

T&L CONNECTIONS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The job of a department chair at a major university is definitely challenging and even more challenging during times of technological change. The one thing that is consistent with this job is that every day is a new day and no two days are alike. The Teaching & Learning department is responding to changes in a variety of ways. We have two master's degree programs that are completely online (Special Education & Instructional Design Technology) and another one going online this fall (Early Childhood Education). We continue to add courses online and our tuition for online undergraduate and graduate courses and programs are competitive with major universities around the country. We are delivering quality courses and programs at very competitive prices. We are also developing several certificates and additional online master's programs. Once these are in place, we will let you know.

As a result of all these challenges, the T&L faculty have been very busy developing online courses and programs while continuing with their teaching, research and service

across the state, region and country. For example, several of our faculty serve on the boards of national associations or are on journal review boards for several organizations. Most of the faculty are presenting papers or giving presentations nationally and/or internationally. For example, three faculty will be presenting in Tawaiin this month. The faculty, besides presenting, will be establishing partnerships between UND, the College of Education & Human Development and a higher education institution in Tawaiin. We are also establishing partnerships nationally with other two year colleges in the region and other parts of the country.

Faculty have been very supportive of the changes and try to view the changing landscape in a positive light. Many of the faculty are teaching online and some "love" it while others have are more cautious as the teaching environment changes in many different ways. However, the changes will help UND and the College grow in the future.

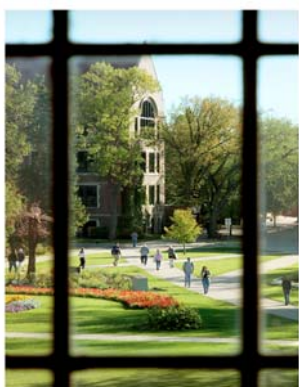
Glenn Olsen, Chair

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Graduate students in the Teaching and Learning Program have come together to form a Graduate Student Association. Current officers are: President– Carolyn DeLorme; Vice President– Rachael Waller; Secretary– Angela Bell; Treasurer– Marcella Melby. Our faculty advisor is Dr. Mary Baker.

Although formalities have been established to be recognized as a student group on campus, current participants are keeping the association informal for the purpose of providing graduate students the opportunity to meet and visit with their classmates in a relaxed atmosphere. Graduate school can be a time of stress and confusion as students find their way through coursework, programs of study, committee formation, and research. Many graduate students are balancing family, work, and school to make this educational journey. A friendly face and an experienced voice can often make the difference between success and failure. The Graduate Student Association hopes to be that difference by providing an organized connection between past graduates, present students, and future prospects. For more information about the Graduate Student Association, please send an email to: flatvalley@msn.com. We would love to hear from you!



IDT NEWS



IDT continues to work on a science game for middle school students. One of the IDT graduate assistants, along with students from Computer Science, Art and Chemical Engineering are working with Dr. Van Eck, Dr. Hung and Dr. Frank Bowman on the project. The prototype of the

first section of the game, which should be done this summer, will play back in Windows and on xBox game consoles. This was submitted as a grant to the Institute for Education Sciences. Dr. Ingwalson and Dr. Helgeson from the T&L Department are involved with the grant as well.

One of IDT's doctoral students is continuing work led by Dr. Hung to work with JDOSAS (Aerospace) to develop research and training curriculum for the unmanned aerial systems (drones), which IDT hopes to parlay into grant-funded research down the road.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DOCTORAL GRADUATES!

Jeanie McHugo; Dissertation: An Evaluation of the Clinical Teaching Process: Perspectives from the University of North Dakota Physician Assistant Program

Laura Munski; Dissertation: Needs Assessment for the Greenway Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Development and Public Education

Mari Rasmussen; Dissertation: Assessment and Accountability: An Exploration of Teachers' Practices in Assessing English Language Proficiency

Meghan Salyers; Dissertation: A Meta-Analysis of Adolescent Rampage Shootings and the Potential Interconnectivity to Gifted/Talented Children with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders

Michelle Thomas; Dissertation: The Professional Development of Teachers for International Contexts: A Case Study of Concordia Language Villages' Study Abroad Program

Anthony Williams; Dissertation: The Fit for and Interest in a Proposed Doctoral Program in Business Administration by Retirement-eligible Military Commanders

Joan Aus; Dissertation: Teaching Practices and Challenges: A Description of Monolingual English Language Learner Teachers' Instructional Practices in Grades One Through Six

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2009

The University of North Dakota's Summer Reading Program is designed to promote the literacy development of struggling readers and writers. In addition the program serves as a clinical practicum for undergraduates majoring in elementary education and graduates enrolled in the Elementary Education and Reading Master's programs.



Graduate Level Courses

***TL 534**: Basic Reading Diagnosis and Remediation (2 credits)

June 1-12, 2009

8:00am-11:00am

***TL 583**: Reading Clinic (2 credits)

June 15-July 17, 2009

8:00am-11:00am

*These courses are co-requisites

Undergraduate Level Courses

***TL 413**: Assessing and Correcting Reading Difficulties (2 credits)

June 1-12, 2009

8:00am-11:00am

***TL 414**: Corrective Reading Practicum (2 credits)

June 15-July 17, 2009

8:00am-11:00am

* These courses are co-requisites.

For additional information please contact:

Dr. Pamela Beck, Director, UND Summer Reading Program

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GTA NEWS:

RICHARD PATTERSON FEATURED IN "SLAM" MAGAZINE



One of Teaching and Learning's graduate teaching assistants was featured in the most recent edition of *SLAM* magazine. Richard Patterson was showcased along with three other individuals in an advertorial titled "SLAM and Jordan got together to showcase those who give back to their community: Here are 4 who represent." Congratulations Rich!

CAROLYN DELORME RECEIVES 2009 SUMMER DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Teaching and Learning's graduate teaching assistant, Carolyn DeLorme, has been awarded a 2009 Summer Doctoral Fellowship. This fellowship requires that the recipient spend full-time working on their dissertation during the summer months. Congratulations Carolyn!



BRANNAN HALL RECOGNIZES JOY NIELSEN AS ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE UND PROFESSORS



Brannon Hall Director, Kate Kane, asked the Brannon Hall students who their favorite professors were and why. One of their favorites was T&L's Graduate Teaching Assistant, Joy Nielsen. One nominator wrote "I just loved her!". The students valued the passion that Joy exhibited as their professor, advisor and mentor. Joy will be returning to her ESL teaching position in Chicago this summer. Congratulations Joy!

BRUCE FARNSWORTH ATTENDS THE PLATYPUS HIGH-DEFINITION DIGITAL VIDEO WORKSHOP

The workshop was held in Portland, Oregon from May 1-10. This is the industries leading workshop for training professional photojournalists in their transition to high-definition digital video shooting and production. Bruce has 16 years experience as a publishing editorial photographer.



"I am humbled by what my prospects are and the impact that I can have on the future of our young people as an educator."

-Richard Patterson

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

Dr. Sagini Keengwe presented a research paper entitled "Technology and Net Generation Students: Creating the Right Balance" at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education held March 2-6, 2009 at Charleston, NC. He will also be presenting a workshop entitled "Using

Technology Tools to Facilitate Active Learning" at a conference in Washington D.C in June.

Drs. Bonni Gourneau, Cynthia Shabb and Kathy Smart, all from the Department of Teaching and Learning along with Pauline Stonehouse (Ed Leadership) presented an interactive session at the Collaboration Conference

held in Bloomington, MN in February, titled "To Blog or Not to Blog". On March 4th, they facilitated a roundtable discussion entitled, "Reflective Blogs as a Tool for Assessment of Student Learning" at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference in South Carolina.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

Drs. Anne Walker and Donna Pearson presented at the Comparative and International Education Conference in Charleston, SC in March. Their presentation focused on the challenges of professional development in cross-cultural contexts, and stems from their work developing and leading a professional development program for Russian secondary teachers.

The Special Education Program faculty presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education 2009 in Honolulu, HI. Their presentation, Delivering Online Graduate Programs in Special Education, reported on the evolution of their distant degree program, pedagogical methods and strategies, student advising at a distance, and distant field experiences.

Dr. Michael Gallo presented a performance of his Imagination Theater at Highland Elementary School in Crookston, MN for Math Magic Night on February 19th. Michael's performance focused on songs and stories with a mathematical theme. Imagination Theater is a family oriented, literacy-based performance including puppetry, songs, storytelling, and audience participation. He has been performing Imagination Theater for over 28 years all across the upper Midwest and Canada. Michael also performed his Imagination Theater for the Child's Day-Dia del Nino celebration held on the East Grand Forks campus of the Northland Community and Technical College in April, and at Washington Elementary school in Crookston on May 19th.

Dr. Kari Chiasson (Department of Teaching & Learning) and Keith Malaterre (American Indian Services) presented at the National Council for Exceptional Children Convention in Seattle, Washington on April 1st. The presentation was entitled "Personnel Preparation Training Program for American Indian Teachers in Special Education."

Dr. Lars Helgeson presented "Engineering Disasters & Design Decisions" at the North Dakota Science Teachers Association 2009 Spring Conference in Bismarck, March 5, 6, 7th.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Keengwe, J., Onchwari, G., & Onchwari, J. (2009). Technology and Student Learning: Towards a Learner-Centered Teaching Model. *AACE Journal*, 17(1), 11-22.

Keengwee, J., Kidd, T., & Kyei-Blankson, L. (2009). Faculty and Technology: Implications for Faculty Training and Technology Leadership. *Journal of Science Education and Technology*, 18(1), 23-28.

Dr. Rick Van Eck is editing a book called "Interdisciplinary Models for Serious Games: Emerging Concepts and Future Directions" due out in August 2009. Dr. Van Eck along with Dr. Woei Hung are co-authoring a chapter on games and problem solving for this book.

Dr. Van Eck recently got an article accepted in the Tech Trends journal called "Four Perspectives on Preparing Instructional Designers to Optimize Game-Based Learning."

GOOD LUCK CAITLYN!

Caitlyn Nichols has been a student employee for the Department of Teaching and Learning for the past four years. Caitlyn will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The T&L department celebrated Caitlyn's last day on May 13th. Thank you Caitlyn for all of your years of hard work, and congratulations on your graduation!



Caitlyn

Diana Huettl has been a student employee with the Department of Teaching and Learning for the past three years. We are fortunate to have Diana with us for one more year as she continues working towards her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy.



Diana and Caitlyn

BEST WISHES DR. NADINE TEPPER



Dr. Nadine Teppner has spent 8 years as a faculty member in the Department of Teaching and Learning. She taught Multicultural Education, TEAM Social Studies and a graduate social studies course. We wish her the best as she starts a new chapter in her life. Best wishes Nadine!

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY FOR EDUCATORS COURSE

T&L 390/590: Photography for Educators is being offered for the first time this summer by instructors Dr. Lars Helgeson and graduate student Bruce Farnsworth. This is a special topic course designed for student teachers and in-service teachers seeking new professional development. The course runs from June 15-July 12. Part one of the course provides instruction on a range of skills such as camera selection and operation, design, lighting and digital workflow. Part two of the course will focus on innovative visual

strategies which Lars and Bruce have used successfully across the curricula. Mini workshops in the community will combine with Photoshop activities in the digital lab where participants will create and print their own exemplars for classroom projects. Photography as an assessment tool will be explored and there will be discussions of the legal and ethical aspects of photography which related to educators.



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2009 NDCTM SILVER ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: KELSEY LARSON- UND

This year's recipient of the North Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics Silver Anniversary Scholarship is Kelsey Larson, a secondary mathematics education major in the Department of Teaching and Learning at the University of North Dakota. Kelsey was nominated for the scholarship by UND professor Dr. Michele Iiams.

Kelsey graduated from Minot High School in 2006 and began her college career as a mathematics education major at UND in the fall of 2006. Along with the preparatory work for secondary education, she is also working towards a minor in Middle Level Education and Special Education.

Kelsey will be student teaching next spring and then graduating in May 2010. She plans on teaching in the Midwest.



Presenting the NDCTM Silver Anniversary Scholarship to Kelsey Larson is NDCTM President Mary Baker, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education, Department of Teaching & Learning

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Elementary Graduate Director: Dr. Mary Baker will be the new director for the Elementary Graduate Program.

Elementary Program Area Coordinator: Dr. Mark Guy was elected to be the 2009-2011 Program Area Coordinator.

Assessment Committee: Dr. Donna Pearson will be the new chair of the Assessment committee.

T&L Promotion and Tenure Committee: Three new members have been elected to join the P&T Committee: Dr. Shelby Barrentine, Dr. Richard Van Eck and Dr. Lynne Chalmers.

