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Special points of interest:

- **Watch for Owl Apps. Starting September 12, 2011, both students and alumni can make the switch to a new email interface for life via the Web.**
- **Student Teaching deadline is September 15, 2011.**
- **Spring 2012 Graduate applications are due November 1, 2011.**

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Letter from the Chair

By Barbara Ridener, Ph.D.

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Academic School Year. The Department of Teaching and Learning Faculty is busy preparing to make changes in programs to meet the State of Florida's recently revised Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAP). The Faculty as a whole is looking at coursework to see how to address new requirements.

In addition to assessing students across the breadth of FEAPs, the Faculty will use part of FEAPs to measure teacher effectiveness. This will help students prepare for their careers as educators, since these same practices will be used to evaluate teachers once in the field.

Notably, this is the first time grades K-12 align with higher education. That is, the teacher preparation program at the university lines up with the effective instructional practices that form the basis of the core teacher appraisal system.

The FEAPs presently consists of six accomplished practices. The first four address the quality of instruction and the latter two attend to continuous improvement, responsibility and ethics. The Department of Teaching and Learning is making every effort to meet those needs.



Barbara Ridener, Ph.D., Chair

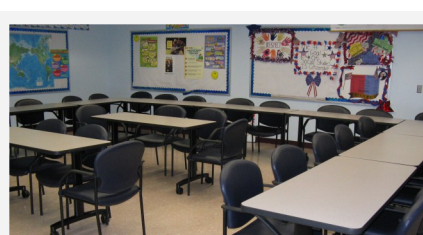
Department of Teaching & Learning



The College of Education

The College of Education Updates Interior

Faculty and students returned to the Boca Raton campus this Fall to find the Education building spruced up. Freshly painted halls, and new flooring in the lobby provide a professional, clean look. New tables and chairs in the 3rd floor classrooms display an inviting learning environment.



Mark Your Calendar



Upcoming Dates for DTL Departmental Meetings for The Fall 2011 & Spring 2012 Semesters

| Day | Date |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Wednesday | August 17, 2011 |
| Wednesday | September 21, 2011 |
| Wednesday | October 26, 2011 |
| Wednesday | November 30, 2011 |
| Wednesday | January 25, 2012 |
| Wednesday | February 22, 2012 |
| Wednesday | March 21, 2012 |
| Wednesday | April 18, 2012 |

All meetings will begin at 1:00 PM in Room 313 (ED 47—Boca).

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"The Department of Teaching & Learning staff are here to serve you—our faculty, students—on four campuses: Boca Raton, Davie, Jupiter, and Port Saint Lucie."

Meet the Staff

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Department of Teaching & Learning staff (counterclockwise from right): Barbara Ridener, Ph.D., Chair; Catherine Politi, senior secretary; Josephine Elliott, secretary; and Sharon Beyer, program assistant

Photography by Dr. Deborah L. Floyd

Contribute Stories, Ideas



The Department of Teaching and Learning would like to share your stories, successes, events, and ideas. If you would like to contribute, please submit your request to deptteachlearn@fau.edu. Be sure to include your name, contact information and suggestions.

In subsequent issues, we would like to feature articles on faculty, staff at each campus, student achieve-

ments, alumni advice and experience in the workplace, in addition to news and events. We will introduce you to our graduate assistants and offer tips from our faculty and alumni that you can use in the classroom. In short, our desire is to provide you with a forum to exchange ideas, as well as keep you informed and updated.

Please be sure we have your current

email address so that you can continue to receive our newsletter and stay connected with the Department of Teaching and Learning.

We are proud of what our students, faculty and alumni have accomplished. Be sure to check out our recent graduates on pages 4, and faculty on pages 6 and 7. We wish you all continued success in your studies and careers.

Outstanding DTL Faculty Receive Awards

Commitment to excellence, in teaching, research and service reaps prestigious awards for five faculty members of the Department of Teaching & Learning in 2011.

Dr. Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She was selected for an Award for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching in 2011 in recognition of her outstanding performance. Her bright, warm and bubbly personality can be witnessed at the Davie campus where she primarily teaches.

Another faculty member from the Davie campus, Dr. Angela Rhone, also received high honors when she

became the recipient of the 2011 Faculty Member of the Year Award. This award is an FAU Broward Achievement Award.

The Northern Campuses also bestowed Achievement Awards. Dr. Joseph Furner for the MacArthur Campus and Dr. Leslie Calhoun for the Treasure Coast Campus received the Exceptional Faculty Awards from the College of Education.

Professor Linda Hinkle of the Treasure Coast Campus was named Outstanding Adjunct Faculty. All of these professors are faculty members of the Department of Teaching and Learning.



Dr. Joseph Furner



Dr. Marinaccio-Eckel

College of Education Welcomes Faculty

On Wednesday, August 17th, 2011 the College of Education (COE) held its Welcome Back Reception at the A.D. Henderson University School. Dr. Valerie J. Bristor, Dean, greeted faculty and introduced her staff, new faculty at the university schools, as well as the chairs of each of the COE departments. She then gave the closing remarks.

The College of Education has seven departments. They are Communication Sciences and Disorders; Coun-



Dr. Valerie J. Bristor, Dean

selor Education; Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry; Educational Leadership and Research Methodology; Exceptional Student Education; Exercise Science and Health Promotion, and Teaching and Learning.

Department of Teaching & Learning faculty from the Boca, Davie, MacArthur and Treasure Coast campuses also attended the event. It was preceded by a departmental meeting held by the Department of Teaching and Learning.

College of Education
Faculty gears up for
the 2011-2012
Academic School
Year.

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You may also make a contribution by calling 561-297-2891 or by going online to fauf.fau.edu and click on "Give Today." You may choose "Other" in the designation field and enter "Department of Teaching & Learning" or simply "EDU080."

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12 DTL Students Earn Master's Degrees



Summer 2011 College of Education Graduates line up for the Commencement Ceremony.

On Tuesday, August 9th, the Department of Teaching & Learning (DTL) graduate students donned their caps and gowns to receive their diplomas during the commencement ceremony in the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium on the Boca Raton campus. A total of 12 graduates earned Master's in Education degrees in the following majors:

M. Ed. Elementary Education

Sherri A. Chaiken
Ana W. Garriga
Holli J. Horton
Lauren L. Thoms

M. Ed. Social Foundations: Educational Psychology

Angela M. Mill
Jessica L. Myers

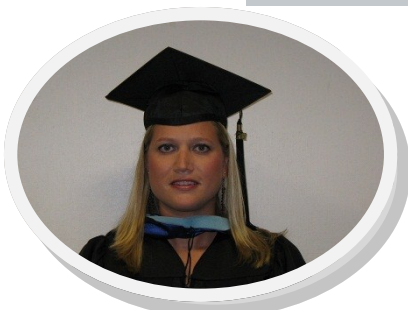
M. Ed. Social Foundations: Instructional Technology

Steven M. Boyd
Robert Rindner
Mary P. Smith

M. Ed. Reading Education

Mattie E. Allen
Lauren J. Amiel
Tonya Lynch

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Angela Mill earns the M. Ed. in Social Foundations: Educational Psychology on Tuesday, August 9th.



Kelly Burgess (left) and Danielle Power are all smiles before the graduation ceremony.

Kudos to Eight DTL Students Hired as AIT Teachers

by Josephine Elliott

Eight students in the Department of Teaching & Learning (DTL) are teaching this fall as Accelerated Induction into Teaching (AIT) teachers. Seven have been hired by the St. Lucie County School District and one by the School District of Palm Beach County.

"There were limited opportunities available the past two years due to the economy and other factors," said Director Jan Andrew of Florida Institute for the Advancement of Teaching (FIAT). "But now we are seeing increased activity."

This year's AIT teachers are all DTL education majors in the College of Education. They have landed a variety of positions at different grade levels. Shannon Hert is teaching fourth grade at Palm Pointe RS @ Tradition; Raynell Mowitt, kindergarten at Palm Pointe RS @ Tradition; Jackie Spircoff, second grade at Windmill Point Elementary; Heather Concepcion, first grade at Village Green Elementary; Bethanie Gallagher, first grade at St.

Lucie West K-8; Alexi Zastenik, fifth grade at Village Green Elementary, and Nicole Wise, second grade at Oak Hammock K-8 in St. Lucie County. In addition, Valmorria Smith is teaching secondary English at Atlantic High School in Palm Beach County.

AIT is FIAT's capstone program, a specialized form of student teaching done in the last semester of students' undergraduate degree. Students who apply and are approved by the Department have the opportunity to interview for open positions in partnering school districts. Each candidate must meet strict criteria, including grade point average and recommendations.

Interested students can apply to this unique program during their student teaching semester. For more information about AIT visit the FIAT website at <http://www.coe.fau.edu/CentersAndPrograms/fiat/ait.aspx>.

FIAT also runs two other programs: First Introduction to Teaching (Good FIT) and Substituting with Mentors



Cassie Mass Migliore (right), Spring 2011 AIT and FAU graduate with her mentor, Joyce Beck.

and Realistic Teaching (SMaRT). For an application and more information about these programs, as well as AIT, visit www.coe.fau.edu/fiat.

It could lead to a teaching position as it did for Cassie Mass Migliore (pictured above) who now teaches first grade at St. Lucie West K-8 in St. Lucie County.

FIAT Celebrates Success



Dr. Andrew Brewer shakes hands with a student during the Spring 2011 FIAT Annual Celebration of Success.

Photography by Teresa Crane

The Florida Institute for the Advancement of Teaching (FIAT) held its Annual Celebration of Success in Spring 2011. Two faculty members of the Department of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Andrew Brewer of the Northern Campuses and Dr. Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel of the Davie Campus, trained students at Palm Beach State College—Belle Glade in researched-based reading and motivational strategies. The training was part of a grant funded by the Florida Department of Education Mentoring and Student Assistance Initiative.



Dr. Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel (pink suit) poses with GoodFIT participants.

Department of Teaching & Learning Faculty



Dr. Deborah Harris of the Northern Campuses

DTL Faculty Listing by Subject Area

Chair

Dr. Barbara R. Ridener

Art

Dr. Susannah Brown

Educational Psychology

Dr. Marta Cruz

Dr. Alyssa Gonzalez-DeHass

Dr. Kathy Powell

Dr. Angela Rhone

Dr. Patricia Willems

Elementary Education

Dr. Deborah Carlstrom

Dr. Lori Dassa

Dr. Penelope Fritzer

Dr. Rebecca Harlin

Prof. Jodi Leit

Environmental

Dr. Carol Meltzer

Instructional Technology

Dr. Ray Amirault

Prof. Andrew Binder

Dr. Ralph Cafolla

Dr. Victoria Brown

Language Arts

Prof. Emily Borell

Dr. Janet Towell

Reading

Dr. Jennifer Bird

Dr. Leslie Calhoun

Dr. Sharon Crawley

Dr. Deborah Harris

Dr. Susanne Lapp

Dr. Joan Lindgren

Dr. Philomena Marinaccio-Eckel

Mathematics

Dr. Joseph Furner

Dr. Don Ploger

Science

Dr. Patty Heydet-Kirsch

Dr. David Kumar

Dr. Julie Lambert

Dr. Nancy Romance

Secondary Education

Prof. Lorraine Cross

Social Science

Dr. Andrew Brewer

Dr. Ellen Heckler

Spanish

Dr. Eileen Ariza

Professor Emeritus

Dr. Felicia Romeo

Dr. Steven Voss



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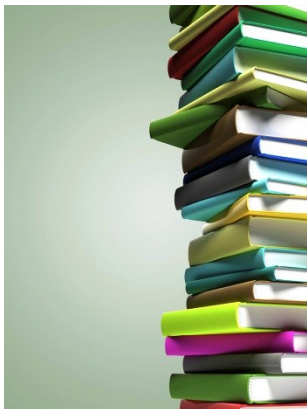
Davie



Pine Jog



Northern



Dr. Andrew Brewer makes a point to Dr. Joan Lindgren of the Northern Campuses.



Dr. Janet Towell of the Boca Raton Campus

DTL Faculty Gears Up for Fall 2011 Semester



Professors Lorraine Cross and Jodi Leit of the Boca Raton Campus enjoy the festivities welcoming faculty back to school.



Dr. Rebecca Harlin and Dr. Victoria Brown of the Davie Campus chat during the reception for faculty hosted by the College of Education.

Photography by Sharon Beyer



Dr. Andrew Brewer of the Northern Campuses and Dr. Susannah Brown of the Boca Raton Campus attended the College of Education's Welcome Back Reception on Tuesday, August 17th at the A.D. Henderson University School.

Dr. Barbara R. Ridener, Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning greets Dr. Yusra Visser, Instructor of Instructional Technology.



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are reflective decision-makers.

Department of Teaching and Learning

Mission Statement

The Department of Teaching and Learning provides quality programs for prospective and practicing educators, curriculum coordinators, post-secondary educators, and other educational professionals. As part of the College of Education, the Department of Teaching and Learning has identified three academic components in the preparation of its educators: foundational requirements, professional content-knowledge requirements, and experiential learning (knowledge, skills, and dispositions).

The broad range of graduate and undergraduate professional programs in the areas of elementary, secondary, reading, and educational psychology offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning promotes collaboration among faculty, students, and educational professionals. Faculty in the Department of Teaching and Learning value excellence and are committed to teaching, research, and service.

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Questions & Answers: Pursuing M.Ed. Degree

By Josephine Elliott

Thinking about pursuing a master's degree in Education after earning your Bachelor's degree? Here are some answers to frequently asked questions by prospective students:

What M.Ed. degrees are offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning?

Our department presently offers seven degrees: M.Ed. Elementary Education with ESOL plus Certification, M.Ed. Elementary Education, M.Ed. in Social Foundations: Instructional Technology, M.Ed. Reading Education, M.Ed. Environmental Education, M.Ed. in Social Foundations of Education: Educational Psychology, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction plus Certification.

Do I have to take the GRE Exam?

Yes, you do. The Graduate Record

Exam (GRE) score must be submitted along with your online application and official transcripts. Please be aware that the test has changed as of August 1st and that exams taken between August 1st and September 30th will not have scores sent to colleges until November 15th, missing the November 1st deadline for Spring 2012.

So, if you are planning on beginning your master's degree program in the Spring and have not already taken the GRE exam, you can apply as a non-degree seeking student and take up to 1/3 of the program credits before being officially admitted in Summer or Fall 2012. You will need to formally apply for the Summer or Fall 2012 by completing the online application for a degree seeking program.

Are courses offered online? Can they all be taken at a particular

campus?

Check the course schedule by clicking on the link: <http://www.fau.edu/registrar/schedule/crsschdl.php>. Then select the term (Fall 2011), campus (all, distance learning, Boca, Davie, Jupiter, Port Saint Lucie), college (College of Education), department (Teaching & Learning), and level (undergraduate, graduate). Then you can see for yourself where the courses are being offered.

If I graduated from Florida Atlantic University, do I still have to send an official transcript?

Yes, you do. Send it the Graduate College, SU 80, Room 101, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Do I need to be an Education major in order to apply for an M.Ed. degree?

No. Anyone with a Bachelor's degree in any major may apply.

