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Plains Indian Sign Language: Project Documents Endangered Languages

With support of a one-year (\$100,000) research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), sign language linguists **Dr. Jeffrey Davis** (University of Tennessee) and Melanie McKay-Cody (Chickamauga Cherokee/Choctaw; William Woods University, Fulton, MO) will collect contemporary sign language narratives of American Indians who know and use Plains Indian Sign Language (PISL). Historically, PISL served various social and discourse functions among numerous American Indian communities of the Great Plains. PISL is distinct from American Sign Language (ASL) that is used in Deaf communities of the US and Canada. Today, PISL is an endangered language. It has not vanished, however, and is still being used and learned within some native groups in traditional storytelling, rituals, and conversational narratives by both deaf and hearing American Indians.

Recently, Dr. Jeffrey Davis, Associate Professor in TPTE's Interpreter Education/ASL studies program, conducted the first round of fieldwork on the Northern Cheyenne, Assiniboine, Nakota/Gros Ventre reservations of Montana. The NSF has recognized the urgent need for sign language linguists to collaborate with deaf and hearing members of American Indian signing communities. The one-year project aims to: document the current sociolinguistic status of PISL; describe its linguistic structure; produce annotations and captions of documentary materials and films; contribute to the revitalization of PISL in native communities where it once thrived; and make accessible to broader audiences this important yet often overlooked part of American Indian linguistic and cultural heritage. Davis plans to integrate these findings into the digital archive of American Indian sign language he developed in collaboration with the Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives. Further information can be found at Davis' research website: <http://sunsite.utk.edu/pisl/>

Focus on Faculty

From the Dean

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Dear Friends,

We are well into the Fall academic term and the leaves are not the only things changing around our beautiful Knoxville campus. The College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences is rich in tradition and history, however we are constantly changing to meet the needs of today's citizens. Important work continues in all disciplines of the College, including the principal areas of education, health, nutrition, child and family studies, exercise and sport science and consumer sciences. Our students and faculty are among the best and brightest anywhere and hope springs eternal for continued success in our development efforts so that we will continue to provide the support needed for student scholarship and faculty research. You will be happy to know that we are inching ever so close to our Capital Campaign goal of \$20 million. We are less than \$200 thousand dollars away from this goal and the generosity shown by you, the alumni and friends of the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences has and will continue to assure our success in this endeavor. Thank you again for your continued support and advocacy and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bob Rider, Dean
College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

CEHHS Staff win Volunteers of the Year Award

Jamia Stokes, CEHHS Coordinator for Recruitment and Retention, and her husband **Eric Stokes**, Assistant Director for Undergraduate Admissions, have been selected to receive this year's Knoxville Area Urban League's Volunteers of the Year Award. This recognition is presented annually at the Knoxville Area Urban League's Equal Opportunity Awards Gala. Jamia and Eric have been volunteering with the Urban League's National Achievers Honor Society program for the past three years. In their role as volunteers they have assisted with planning academic and cultural events for high school students to help them prepare for college.

Early Learning Center Supports Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children Conference

Six teachers from the Early Learning Center for Research and Practice were accepted to present workshops at the TAEYC conference in Gatlinburg on October 14-17. Executive Director **Dr. Sean Durham** was invited to serve as a featured speaker. Of note, **Becca Jones**, teacher at the ELC's South Doyle program, will provide a workshop on supporting children's early literacy through intentional teaching and family literacy activities.

Karen Bluth Gill, Nancy Carow, Jennifer Reece, and Kristen Smith, graduate and undergraduate students in Child and Family Studies, were selected to present at the Conference's Student Poster Session. Each will receive a \$400 scholarship to support their attendance at the conference and membership in the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

RHTM 2010 Career Fair

The Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management Career Fair will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m., in the Ball Room of the Carolyn P. Brown Memorial University Center. For more info contact Dean Aaser, daaser1@utk.edu, 865-974-6240 or Lucy Simpson, Lucy_Simpson@utk.edu, 865-974-6242

Focus on Faculty

ELPS Celebrates their 60th Anniversary!

This year the department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies is celebrating its 60th anniversary! Learn more about the department with a video tour of the ELPS department's history! You can view the video at <http://elps.utk.edu/video/60AnnvFlash/ELPS-60-Year-Celebration.html>

UT Retail Faculty Rank High in Research Productivity

The amount of research being done by retail faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, ranks in the top 20 internationally and in the top five nationally, according to published studies recently done by two members of the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Management department.

Assistant Professor **Rodney Runyan** and doctoral candidate **Jonghan Hyun** studied faculty and program productivity in the retail discipline at colleges and universities around the world. They looked at research appearing in four key retailing journals over the past 15 years. A report of their findings has been accepted for publication in the *International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research*.

Looking at the amount of research done by retail faculty and programs worldwide, the researchers found that UT rates in the top 20 on two of three indices. UT is among only seven U.S. universities in the top 20.

Looking at national statistics, the researchers found:

- UT ranks fifth in total scholarly productivity.
- Two of the top 20 scholars (**Brenda Sternquist** and **Jason Carpenter**) have doctorates from UT, and together their output ranks second.
- UT ranks fourth in the percentage of its scholarly output in retailing coming from the retail program.

That is, during the 15 years of data studied, 58 percent of the scholarly output in this area was produced by Retail and Consumer Sciences; the remainder was done by other UT departments, including marketing and management.

Further, the researchers found that two current faculty members ranked in the top 20 nationally in terms of productivity. **Professor Youn-Kyung Kim** ranked eighth and **Professor Ann Fairhurst** ranked 17th.

Student Awards Celebration

On October 13 the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences held the annual Student Awards Celebration at the University Center on the Knoxville campus. The event honors students in the College who have received a scholarship or fellowship and gives those students the opportunity to meet and thank the donors who make the awards possible. Thanks directly to our donors, over 280 students received scholarships

or fellowships that totaled just under \$660,000. While each scholarship or fellowship varies in the selection criteria, the recipients are all students of true accomplishment and promise. You can view a photo gallery of the event at <http://cehhs.utk.edu/images/Student%20awards%20Gallery/index.htm>.



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Visiting Scholar

The Department of Educational Psychology & Counseling is proud to be hosting **Dr. Jingfan Jiang**, a visiting scholar from China. Dr. Jiang's research plan while here at The University of Tennessee is on "The Influence on the Value Judgment from Researchers' Ethnic Cultural Background in Qualitative Research." She can be contacted at jjiang7@utk.edu.

UT's KLASS Center Ready to Expand Client Load

As the new school year begins, the Korn Learning, Assessment and Social Skill (KLASS) Center at UT Knoxville is prepared to see students, from preschool to college, who have academic or social problems that prevent them from succeeding in school. The KLASS Center was launched early last year after the college received a \$2 million gift from UT supporters Pam and Tom Korn to open a center dedicated to helping students who are struggling in school. Read more at: <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2009/08/13/learning-problems-uts-klass-center-ready-to-expand-client-load/>

Jim Bemiller (ESLS) was selected by City View magazine as one of the top entertainment and sports lawyers in our region. Read more at: http://www.cityviewmag.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=372



Reception for Dr. Vena Long

CEHHS celebrated Dr. Vena Long's service as Associate Dean at a reception on Friday, September 11th thank Dr. Long for her outstanding service to the College. [Click here to view a slide show of the reception.](#)

In Memoriam

Dr. Ed Counts

This last august, Ed Counts lost his battle with a host of chronic health problems. He died at the Vanderbilt Hospital, surrounded by family and friends. Ed has been a valued member of the IT Program and the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling. His reputation as a student-oriented faculty member is well deserved. We will miss him.

Dr. Mary Kay Bordner

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our friend and colleague, Mary Kay Bordner. She passed away Wednesday, October 7 in Connecticut of complications following heart surgery. Mary Kay received her PhD from UT and she joined our college family in 1987, retiring in 2006. For most of those years, Mary Kay was Placement Coordinator in the School-Based Experiences Office. She served on multiple college and department committees and participated in many college functions, often volunteering to work behind the scenes. Mary Kay was an extraordinarily open and positive person who loved her work and cared deeply about her students. We will miss her.

UT's John Antun is Tennessee Hospitality Educator of the Year

John Antun, assistant professor in the retail, hospitality and tourism management department and director of the Culinary Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the Tennessee Hospitality Educator of the Year.

The award was presented to Antun earlier this month at the annual meeting and trade show of the Tennessee Hospitality Association. The group was created by a merger of Tennessee Restaurant Association and the Tennessee Hotel & Lodging Association. This is the first year the group has honored a hospitality educator.

"I'm honored and humbled at the same time," said Antun, a certified executive chef who spent more than 40 years in the hospitality industry and who opened and operated four successful restaurants in the New York metropolitan area before earning his doctorate and becoming a teacher.

"Being a teacher is a wonderful experience. It kind of closes the circle on my professional life — from being a chef to being honored as an educator of chefs."

Grants and Research

Dr. Fritz G. Polite & Dr. Steven N.

Waller (Co-Directors) have been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Project Grad Executive Board. Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) is a comprehensive program designed to enhance the academic achievement of K-12 students from low socioeconomic backgrounds in the public school system. The funding will support the Partners for Enhancing Educational Resources project. The PEER Project focus will be in the areas of tutoring, academic achievement, peer mentoring and college/vocational prep.

Dr. Heidi Stolz (Child and Family Studies) and **Dr. Denise Brandon** (UT Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences) have recently been awarded two contracts from Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee (PCAT). The Center for Parenting (www.center4parenting.org), co-directed by Drs. Brandon and Stolz will provide evaluation services for each of the following three projects:

- PCAT Parent Leadership Initiative (\$30,000 over three years). The goal of the Parent Leadership Initiative is to instill a broad philosophy of parent inclusion and empowerment within family service organizations across the state of Tennessee.

- PCAT Shaken Baby Prevention Project & PCAT Infant Disparity Project (\$35,000 over one year). The Shaken Baby Prevention Project involves training 400 hospital employees in 8 hospitals in Davidson, Rutherford and Montgomery Counties to provide a brief intervention to all parents of newborns over a 7 month period (approximately 9,000 parents). This intervention focuses on the dangers of shaking babies, and alternative methods for handling parent stress and frustration.

- The Infant Disparities Project involves identifying 40 high risk families and providing them with broad resources through six organizations serving on the Safe Child Coalition. The goals of the project are to improve high-risk infants' physical health at birth and over the course of the first year of life

Drs. David Cihak & Sharon Barkdoll

received an award for \$119,080 from the Tennessee Department of Education to prepared special education teachers in K-12 Comprehensive Special Education.

AWARDS

Dr. Guoxun Chen (Nutrition) received the prestigious 2009 NPAM Young Investigator Award from the American Heart Association. He has been invited to present his paper entitled "Vitamin A Status Regulates Glucose and Lipid Homeostasis in Rats" at a special oral scientific session at the annual AHA national meeting in Orlando. With this award comes an engraved plaque, a cash prize and travel expenses to attend the meeting.

Dr. Steve McCallum (EPC) selected as Quest Scholar of the Week

R. Steve McCallum, professor and head of the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling, so far this year has co-authored three articles in refereed journals, two book chapters, three papers at national conferences and two papers at an international conference in Alicante, Spain, and has three publications in press. Most of his work focuses on assessment of cognition, reading and related constructs, and the relationship between assessment and academic performance. QUEST, is UT Knoxville's comprehensive research initiative.

Robert L. Williams (EPC) selected as Quest Scholar of the Week

Robert L. Williams, a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling, has been leading a graduate-student research group that so far this year has published five articles in major peer-reviewed journals. The doctoral students in his research group examined the instructional format of a large UTK educational psychology course and the psychosocial characteristics of the students who took the course.

Rebecca Dover was recently awarded the Phi Kappa Phi McDow scholarship.

Steve Morse (RHTM) has been elected to represent Tennessee in the Travel and Tourism Research Association's Southeast Chapter.

Jeesun Park, Retail and Consumer Sciences doctoral student, has been selected by the RHTM faculty to be the ESPN Fellow in the Department of Retail, Hospitality, and Tourism Management.

Publications & Presentations

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Published Books

Susan L. Groenke and J. Amos Hatch's new edited book, "Critical Pedagogy and Teacher Education in the Neoliberal Era: Small Openings" was just published by Springer (2009). The book describes the effects of neoliberalism on university-based teacher preparation programs, and the teacher educators in such programs who aim to do critical work. Paired with descriptions of the negative effects of neoliberalism are accounts of teacher educators who persist in finding "small openings" in their contexts to foster critical reflection, intellectual engagement, and examination of alternative paradigms that help beginning teachers pursue deeper understandings about schooling in a democratic society.

O'Bannon, B., & Puckett, K. (2010). "Preparing to use technology: A practical guide to curriculum integration 2/e". Boston: Allyn and Bacon. ISBN: 10:0-13-508421-0

Published Papers and Articles

Rodney Runyan and Jonghan Hyun (doctoral candidate) have had their paper accepted to the International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research. Additionally a domestic (and smaller) version of the study was just presented at the AMS/ACRA Triennial conference on Retailing and it has now been published in the refereed proceedings.

Ed. Psych. & Counseling would also like to announce publication of the article "Understanding School Counseling Internships From a Communities of Practice Framework" by **Drs. Marianne Woodside, Mary Ziegler, & Trena Paulus** in the Journal of Counselor Education and Supervision (Volume 49, No. 1, Sept. 2009).

Waller, S. (in press). "Favorite pew or box seat? Sabbath beliefs as a constraint to sporting event attendance on Sunday: A congregational study". Journal of Religion and Popular Culture, Summer 2009.

Waller, S. (2009). "Doctrinal beliefs as a determinant of sin associated with select leisure activities". Journal of Unconventional Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Research, 2(1), 7-18.

Runyan, Rodney C. and Jonghan Hyun (2009), "Author institution rankings in retail research: An analysis of the four retail journals from 1994-2008," International Review of Retail, Distribution and Consumer Research (in press).

Hyun, Jonghan and Rodney C. Runyan, (2009), "North American author and institution rankings in retailing scholarship: 1994-2008", in (Joel R. Evans, Ed.), Retailing 2009: "Strategic Challenges and Opportunities in Uncertain Times", 12, Academy of Marketing Science, Hempstead: NY, 136-140.

Brown, C. L. (2009). "Heritage Language and Ethnic Identity: A Case Study of Korean-American College Students". International Journal of Multicultural Education, 11(1), 1-16.

Brown, C. L., Cady, J., & Taylor, P. M. (May, 2009). "The universality and locality of mathematics: Problem-solving and the English language learners". Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School, 14(9), 532-539.

Cady, J.A., Brown, C. L., & Hodges, T. E. (in press) "Supporting English language learners. Teaching Children Mathematics, Focus Issue: Equity: Teaching, Learning, and Assessing Mathematics for Diverse Populations, Assessing to Learn and Learning to Assess, Supporting Teacher Learning."

Jeanie Lim (RHTM) has had the research article, "Web Content Analysis of E-Grocery Retailers: A Longitudinal Study," published in the International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management, 37 (10), 839-851 (2009).

Wanda Costen and coauthors, **Misty Johanson & Donetta Poisson**, have had the article, "The Development of Quality Managers in the Hospitality Industry: Do Employee Development Programs Make Cents?" accepted for spring 2010 publication in the Journal of Human Resources in Hospitality & Tourism.

Publications & Presentations

Presentations

ESLS Faculty Member gives Keynote Lecture at International Sports Biomechanics Conference

In August 2009, Assistant Professor **Dr. Clare Milner** gave an invited keynote lecture to over 280 delegates from 32 countries at the 27th International Conference on Biomechanics in Sport, held in Limerick, Ireland. The talk was about her research into Gait Biomechanics and Tibial Stress Fracture in Runners. Dr. Milner has published several research articles in this area, stemming from post-doctoral work conducted at the University of Delaware prior to her appointment onto the faculty of the University of Tennessee. In addition to her research into the biomechanics of lower extremity injury and rehabilitation, Dr. Milner teaches applied anatomy and biomechanics in the Exercise Science program. If you are interested in learning more about Dr. Milner's research, please visit her website: <http://web.utk.edu/~cmilner1>

The First Triennial Conference on Latino Education and Immigrant Integration

Olga Ebert and **Geri Mulligan** have been invited to present at the First Triennial Conference on Latino Education and Immigrant Integration at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. The Conference will be held from October 26-28, 2009.

Olga's presentation, "Enhanced Literacy Instruction and Reading Scores of Hispanic Students", in addition to a description of the literacy initiative among 57 Southern elementary schools spanning 5 years, the professional development, and the study findings, will include a discussion among the attendees of their experience of reading and literacy instruction for Hispanic children in elementary schools.

"A Journey: Expanding Programs for Immigrants" presented by Geri Mulligan will illustrate stages of growth and development of a community-based organization serving immigrants (primarily Latinos). This poster session will attempt to graphically outline the many steps involved in expanding the programs that will benefit English Language Learner students particularly in a growing Latino community.

Wrisberg Invited Keynote Speaker at World Congress of Sport Psychology

Professor **Dr. Craig Wrisberg** gave an invited keynote address, entitled "Encouraging the Self-Regulation of Sport Performers: Research and Application," at the 12th World Congress of Sport Psychology in Marrakech, Morocco, June 17-21, 2009. The meeting was the first of its kind held on the African continent. In addition to delivering a keynote, Dr. Wrisberg served as an invited discussant on a symposium organized and chaired by former Ph.D. student in the sport psychology program at Tennessee, **Tatiana Ryba** (who is now on the faculty at the University of Jyvaskyla, Finland). The symposium was fittingly entitled "The Turn to Culture in Sport and Exercise Psychology." Dr. Ryba also received the Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award from the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP), which was presented during the meeting of the ISSP General Assembly, and delivered an invited paper as part of the awards ceremony.



Association for the Study of Higher Education

Two Ph.D. students, **Les Fout** and **Chutney Walton**, in the Higher Education Administration program in the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies department have been selected to attend a Graduate Student Policy seminar associated with the Association for the Study of Higher Education, a national/international association of scholars and researchers in higher education. The meeting will be held in Vancouver, BC on November 4-7, 2009.

Three Science Education Ph.D. students traveled to the Mid Atlantic ASTE conference during September and presented their research. **Matthew Perkins** presented "A Study of Teachers Participating in Multiple Authentic Scientific Research Experiences". **James H. Roberson** and **Rita Hagevik** presented "Open-Minded Thinking: What Teachers Reveal About This Scientific Habit of Mind", and **Joanna Badara** along with **Rita Hagevik** presented "Environmental Literacy of Students and Faculty at Two Universities in Appalachia."

Alumni Corner

Alumni Activities

Kristopher B. Jones, A graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Retail Consumer Sciences Management, and Lisa Colletti-Jones (Comm 02') welcomed a baby boy, Wyatt Kristpher Jones on April 23, 2009. He was 7 lbs., 12 oz. and 21.5 inches.

Katie (Foster) Bailey, Human Ecology major, has graduated from the University of Memphis with her Masters in Nonprofit Administration in May of 2009. Katie married Tom Bailey (UTK Class of 2007) in August of 2009, and has also started a position as Early Head Start/Head Start Programs Coordinator for Porter-Leath, a nonprofit in Memphis, Tennessee.

Colonel David L. Coggins, USMC, graduated in 1988 with a BS in Education, has graduated from NATO Defense College (Rome) 2007. He was promoted to his current rank in 2008 while in Baghdad, Iraq. Col. Coggins has served in Afghanistan, Africa, Iraq and Kosovo from 2007-2009 and was awarded the NATO and Defense Superior Service Medal. Col. Coggins has also served as the Commanding Officer, Combined Arms Training Center/ Marine Corps Base Camp Fuji Japan. In his seventh year as an adjunct Professor (Marine Corps University) with a focus on Counterinsurgency/Expeditionary Operations. He is married to the former Lori (Wilhoit) of Greeneville, TN. (B.S., Nursing '87) and they have four children.

J. Kim Scholes is the Vice President of Human Resources for Network Communications, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia, the publisher of The Real Estate Book, Apartment Finder, and numerous luxury design magazines nationwide. Kim received a Bachelor of Science degree and an MBA with concentrations in management and marketing from the University of Tennessee, graduating from both curricula with high honors. Kim is also the current Dean's Board of Visitors (Chairman) of the University of Tennessee College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.

Bill Jones is a 2000 graduate from the Leadership 21 Program. Bill has been a principal in the Corbin, Kentucky School System since 2002, and

was named Kentucky's National Distinguished Principal for 2008. Bill also represented Kentucky at a reception in Washington, D.C. along with the other 50 state winners. Bill is currently serving as President-Elect for the Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals.

Michele Foster-Carson, 1991 Sports Management major, and husband Kevin Carson are proud to announce the birth of our third child, Kiah Riley Carson, on July 20, 2009. She weighed 8 pounds 8.5 ounces. 20½ inches in length. Born at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary Ann Hagler (BS '57, MS '64, BA '01) has worked chairperson of the Women's Assoc. at her local church, has traveled to over 100 countries and is continuing to take credit and audit classes through 2008.

Sue Byrd, University of Tennessee at Knoxville alumna and University of Tennessee at Martin professor, was recently named president-elect of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences during their conference in Knoxville, Tenn. You can view the news release at <http://www.aafcs.org/newsroom/pressrelease072409.htm>.

CEHHS Submissions

You can submit your CEHHS related events and news via email to Jay Cabler directly at jcabler@utk.edu or you can submit your information online at the following links:

Alumni: http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Connection/Alumni/Conn_AlumAct_Add.php

CEHHS Events: http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Events_Calendar/Events_Add.php

CEHHS News: http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/news/News_Add.php

If you prefer, you can send a hard copy of your news to Jay Cabler, 424 Claxton Complex, 1122 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

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