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Faculty & Staff in the Spotlight

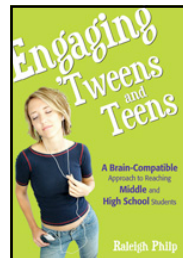
Susan Hall co-presented a poster with one of her dissertation students, Jennifer Carusone, at the August American Psychological Association Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. The poster was entitled: Positive Psychological Approach to Understanding Police Officers' Stress Experiences and Coping Strategies: A Qualitative Investigation. She also served as APA program chair for Division 37's Section on Child Maltreatment at the Convention. <http://www.apa.org/convention06/>. Hall also submitted a grant to the Oscar G. & Elsa S. Mayer Family Foundation to establish the Youth, Couple and Family Services Program.

Diana Hiatt-Michael, professor of education, will be the keynote speaker at the 4th Annual Family Literacy Support Network Learning Luau Conference on October 7. As the editor of the Family-School-Community Partnership Monograph Series, Dr. Hiatt-Michael will provide insight into the family-school-community partnership model standards released by the state of California. Sponsors of the event include the Los Angeles County Office of Education, First 5 LA, and the LAUSD Early Childhood Education.

Tomas E. Martinez, professor of psychology for GSEP and Seaver College, has been invited to speak at two local conferences in September. On September 13 Martinez and Carolyn Young LCSW, will be speaking at California State University, Northridge at the Conference entitled, Promising Practices: Shaping the Future for Mental Health Needs and

Aging. They will be speaking on the "Mental Health Needs of the Latino Elderly." On September 21, Martinez will serve on a panel presentation at the International Latino Behavioral Health Institute, being held at the Universal Hilton. He will be presenting with a mental health team on "Working Through Grief and Loss with a Latino Family."

Raleigh Philp, MAETC adjunct professor, has published a new book with Corwin Press. *Engaging 'Tweens and Teens: A Brain-Compatible Approach to Reaching Middle and High School Students* is an examination of the adolescent brain.



Paul Sparks presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society of Educators and Scholars. The title of the presentation was "Leading, Learning and Technology: A glimpse of the future based on today's research." It included gaming and simulation research done by several of his doctoral students. He was also nominated and is serving on the Society's Board of Directors. Paul Sparks, **Linda Purrington** and **Susan Parks** presented together at the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Annual Meeting in Irvine, California. Their topic and paper was called "New Ways of Being: Three graduate school program stories of transformational leadership."

Ronald Stephens, GSEP's Chair in School Safety, appeared on "America's Most Wanted" on a segment entitled

'Criminals in the Classroom'. The show aired on August 26, 2006. Stephens had two other live appearances on the Fox national news network on August 19th and August 21st centering on the topic of appropriate background screening and selection guidelines for school teachers.

New Faculty and Staff

Welcome to **Jeanmarie Hamilton Boone** who has joined the MAETC as a full time, tenured track faculty member.

Anastasia Ioda is the new admissions specialist at the WLA campus. She will be maintaining applications and admissions data as well as coordinating mailings to students regarding admissions status.

Anastasia most recently worked for the US Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. She also worked at the UCLA Education Abroad Program. Anastasia received her Bachelor of Arts degree in European studies from the UCLA.

Claudette LaCour has accepted the position of director, advancement and will be starting on Monday, September 18. Claudette will work with our executive director, career services and alumni to cultivate alumni and donor support. She will also design and administer comprehensive fund-raising campaigns, recognition strategies, and events to increase alumni, donor, and corporate participation in annual giving.

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Claudette was the director of development at St. Francis High School. Previously she worked at Inner-City Arts School as the director of development and at the Braille Institute of America as the planned giving officer and director of development. Claudette earned her bachelor's degree in geography from UCLA.

Jean Lee is the new manager of the Institutional Research Board (IRB). In this role Jean will provide the administrative and technical support for the day-to-day activities of the Graduate and Professional Schools' (GPS) IRB. Additionally she will be coordinating a process for clearance of dissertations to meet the American Psychological Association guidelines.

Jean's most recent position was with University of California, Irvine. She earned her bachelor's degree in biopsychology & cognitive science with a minor in philosophy from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Robert Medonis is the new technical support manager. Robert will oversee technical support operations, including development, maintenance, and support of PC and Mac hardware, software, and client network connectivity.

Robert comes to us after serving six years as an application specialist with Marymount College. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Kenyon

College in Gambier, Ohio and his master's in finance/marketing from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Besenia Rodriguez is the new program administrator for the education division. She will focus on effective management of student recruitment for the Ed. Tech. and OMET programs.

Besenia most recently worked as program manager at Fundacion Amistad. She received her bachelor's degree from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and her master's and doctorate degrees from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Faculty/Staff Updates

June Schmieder-Ramirez has been appointed associate dean of education. A heartfelt thank you to Chester McCall for his past service as associate dean of education

Robin Bailey-Chen has been named executive director for student services.

Arminda Lerma has been named assistant director of financial aid

Vanessa Jahn has been promoted to events & public relations manager

Lou Castillo has been named MAETC student service coordinator.

Upcoming Outreach

The Multicultural Research and Training Lab conference "Building a Multiculturally Competent Professional Community" will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Celia Falicov will be the keynote speaker and doctoral students from local psychology programs will give morning and afternoon panel presentations. The event is free and includes a continental breakfast and lunch, but attendance caps at 120 people, so register as soon as possible (no later than October 2nd). <http://gsep.pepperdine.edu/mrtl>.

Clinical Connection events are starting up again at the WLA campus this fall! Pepperdine professor Jerome Front will be leading off the fall series on September the 15th. Front is an MFT who teaches and practices mindfulness. He was trained in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction by Jon Kabat-Zinn. Contact jennifer.catabas@pepperdine.edu or caredev@pepperdine.edu for more information on this series of free presentations.

Cynthia Dollins and **J.L. Fortson** will be representing GSEP, along with 18 MAETC students, at the 9th Annual Children's Literacy Fair, sponsored by the Cameron Eugene Jackson Children's Library in Inglewood on October 14 from 9-3pm. The student teachers will be conducting reading circles for the children in attendance. Dollins and Fortson will be on hand to speak with families about GSEP's tutoring program, teacher/parent relationships, and general educational questions. For more information about the event or to be involved contact Vanessa Jahn at x 2344.

Upcoming Events 

Fall Student Open House: Sept. 13 Faculty/Staff please attend and encourage your students to attend too. Free food and samples from Howard Hughes Promenade vendors.

Alumni Relations reception for the Culver City Chamber of Commerce: September 27, 5pm - 7pm, WLA campus. RSVP to Pete Young x 5510, by Sept. 15.

The Celebration of Excellence Scholarship Dinner: September 28. Please RSVP to Vanessa Jahn x 2344

Faculty/Staff Picnic - Carnival Extravaganza! September 30. RSVP for you and your family with Vanessa Jahn x 2344

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