

DePaul University College of Education

# GOODNEWS



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## COE CONNECTIONS

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### DR. SEUSS, THE CAT IN A HAT, AND 60 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S LITERACY

Roxanne Owens was a guest on WBEZ's the [Morning Shift](#) where she talked about the influence Dr. Seuss's *The Cat in the Hat* had on children's literacy and what parents can do to continue his tradition of making reading fun for kids.



### MINDFULNESS IN THE CLASSROOM

Martha Mason was invited to speak with [WGN-TV's](#) Gaynor Hall to discuss mindfulness in the classroom.



### GLOBAL PEACEMAKER RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE FROM DEPAUL

Father Holtschneider and Jason Goulah traveled to Japan in December 2016 to present an honorary degree to Daisaku Ikeda, global peacemaker and president of Soka Gakkai International. The ceremony was featured in [Newsline](#).



### DEPAUL VISITS HSA MCKINLEY PARK

Kate Liston, Frank Tavano, Alice Moss, Nell Cobb, and Roxanne Owens visited Horizon Science Academic McKinley Park in Chicago on Friday, February 10th to visit with teachers and students. The teachers and students had previously visited the College of Education and had observed classes and met with faculty. The students participate in internships to prepare to become future teachers.





## HESBURGH SCHOLARS VISIT THE CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

Young Men from Notre Dame College Prep and their teacher, Dr. Ellen Dutton, worked with Roxanne Owens to record an audio play, *Moo Who?*, by Margie Palatini for the listening pleasure of the students who attend the school at the [Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#).

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## FALL EDUCATION ISSUE FORUM

Diane Horwitz and Melissa Ockerman facilitated this year's Winter Education Issues Forum "Trauma Informed Teaching and Counseling" on February 21, 2017.

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## COE VISITS CHINA

In December 2016, Dean Zionts and Donna Kiel visited Beijing to explore ways to expand the Office of Innovative Professional Learning's services in China.

## FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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### MARIE DONOVAN

Marie Donovan wrote a chapter that was featured in the publication of *Voices from the Field: Collaborative Innovations in Early Childhood Educator Preparation* jointly published by the IERC and the IBHE. This book highlights the accomplished work of many of our state's higher education faculty to redesign early childhood educator preparation programs to meet regional and state workforce needs.

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### RACHEL HARPER

Rachel Harper's co-authored book, *Rethinking Sexism, Gender, and Sexuality*, was selected by the American Library Association LGBTQ Roundtable for the Stonewall book award, which honors books about the LGBT experience.

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### AMY FEIKER HOLLENBECK

Amy Feiker Hollenbeck submitted, on behalf of full and part-time faculty in the Literacy and Special Education program, and received a Quality of Instruction Research grant for, "Enhancing Preservice Special Education Preparation: An Opportunity to Expand Reading and Mathematics Services to Struggling Learners in Chicagoland."

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### SUNNY PARK- JOHNSON

Sunny Park-Johnson was a featured presenter at the Opening Minds Early Childhood Education Conference in January 2017 and gave the talk entitled "Yo Hablo Two Languages: Bilingualism in Early Childhood."

She presented her talk, "The Acquisition of Case Ellipsis Alternation by Young Korean Heritage Speakers" at the Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics in March 2017.

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### KEVIN McCANN

Kevin McCann was featured in [Newsline](#), which describes his other position at DePaul, scorer/timer—one of the many ways that he demonstrates his commitment and dedication to the university.

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### JENNIFER MATA- McMAHON

Jennifer Mata-McMahon presented research projects and papers at three conferences: "Honoring the Spirit of the Child: Incorporating Spirituality into the Early Childhood Classroom" at the 2016 NAEYC Annual Conference and Expo in Los Angeles, CA; "Spirituality and Humour: Making Connections for Early Childhood Education" at the 15th International Conference on Children's Spirituality in Lincoln, U.K.; and "What do Kindergarteners' Spiritual Experiences and Expressions look like in a Secular Classroom?" at Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN.

Jennifer Mata-McMahon coedited the book *Spirituality: An Interdisciplinary View*.

She also published the article "Spirituality and Humor: Making Connections for Early Childhood Education" in the *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*.

In addition, Jennifer Mata-McMahon wrote a blog post "[Spirituality: Can we find room for it in the classroom?](#)" for the Illinois Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators (ILAECTE) blog.

**REBECCA  
MICHEL**

Rebecca Michel was awarded a Public Service Council Research Grant. This grant program is intended to help faculty across the University enhance their professional growth with the belief that the vitality of the faculty is essential to the University's success in serving students and the community.

**AKIHIKO  
TAKAHASHI**

Akihiko Takahashi was featured in [an article](#), "The Japanese education system may solve the problems of US public education," in *The Hill*.

**MARGARET  
STRZYNSKI**

Margaret Strzynski was among the faculty and staff recently celebrated for their [25th year in service of DePaul](#). A luncheon was held to honor those faculty and staff, and their names will be added to plaques located on the Loop and Lincoln Park Campuses.

**JAMES  
WOLFINGER**

James Wolfinger received a Competitive Research Grant from the University Research Council for his book project, titled "Death of a Flyboy."

James Wolfinger presented on *Running the Rails: Capital and Labor in the Philadelphia Transit Industry* at George Washington University.

James Wolfinger also presented "Building a Commitment to Social Justice: A Collaboration Between DePaul University's College of Education and Facing History and Ourselves" at the National Council for the Social Studies.

James Wolfinger gave interviews on Philadelphia history to the PBS television show "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr.," WHYY (Philadelphia's NPR station), and *Billy Penn* (digital newspaper in Philadelphia).

Jennifer Mata-McMahon, Rebecca Michel, Karen Monkman, Roxanne Owens, and Sunny Park-Johnson received awards in the Academic Initiatives Pool competition.

# STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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## EDUARDO GARZA

Eduardo Garza, an alumnus of the Education Doctoral Program and adjunct faculty member, was appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner to the [Northeastern University Board of Trustees](#).

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## NICHOLAS TURNER

The essay, “Whatever happened to the child of tomorrow? A textual analysis of Rousseau’s Emile as Nietzsche’s concept of the Übermensch” by Social and Cultural Foundations in Education alumnus, Nicholas Turner, was recently published in *Dialogue: The Journal of Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society for Philosophy*.

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## JUSTINE CARSLON

Early Childhood Education undergraduate student Justine Carlson, was featured in the [Newsline](#) Student Spotlight discussing her service experience and work in the Office of Religious Diversity.



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## GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The following College of Education students are now Gates Millennium Scholars:

Mayra Carrera  
Tiana Sameera Ghazzali  
Cynthia Montoya  
Courtney Nicol Tarver  
Tunisha Lashay Rush  
Chastity Stokes

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**DePaul Facing History and Ourselves Collaboration  
Evening Seminar:  
I Learn America: Creating Cultures of Belonging in Schools**

Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Arts and Letters Hall, Room 103  
**RSVP [tinyurl.com/EvSemRegistration2017](http://tinyurl.com/EvSemRegistration2017)  
OR [collaboration@depaul.edu](mailto:collaboration@depaul.edu)**

**Spring Education Issues Forum:  
Advancing Democracy & Justice in  
Public Education in the Trump/DeVos Era**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

DePaul University Student Center 314 AB  
**Register at [tinyurl.com/COEForumRSVP](http://tinyurl.com/COEForumRSVP)**

**2017 Ikeda Lecture:  
Re-Mixing Borders: Education & the Global Solidarity of  
Hip-Hop**

Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

DePaul University Student Center 120 AB  
**RSVP and Info: [IkedaInstitute@depaul.edu](mailto:IkedaInstitute@depaul.edu)**

**Honors Convocation**

Thursday, June 8, 2017  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

DePaul University Student Center 120 AB  
**RSVP to Sarah Magnuson at [smagnuso@depaul.edu](mailto:smagnuso@depaul.edu)**

**Commencement**

Arrive by 7:30 AM; Ceremony begins at 8:30 AM

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Rosemont Theatre  
**RSVP by April 24 for academic regalia**  
Contact Jen Hobgood with questions:  
**[jhobgood@depaul.edu](mailto:jhobgood@depaul.edu)**

DePaul University and Facing History and Ourselves Collaboration

**Evening Seminar**  
**I Learn America**  
Creating Cultures of Belonging in Schools

A film screening and interactive discussion about young immigrants' and newcomers' experiences in today's schools and society.



Wednesday DePaul University  
April 19, 2017 Lincoln Park Campus  
6-8 p.m. exact location TBA

We are pleased to be able to offer educators 2 CPDU's for attending this event.

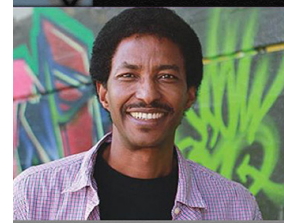


Register online: [tinyurl.com/EvSemRegistration2017](http://tinyurl.com/EvSemRegistration2017) or [collaboration@depaul.edu](mailto:collaboration@depaul.edu).

The DePaul University and Facing History and Ourselves collaboration is generously supported by the Donna and Jack Greenberg charitable trust.

2017 Ikeda Lecture

**Re-Mixing Borders:**  
Education & the Global Solidarity of Hip-Hop



Tuesday, May 16th, 2017  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
DePaul Student Center  
Room 120 A&B  
2250 N Sheffield Ave

FREE and open to the public / 2 CPDUs

For Questions and RSVP:  
[IkedaInstitute@depaul.edu](mailto:IkedaInstitute@depaul.edu)

**AWAD IBRAHIM**

is an award winning author and education theorist specializing in cultural studies, Hip-Hop, youth and Black popular culture, social justice, diasporic and continental African identities, and applied linguistics. His books include *The Rhetome of Blackness*, *Global Linguistic Flows* and *Critically Researching Youth*. He has taught and conducted research in the US, Canada, Morocco, Sudan and Saudi Arabia, and is currently a Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa.

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