

Prepared for
President Kirk Schulz and Provost April Mason

Highlights

Dean Debbie Mercer spent two weeks at Harvard's Graduate School of Education attending the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education.

Dean Mercer prepared a well-crafted response to the National Council on Teacher Quality, or NCTQ, report. The result was no negative publicity for the college or university.

Sarah Jane Fishback, associate professor of educational leadership:

* Served on the standards committee for the Commission of Professors of Adult Education;

* Initiated college-level activities for the Year of the Brain.

Publications

Morales, A., & Samkoff, J. (2013). Towards a more progressive curriculum: A narrative perspective. *International Journal of Progressive Education*, 9 (2), 117-128.

Stoney, B. & MacDonald, G. (2013). 2Skins Deep: Engrained racism in reflective writing. *Race, Gender & Class Journal*, 20 (1-2), 191-213.

Goodson, F.T. & Goodson, L. Just the right book, for just the right person, at just the right time: The formula. *Signal Journal*, 36.2, 25-27.

Presentations

On June 27, Sally Yahnke, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, presented "Preparing Effective Pre-service Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers in a Professional Development School." The presentation was made at a Research into Practice Session at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Houston, TX.

Lotta Larson and Dean Mercer presented "Bringing it home: What can Kansas schools learn from Finland's education system?" The presentation was made June 14 at the KU/KSDE summer conference in Lawrence, Kan.

Graduate Student Accomplishments

Ophelia M. Blackwell, a doctoral candidate in counselor education and supervision from Junction City, Kan., received \$20,000 in funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.

Blackwell was one of 24 professionals selected for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program, or NBCC MFP. She was presented with the award in June at a special orientation meeting for the fellows in Greensboro, N.C.

Jon Moilanen, who earned his doctorate last year under the advisement of Jane Fishback, had a book chapter based on his dissertation accepted for publication later this year. The chapter is titled "Intuitive Decisionmaking: The Wisdom of Tactic Knowing in Action." It will appear in the book "Developing and Sustaining Adult Learners."