



College News Update



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EHHD GRANT WRITING BOOT CAMP: A NEW COLLEGE INITIATIVE



Left to Right: Elizabeth Bird, Yong Gao, Lynda Ransdell, Suzanne Christopher, Barbara Ainsworth, and Tom McKenzie at the public presentation on grant writing



Participants work on grant writing techniques



Presenters, faculty and others from the MSU community relax at dinner at the Ale Works.

When **Dean Lynda Ransdell** arrived at the College of Education, Health and Human Development in January 2013, one of her goals was to “build a culture of continuous grant writing,” especially among junior faculty.

“I believe we already have a good track record and great faculty that can put together proposals,” said Ransdell.

However, she wanted to increase external funding efforts and set a model for the university. To do that, she pulled from an experienced and very successful grant writer, HHD Associate Professor **Suzanne Christopher**, now associate dean for research in the college, to spearhead efforts and thus, created the first grant writing boot camp. In early summer, eight junior faculty from EHHD and one from the College of Business began attending six weekly sessions to learn techniques for writing and securing funding for grants.

In August, three noted grant writing experts were on campus to further inspire and guide faculty. Sponsored by MSU’s College of Education, Health and Human Development, the Center for Faculty Excellence, and Montana INBRE, the experts held a mock review panel where faculty submitted their grants for critique and feedback.

A culminating public session was also held where the experts presented information geared toward those with beginning or intermediate experience in grant writing. Presenters and their topics were Thomas McKenzie, emeritus professor in exercise and nutritional sciences at San Diego State University: “Collaborative Research: Don’t Take It for Granted;” Yong Gao, associate professor in kinesiology at Boise State University: “Measurement and Statistical Considerations in Grant Writing;” and Barbara Ainsworth, professor in exercise and wellness and associate director for health promotion faculties at Arizona State University: “Can Your Grant Pass the ‘So What’ Question?”

To view their presentations and see other information on the college’s Office of Funded Research website, click on the link <http://www.montana.edu/wwwed/officegrantproductivity/grantproductivity.html>

WHAT WE DID THIS SUMMER

INDIAN EDUCATION TEACHES EDUCATORS



This past summer, K-12 educators from large and small school districts and from the reservations of Montana met in Bozeman to learn about incorporating Indian Education for All into the curriculum. The class, “Indian Education for All: A Model for Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in Practice” taught by **Jioanna Carjuzaa** from the Department of Education, explored the history of Indian Education for All (IEFA) within a multicultural education framework, and discussed how educators are best prepared to implement this transformative educational policy. The class was taught online during spring semester, with a week of face-to-face classroom instruction to teach educators how Indian education can be justified in all content areas.

LUO STARTS MATH CIRCLE FOR CHILDREN

In partnership with the Department of Education at Montana State University and the



Bozeman Public Schools PEAKS program, a new math group for middle school students formed this past summer called Bozeman Math Circle. Assistant Professor **Fenqjen Luo**, who teaches math education in the Department of Education, received a Dolciani Mathematics Enrichment grant to be used to encourage talented math students who are eager to learn beyond the classroom to join the Math Circle. Math Circle met with mentors and guides from high school and MSU four times during the summer to focus on developing a love of math through advanced problem solving.

TEAM NUTRITION GETS SUPPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT JUNEAU

Montana Team Nutrition program held a round table discussion during the summer with State Superintendent of Schools **Denise Juneau** to discuss ways she and four members of her staff in the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) could help more Montana schools participate in the Farm to School program. Discussions centered on policies, legal issues, and other obstacles schools might encounter in participating in the program. Superintendent Juneau stated that Oregon, Washington, and Minnesota have great Farm to School programs because they are funded at the state level. Montana’s biggest barrier to a statewide program is lack of funding, according to Juneau. Child Nutrition Education Coordinator with Team Nutrition, **Aubree Roth**, said there needs to be a state-wide coordinated effort and “funding from the partners at the table” for the program to work. **Katie Bark**, director of Montana Team Nutrition, housed in the Department of Health and Human Development, hopes more schools will continue to explore ways to join the program.



A Celebrity Chef Visits MSU



Carmen Byker and Carrie Benke with Chef Tom McNulty

When Montana 4-H participants attended the 4-H Congress this summer, they had a chance to work with the executive chef of the Vice President of the United States, **Chief Petty Officer Thomas McNulty**, an MSU theater

alum and former 4-H member, was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Congress and also to work with HHD's Extension project director **Carrie Benke** on a nutrition workshop. The workshop focused on leading others to fun with food and fitness and is part of the 4-Health project.

With help from Assistant Professor **Carmen Byker's** Culinary Marketing class and produce from MSU's Towne's Harvest Garden, 4-H students used a favorite recipe of McNulty's to create their own healthy turkey burgers for a competition. McNulty, who has also been featured on the television's *Food Network*, provided the basic recipe, then encouraged students to pick a theme—hot wings spicy, Hawaiian, Greek, sweet and sour—and create their own recipe. The winning burger was judged on oral presentation, taste, and presentation.



McNulty joined the US Navy during college and discovered he enjoyed cooking. Before interviewing for the executive chef's position during Vice President Richard Cheney's term, he cooked for over five years on naval bases in San Diego and Seattle. McNulty said the vice president's residence is always staffed by the US Navy.

Look for Officer McNulty's turkey burger recipe in an upcoming "EHHD Tuesday Times."

Photos by Carmen Byker



Another Day at the Garden



Culinary Marketing class prepared food for President's Lunch

Towne's Harvest Garden hosted the 7th Annual President's Lunch in the Garden on July 18, featuring many delicious foods using produce from the garden. Assistant Professor **Carmen Byker's** Culinary Marketing class created an array of dishes including pearl barley with rainbow chard and beets salad, artisan Montana rustic bread, green chutney, roasted radish hummus, summer berry clafoutis, and chocolate mint shortbread for dessert. Faculty gave updates on the sustainable foods program and conducted tours of the garden for those attending the event.



MDI Director Coleen Kaiser (L) and Dean Lynda Ransdell enjoy lunch in the garden.

Photos of Towne's Harvest by Susie Beardsley.



EHHD Students Win National Scholarships and Awards



Dean Lynda Ransdell presents scholarship check to Bobbi Robinson

Three students from the college have won national scholarships or grants for this academic year. **Bobbi Robinson**, a family and consumer sciences major from Manhattan, Mont., was awarded the Phi Upsilon Omicron (Phi U) Educational Foundation's Golden Anniversary Scholarship. Robinson was notified in August by executive director, Susan M. Rickards, and **Dean Lynda Ransdell** presented her with the check from the national organization. Robinson has been a member of Phi U for two-and-one-half years and is also in the Veterans Club at MSU. Her Phi U advisors (**Debby Haynes and Sandy Osborne**) encouraged her to apply for the scholarship and she was surprised when she received one. Robinson is currently student teaching in Manhattan, and she and her husband are expecting their first child in November.

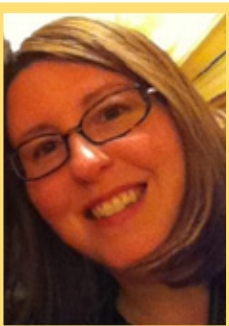


Cali Morrison, a doctoral student in adult and higher education, received a scholarship from the Kappa Delta sorority—the Alumni Continuing Education Scholarship. The award is given to only one student nationwide who shows potential in education and service to the Greek community and the greater community as a whole. Morrison, who was a member of the sorority when she was an undergraduate at Western Kentucky University, came to Bozeman as an intern for an advertising agency and fell in love with Bozeman. She has been actively involved and employed by MSU for several years, working with Extension in environmental health and housing projects, serving as a Greek advisor, and earning a master's in adult and higher education, with an emphasis on student affairs. She currently works for WCET- a WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies as the communications manager.



Andria O'Tool received a national Program for Continuing Education grant from P.E.O., a women's educational and philanthropical organization providing grants, scholarships and loans to women for over 100 years. O'Tool is a junior from Bozeman, majoring in elementary education and the mother of five children, three of whom she adopted when her sister could no longer care for them. Before returning to MSU to pursue a degree, O'Tool worked in the banking industry in Bozeman, but soon after adopting her sister's children, she felt a calling to do something more meaningful with her life and began on a path to realizing her dream of becoming a teacher.

Education Doctoral Student Elected to Association



Catherine Johnson, a doctoral student in the adult and higher education program, was recently elected as the graduate student representative for the American Educational Research Association (AERA). Johnson was selected from a national search and was among a pool of graduates from some of the most prestigious universities in the United States.

"If you know Catherine, then you know just how fabulous she is and it should come as no surprise that she was selected from what I imagine was an extremely competitive pool of remarkable graduate students," said Carrie Myers, associate professor in the adult and higher education program.

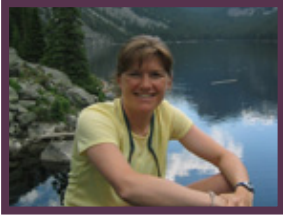
Myers noted that Johnson's selection also brings national and international recognition to the program, department, college, and MSU.

Johnson was encouraged to apply by Betsy Palmer, associate professor who passed away this summer in a trekking accident. The position is a one-year appointment and is the graduate student member-at-large in Division J of AERA, which represents post-secondary education.

"My role is to work across other divisions to do more collaborative events," said Johnson, who will be helping to organize the national conference next April in Philadelphia. "It's an incredible opportunity to mix and mingle with famous scholars."

New Leadership for the College and Department of HHD

This past summer, Dean Lynda Ransdell announced three faculty members, in addition to their regular duties, would become part time associate deans for the college. Utilizing the talent from within the college, she appointed the following:



Jayne Downey, current department head in education, will serve a two-year term as the associate dean of teaching and learning. Her responsibilities will include most of the duties she assumed as department head, such as faculty/staff evaluations and accreditation, and additional duties related to teaching and learning.

Robert Carson, director of Northern Plains Transition to Teaching, will serve a one-year term as the associate dean of student affairs and online education for the college. His primary responsibilities will include handling student appeals, discipline, and student orientations. He is also working to continue to build the Northern Plains Transition to Teaching (NPTT) online program, and other online educational endeavors.



Suzanne Christopher, professor in community health, will serve a two-year term as the associate dean for research development with responsibilities for facilitating grant and manuscript writing, collaborations within the college, grant writing boot camp (summers and during the year), mentoring programs for new faculty in the college, and other duties related to encouraging research productivity throughout the college.



The Department of Health and Human Development welcomed Professor **Sandy Bailey** as the new department head. Bailey, an MSU alumna with a bachelor's in sociology and a master's in home economics, has been in the Department of Health and Human Development since 1991. After earning her doctorate from Oregon State University in human development and family science, she served as assistant professor at University of New Mexico and at Washington State University. She returned to her alma mater as an assistant professor and Extension family and human development specialist. A prolific author, she

has published numerous articles, book chapters and publications, and received grants to support the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren project that offers support to the many grandparents coping with the responsibility of raising their grandchildren.

Bailey replaces Professor **Mark Nelson**, who served a three-year term in the position. Nelson stepped down to return to his position as a professor in the school counseling program. A school counselor prior to coming to MSU in 1995, Nelson has also published numerous articles and been co-editor of the "Journal of School Counseling" – the only online school counseling journal in the nation. He received his doctorate in counseling from the University of Nevada - Reno.



HHD Faculty Receive AARP Award



Three faculty from the family and consumer sciences program received the 2013 AARP Public Policy Institute's Financial Services and the Older Consumer Award for their paper published in the journal, "Marriage and Family Review." HHD faculty receiving the award were **Sandy Bailey, Deborah Haynes, and Bethany Letiecq**. The paper, "How Can You Retire When



You Still Got a Kid in School: The Economics of Raising Grandchildren," was presented at the American Council on Consumer Interest conference in Portland, Ore. The trio used qualitative data gained from interviewing grandparents who are raising grandchildren. The purpose of the study was to investigate the adequacy of economic and financial resources for these grandfamilies. Haynes said the results indicate hardships for many of the grandparents interviewed, especially in finding governmental services to help them.

The AARP paper award is accomplished through a monetary gift to the American Council on Consumer Interests each year. Founded in 2004, the purpose of this award is to encourage rigorous research that advances the knowledge base regarding financial products and services and the older consumer.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Receives National Award



Susan Dreyfus (L), board member with Generations United, presented the award to Sandy Bailey.

The Montana Grandparents Raising Grandchildren project and project director, **Sandy Bailey**, received the National Grandfamilies Award from Generations United (GU) in July at the international conference. **Debbie Albin**, administrative assistant for the program, submitted the project for consideration without Bailey knowing, so it came as a surprise when Bailey received word that they had won.

GU is an advocacy group in Washington, D.C. that connects the policy needs of children and elderly.

Heil Receives Service Award



At a summer meeting, the Bridger Ski Foundation (BSF) presented a service award to Professor **Dan Heil** that established the Movement Science Lab as a community partner with BSF to provide testing services to children and elite skiers participating the Nordic ski program. Heil, who teaches health and human performance in the Department of Health and Human Development, was presented with the award by Dragan Danevski, the BSF's head Nordic ski coach and program director. (pictured above)

Dean Lynda Ransdell hosted the first annual EHHD fundraising golf clinic at Cottonwood Hills Golf Course on August 8. **Nicole Bolter**, friend and colleague of Ransdell's from Boise State, conducted a clinic for alumni, staff and faculty, focusing on the fundamentals of the short game--chipping and putting. Bolton is a former All-American golfer from University of California, Berkeley, and an LPGA certified pro. Funds raised from the event went to the EHHD Graduate Scholarship account. If you missed this fun event, check out the photo collage below. We will see you next year!

