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**DEAN'S MESSAGE**

**Best ideas flourish in 'blue-sky' culture**

Dean Catherine Emihovich talks about building a culture of research within the College of Education. [\(more\)](#)

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**TOP STORIES**

**Rose Pringle is Teacher of the Year for second time**

Rose Pringle, assistant professor, School of Teaching and Learning, has been named the 2006 College of Education Teacher of the Year. This is the second time Pringle has received this award. She also holds the title for 2002. [\(more\)](#)

**Editorial columnist Cynthia Tucker to speak at May 7 commencement**

Nationally syndicated newspaper columnist Cynthia Tucker will be the featured keynote speaker at the 2006 College of Education Spring Commencement on

Sunday, May 7, in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on the University of Florida Gainesville campus. ([more](#))

### **COE researchers partner in collaborative teacher learning project**

Mary Brownell, professor, Special Education, and several researchers from the College of Education and the University of Virginia have teamed up to examine how teachers who readily adopt instructional innovations acquired in teacher study groups, professional development schools and other collaborative arrangements differ from those who don't. Their research report appears in the latest edition of *Exceptional Children*, the quarterly special-education journal of the Council for Exceptional Children. ([more](#))

### **PKY adds lacrosse, swim teams to sports programs**

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School has diversified its sports program with the addition of boys' lacrosse and coed swim teams. Open to sixth- through 12<sup>th</sup>- graders, the new teams are expected to increase the number of students taking part in sports at the school. "I believe that participation is the start of a healthy lifestyle, and I also believe that by playing a sport, the student athlete will learn skills that will be invaluable in the real world, such as communication and cooperation," says Ellie Elliot, PKY instructor. The season for the swim team begins in August. The lacrosse team is playing now, with district matches and finals coming up in April.

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## **FACULTY-STAFF HONORS & APPOINTMENTS**

### **Science teaching journal honors assistant professor**

Troy Sadler, assistant professor, School of Teaching and Learning, has been chosen by the National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) to receive the 2006 Journal of Research in Science Teaching (JRST) Award for "Patterns of informal reasoning in the context of socio-scientific decision making," an article he wrote with Dana Zeidler. The selection committee gave the article, which appeared in *JRST*, 42(1), 112-138, the highest rating of all the articles published in volume 42. Sadler will receive his award at the annual NARST meeting in April.

### **Special Education professor receives CEC Teacher of the Year honors**

Vivian Correa, professor, Special Education, has been named Merrill Teacher Educator of the Year for 2006 by the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The award recognizes Correa's work in teacher education research and practice, as well as her service to the profession. Currently, Correa is serving as co-editor of the journal *Teacher Education and Special Education* and is a board member of the Teacher Education Division of the CEC. Correa will receive the award at the CEC annual convention in April.

### **COE dean takes leadership role in Holmes research panel**

Catherine Emihovich, dean, College of Education, has been appointed vice president of research for the Holmes Partnership. Her role will be to collect and disseminate research evidence on the impact by school-university partnerships affiliated with Holmes on student achievement and school improvement, particularly in high-poverty schools.

### **Counseling group names West-Olatunji president elect-elect**

Cirecie A. West-Olatunji, assistant professor, Counselor Education, has been voted president elect-elect of the Association for Multiculturalism Counseling and Development, which is a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA). In her new role, West-Olatunji will serve on the ACA governing council and act as a liaison to other organizations with similar interests and goals to augment cultural competency and awareness among counseling professionals and trainees by facilitating the dissemination of research, mentorship and coalition-building activities. She begins her term as president elect-elect in July and will shadow the current president for one year. In July 2007 she will begin serving her one-year term as president. She will complete her third year of service as immediate past-president.

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## STUDENT HONORS

### Doctoral student wins Korean research award

College of Education doctoral student Seonjin Seo has been selected by the University of Florida to receive the Korean Graduate Student Research Award for her publication of research studies on various topics including instructional practices for students with learning disabilities, personnel issues in special education and international education. ([more](#))

### Counselor education students lend helping hands to community

The Alachua County Crisis Center recently honored dozens of counselor education students and alumni for their volunteer service in a number of roles from telephone counselors and trainers to care team associates and consultants. The Crisis Center recognizes these students volunteer their time on top of their academic obligations and is grateful for their help.

In a separate event, more than 20 students raised over \$150 to purchase food to prepare dinner for residents of St. Francis House homeless shelter. The students then worked in concert to fix a meal of lasagna, salad and desserts.

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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Following is a sampling of recent faculty and graduate student publications and presentations in the College:

► Linda Hagedorn, chair, Educational Administration and Policy, has the following new publications:

- "Transcript Analyses as a Tool to Understand Community," *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College* (2005), 13(1), Fall. 45-57.
- "Native Hawaiian Community College Students: What Happens?" *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* (2006), 30(1), 21-40. (Co-written with Lester, J., Tibbetts, K., and Moon, H.S.)
- "Transfer Between Community Colleges and Four-Year Colleges: The All American Game," *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* (2006), 30(3), 223-242. (Co-written with Moon, H.S., Cypers, S., Maxwell, W.E. and Lester, J.)

► Campbell, Dale F., "The New Leadership Gap: Shortages in Administrative Positions," *Community College Journal*, 76(4), 10-14. Campbell is a professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy.

► David Quinn, assistant professor, Educational Administration and Policy, co-presented "Data-Driven Decision-Making: Preparing Leaders, Documenting Readiness and Gauging Implementation" at the annual convention of the University Council for Educational Administration held in November.

► Linda Behar-Horenstein, professor, Educational Administration and Policy, has the following publications:

- "Looking into Classrooms: Student Achievement, Student Absenteeism, Teacher Efficacy, and Teacher Instruction of Highly Mobile Students in Specialized and Traditional School Settings," *Curriculum and Teaching* (2005), 20, 15-39. (Co-author with Anusavice, S.H.)
- "Improving patient care through patient-family education programs," *Hospital Topics* (2005), 83, 21-27. (Co-author with Guin, P., Gamble, K., Hurlock, G., Leclerc, E., Philopose, M., Shellnut, D. Ward, and Weldon, J.)
- "Looking into classrooms: Teachers' use of models of teaching," *Educational Practice and Theory* (2005), 27(1), 49-66. (Co-author with Seabert, D.M.)
- "A case study examining instructional practices at a U.S. dental school," *Journal of Dental Education* (2005), 69(6), 639-648. (Co-author with Mitchell, G.S. and Dolan, T.A.)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### College sponsors faculty workshop on diversity

All Education faculty are invited to join Shari Robinson as she facilitates a March 24 workshop titled "Fostering Diversity and Success in Academia Through Faculty Development." The workshop, which is sponsored by the Faculty/Student Recruitment, Retention and Development Task Force, will draw on JoAnne Moody's work on faculty diversity and provide information on academic advancement and practical strategies for mentoring. The workshop will run from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the Terrace Room of Norman Hall. Register by e-mail to Michael Bowie at [mbowie@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:mbowie@coe.ufl.edu).

### Nominations sought for Staff Member of the Year

The deadline to submit nominations for College of Education Staff Member of the Year is March 31. Full-time USPS and TEAMS employees who have been employed in the College for at least one year are eligible for the awards. Nominations will be accepted from faculty or staff, and self-nominations are allowed. Nomination forms and two letters of recommendation should be submitted to Ric T'Felt in Norman 121. Electronic submissions may be sent to [rict@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:rict@coe.ufl.edu). Two award winners will be announced at the April 27 Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

### Sunshine State Universities hosting reception at AERA conference

College of Education faculty members attending this year's AERA conference in San Francisco are invited to the Sunshine State Universities reception from 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday, April 9, in Room 132 of Moscone Center North. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

### State Chancellor Rosenburg to visit COE April 28

Mark Rosenberg, the new chancellor of the State University System (SUS), will be meeting with faculty and staff at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 28, in the Terrace Room of Norman Hall. Rosenberg is visiting each college of education in SUS to learn more about educational issues and concerns at the state university level. This will be a good opportunity to voice ideas about the steps the College should take to meet the state's educational needs. Contact Jodi Mount, [jmount@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:jmount@coe.ufl.edu) or 392-0728, ext. 250, if you plan to attend.

### **UF Relay for Life team looking for cancer survivors**

The Survivor Committee of the UF Colleges Against Cancer is currently registering UF faculty, staff and student cancer survivors interested in taking part in the second annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life on March 24 and 25 at the O'Connell Center. These survivors will be honored during opening ceremonies at the Relay for Life and a dinner reception following the event. Relay for Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship by raising money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, helping those who have been touched by cancer and empowering individuals to fight this disease. E-mail the Relay for Life '06 Survivor Committee at [UFRelay\\_Survivor@yahoo.com](mailto:UFRelay_Survivor@yahoo.com) to register or share thoughts and ideas about the Relay, or about what UF Colleges Against Cancer can do to help.

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## **coE-CALENDAR**

### **MARCH 15**

#### **Teacher Inquiry Workshop**

8 a.m., P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School

Contact: Nancy Dana, 2-0728, ext. 276

### **MARCH 21**

#### **Recruitment, Retention, and Multicultural Affairs workshop**

Featuring Edil Torres Rivera speaking on "Social Justice: Teaching Peace Education"

6 p.m., Terrace Room

Contact: Shirl Caliste, 2-5242, ext. 25

#### **Houghton Mifflin Company Book Fair**

10 a.m., Terrace Room

### **MARCH 23**

#### **Education College Council meeting**

6:30 p.m., Terrace Room

Contact: Theresa Vernetson, 2-1058, ext. 400

### **MARCH 24**

#### **Faculty Professional Development workshop**

"Fostering Diversity and Success in Academia," featuring Shari Robinson, facilitator

8:30 a.m., Terrace Room

Contact: Michael Bowie, 2-9195, ext. 29, [mbowie@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:mbowie@coe.ufl.edu)

#### **Alumni Lunch and Lecture**

Featuring Mary Brownell speaking on "A High-Quality Teacher for Every Child With A Disability"

11:30 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

### **MARCH 30**

#### **Education College Council meeting**

6:30 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Theresa Vernetson, 2-1058, ext. 400*

### **APRIL 3**

#### **Recruitment, Retention, and Multicultural Affairs Workshop**

6 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Shirl Caliste, 2-5242, ext. 22*

### **APRIL 6**

#### **Education College Council meeting**

6:30 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Theresa Vernetson, 2-1058, ext. 400*

### **APRIL 9**

#### **AERA Conference: Sunshine State Universities Reception**

7 p.m., Moscone Center North, Room 132  
*Contact: Dean's Office, 2-0728, ext. 226*

### **APRIL 12**

#### **Staff Council meeting**

9 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Sabrina McLaughlin, 2-0726, ext. 262*

### **APRIL 13**

#### **Education College Council meeting**

6:30 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Theresa Vernetson, 2-1058, ext. 400*

### **APRIL 19**

#### **International Center Workshop for Teachers of Alachua County**

8 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: David Akombo, dakombo@ufl.edu*

### **APRIL 20**

#### **Scholarship of Engagement Banquet**

With Provost Janie Fouke as guest speaker  
5:30 p.m., Emerson Alumni Hall Ballroom  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

### **APRIL 21**

#### **Alumni Lunch and Lecture**

Featuring Linda Behar-Horenstein speaking on "The Role of Classroom Observation Research"  
11:30 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

#### **Alumni Association Jimmy Buffet Cover Band Concert**

Followed by Urban Meyer Pep Rally  
6 p.m. (concert); 9 p.m. (pep rally)  
*Contact Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

**“Annie” musical**

7 p.m., P.K. Yonge Performing Arts Center  
*Contact: 392-1554, ext. 260 for ticket information*

**APRIL 22**

**Orange-and-Blue Barbecue and Game**

Hosted by the College of Education and Alumni Association  
11 a.m. (barbecue); 1:30 p.m. (game)  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

**“Annie” musical**

7 p.m., P.K. Yonge Performing Arts Center  
*Contact: 392-1554, ext. 260 for ticket information*

**APRIL 23**

**“Annie” musical**

2 p.m., P.K. Yonge Performing Arts Center  
*Contact: 392-1554, ext. 260 for ticket information*

**APRIL 28**

**SUS Chancellor address**

Mark Rosenberg, new chancellor of the State University System, will be speaking with faculty and staff on educational issues at the state level.  
11 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, [jmount@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:jmount@coe.ufl.edu), 2-0728, ext. 250*

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## IN THE NEWS

The following “media hits” from News & Publications news release distribution and media inquiries have occurred recently:

► Art Sandeen, professor, Educational Administration and Policy, was quoted in a Gainesville Sun story on plans to institute federally mandated standardized testing at colleges and universities in the United States. The article may be viewed online at [www.gainesville.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060219/LOCAL/202190352/1078/news](http://www.gainesville.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060219/LOCAL/202190352/1078/news).

► Dorene Ross, professor, School of Teaching and Learning, was quoted in an Ocala Star Banner story on the passage of the E-Comp (Effective Compensation) plan calling for the top 10 percent of teachers being paid 5 percent or more if their students do well on the FCAT and other standardized tests. The article headlined “Teacher bonus plan draws fire” may be viewed online at [www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060223/NEWS/60223005/1001/news01](http://www.ocala.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060223/NEWS/60223005/1001/news01).

► Catherine Emihovich, dean, and Dorene Ross, professor, School of Teaching and Learning, were quoted in a March 6 Gainesville Sun article describing the range of

education bills the Florida Legislature will be facing in this year's legislative session. The article headlined "Educators express concerns over range of bills" may be viewed online at [www.gainesville.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060307/LOCAL/203070329/1078/news](http://www.gainesville.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060307/LOCAL/203070329/1078/news),

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