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Thanks for the many years of service!

Patsy Groover 41+ years
Patricia Poczontek 24+ years
You will be missed.
STEPP—Endowment Support

A large endowment from the Harold H. Bate Foundation will support an East Carolina University program for students with learning disabilities.

The Harold H. Bate Foundation has pledged $333,000 over five years to endow a distinguished professorship for Project STEPP (Supporting Transition and Education through Planning and Partnership).

Dr. Sarah Williams, associate professor and Project STEPP director, said the program helps students “who have historically fallen through the cracks in terms of university access and retention.”

The Bate Foundation endowment will help keep the STEPP program from charging extra. The $333,000 commitment will translate to even more funding, because the State of North Carolina matches $1 for $2 donated to endowed professorships. That could result in a $500,000 endowment for Project STEPP.
2010/2011 C&I State Operating Budget

Expenditures

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**Total Expenditures & Encumbrances** $219,520.90
New Faculty Member—Dr. Sara McCraw

The READ Faculty Search Committee (Terry Atkinson, Marjorie Ringler, Elizabeth Swaggerty, and Alice Feret-Chair) is delighted to announce, officially, that Dr. Sara McCraw will be joining us in August! She is a recent graduate of the University of Delaware and brings a passion for literacy, both public school and higher education teaching experience, and valuable leadership in organizing and conducting professional development for teachers. One of her references described her thus: “She has a clear commitment to modeling and to creating an environment where literacy learning is both targeted and joyous.”

Although our search began in late September, and Sara came to campus in early January, we endured the tension of “not knowing,” as we waited throughout the Spring for GA budget news, while Sara’s research start-up proposal worked its way through several ECU channels. Dean Patriarca and C&I Interim Chair, Dr. Ledford were most supportive and very helpful with many, many details during this period, and we extend our grateful thanks! Many thanks, also, to Lou Anna Hardee in the Dean’s Office and to the rest of the READ Faculty (Tanya Cannon, Johna Faulconer, Robin Griffith, Kathy Misulis, Lanette Moret, Caitlin Ryan), who were ready at a moment’s notice to help with classes, visits, meals, and transport!

We feel quite fortunate to have a new team player and know that her presence will strengthen teacher preparation! We look forward to her arrival and hope you will each extend to her a warm welcome!
New Staff Member—Jeaquetta Jackson

Greetings! My name is Jeaquetta Jackson. I am from Kinston, NC. I currently reside in Raleigh. I hold a Bachelor of Science in English Literature and Political Science from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. I also hold a Master's of Science in International Business from Hult International Business School in London, UK.

My role here at the University is managing five federal and state funded grants in the College of Education. I serve as a liaison between our department and compliance agencies. I manage all grant financial activities, records, and databases for our office. I run a tight ship to ensure that we all don’t end up in orange jumpsuits!

In my leisure, I enjoy cooking, reading, traveling, going to fun events, and surrounding myself with positive forward thinking people.

New Staff Member—Megan Meharg

Mrs. Megan H. Meharg assists with the organization, operation and budgeting of the Curriculum and Instruction Grants. She provides assistance to the Grants Manager, Principal Investigators and other Grant Managing Associates. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in History at Old Dominion University, with a concentration in European History, and German Language and Culture. Her interests in the local academic community as well as her experience in bookkeeping are what lead her to the College of Education.

Mrs. Meharg is also an advisor for the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity at ECU and enjoys helping the fraternity women with their different philanthropic and service related efforts on and off campus.

She enjoys spending time at the beach, reading, cooking, baking and traveling. Her interest in history has led her into a personal research project on ancestry and genealogy. She hopes her future endeavors will give her the opportunity to travel to Europe and research her family history, as well as expand her knowledge of foreign cultures.
Dr. Robin Griffith

Goodbye, Robin!

Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.
~Theodor Seuss Geisel

I am trying to maintain a positive attitude about Dr. Robin Griffith’s move to Texas, but as my four year old says, “goodbyes stink!”

So, how’s this for positive? We were lucky to have Robin as a faculty member in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, specifically in the Reading Program for five years. You know Robin; she is the one who always comes to meetings armed with her famous notebook and pen (she actually keeps up with all of those notes). She flashes that big smile and can point out the bright side of anything. She consistently champions for improvement of courses to better support students. She appears so “together” as she artfully balances her work and family obligations (she would argue that she isn’t really that together, but as we all know, appearance is everything). Oh, and she can smell chocolate from across the room (a very important skill).

Robin will leave her mark here at ECU. It is evident that she cares deeply about supporting the literacy lives of children, and she works tirelessly to support the teachers who are responsible for this task. She will be remembered for her work with curriculum revisions, the Advisory Council, mentoring undergraduate and graduate READ course instructors, the Reading Center, research and writing projects, and most importantly, her teaching. All of these endeavors resulted in positive contributions to the department, college, and a greater community of educators.

Many of us have benefitted from working with Robin, and her students have benefited from her teaching and mentorship. Although we are sad to see her go, we will cheer her on as she moves across the country this summer to Texas to continue her professional work, be with her family, and finish her cancer treatments.

So don’t cry as Robin leaves (ok, I’ll likely break this rule a little) … rather, smile as you remember your time with her and join me in wishing her the best in this next chapter in her life!

~Elizabeth Swaggerty
Baby News

Peggy Yates has a new granddaughter! Madelyn Joy Yates was born at 8:06 on Friday, June 10. She weighed 6lbs 8oz and is 19 1/4 inches long. Adam (Peggy’s son) and Ashley are doing well, and Lorelei is a very excited big sister! They were able to see her on the day she was born in Lawrenceville, GA.

Travel Update

You all should be aware that the request for reimbursements MUST be in the travel office within 30 days of travel. Audit restrictions placed on the Travel Office is now requiring an explanation for any submissions that arrive past that 30 day mark. Due to UNC FIT, we have a complicated and often lengthy approval process to follow before submitting the documents to the Travel Office. This process, combined with the occasional campus mail delays, can keep the documents from arriving on time.

Therefore, the College is now requiring that if you are submitting the reimbursement request to your department for processing anytime after two weeks from the date of your trip return, you must automatically submit an explanation for the late submission, along with your other documentation.

Department Administrative Assistants, please make sure that this justification is included with the reimbursement request for all request(s) which are dated two weeks past the date of return. This policy will be in place from this date forward.
Dr. Rodriquez was invited to participate as a panelist in a forum discussion sponsored by the Office of English Language Acquisition (U.S Department of Education). She traveled to Las Vegas, May 17-19 at the expense of the USDOE. The forum occurred on May 18th.

Advising Information

Please note:

Effective with Fall 2011 grades, undergraduate academic eligibility standards are changing. The minimum academic requirements to avoid probation and/or suspension will be as follows:

- 1-29 ECU gpa hours plus transfer hours: 1.8 GPA
- 30-59 ECU gpa hours plus transfer hours: 1.9 GPA
- 60+ ECU gpa hours plus transfer hours: 2.0 GPA
East Carolina University invites nominations for the 2011-2012 ECU Nominee for the O. Max Gardner Award. The most prestigious UNC Board of Governors Award, the O. Max Gardner Award is endowed by the former governor’s will and awarded by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors each year to the faculty member of the University who “during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.”

Unlike campus awards which recognize excellent teaching and/or scholarly research, this award has a different focus; nominators are asked to keep the major criterion in mind when nominating a faculty member. East Carolina University’s nomination procedures for the O. Max Gardner Award are attached as is a general explanation of the award. Please note that the initial nomination deadline has been changed from September 15 to August 15 in order to meet the earlier submission deadline instituted by the UNC Board of Governors.

The university has had several past recipients of this award from a variety of disciplinary areas.

A video of the 2011 O. Max Gardner Award recipient, Dr. Diane M. Browder of UNC-Charlotte is available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0aHSdtMcm4. Recipients from previous years can be viewed at http://www.unctv.org/omaxgardner/. The list of recipients indicates that a strong case can be made for individuals who have made different contributions. The requirements for nominations are specific:

“An initial nomination dossier should include an abbreviated curriculum vitae, a letter of support from the unit or departmental head, letters of support from others (students, colleagues, patients, etc., internal or external), and any other documents that the unit believes support the nomination. The initial dossier [nomination dossier] may not be longer than 25 pages in length.”

Once the ECU nominee is selected, the nominee will work with University Publications to prepare the full nomination packet (a booklet that includes biographical data on the nominee, a narrative statement of the nominee’s contributions, and supporting materials).
This invitation for nominations, 2011-2012, is being shared with the ECU University Community and will be sent to code units; nominations will be made on the basis of those units. No code unit is permitted to nominate more than one person each year. Initial nominations will be accepted through the Office for Faculty Excellence (Old Cafeteria Complex 2315) no later than August 15; they will then be submitted to the nomination selection committee for review. The committee’s recommendation will be forwarded to the Chancellor for his decision. Once a nomination has been accepted by the Chancellor, the nominee will work with OFE and University Publications to finalize his/her materials. The number of copies required will then be prepared and delivered to General Administration on or before the December 15 deadline. If you have questions concerning this award, please contact Dorothy Muller, Office for Faculty Excellence (328-2367 or mullerd@ecu.edu).

Article In Print

We received word that Troy Jones and Carol Brown published an article, Reading Engagement: A Comparison between E-Books and Traditional Print Books in an Elementary Classroom. International Journal of Instruction. 4(2). Congratulations to both of you!

Awards for Outstanding Teaching

Consider nominating faculty our department for the four categories of annual, university-wide teaching awards:

Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching is awarded in the spring by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. One such award is given for East Carolina University. East Carolina University recognizes the recipient at its end of spring semester teaching awards ceremony. This award is supported from state funds provided by the Board of Governors.

Board of Governors Distinguished Professor for Teaching Award is presented at the teaching awards ceremony at the close of the spring semester. Six such awards are given by ECU. These awards are supported by the Board of Governors from state funds.

East Carolina Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Awards are awarded at the teaching awards ceremony at the close of the spring semester. Three such awards are presented. These awards are supported by alumni contributions.

Max Ray Joyner Award for Faculty Service Through Continuing Education is awarded at the close of the spring semester. There is one such award. This award is supported from endowment funds given by Max Ray Joyner.
Faculty Achievements

Curriculum and Instruction faculty have been productive in the area of research publications, presentations as well as internal and external grants as noted below:

Faculty Research Achievements include:

- 32 different faculty members reported refereed publications.
- 69 research articles were published.
- 3 books and 13 chapters were published.
- 136 presentations were made at professional conferences.
- 23 proceedings were published.

Grants: There are currently 18 grants in the department.

Internal Grants total $158,664 for the 3 Start Up Grants

External grants totaling $1,588,269 were received.

- 159537/211004 Tar River Writing Project – external $51,000
- S211060/SPED TIP – External $100,000
- 211090 LEAP – External $383,953.00
- 211364 Pathways – External $200,000
- 211403 Spatial Ecology & Evolution – External $21,224
- 211724 Project STEPP – External (Foundation $s through GA) $149,459.00
- 211800 Exceptional Children contract – External $142,109.90
- 211848 Phase 1 College Start – External (Foundation $s through GA) $138,186.00
- 211858 Go-Talk – External $20,000
- 211958 Deaf blind Teacher Support – External $96,346
- 211963 Cochlear Implant – External $43,000.00
- 211996 Dropout Prevention – External $115,577.00
- 212020 Phase 1 College Start Bridge Grant – External (Foundation $ through GA) $41,418.00
- 211932 REAP – External $80,997.00
C&I Meeting Dates 2011-2012

With the exception of August 22 meeting, rooms are TBA

Fall 2011

Monday, August 22, 2:00-3:30 PM, Speight 129
Thursday, September 15, Electronic
Friday, October 14, all-day retreat
Thursday, November 17, Electronic
Wednesday, December 7, Reading Day, Holiday Party

Spring 2012

Thursday, January 12, Electronic
Thursday, February 16, 2:00-3:30 PM
Friday, March 16, all-day retreat
Thursday, April 12, Electronic

Faculty and Staff Birthdays for June, July, and August

**June**
- Lisa Rogerson—1st
- Patsy Groover—1st
- Christine Shea—9th
- Harold Griffin—13th
- Megan Meharg—14th
- Ann Bullock—22nd
- Carolyn Ledford—23rd
- Joy Stapleton—27th
- Kristen Cuthrell—29th

**July**
- Anne Ticknor - 10th
- David Gabbard—15th
- Lanette Moret—19th
- Christine Bouck—22nd
- Robin Griffith—23rd

**August**
- Marsha Craft Tripp—11th
- Debbie Metcalf—12th
- Shari Steadman—12th
- Lori Flint—13th
- Patricia Anderson—14th
- Jeaquetta Jackson—14th
- Tracy Riddle—19th
- Emily Johnson—22nd
- Judy Smith—22nd
- Allen Guidry—26th
- Alice Feret—29th
- Jennifer Williams—31st
- Melissa Parker—31st