

DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



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Message from Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Dean, School of Health Sciences & Education

Fall classes are ending and as a University community we will soon be in the midst of final exams. It is at the end of each semester and in the middle of completing projects, reviewing course notes and readings for exams, and writing papers that students pull together the many threads of their coursework and begin to see the entirety of what they have learned over the course of the semester. Hopefully they begin to make important connections between theory and practice and gain a sense of deep understanding and expanding knowledge. The combination of papers, final projects, and exams also often combine with the rush of the holidays to make this time of year quite stressful for all of us. These days can be both exhausting and exhilarating.

The end of the semester is the perfect time to reflect upon the mission of the School of Health Sciences and Education and our opportunity to spread the spirit of the holidays at work and in our interactions with each other and the communities to which we belong. The SHSE's mission statement says "we are committed to preparing students to effectively serve as professionals and leaders in their communities and fields by providing an exceptional education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, promoting diverse learning experiences, and inspiring the pursuit of continued scholarship and research. I encourage you to take a few minutes this holiday season to reflect upon the spirit of the holidays that includes such ideals as faith, generosity, unity, creativity, and hope, and how these ideals are reflected back to you in your work at Truman.

At Truman, we all have the opportunity to play an indispensable role in transforming families, schools, neighborhoods, and communities throughout our global society by applying what we learn. Take a moment this season to think about how you got to this point in your life and career and how you can move forward in the New Year, and what changes you can make in your own life and how you can make a difference in the lives of others around you. These challenges to ourselves, to reflect on our lives and to think ahead to the future, encompass both the joy and the hope of the season.

I wish you, your family and friends, the most joyous of holiday seasons.

News from the School of Health Sciences and Education Departments

Communication Disorders

The eighth annual Graduate Student Recruitment/Open House event was Saturday, November 10. with 48 total participants. Truman students (both majors and non-majors), students who have expressed interest in the master's degree, students who have made application, and those who have been accepted in CMDS were invited. Various stations of information/interest were established. Faculty discussed internships, the curriculum, the Speech and Hearing Clinic processes/procedures, financial aid, and various topics of interest to prospective graduate students. Current graduate students as well as alumni were present and available to discuss the program. After the informational activities, a light lunch was served.

CMDS graduate students and seniors will present poster sessions Friday, December 7. Graduate students will participate in the 26th Annual Research Forum in Communication Disorders Wednesday, December 12. Twenty-seven students will present. The Annual Research Forum consists of formal stand and deliver presentations of research projects. This activity is offered for 0.3 ASHA CEUs. Local Speech-Language Pathologists are invited to attend at no cost.

Education

Dr. Paul Yoder was an invited presenter of the new National Teacher Standards for the National Council of Teachers of English, in November, in Washington, D.C. The new standards for English teachers have been in development for three years and were fully approved by the Specialty Area Standards Board. The new standards will go into effect fall 2014 and will serve as the national standards until 2024 for the accreditation of English teacher preparation programs in all 50 states. Not only does the passing of a new set of professional standards mark the completion of a long process, but these particular standards also mark a milestone for teacher preparation as they include, for the first time in any set of teacher standards, a Social Justice strand. The inclusion and the argument for such a requirement within a content set of standards were widely applauded by the standards board.

Counseling graduate students Ms. Nicole Dougherty, Ms. Danielle Reynolds, and Ms. Kailey Tyler, and Dr. Chris Maglio recently attended the annual meeting of the Missouri School Counselor Association at Lake Ozark. Dr. Maglio and co-author Ms. Tjitske Tubbergen from the School of Social Work, University of Missouri-Columbia, presented "Students with DSM Diagnoses: Professional School Counselors and other Mental Health Practitioners Working Together to Effective Help Students."

Dr. Pete Kelly will attend the American Council on Education's Leadership Academy for Department Chairs, January 8-9, in Long Beach, CA. Dr. Kelly will present at the Learning Disabilities Association International Conference, February 14, in San Antonio, TX.

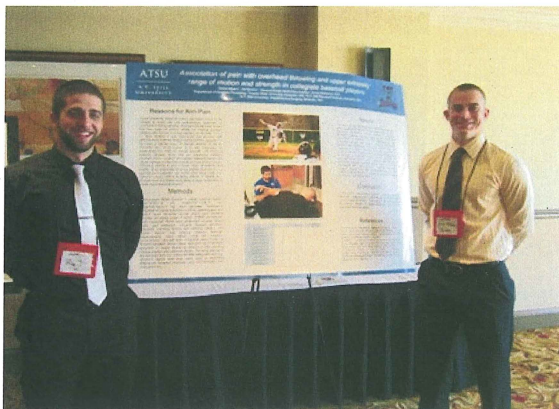
Dr. Donna Rhinesmith's article, "Stakeholders' Viewpoints on Potentially Controversial Children's Literature," was published in the fall issue of *The Dragon Lode*, the journal of the International Reading Association's Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group. The article is based on the study Dr. Rhinesmith conducted during her sabbatical, in which she compared the thoughts of parents, administrators, and graduate students on controversial children's books. Her sabbatical research also led to the development of a JINS course on controversial children's literature.

Dr. Rebecca Dierking co-wrote an article published by *The Journal of Teacher Education*, "Changing the way I teach: building teacher knowledge, confidence, and autonomy." Dr. Roy Fox, University of Missouri-Columbia, was co-author. The DOI is 10.1177/0022487112462893.

Health and Exercise Sciences

Dr. Carla Smith presented “If less is more: focus on standard 5” at the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance fall conference, November 9, at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark. Ms. Jana Arabas and Ms. Liz Jon taught a Red Cross CPR/AED Class at the conference.

Exercise Science students Mr. Devon Myers, Mr. Joe Emery and Ms. Mary Manley won the McSwegin Award for the best research presentation at the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance fall convention at Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. Psychology major Taylor Denkinger and ES major Joe Emery tied with Erin Foster for second runner-up honors for their research studies. In all, 36 ES students presented 13 research studies at the state meeting.



Mr. Devon Myers (left) and Mr. Joe Emery are pictured with their research poster. Devon, Joe, and Ms. Mary Manley (not pictured) won the McSwegin Outstanding Student Research Award at MOAHPERD.

Pictured left to right are current MOAHPERD President Bill Russell, Mr. Bradley Schaefer, Exercise Science; Ms. Megan Purk, Athletic Training; and Ms. Erin Foster, Health Science. Bradley, Megan, and Erin received the Outstanding Future Professional of the Year Award at MOAHPERD.



Pictured left are all the Truman Students who presented posters at the student research session at MOAHPERD.

HLTH 160 Essentials of Stress Management (2.0 semester hours) will be offered as a winter interim course, January 7-11. This course is open to all; it has no pre-requisites or restrictions and counts for the Health Studies minor. HLTH 160 encourages holistic stress management practices, including exploration of the importance of the psychosomatic (mind-body-spirit) relationship. Participants will learn skills to effectively manage personal stress using both cognitive strategies and relaxation techniques. Students will practice positive coping strategies in order to feel less stressed. The course will be held Monday-Friday, January 7-11, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. each day in Pershing Building Room 232. Please contact Dr. Roberta Donahue at X4456 or rdonahue@truman.edu with any questions.

Nursing

World AIDS Day Memorial Service was held Thursday, November 29, at the Eternal Flame north of Kirk Memorial. Those present were asked to reflect on global AIDS, persons living with AIDS, and persons who have died from AIDS.

Nursing Capstones will be Thursday, December 6, 1:00-4:30 p.m., at the Student Union Building Activities Room. Senior students present oral and poster sessions for their senior capstone projects. Light refreshments are provided. Thank you to Dr. Steve Hadwiger for organizing the senior capstone.

Nursing faculty and staff are making significant progress in planning an accelerated BSN (ABSN) program of study. The faculty have invited eight students to join the first cohort (of 10-15 students) starting in summer 2013. The department has offered four open sessions to students interested in pursuing a nursing major using an accelerated schedule (15 months of study after completing prerequisite courses and a previous bachelor's degree).

The Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing hosted a Dinner and Dialogue at Colton's Restaurant. Members from two chapters, Rho Omega and Pi Pi (Quincy, IL), discussed a research article regarding the perceptions of clients with disabilities and their nursing care. Thanks to Ms. Melissa Holcomb and Dr. Teak Nelson for making the arrangements, Dr. Steve Hadwiger for facilitating, and to the faculty, staff, and students who attended the dinner and dialogue.

Dr. Steve Hadwiger will be on sabbatical leave during spring 2013. The faculty and staff wish him success with his scholarship plans during his leave. Special thanks to the nursing faculty teaching spring semester nursing courses in NU 475 Critical Care Nursing and NU 410 Introduction to Nursing Research (Dr. Teak Nelson, Brenda Wheeler, Ph.D.(c), and Ms. Sharon McGahan).

Dr. Steve and Ms. Kit Hadwiger are meeting with students interested in Study Abroad in the Philippines during summer 2013. Student interest is strong.

Calendar of Selected Upcoming Events

December 1, Saturday – Board of Governors Meeting
December 7, Friday – Fall 2012 Semester Last Day of Classes
December 10, Monday – Finals Begin
December 12, Wednesday – Reading Day
December 14, Friday – Finals End
December 15, Saturday – Winter Commencement, 11:00 a.m.

For a complete list of events on campus check out the Master Calendar, available on the Truman home page or by clicking calendar.truman.edu. For information about off-campus events, click on the Kirksville tab in TruView or the [Kirksville Events](#) tab located on the top of the Master Calendar.