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NEWSLETTER FOR THE UT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH,
AND HUMAN SCIENCES



Dr. Fritz Polite and Team UT at Super Bowl XLIII

State Advisory Committee

Dr. June Gorski and Dr. Susan M. Smith were in Nashville, TN on March 3 where they participated as members of the Tennessee Coordinated School Health State Advisory Committee. The Tennessee General Assembly passed in 2000 The Coordinated School Health Improvement Act funding the development of CSH Initiatives in ten pilot sites during the 2001-2002 school year. In 2006 the state legislators permitted statewide expansion of CSH making Tennessee the first state in the union to fully fund Coordinated School Health statewide.

UT Students to Gain Work Experience at Super Bowl XLIII

A group of University of Tennessee, Knoxville, graduate and undergraduate students who make up "Team UT" traveled to Tampa, Fla., to work behind the scenes at Super Bowl XLIII featuring the Arizona Cardinals versus the Pittsburgh Steelers last Feb. 1.

Team UT 2009 Students from UT's College of Business Administration, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences and College of Communication and Information are on the team. During their time at the Super Bowl they conducted research to learn how a large-scale sporting events are prepared and carried out.

The students blogged and posted photos and videos of their Super Bowl experiences on Team UT's Web site, http://web.utk.edu/~ahardin8/TEAM_UT/

This is the third year that a team from UT has worked at the Super Bowl. **Fritz G. Polite**, assistant professor of sport management and director of the Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Diversity (I-LEAD), will lead Team UT.

"This is a great opportunity for our students," Polite said. "We are one of the few Universities across the country that offers these types of unique experiences. I am proud of them and blessed to be a member of TEAM UT."

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Fifth Annual Graduate Student Colloquium

The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Colloquium was held February 27, 2009 at the Black Cultural Center. Each department was represented by an oral presentation selected from abstracts submitted to the Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Board. Each presenter received a check for \$300. **Maria Cahill** presented for Theory and Practice in Teacher Education with poster presentations by 11 other students.

Chutney Walton presented for Educational Leadership and Policy Studies with poster presentation by 8 other students. Education Psychology and Counseling was represented by **Olivia Halic** with posters by 20 other students. **Vertica Bhardwaj** presented for Retail Hospitality and Tourism Management with poster by 5 other students. Exercise sport and Leisure Studies was represented by **Ji-Ho Kim** with posters by 9 other students. **Ashlee Schoch** presented for Nutrition with posters by 8 other students. **Swapna Durandare** was originally chosen to present for Child and Family Studies but illness forced her to withdraw. **Amy Richardson** and **Carolyn Spellings** filled in with posters by 4 other students.

The Colloquium is hosted each year by the Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Board with breakfast and lunch provided by the dean. This year's

keynote address was given by **Dr. Brian Barber**, Professor Child and Family Studies. Complete abstracts of all presentations and posters together with a complete listing of the Board is available on the Graduate Student Website.

Keynote Addresses

Richard Allington, TPTE, provided the keynote address at Reading Research 2009, a feature of the annual meeting of the International Reading Association. His address was entitled, "New challenges for literacy researchers" and focused on the sorts of data too often omitted from studies of reading acquisition.

Polite, Fritz, (Feb 2009) Key Note Address- Ethical Dilemmas in The Big Business of Sport, Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, TN

Lecture

Professor Craig Wisberg (ESLS) provided a lecture on the topic of "Goal Setting for Performance Improvement" to faculty and students in the Department of Physical Education, Health, and Recreation at the University of Botswana, Africa, on March 11. The lecture was delivered using video conference technology provided by the Center on Deafness and supervised by **Michelle Swaney**.

Center for Literacy Studies

The Center for Literacy Studies would like to highlight the work of **Brad Long** who is part of the team for information management and technology services at the center. Brad has designed the Performance Scorecard for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Adult Education. This tool will help track performance at all levels of adult education in the state including English for Speakers of Other Languages.

The desktop monitoring instrument is used by all state-funded adult education programs for accountability and program improvement purposes. On a quarterly basis all programs

receive an updated version of the instrument that tracks performance within the program year but also allows for comparison to previous years. A program can look at trends in its own performance over multiple years.

The Performance Scorecard is basically an offshoot of the desktop monitoring instrument that can be used by legislators and the commissioner to evaluate progress in each region as well as the state in general. It will act as an incentive to programs and as a promotional piece for Tennessee. The designer is based right here at UT in the Center for Literacy Studies.

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American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting

Congratulations to all ELPS faculty members presenting at the 2009 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting.

- Dr. Vince Anfara
- Dr. Pamela Angelle
- Dr. Norma Mertz
- Dr. Margaret Sallee
- Dr. Terrell Strayhorn

The Conference Theme is “Disciplined Inquiry: Education Research in the Circle of Knowledge” and will be held April 13-17, 2009, San Diego, CA

Tourism Presentation

Retail, Hotel and Tourism management professor **Steve Morse**, recently presented research on the impact of tourism in Sullivan Co., which includes Kingsport, TN. His interview with the Kingsport Times News can be viewed on youtube.com at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLqfmU4EYKA>

CEHHS Board of Visitor's

The CEHHS Board of Visitor's spring meeting is scheduled for April 16-17. Department Chairs will present departmental highlights to the board members on April 16. If you have some information to share with the board, please see your appropriate supervisor.

The Educators Hall of Honor

Nominations for the Educators Hall of Honor 2009 The College of Education, Health and Human Sciences is taking nominations for new Hall of Honor inductees now through April 30, 2009. The inductees will be honored during a ceremony May 29, 2009. For more information, please visit http://cehhs.utk.edu/alumni/hall_of_honor.html or call **Elizabeth Woody** at (865) 974-3968.



Early Learning Center for Research and Practice

On February 28th at 2:00 at the McClung Museum Auditorium kindergarten students from the Early Learning Center for Research and Practice participated in the performance of “Homegrown” an inclusive arts program featuring local artists, composers, and performers. The ELC had been collaborating with a local program, the Exceptional Orchestra, for six weeks in the development of a pilot curriculum for after school programs that integrates academic content with arts activities for children of all abilities. More information can be found at the following web address: <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2009/02/25/early-learning-center-helps-homegrown/>

RHTM Career Fair

The RHTM Career Networking Event was held February 5 in the University Center Ballroom. Twenty-two retail and hospitality companies participated. The Fair had a more informal and informational atmosphere this year, due to the current economic climate and lack of jobs and internships available. Over 200 students attended, and the companies were very satisfied with the quality of our students.

Grants and Research

Center for Public Health

A new grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will allow researchers at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to better understand how public health programs affect the level of health care across the U.S.

The \$133,000 grant to the UT Knoxville Center for Public Health will fund a yearlong study to examine the way that changes in health policy on the state level have impacts on the most important health outcomes.

Dr. Paul Erwin, the center's director and the lead researcher on the grant, says the research will add to a small but growing body of evidence that can help inform policy makers and leaders in the field. The grant is part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Public Health Systems and Services Research. More information can be found at <http://www.utk.edu/news/article.php?id=4939>. More information on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation can be found at <http://www.rwjf.org>.

Awards/Achievements

James M. DeVita (ELPS, PhD Student) was selected to participate in the 2009 AERA Division J Emerging Scholars Workshop, which will be held in San Diego, California. James also serves as Research Associate for the Center for Higher Education Research and Policy (CHERP).

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Amanda Blakewood, and James DeVita (ELPS) were selected to receive the 2009 Research Recognition Award by the Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness within the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) for their work on campus climate and LGBT people of color.

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn (ELPS) was awarded the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Member Award during the 3rd Annual African American Image Awards Ceremony at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The award recognized a faculty/staff member who has "excelled to make sure minority students are successful while here at UT."

Excellence in Research Award

In June 2008 **Dr. Susan M. Smith** and **Dr. Linda Peoples** received the Excellence in Research Award, given by the International Emergency Management Society. This award for excellence in research was one of three awards given at the International Emergency Management Society in 2008 at the Annual Professional Conference held in Prague, Czech Republic in June 2008 and the only award given for research conducted at a university located in the United States. Dr. Smith was the primary author for the research paper receiving this award. The paper was entitled: Disaster Response: Community Mental Health Service Capacity in the United States.

KDDA Award

Congratulations to the 2009 Knoxville District Dietetic Association Award winners:

Karen Wetherall - Outstanding Dietitian of the Year (Karen was recently notified that she has been named Tennessee Dietetic Association Outstanding Dietitian of the Year)

Mona Habibi - Outstanding Dietetic Student of the Year:

Marsha Spence - Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year:

The Department of Nutrition will be honoring their award winners during a Awards Reception to be held Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at UTMC.

AT&T Aspire Grant



Fritz Polite, Steven Waller, and David Fox received an AT&T

Aspire Grant for \$28,050. This grant is designed to mentor and provide academic tutoring for vulnerable children. This is a pilot program that could lead to future projects.

Publications & Presentations

Published Book

In June 2008, **Dr. Susan M. Smith**, Associate Professor of Health and Safety and **Ms. K. Council** were section authors for a for a two book series. The coauthored section was entitled "Emergency Preparedness: Applied Science and Engineering and it was included in the "The Safety Professionals Handbook: Technical Applications, published by the American Society of Safety Engineers. This two volume series was published June 2008. This book series is already in its second printing and Dr. Smith has been requested by the American Society of Safety Engineers to serve as a lead author for the next edition of this two volume series.

Published Articles

Richard Allington and **Anne McGill-Franzen**, TPTE, published "Comprehension difficulties among struggling readers" in the Handbook of Reading Comprehension Research edited by Susan Israel and Gerald Duffy and published by Routledge.

Gregg Bennett, Lee Jaedeock, Fritz Polite (2009), "The Role of Involvement in Sports and Sport Spectatorship in Sponsor's Brand Use: The Case of Mountain Dew and Action Sports Sponsorship." The Sport Marketing Quarterly Volume 18-1, pg 14-24.

Rod Runyan coauthored the paper, "Internationalization and Retailing: The Case of Zara," with Meagan Eickman, USC graduate student.

John Antun published "Family Life Cycle Segmentation for Foodservice Marketing," in the Journal of Foodservice Business Research with Bob Frash, College of Charleston.

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Steve Morse and **John Antun** presented a paper, "Have Higher Fuel Prices Changed Tourist Spending Patterns for Restaurants vs. Grocery Store Sales? A Case Study in East Tennessee," to the Southeast CHRIE Research Conference in Atlanta, February 20.

John Antun presented a refereed poster, "A Quasi Experimental Study of Culinary Skills Attainment and Student/Employee Self Esteem Measures," at the Foodservice Educators Leadership Conference in Charleston, SC this week.

Publications & Presentations

In February, **Cheryl Kershaw** and **Mary Ann Blank** (Theory and Practice in Teacher Education) were featured presenters at the National Title I Conference in San Antonio, TX. The presentation was Mentoring as Collaboration: Lessons from the Field for Classroom, School, and District Leaders based on their new book from Corwin Press. The book evolved from a Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant (began in 1999). The book is an accumulation of lessons learned from TN educators who have been participant teams from schools and districts across our state. Corwin Press sponsored a book signing after the presentation.

Greer Litton Fox, Distinguished Professor of Child and Family Studies at the University of Tennessee has been invited to participate as a speaker and discussion leader at the Oxford Round Table on "Children in Harm's Way: The Next Generation Besieged", an international and interdisciplinary gathering of scholars with interests in the social well being of children across the globe. The Round Table will take place on the

historic campus of Lincoln College at Oxford University in Oxford, England March 29-April 2, 2009. During the Round Table deliberations, Dr. Fox will speak about her research on the effects of interparental conflict and violence on children.

Dr. Rita Hagevik and **Dr. Mehmet Aydeniz** presented their research most recently at the Annual International Meeting of The Association for Science Teacher Education in Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Hagevik also presented her work at the 37th Annual Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education, Wichita, KA. Dr. Hagevik's two book chapters are forthcoming. Dr. Aydeniz jointly with **Dr. JoAnn Cady** of Mathematics Education presented at the Tennessee STEM conference in Murfreesboro, TN.

The International Affairs Department of Ossoli Circle invited **Dr. Gorski** to address more than sixty members on February 23 in Knoxville. Her slide presentation was on "Health Care in Cuba" based on her academic tour of the country with members from the American Public Health Association.

From the Editor

Welcome to the CEHHS e-newsletter! This e-newsletter was created to let everyone in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences know about the many activities that are taking place in our college. If you have events, announcements, or news that you would like to share, you can submit it online, or by mail, and we will do our best to make sure that your information will be seen by everyone at UTK - CEHHS.

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