

College of Education | Achievements and Highlights

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Highlights

Dean Debbie Mercer and a team of 15 faculty and staff spent a week in Ecuador. Led by Socorro Herrera, professor and director of the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy, faculty conducted GoTeacher follow-up observations in classrooms throughout the country. Dean Mercer and Professor Herrera met with education officials at four different government agencies to discuss future partnership opportunities.

Dr. David Thompson, professor and chair of educational leadership:

- Received the National Education Finance Conference Lifetime Award. May 2013, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Presented a National Education Finance Pre-Conference Workshop on publishing in prestigious scholarly and law journals. May 2013, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Presented a National Education Finance Conference concurrent session on funding school infrastructure. May 2013, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Negotiated a sixth edition of his nationally leading school finance text *Money and Schools*, New York: Francis & Taylor-Routledge.

Linda Thurston, associate dean for research and external funding, was a speaker for the Webinar "How to Read and Utilize Asset Maps to Collaborate and Leverage Resources for Action 2013 - Advancing Women and Girls in STEM." The Webinar was sponsored by the National Girls Collaborative Project and funded, in part, by the National Science Foundation.

Jeong-Hee Kim, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, made an invited keynote speech on May 25 at the International Conference for the Korean Society of Curriculum Studies held at Ewha Women's University, Seoul, South Korea. Other international scholars from Michigan State University and the National Institute of Education in Singapore also presented. Kim's speech was titled "The American 'New' Standards, Help or Hindrance?: A Narrative Inquiry into Math Teachers' Experience of the Transition to the Common Core State Standards."

Sandy Risberg, instructor of curriculum and instruction, held an in-service workshop and made a presentation:

- On May 3, Risberg held a two-hour workshop titled "Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of the Military Child in the Classroom" at Seitz Elementary School on Ft. Riley. About 60 faculty members were in attendance. Activities included a scavenger hunt in the school to find tangible evidence of how students' needs were being met on many levels and how that relates to the building capacity for resiliency in the classroom.
- On May 24, Risberg presented "'Military Families: The Culture, the Challenges and the Strengths" at Rock Springs 4-H Center in Junction City, Kan. This presentation was designed for preservice educators and counselors from the College of Education and the College of Human Ecology who will be facilitating Operation Military Kids day and family camps this summer.

Doris Carroll, associate professor of special education, counseling and student affairs, or SECSA, and Ann Knackendoffel, assistant professor in SECSA, each received a \$5,500 grant to develop open textbooks. Carroll's is for a distance academic advising course; Knackendoffel's is for special education.

The College hosted the first organizational meeting of the "Professors for OnLine Learning" group led by Ann Knackendoffel, assistant professor of special education, counseling and student affairs.

Publications

Bunge, R. C., El-Zanati, S. I., Rumsey, C., & Vanden Eynden, C. (2013). On the cyclic decomposition of circulant graphs into bipartite graphs. *Australasian Journal of Combinatorics*, 56, 201-217.

Presentations

Carroll, D. (2013, May). *Diversity in the arts*. Presentation made for the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City [ArtsKC], Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

Graduate Student Accomplishments

Professor Rosemary Talab's graduate student Bobbi Makani-Lim, director of Silicon Valley Social Innovation Leadership Network and San Jose State University faculty member, has been in the news:

- She helped organize an event, Hackathon, in the Silicon Valley on April 28. The purpose was for students to use social innovation to help stop homelessness with a mobile application. Hackathon was presented by the National Human Services Data Consortium and sponsored by San Jose State University School of Business and the Community Technology Alliance. For more information, visit <http://spartandaily.com/104200/students-help-the-community-out-by-doing-hackathons>.
- She conceptualized and brought to life an event that unites San Jose State University marketing students with Latina micro-entrepreneurs. For more information, visit <http://spartandaily.com/96887/marketing-students-partner-with-local-latina-micro-entrepreneurs-at-kick-off-event-today>.