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Causes for Celebration (as of 9/30/2012)
Chris Ray, Assistant Professor in Education, has been invited as part of a small team of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) faculty to attend a training workshop at the Carnegie Foundation in October. The workshop will be facilitated by Tony Bryk and his colleagues and will focus on “Networked Improvement Communities,” which has become a central focus of the Carnegie Foundation’s recent work and will likely become a large part of the CPED third phase in 2013.

This fall marks a milestone for the education doctoral program at NDSU. The annual Education Doctoral Program Fall Conference enters its 10th year. Scheduled for Sept. 27-28 in the Memorial Union, the theme for this year’s event is “Socially Responsible Scholarship.” Approximately 80 students active in doctoral-level coursework are expected to attend, in addition to NDSU faculty, education doctoral program alumni and others who provide support to the program. Traditionally a networking event, the student-led conference will bring together doctoral students from throughout the region. A majority of the students in the program participate via the North Dakota Interactive Video Network. “It’s part of our land-grant mission to bring people in that can’t otherwise attend the traditional classroom setting,” said Aida Martinez-Freeman, conference co-coordinator. Several changes to the conference are intended to engage students and faculty in an interactive scholarly event, said Nate Wood, education doctoral program faculty liaison. This year features concurrent sessions on institutional analysis and adult education, a forum on doctoral research and networking opportunities. Stephen D. Brookfield, a Distinguished Professor at the University of St. Thomas, will be the keynote speaker. An internationally acclaimed author in adult education, Brookfield has written 15 books on adult learning, teaching, critical thinking, discussion methods and critical theory. His Sept. 28 keynote address is titled “Becoming a Critically Reflective Educator.” Brookfield also will hold a conversation about his book, “Radicalizing Learning: Adult Education for a Just World,” at the conference’s welcome event and social Sept. 27. Pre-conference events include a pedagogical luncheon, hosted in partnership with the NDSU provost’s office. Open to NDSU faculty, the luncheon is themed “What Does It Mean to Act Critically” and is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Arikara room. Concurrent sessions will be held in the Memorial Union. Bryan Barts, associate director of the NDSU Career Center, will present “How to Create a Competitive CV” in the Prairie room. Robert Nielsen, professor of education, will present “Stress and the Graduate Student” in the Arikara room. Chris Ray, assistant professor of education, will present “The Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate” in the Plains room. Myron Eighmy, education doctoral program coordinator, said the event is a celebration of several milestones within the program. It will introduce a new cohort of doctoral students, acknowledge students that have completed comprehensive exams and are beginning their dissertation, and congratulate those who have graduated from the program. Eighmy, who will provide a closing address on the state of the program, said the student-led conference provides valuable experience. “It gives students new to the program an early opportunity to start building on their professional development,” he said. NDSU is recognized as one of the nation's top 108 public and private universities by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.
• Sherri Stastny, Assistant Professor in Dietetics, will be recognized for 25 years of membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at the National meeting in October.

• Denise Lajimodiere, recently received word that her research manuscript entitled, “Stringing Rosaries: A Qualitative Study of Sixteen Northern Plains American Indian Boarding School Survivors” will be published by the Journal of Multiculturalism in Education in the October issue which is slated for late October.

• Mari Borr, Assistant Professor, School of Education, and Virginia Clark Johnson, Dean, College of Human Development and Education, along with Karen Bergh (Central Washington University), Karen Alexander, Barbara Allison, Sue Couch (all of Texas Tech University), Debra Debates (South Dakota State University), and Julie Johnson (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) have a feature article accepted for publication in the fall 2012 issue of the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences. The article, “The Use of Messages and Media in an Inter-institutional, Online Approach to FCS Teacher Preparation”, describes the inter-institutional master’s program in Family and Consumer Sciences Education offered through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, as well as distance teaching techniques they have developed in teaching courses within this program.

• NDSU alumni Dr. William Stark and his family presented a vintage clothing collection of considerable breadth and depth to the Emily Reynolds Historic Costume Collection. A ceremony honoring the Stark family and their gift was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Highlights from the donation were on display. The Dr. William and Pricilla (Pat) Hadler Stark Vintage Clothing Collection includes items of dress dating form the 1800s to the 1970s. Highlights include a ball gown from Abraham Lincoln’s inauguration, a 1930s baseball uniform, and primary references including Godey’s Ladies’ Journal, Peterson’s Magazine, and over 50 reference books. Mrs. Stark used the collection to stage displays and vintage style shows with her company “The Way We Wear” in the Rockford, Illinois and Phoenix, Arizona areas. The Starks met at NDSU and they both graduated in 1949.

• The “NDSU Let's Move in Home School” program has kicked-off it's inaugural year. This is a free standards-based physical education program for homeschool children ages 5-12 years. Over 65 children are participating in lessons taught by senior undergraduate physical education majors under the direction of Jenny Eskew, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences. The philosophy of the program is to provide children with enjoyable, age-appropriate physical activity experiences in an emotionally and physically safe environment while emphasizing motor skill development and personal success.

• Joe Deutsch, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, was named 2012 North Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance "College/University Teacher of the Year. He was nominated by students for this award. He also had a manuscript accepted for publication: Kaldor, A., & Deutsch, J. (In Press). Making a case for having a physical education specialist, Strategies.
• Kara Gange, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, was involved in a study with Dr. Sanku Mallik (and others) of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department at NDSU that was recently published: Nahire, R., Shirshendu, P., Scott, M.D., Singh, R.K., Muhonen, W.W., Shabb, J., Gange, K.N., Srivastava, D.K., Sarkar, K., and Mallik, S. Ultrasound enhanced matrix Metalloproteinase-9 triggered release of contents from echogenic liposomes. Molecular Pharmaceutics. 2012, 9, 2554-2564.

• Julie Garden-Robinson Professor, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, presented the results of a statewide Extension program, "Nourish and Protect Your Skin" at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference in Columbus, Ohio in September. She also presented a poster, "Spilling the Beans: The Preschool Bean Project," coauthored with Extension Associate Stacy Wang. "Spilling the Beans" was carried out at the NDSU Center for Child Development, and the research/education project received the Central Region first place award for nutrition education.


• Bryan Christensen, Associate Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, has been named as the new Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Sciences, and Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, is the new Program Coordinator for the Health/Physical Education/Sport and Recreation Leadership work group.

• Dr. Molly Secor-Turner, Assistant Professor of Nursing (Co-PI) and Dr. Brandy Randall, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science (Co-PI) have been awarded a Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Competitive Grant through the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for $1,164,141 over 3 years. The goal of the grant is to provide comprehensive, evidence-based teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention programming grounded in healthy youth development to vulnerable, high-risk youth in the greater Fargo-Moorhead area. The grant will be facilitated through a subcontract with Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.
Larry Napoleon and Anita Welch, Assistant Professors in the School of Education, have been invited to present a workshop entitled “Readiness for Virtual Mediated Instruction (RVMI): An Instrument to Assess the Professional Dispositions of Successful Educators in the Virtual Classroom” at the Fourth International Conference on Education and Educational Psychology scheduled for October 2013 in Antalya, Turkey. IDEEPSY 2013 is organized by Cognitive-Counselling, Research and Conference Services which is based in Cyprus, in cooperation with Point Loma Nazarene University (USA), National Taiwan Normal University (Taiwan), and educational journals.


NDSU Extension is on the pulse of innovative obesity prevention methods with its participation in the Communities Preventing Childhood Obesity (CPCO) project. This USDA AFRI grant-funded research combines the efforts of Extension specialists across seven states in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, community development and family and youth development with a common goal start a community development intervention to prevent childhood obesity. The study’s design is guided by the Ecological Model of Childhood Overweight, which considers how environmental factors affect the weight status of preschool-aged children. Similar community-wide solutions have been proven to be the most effective approach to obesity prevention because efforts are sustainable and perpetuate future generations. For this 5-year project, two rural communities (1 control and 1 intervention) in each state will receive $5000 for each year they participate and a menu of possible nutrition and physical activity interventions to implement in their community. Only one community in each state will be assigned a community coach to help design a strategic plan to meet community needs for obesity prevention. Overall, CPCO aims to build community capacity to strengthen networks that support healthy lifestyles and examine how effective community coaching is in achieving this goal. Brandy Buro, a graduate student in the Nutrition and Exercise Science program, is a research assistant working on the project. She serves as one of the main CPCO representatives and contacts for communities participating in North Dakota. Offering guidance to coalitions in fiscal matters and acting as a liaison between coalitions and the entire CPCO team are central priorities. Brandy has also created the funding policy and various promotional and educational materials used among all seven states and will evaluate data of community-wide assessments and survey results.

Emma Skumautz, a student in Apparel Studies, is a finalist in a design contest sponsored by HalloweenCostumes.com, an on-line retailer based in Minnesota. Her costume design can be viewed at http://www.halloweencostumes.com/blog/post/2012/09/07/ultimate-halloween-costume-design-contest-selected-sketches-and-designers.aspx
• Anita Welch, Assistant Professor in the School of Education, has been selected to receive a national Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award. Love of Learning Awards help fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members to include: Graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development, travel related to teaching/studies, etc. Anita is currently the President of the NDSU Phi Kappa Phi Chapter and serves on the National Board of Directors.

• Dr. Denise K. Lajimodiere, Assistant Professor, School of Education, has been elected President of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (N-NABSHC). The Coalition is working closely with Native American Rights Fund lawyers (NARF), National Indian Education Association (NIEA), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Francisco Cali, United Nations representative, and the Committee to Eliminate Racial Discrimination (CERD), to bring to national and international attention the human rights abuses committed against Native American children at Native American Boarding Schools. Dr. Lajimodiere’s research has been key in documenting the abuses.

• Minot State University social work students have started a branch of the Student Social Work Organization in Fargo. These students are involved in a dual degree program between the Social Work Program at MSU, and the Human Development Family Relations program at NDSU. The students will be participating in the upcoming Out of the Darkness Community Walk in Fargo for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. They will also be involved in the “Take Back the Night” event, which is a Sexual Assault Prevention Program. They will also be working with the Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, which is November 10-18, through which they will be helping with promoting the end to hunger and homelessness in the Fargo-Moorhead community. Students are also organizing a fund-raising and food/supply drive for the Minot community. The students will take the money, supplies, and food to the Minot community, where they will tour the areas affected by the flood, as well as the rebuilding which has been accomplished in the community. They will meet with some service providers from the Minot area while in the community, and tour the MSU campus.

• Deb DeWitz recently joined the NASW (National Association of Social Workers) North Dakota Board of Directors as the Fargo representative. In the past, she has served on the national Board of Directors, as well as several national committees or task forces.

• Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, along with Jesse Barnacle and Amanda Kaldor had a manuscript titled “Current issues in K-12 physical education curriculum” published in the Missouri Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Barnacle and Kaldor both received their MS from NDSU. Barnacle is a physical education teacher in Dilworth Glyndon Felton Public Schools and Kaldor is a physical education teacher in the Fargo Public Schools.
• Brad Strand, Professor, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences and Gale Wiedow (Dakota State University) presented a paper titled “Professionalism and advocacy in our profession” at the North Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention held recently in Bismarck and Brad and Tyler Tracy (HNES graduate student) presented a paper titled “A discussion on punishment and discipline in physical education and sport.”

• Rebecca Woods, Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Science, published a paper in the Developmental Psychology, entitled, “Posture Support Facilitates Object Individuation in Infants.”

• Lori Scharmer, Ward Co Extension Agent, Ken Hellevang, Extension Specialist and Debra Pankow, Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Sciences/Extension, won the ESP Regional award for meritorious Distinguished Team for the project: Flooding Preparation & Recovery Education and Assistance which will be presented at the awards banquet October 10 in Mobile AL. ESP--Epsilon Sigma Phi is the Honorary Fraternity for Extension Professionals.