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GOOD NEWS

COE CONNECTIONS

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 What?*, by Margie Palatini for the listening pleasure of the students who attend the school at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

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.

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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<td><strong>MARIE DONOVAN</strong></td>
<td>Marie Donovan wrote a chapter that was featured in the publication of <em>Voices from the Field: Collaborative Innovations in Early Childhood Educator Preparation</em> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>RACHEL HARPER</strong></td>
<td>Rachel Harper’s co-authored book, <em>Rethinking Sexism, Gender, and Sexuality</em>, was selected by the American Library Association LGBTQ Roundtable for the Stonewall book award, which honors books about the LGBT experience.</td>
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<td><strong>AMY FEIKER HOLLENBECK</strong></td>
<td>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.”</td>
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<td><strong>SUNNY PARK-JOHNSON</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>KEVIN MCCANN</strong></td>
<td>Kevin McCann was featured in <em>Newsline</em>, which describes his other position at DePaul, scorer/timer—one of the many ways that he demonstrates his commitment and dedication to the university.</td>
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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.  


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 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.


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

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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.

NICHOLAS TURNER

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.

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*  
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**DePaul University Student Center** 314 AB  
**Register at tinyurl.com/COEForumRSVP**

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**2017 Ikeda Lecture:**  
*Re-Mixing Borders: Education & the Global Solidarity of Hip-Hop*  
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**DePaul University Student Center** 120 AB  
**RSVP and Info: IkedaInstitute@depaul.edu**

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**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**

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**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:**  
**j hobgood@depaul.edu**