

COE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Recent Accomplishments and Achievements

Department of Counselor Education

Dr. Elizabeth Villares' proposal to host the 2016 Association of Assessment and Research in Counseling Conference in Fort Lauderdale was approved and she is the 2016 conference chair.

Dr. Michael Frain was awarded a 5 year, \$1.1 Million dollar training grant from the Rehabilitation Services Agency (RSA) through the Department of Education. It will support 12 students a year to train as Rehabilitation counselors.

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Terry Clark (our acting clinic director) presented information on Early Childhood and School-Aged Childhood speech-language and hearing disorders to pre-med students in the "Pediatric Interest Group", on the afternoon of October 30. We met in the Media Center at the Karen S. Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development.

The Communication Disorders Clinic's distance therapy program with Rwanda was featured on the WPBF (ABC affiliate in West Palm Beach) morning news on International Stuttering Awareness Day (10/22). The story was about the association between the CDC and the African Stuttering Research Center. Skype also wants to do a story on the program, after they interview Dr. Dale Williams.

Department of Curriculum, Culture and Educational Inquiry

Drs. Emery Hyslop-Margison and Andrés Ramírez have co-authored a manuscript titled "Neo-Liberal Ideology and Democratic Learning: A Response to Challenging Freedom: Neoliberalism and the Erosion of Democratic Education". After a peer review process, the manuscript was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Democracy and Education*.

Dr. Yash Bhagwanji served as co-author for a chapter titled "Promoting Excellence in Environmental Education" for the 2nd Edition of *Across the Spectrum: Resources for Environmental Educators*, published in 2015.

Doctoral candidate Courtney Beers received a scholarship from the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Foundation (NAECTEF) for her proposal to study the role of clinical experiences in early childhood preservice teachers' knowledge of children's cognitive development and developmentally appropriate pedagogical practices.