College News Update

Author James Loewen Guest at Spring IEFA Workshop

The spring Indian Education for All workshop (IEFA) hosted by Jioanna Carjuzaa, associate professor of education in the College of EHHD, was held in the Procrastinator Theater in the SUB in late February featuring guest speaker, James Loewen, Ph.D. Loewen is a well known sociologist and author of numerous books dealing with American history and how it has been misrepresented in high school textbooks. His lecture, "Lies My Teacher Told Me about Native Americans and How to Do Better," is based on his book "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong." To write his book, he reviewed 12 K-12 textbooks and compiled "lies" and myths incorporated in them. From his on-going research, he has written three books on the subject.

In his recommendation to teachers, Loewen said to pick 30 to 50 topics that are relevant to the future and use many sources, not just textbooks, to enthusiastically teach lessons.

Loewen began his career teaching at the predominantly black Tougaloo College in Mississippi. In his first year, he discovered that his students "had been lied to" about history, especially in the areas of Native American history, slavery, and race relations. Loewen also taught race relations for 20 years at the University of Vermont and currently lives in Washington, D.C. where he continues to research how, as Americans, we view history.

This was the fourteenth in a series of IEFA workshops over the past seven years. It was made possible through a grant from the MSU Provost's Office. In attendance were MSU faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, the TEA fellows (international middle and high school teachers from around the world), and educators from the Bozeman School District.

Governor Visits Romney

Montana Governor Steve Bullock visited MSU in February to see first hand how historic Romney Gym could be renovated into an academic center for students. Built in 1922, the gym is still home to some of HHD's nutrition and health enhancement faculty and also houses the health and human performance lab in the basement. During the governor's visit, he also viewed how associate professor Nancy Colton uses the old gymnasium for her social dance class (See photo at right.) The Romney renovation is part of House Bill 14, which contains $20 million to complete the project.
“WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE of a food revolution. Our agricultural system is dominated by economics without regard for social values or community. It certainly is not leaving equal or better opportunities for those of future generations.”

So said international speaker John Ikerd, professor emeritus of agricultural and applied economics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, speaking on February 26th in Reid Hall. Ikerd passionately argued that we need a new kind of economy that is socially just, ecologically sound, and economically sustainable. His talk was sponsored by MSU’s sustainable food systems program at Montana State University. Here is a video sample of Ikerd addressing the concept of true sustainability. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rg7yVAGiypU

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IN FEBRUARY, the Health and Human Development research seminar, presented by Alison Harmon, associate professor in food and nutrition, Carmen Byker, assistant professor in food and nutrition, and Michael Fox, graduate assistant, was titled “The Global Seafood System: Understanding Sustainability.” With funding from an MSU Scholarship and Creativity Grant, the trio looked at sustainability of the world’s seafood system and how their research could be used to create a practical dietary guide.

Byker said the current guideline for seafood consumption is eight ounces per week to receive the appropriate amount of Omega-3 fatty acids to prevent heart disease. To meet the new guidelines, the United States would have to increase production, which then presents challenges to seafood sustainability.

“Over-consuming particular species creates negative consequences for ocean ecosystems,” said Harmon.

Harmon noted that 53% of the world’s marine fishery resources are “fully fished, some to unrecoverable levels.”

Byker and Fox said there are a number of resources already available to help consumers make smart decisions on eating seafood that is sustainable. Below are links to those recommendations:

http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_SoutheastGuide.pdf

http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/

http://www.goodfishguide.co.uk/

Seminar presenters Michael Fox, Carmen Byker, and Alison Harmon demonstrate the size of a serving of salmon.
FOR SIX WEEKS in February and March, 19 secondary school English teachers from 17 countries were in Bozeman to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the U.S. The teachers are part of the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA), a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, that is locally facilitated by the Office of International Programs (OIP) Training and Special Programs Division at Montana State University (MSU) and WorldMontana. The 2013 program participants were from Oman, Nepal, Republic of Georgia, Ghana, South Africa, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Estonia, Russia, Cambodia, Morocco, Chile, Latvia, Dominican Republic, Poland, Romania, Bangladesh, and Ukraine.

The teachers took a variety of classes with MSU education faculty, partnering with teachers at Bozeman High School, Chief Joseph Middle School, and Sacajawea Middle School for a 40-hour internship. They also engaged in civic and community service throughout their program, including assembling wheelchairs for ROC wheels, a Bozeman non-profit that provides specialized wheelchairs to children in developing nations.

"Providing the TEA fellows with the opportunity to experience service learning at its best has been a real joy," said Jioanna Carjuzaa, TEA Academic Director.

The TEA teachers also presented a Culture Fair for Bozeman High School students, volunteered at the MSU International Food Bazaar on February 16th, participated in Service Saturday activities and Indian Education for All workshops, and toured Yellowstone National Park.

~by Janelle Rasmussen, Office of International Programs, and Deb Redburn, EHHD Communications

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, the faculty in family and consumer sciences held a Valentine’s Day gathering in Herrick Hall for FCS alumni, who are now employed at MSU. FCS alumni are Amber Marble, Becky Croghan, Jennifer Stormont, Beth Littlefield, Maggie Nottestad, Sara Jestrab, Makkiko Diehl, Wendy Morrison, Alanna Brown, Teresa Marchwick, Jaynee Groseth, Carol Stabben Burroughs, Laura Bailey, and Shardai Urdahl. Sandy Osborne, associate professor in FCS, said she hopes to make this an annual event.
In February, the Department of Health and Human Development hosted a research seminar featuring Rosemary Avery, a Weiss Presidential Fellow from Cornell University. Also a professor and chair of the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Avery’s presentation was on “The Effect of Advertising and Deceptive Advertising on Consumption of the Advertised Good and its Substitutes: The Case of Over-the-Counter Weight Loss Products.” Her research focused on the extent of exposure to deceptive advertising (both TV and print media) and how it relates to consumption of weight loss products. She and her colleagues examined ads, many of which claim that by taking their product, consumers would not have to diet or exercise, and flagged those which they determined were deceptive.

After surveying women and men, they reported several findings: exposure to deception was associated with a lower probability of use of over-the-counter weight loss products by women exposed to TV ads, but a higher probability of use of these products for men exposed to print ads. For both men and women exposed to print ads, there was a higher probability of dieting, exercising, and visiting a doctor.

“If a claim is too good to be true…,” said Avery. Avery was on campus at the invitation of associate professor in family and consumer sciences, Deborah Haynes, who was a doctoral student of Avery’s at Cornell, as was FCS associate professor Holly Hunts. (see above photo of Avery with Haynes and Hunts)