

# DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University



## HOOT

*HOOT Presents...*

### **Reading and Understanding Research**

**\*HOOT: Honoring  
Outstanding Owl  
Teachers**

*Expanding research  
and practice to  
prepare educators*

**Thursday,  
September 26,  
2013**

**2:30-4:00 pm**

***This program will  
be broadcast to  
three sites:***

***AD 206  
(Jupiter)***

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This colloquium event will be presented by:

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#### ***Abstract***

Reading and understanding empirical research or journal article can be a challenge. This presentation is intended to help undergraduate education majors who read journal articles and other types of primary research to understand and use the information. This presentation will introduce students to different research designs common to the educational field and offer practical strategies that can be used to judge the soundness of empirical studies. The presenters will explore essential concepts, such as internal and external validity, reliability, fidelity of treatment, and generalizability and discuss the essential components of carefully designed studies. The ideas, handouts, and examples from this presentation will help students become more educated and critical consumers of educational research.

#### ***Agenda***

2:30 - 2:35 - Introduction and refreshments

2:35 - 2:45 - HOOT overview

2:45 - 3:45 - Program talk

3:45 - 4:00 - Q & A/Wrap-up

***Come and learn more about the Department of Exceptional Student Education's honors program, Refreshments will be served!***

***This event is open to all education majors.***

This event is offered in fulfillment of a series of enrichment activities for the department's **\*Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers (HOOT)** program, an honors program within the exceptional student education major in the college of education. For more information about the HOOT program, contact the program coordinator, Dr. Sharon M. Darling (sdarlin4@fau.edu or 561.297.0807).

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