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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COLLABORATES WITH CHICAGO FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE POLICE



Photo Credit: DePaul University/Jamie Moncrief

The Educational Leadership Program's Fraternal Order of the Police cohort and Leodis Scott, assistant professor, were featured in an [article](#) in *Nemsline*.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AUTISM EXPERTS FEATURED IN DEPAUL'S NEWSROOM

Mojdeh Bayat, professor, Eva Patrikakou, associate professor, Linsey Sabielny, assistant professor, and Dean Paul Zions were interviewed by DePaul's *Newsroom* in the [article](#), "Autism experts at DePaul University discuss education, awareness: Scholars explain advances in representation and care for people with autism."

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT SHARON DRAPER SPECIAL EVENT WITH LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Photo Credit: Roxanne Owens

On Friday, June 9th, the College of Education provided transportation for 6th grade students from two partner schools—Moos Elementary and Prieto Elementary—to the DePaul Lincoln Park Campus to listen to Sharon Draper discuss her award-winning novel, *Out of My Mind*. The novel details the experience of a middle school girl with Cerebral Palsy. The COE provided each school with copies of the novel prior to the event. At the event, Ms. Draper explained the process of writing the book and the importance of looking beyond the physical differences of people. The teachers and students found the experience to be inspirational and motivating.

COE FACULTY CREATE FIRST SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE AT THEATER SCHOOL



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Anne Butler, assistant instructional professor, and Linsey Sabielny, assistant professor, coordinated with the Theater School to create the first sensory-friendly performance. A story was [featured](#) in DePaul's *Nemsline*.

R.E.A.L. & ARK



Photo courtesy of R.E.A.L.

The [R.E.A.L.](#) Youth program, directed by Horace Hall, associate professor, partnered with [the ARK of St. Sabina](#), a community youth center located on the St. Sabina campus in Chicago, to develop curriculum designed to prepare high school age youth for next steps—both academically and socially.

Between February and June, program meetings were held once a month on Friday evenings on DePaul's Lincoln Park campus.

The collaboration aims to do more than just introduce college campus life. They also want to educate high school age youth on how to successfully navigate and negotiate that space in the direction of degree completion. R.E.A.L. engaged between 7-10 ARK high school students monthly in exploring their interests in entering post-secondary institutions; developing new skills for the college domain; acquiring hands-on college classroom experiences; and improving their ability to succeed in higher education.

COE CONNECTIONS

OIPL RESEARCH & EDUCATION WORKSHOPS



Photo courtesy of OIPL.

This spring, OIPL in collaboration with the Chinese Education and Research Network (CERNET), held teacher education workshops in Beijing. Roxanne Owens, associate professor and chair of the department of teacher education, and James Wolfinger, professor and associate dean of curriculum and programs, led two week-long training sessions for educators in the Chaoyang District of Beijing. The sessions, titled “Interdisciplinary Integrated Teaching and Evaluation,” were extremely well received. OIPL will be working with CERNET to lead additional training sessions this summer.

Upcoming topics will include teacher leadership, diversified innovative teaching methods, reflective teaching, classroom teaching and critical thinking, individualized instruction and assessment methods, student-centered learning and experiential teaching, interdisciplinary curriculum design and instruction, psychological health education and teaching based on brain science.

OIPL AND RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE



Photo courtesy of OIPL.

The Office of Innovative Professional Learning (OIPL) continued its work with the faculty of Rush Medical College at Rush University. Recently, Donna Kiel, director and instructional assistant professor, and David Bates engaged faculty of the doctoral program in a session of creating rubrics for their online teaching called, “Stress-free Rubrics.” OIPL has offered workshops and mentoring for the faculty at Rush for three years and the partnership will extend into 2018.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CELEBRATES TEACHERS



Christine Mei and Rick Foerster. Photo courtesy of MPT.

The College hosted its annual Celebrating Teachers Reception on June 8, 2017. Six K-12 educators were presented with this year’s award. The initiative, now in its fifth year, invites DePaul juniors and seniors to nominate a K-12 educator who has made an impact in their life. A list of this year’s awardees and student nominators is below:

- Timothy DeBoer (Joliet West High School) nominated by Matthew Verive (CDM)
- Rick Foerster (Crystal Lake Central High School) nominated by Christine Mei (CSH)
- Kathy Pouloupoulos (Greenbrook Elementary School) nominated by Isolda Gargano (COE)
- Lynn Love (Byron High School) nominated by Mirlinda Isai (CSH)
- Aubrey Smith (Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy) nominated by Kevin Horwitz (SNL)
- Jaimee Stephens (Our Lady of Tepeyac High School) nominated by Ana Cortes (COE)

OIPL LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

OIPL successfully launched its online International Baccalaureate Educator Certificate in Teaching and Learning. Teachers from Moos Elementary, Pritzker College Prep, Daystar School, and Kellogg Elementary enrolled in the IB certificate program. The IBEC program is truly global and currently enrolls teachers from across the United States, China, South Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Taiwan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

SPRING FORUM BROADCAST

The Spring Forum, “Advancing Democracy and Justice in Public Education in the Trump/DeVos Era,” was broadcast on CAN-TV in May. If you missed the broadcast, you may view the forum on YouTube at this [link](#).

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



COE faculty at this year's Commencement ceremony. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Walberg.

ROXANNE OWENS

Roxanne Owens, associate professor and chair of the department of teacher education, was interviewed for BYU Sirius Radio on the Rachel Wadham's "World Awaiting" show about fostering literacy in children. BYU Radio is a talk radio station run by Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The station features entertaining and scholarly talk programming.

JAMES WOLFINGER

James Wolfinger, professor and associate dean of curriculum and programs, was interviewed by *Hoy*, a Spanish language publication of the *Chicago Tribune*, for an article on migrant farm laborers in Illinois.

CHRISTEE JOESTEN

Christee Joesten, adjunct faculty, was chosen from students at Libertyville High School to be a recipient of the "Difference Makers" Award for making a difference in their lives. She was honored with a reception on May 23rd, 2017.

AMY FEIKER HOLLENBECK

Amy Feiker Hollenbeck, associate professor, was selected as an Ozanam Fellow, a program designed to support post-tenured faculty as they seek to identify, refine or reimagine their personal and professional sense of purpose at DePaul.

Amy Feiker Hollenbeck also received a grant through the DePaul University Research Council enabling her to participate in the Faculty Success Program through the National Center of Faculty Development and Diversity, which she will be completing in the Fall quarter.

MARIE DONOVAN

Marie Donovan, associate professor, was re-elected Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Marie Donovan was featured as a cursive expert on WTTW's *Chicago Tonight*.

AMIRA PROWELLER

Amira Proweller, associate professor, presented a paper titled, "White Feminists Not White Feminism: Political and Psychological Resistance in Intersectional Education with Privileged Girls," as part of a panel on Cultivating Critical Consciousness with Differently Positioned Youth. The paper was presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas on April 27, 2017.

BEVERLY TREZEK

Beverly Trezek, associate professor, was selected as an Ozanam Fellow, a program designed to support post-tenured faculty as they seek to identify, refine or reimagine their personal and professional sense of purpose at DePaul.

MOJDEH BAYAT

Mojdeh Bayat received promotion to professor.

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HORACE HALL

Horace Hall, associate professor, entered the Society of Vincent dePaul Professors. The committee noted their enthusiasm for his acceptance into the society and his impressive leadership and service in the College of Education and in the communities in which he works.

LINSEY SABIELNY

Linsey Sabielny, assistant professor, was awarded a DePaul University research grant by the DePaul University Research Council.

FR. ANTHONY DOSEN

Fr. Anthony Dosen, associate professor, was recognized for his twenty years of service at the President's annual Distinguished Service Luncheon on May 19th. Immediately following the luncheon, the College of Education hosted a retirement celebration in honor of Fr. Dosen's leadership and service to the College, his department, and students.

SUNNY PARK-JOHNSON

Sunny Park-Johnson, assistant professor, received the Academic Initiatives Pool Summer Grant for her project entitled "Children's Language Use and Development in a Spanish Immersion Early Education Classroom."

SONIA SOLTERO

Sonia Soltero, associate professor and chair of the department of leadership, language, and curriculum, was invited to be a keynote speaker at the L'immersion à l'université: Où en sommes-nous aujourd'hui? Symposium Sur L'Immersion International Immersion Symposium, held at the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, University of Ottawa. The title of the keynote was "Dual language in higher education: A new way to conceptualize the development of academic and professional bilingualism."

Sonia Soltero presented "Dual language in higher education: Creating infrastructures for academic support and growth" at the Dual Language in Higher Education SIG and was invited to present as a featured Pre-Conference Institute speaker on leadership in dual language education at the National Association for Bilingual Education in Dallas.

Sonia Soltero also presented her new book, *Dual Language Education*, to the NYS/NYC Regional Bilingual/Education-Resource Network at Fordham University as well as at the Washington Association for Bilingual Education Institute.

HILARY CONKLIN

Hilary Conklin, associate professor, was awarded a DePaul University research grant by the DePaul University Research Council to support her research: "Fostering student voice: A case study of the impact of action civics on secondary students' literacy and civic skills."

GONZALO OBELLEIRO

DePaul's Office of Global Engagement & Online Learning will sponsor instructional assistant professor Gonzalo Obelleiro's attendance and participation at the 2017 Madison Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning from July 25-27.

MELISSA OCKERMAN

Melissa Ockerman, associate professor, received the "Friend of ISCA" Award at the 2017 Illinois School Counseling Association's Annual Conference.

KAREN MONKMAN

Karen Monkman, professor, was awarded a DePaul University Academic Initiatives Grant for her project, "DePaul-YMCA Contextual Analysis Project."

JASON GOULAH

Jason Goulah, associate professor, was featured in *Newsline's* "Faculty Focus" where he discusses Soka education and what's next for the Institute for Daisaku Ikeda Studies in Education.

REBECCA MICHEL

Rebecca Michel, assistant professor, was awarded a 2017-18 Steans Center Community-based Research Faculty Fellowship.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COMMENCEMENT 2017

The College of Education celebrated Commencement on June 10th at the Rosemont Theater. The 2017 graduating class included 139 undergraduates and 326 graduates. The College presented honorary degrees to Sharon Draper, distinguished teacher, *New York Times* best-selling author and five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and Sister Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C., president and CEO of St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York and a nationally recognized leader in higher education. Virginia McElwain, a candidate for a bachelor of arts in Elementary Education, delivered the student address.



Virginia McElwain delivers student address. Photo provided by: Jeff Carrion.

HONORS CONVOCATION

The following COE students were honored with special awards at the 2016-2017 Honors Convocation ceremony on June 8, 2017.

- *Jerry and Katherine Christensen Scholarship Award*: Alyssa Kalb
- *Donald A. and Margaret Millette Scholarship Award*: Hannah Fitzpatrick
- *Dr. Andrew T. Kopan Senior Leadership Award*: David Ladon
- *Gerald Foster Memorial Science Award*: David Liebenson
- *Charles Doyle Service Award*: Lyndsay Whitfield
- *Barbara A. Sizemore Multicultural Urban Professional Educator Award*: Anais DeJesus

KRISTEN PERRY

Counseling Program alumna, Kristen Perry, was selected as the 2017 Illinois Elementary School Counselor of the Year by [ISCA](#).

VIJAY PENDAKUR



Photo credit: Cornell Chronicle.

Vijay Pendakur, a graduate of the Education Doctoral Curriculum Studies Program, is the editor of the book *Closing the Opportunity Gap: Identity-Conscious Strategies for Retention and Student Success* (2016) and serves as the Dean of Students at Cornell University ([see press release](#)).

COUNSELING STUDENTS & CARA

Graduate Counseling students in assistant professor Rebecca Michel's Career Counseling (CSL 454) class presented ten career workshops at Cara, a nonprofit organization serving individuals experiencing homelessness. The Steans Center featured this work in a 2017 Chapbook during their Service Speaks event.

COLLEGE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT POSTER CONFERENCE

Graduate College Student Development Counseling students in CSL 492, under the supervision of Ashley Knight, COE adjunct faculty and Dean of Students, planned and executed a successful Counseling Internship Poster Conference on May 20th. Sixty Internship Students presented posters showcasing their internship projects, and 8 Faculty Members and 30 Alumni were also in attendance.

CAREER COUNSELING OUTREACH TEAM

Five graduate Counseling students have been selected to serve on the Career Counseling Outreach Team, led by Rebecca Michel, assistant professor, including: Michelle Berkeley, Jeanette Lesenko, Maria Mendez, Antonio Porter, and Mary K. Weldel. Students will attend the National Career Development Conference and design career presentations to deliver in the community.



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