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Faculty Shine at State Conference

Several members of ECU's College of Education faculty participated at the 2005 North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in Wilmington, N.C. Faculty from ECU's Department of Curriculum and Instruction gave a quarter of all presentations during the 3-day conference.

In addition, Debbie Metcalf, teacher-in-residence in the department and instructor with Pitt County Schools, delivered the conference keynote address.

"We were extremely pleased to have our faculty so well-represented at this conference," stated David Powers, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"With the state CEC conference held in eastern North Carolina, it was especially important that we showcase the many exciting and innovative things going on in our programs."

Presentations by ECU faculty

included: by Lora Lee Smith-Canter, Kim Floyd, and Harold Griffin, "Can I Play? Promoting Children's Peer-related Social Interaction through an Intervention Hierarchy"; and by Donna Tilley-Gregory and Debbie Metcalf, "A Taste of China."

Also, by Tara Jeffs and Katheryne Rhys Myrick, "Active Learning Through Assistive Technologies"; by Metcalf and Jennifer Bautel Williams, "Strategies to Improve Access to the Curriculum and Prepare Students with Exceptionalities for Statewide Assessment"; and by David Powers and Sandra Warren, "ECU Wachovia Partnership East: Lessons Learned in Developing an Infrastructure for Community College and University Partnerships."

The North Carolina division is affiliated with the National Council for Exceptional Children, the largest professional special education organization in the United States.