves are turning, days are getting shorter, and birds are heading south. Good time for some good news...

Dr. Proulx Had Her Baby!

Dr. **Chris Proulx** emailed friends and colleagues yesterday, "Jamie and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our daughter, Olivia Lucienne Proulx Smith. Olivia was born on 10/07/09 at 10:44am, and weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz and was 19 1/4 inches long. She's already making us laugh and looks an awful lot like her daddy!" She shared pictures of the new family member, and the baby is beautiful! Congratulations, Jamie and **Chris**!

Dr. Ravert Is Appointed to Doctoral Faculty

Dr. **Russ Ravert**, assistant professor, was appointed to the MU doctoral faculty for five years by Interim Graduate Dean George Justice. This means that Dr. **Ravert** can chair PhD examination and dissertation committees. Congratulations, Dr. **Ravert**!

FoK Online Contract

Human Development and Family Studies is one step closer to delivering Focus on Kids online. The MU Conference Center has agreed to handle registrations online, allowing interested parties to pay by credit card online. Graduate student **Graham McCaulley** and Assistant Professor **David Schramm** are finishing up the Focus on Kids web site with campus IT specialists.

Another Center for Distance and Independent Study Course

Doctoral student **Tyler Jamison** completed HDFS 1610 as a new CDIS course just this week. She was assisted by department co-chair **Larry Ganong**. The course will be edited by Evan Smith of CDIS and we hope it will be ready by the summer. Congratulations, **Tyler**!

Dr. Cooney and International Initiatives

Dr. Teresa Cooney has been named the HES representative to the MU [Council on International Initiatives](#) (CII). CII is a campus wide group established by the Office of the Provost in 1996 – to advise the campus on international programs and issues. It is designed to include faculty representatives from all MU colleges and schools. Members are appointed by the Office of the Provost, in consultation with the Deans and Directors.

CDL Alumna Makes us Proud

Simone Ispa-Landa, doctoral student in Sociology at Harvard University, is the recipient of the Rose Laub Coser Award for 2009 for her dissertation proposal, "Social and Academic Effects of Participation in an Urban to Suburban Racial Desegregation Program." The Rose Laub Coser Award Committee invites submissions for this award, given annually to a graduate student for an outstanding doctoral dissertation proposal in the area of the family or gender and society. The award was established by the family, friends, and former students of the late Rose Coser, a former president of the Eastern Sociological Society and recipient of its Merit Award. Ok, **Simone** is more than just an alumna of the CDL - she is the daughter of HDFS Professor and Co-chair **Jean Ispa**. Congratulations, Simone and **Jean!**

Hailey Reports

Recent HDFS graduate **Hailey Stout** reports from Hawaii (actually, she was back for the Nebraska game): "Got a job, kind of. I am an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor, which requires certification through Army Community Services (ACS--the organization I want to work for). We teach classes to Army Units, new soldiers and their families, and military families in general (e.g. Expectations and Impact of the Mission on Family Life, Communication, Stress Management, Enhancing Personal Relationships, Crisis, Coping and Grieving, Managing Conflict, Problem Solving, Supporting Your Child's Education, and about 20 other classes). We rotate classes weekly and also put together training packages to meet the specific needs of individual units. For example, last week a commander of a small unit just back from Afghanistan called us to help them with the family reunification process. This unit suffered over 50% casualties (so more than half the unit is dead or wounded). We designed a session for the soldiers and spouses that included 3 of our classes: Acknowledging Change; Crisis, Coping and Grieving, and a special communication session lead by a clinical psychologist. Essentially, I am doing exactly what I told you guys in my committee meeting I wanted to do, I just don't get paid--yet. All of my trainers started out as AFTB Instructors and now work for ACS. Although I feel pretty confident I could have just been handed a packet and started teaching, the process to get certified has been a great way to network within the organization . . ." Sounds like a great almost-job, **Hailey!** Good luck!

GOOD NEWS **Friday, 10/2/2009**

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In the middle of the semester, things get busy, a little crazy, a little . . . stressful, but in a good way. Seems like a good time for some good news.

Grad Student Publishes

Claire Cook's master's thesis from The Ohio State University was recently published. Congratulations, **Claire!**

Cook, J. C., Schoppe-Sullivan, S. J., Buckley, C. K., Davis, E. F. (2009). Are some children harder to coparent than others? Children's negative emotionality and coparenting relationship quality. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 23, 606-610.

Center News

Denise Mauzy, Wayne Mayfield, and Kathy Thornburg from the **Center for Family Policy & Research** just got back from The National Registry Alliance Conference held in Mystic, CT last week. Combined, they provided six keynote addresses and/or workshops so they didn't have any time to stroll around Mystic, but they did get lots of good ideas for their work!

Last Monday **Dr. Thornburg** and nine Center staff members shared information about several of their projects with Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer and one of his staff members. **Dean Jorgensen** also made a presentation to the Congressman, and HES Associate Dean **Sandy Rikoon** and HDFS Co-Chair **Larry Ganong** also briefly commented. Representative Luetkemeyer was very interested, asked good questions, and appeared to enjoy his visit. Thanks go to Dr. **Kathy Thornburg** and Dean **Stephen Jorgensen** for arranging this visit.

Sharing Research Locally

The most recent **HDFS Research Colloquium** was presented by Dr. **Teresa Cooney**. She reported on work done in the Netherlands with Pearl Dykstra of Erasmus Univ. in Rotterdam. Her talk was entitled: "Family Obligations and Support Behavior to Aging Parents and Adult Offspring: A U.S. – Netherlands Comparison." Gentry 3 was filled once again. Thanks **Dr. Cooney!**

Alumni News

Ashley Blake, who finished her master's degree in May, started last week with Iowa State University Extension as a County Youth Coordinator/Grant Manager in two Central Iowa Counties that are adjacent to Polk (Des Moines). **Ashley** reports, "My duties are many, but the general idea is that I will spend about 50% of my time doing youth/4-H activities, 25% overseeing child care resource and referral grants in both counties, and the final 25% will be spent programming/providing administrative coordination." She thinks this is a good starting position as Extension reorganizes in Iowa. Congratulations, **Ashley!**

Tyler Robertson, another May MA graduate from HDFS, sends this good news (passed on by **Nora Hager**) from the Gateway City:

“I hope all is well with you and the beginning of the school year! I just wanted to check in with you and give you an update on me. It has been quite the ride since leaving grad school, Mizzou, and Columbia. I am back in St. Louis now. Earlier this summer, in June, I got engaged! Our wedding will be next August in Chicago, but we will be living in St. Louis after my fiancé, Kate, graduates from grad school at Northwestern. She is studying speech pathology.

I just got back from Chicago last night. I was up there training to become a Certified Infant Massage Instructor (CIMI). I finished three days of training and just have to take the certification exam and conduct a practicum (teaching several sets of parents/caregivers and their infants). I enjoyed the classes a lot and I know I will love infant massage. I plan on implementing its usefulness in the future. Wednesday begins my professional career as a child life specialist. I applied for and accepted a position for a CLS at St. Louis Children's Hospital. I am very excited about this and I cannot wait to begin! I really do feel that the child life program at Mizzou prepared me to jump right into the field. I will be taking the certification exam in November in Chicago.”

Congratulations, **Tyler** – new fiancé, new job – hooray for you!

Dr. **Tashel Bordere**, HDFS alum and adjunct faculty member, has been invited to be the Diversity Convocation speaker in February at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, NJ. Congratulations, Dr. **Bordere!**

Campus Leaders

Dr. **Eileen Porter** is the Chair of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee this year. Curator's Professor **Marilyn Coleman** is the new chair of the MU Faculty Development Advisory Committee. Dr. **Larry Ganong** is in his second year as chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Dr. **Teresa Cooney** is on Research Council and Dr. **Sara Gable** is on the Faculty Advisory Committee. Dr. **Marilyn Coleman** has also just been named to the Mizzou Advantage Advisory Committee.

HDFS Helps Sponsor Psychologist's Visit to MU

The Center for Multicultural Research, Training, and Consultation in the Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology is bringing Dr. Nadya Fouad to MU's campus on October 1st and 2nd as part of the annual Helen A. Neville Multicultural Lecture Series. She is scheduled to give two presentations: on the MU campus: “Multicultural Guidelines: Implications for Training and Practice” and “Advocacy and Multicultural Counseling Competencies for Psychologists.” These events will be open to MU faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Nadya Fouad is a licensed psychologist and a University Distinguished Professor of Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She has received a number of awards and honors for her scholarship and service including the American Psychological Association Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology Award, Janet E. Helms Award for Mentoring and Scholarship, UW—Milwaukee School of Education Faculty Research Award, and the American Psychological Association Society of Counseling Psychology's John Holland Award for Outstanding Achievement in Career and Personality Research. Dr. Fouad has made numerous, and seminal, scholarly

contributions to the field of psychology in the areas of multicultural counseling competency, career development, and professional training, having authored over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, books, and book chapters on these topics. Dr. Fouad's experience as Principle Investigator or Co-Investigator on several federally funded research grants aimed at enhancing the participation of women in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields has also informed her expertise on issues pertaining to multiculturalism and career development. Dr. Fouad is currently Editor of *The Counseling Psychologist*, one of the leading and most often cited journals in the field of psychology. She is also a consulting editor for several other leading journals, including *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, *Journal of Career Assessment*, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*, *Sex Roles*, *Child Development*, and *American Psychologist*. Dr. Fouad's impact on the field also stems from her participation in national conferences and professional organizations. Specifically, Dr. Fouad has delivered several keynote addresses and over 100 presentations at regional and national conferences throughout the United States. She has also served in a variety of leadership roles including President of Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology) of the American Psychological Association (APA), and Chair of the APA's Board of Education Affairs, Competency Benchmarks Workgroup, Multicultural Guidelines Writing Team, Task Force on Women in Academia, Task Force on School to Work Transition, and Society of Vocational Psychology. Due in part to her commitment to professional service Dr. Fouad is also a Fellow of Divisions 17 (Counseling Psychology) and 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues) of the APA. The topics for the Helen A. Neville Multicultural Lecture Series this year pertain to multiculturalism and professional training as well as advocating for underserved individuals and communities.

Flashdance: What a Feeling?

Finally, Dr. **Marilyn Coleman** recently served as a judge in a dance contest sponsored by the Greek system. This was a fundraising effort, with the proceeds going to the McCambridge Center, a program for women and children in Columbia that has been in operation since 1978. The McCambridge Center provides care and counseling to chemically dependent women and their families. Dr. **Coleman** was one of two judges who did not have a professional dance or performance background (most of the judges were professional dancers). Apparently all of those hours watching Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* and *Soul Train* as a youth paid off!