

Graduate Student Newsletter



Welcome and Changes

As the Interim Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education I want to offer a warm welcome to Spring Semester 2005. Please take note of the various professional, cultural and social events available to students throughout the semester. In order to enhance personal and professional growth, I strongly encourage active participation in the many events and programs avail-

able in the College of Education.

Please note a Math Praxis II Review Course will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2005 from noon to 5:00 in Room 111, White Hall for Junior and Senior Secondary Mathematics Majors. Please contact Dr. Judith Melillo at jmelillo@kent.edu or 330-672-0615 for registration information.



Did You Know?:

Dr. William Bintz, who is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Teaching, Leadership and Curriculum Studies taught middle school language arts in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia?

According to the Pop2World web site: "Dhahran is the headquarters of the Saudi oil company ARAMCO. Dhahran is totally self contained with its own recreation facilities, including Red Sea SCUBA diving and tons of desert

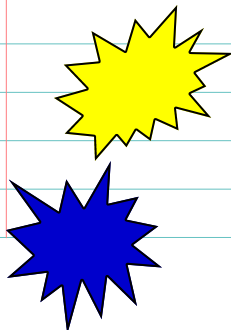
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411: Scholarship Info. is Located on the wall outside 308 WH

Points of Pride



- **Tony Manna** (TLCS) has been invited by the Association for Library Service to Children to serve on the selection committee for the John Newberry Award. As any parent knows, each year this award recognizes the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.
- **Harold Johnson** (EFSS) was recently awarded a \$1.2 million Federal grant to establish a virtual professional development school for K-20 deaf education.
- **Dave Dalton** (EFSS) has been selected as an Educator of the Year in the College category. A \$1,000 cash award will be paid to Kent State University for Dr. Dalton and the school administration to decide on its use.

The Northeast Ohio Writing Project at KSU

The *Northeast Ohio Writing Project at Kent State University* will offer its Summer Invitational Institute June 13 to July 16, 2005, on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Kent Campus. The Institute, taught by KSU Distinguished Teaching Professors Anthony Manna and Nancy McCracken, offers six graduate credits in Curriculum and Instruction. Invited K-16 teachers of all subjects work in areas such as: Writing to Learn Across the Curriculum;

Preparing Students for Success on the Ohio Graduation Test; and Using Creativity to Motivate Students. *NOWP* has received national and state recognition, and the National Endowment for the Humanities says, "[NWP] has been by far the most effective . . . project in the history of the Endowment's support for elementary and secondary education programs." Scholarships for teachers of students in grades 1 through 12 are available through the Ohio Board of Regents and

the National Writing Project. Interested teachers, as well as educators and administrators who wish to nominate teachers, are invited to contact Nancy McCracken, Director (330-672-0644) or Judy Sewell (330-672-0636) in 209 White Hall. The application deadline is March 15, 2005.



Students must code their Praxis scores to be sent to the following recipient codes: R7945 (Ohio Department of Education) and R1367 (Kent State University).

Praxis II Preparation

Faculty in the College of Education will hold a review session for the **Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) test** on two Saturdays, February 26 and April 23. The registration form, which is on the website oss.educ.kent.edu, and in 316 White Hall, needs to be returned with a \$20 fee to 316 White Hall. In addition, Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides study guides and kits, which include sample tests, test-taking strategies, explanations of correct answers to each question,

scoring keys, and scoring instructions. Of particular interest is the guide for the **English: Content Knowledge test**, "A Guide to English Language, Literature, and Composition: Content Knowledge" for \$25. Check the following link for more information: www.ets.org/praxis/prxorder.html. A **Math Praxis II Review Workshop** for secondary education math majors will be sometime in March. Contact Dr. Judie Melillo at jmelillo@kent.edu.

Summer Course

The following seminar, *Reconceptualizing ECE*, will be taught by Dr. E. Hyun during Intersession and did not make the deadline for inclusion in the Schedule of Classes booklet. It will be offered during Intersession (May 23-June 10, 2005) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:15 until

8:25 p.m. in 203 White Hall. ECED 67291 (Call # 15233) and ECED 77291 (Call # 15234). The course examines postmodern understandings of early childhood education, developmental theories, research, and curriculum practices. Social, legal, political, international, and cultural issues that have af-

ected current early childhood education will be critically analyzed.



The Richard and Jo Anne Vacca Scholarship for Teachers of Literacy

This scholarship was established to support practicing teachers enrolled in the Master's Degree Program in Reading Specialization at Kent State University. This award assists teachers in their goals to earn a master's degree and improve literacy instruction in Northeast Ohio. The scholarship will be awarded annually for a summer session, three-credit graduate level course. The scholarship is a one-time,

non-renewable award. Recipients will be selected by the faculty affiliated with the Reading and Writing Center at Kent State University based on the following preferred criteria:

- Employed as a full-time teacher in Northeast Ohio;
- Admitted to the Master's Degree Program in Reading Specialization in the College and Graduate School of

Education at Kent State University;

- Currently enrolled or planning to enroll for a minimum of three (3) graduate credit hours for the summer.

The application can be obtained from and returned to: Karen Brothers, 402 White Hall, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242.

The application deadline is March 1st. Notification will be mailed by April 15th.

Administrative Services

Please note the following dates and deadlines for Spring 2005.

- January 21- Last day for those hoping to graduate May 2005 to submit approved dissertation proposal.
- January 21-Deadline to apply for graduate level May 2005 graduation.
- February 3-Deadline to apply for March 6th Praxis I and II tests.
- March 11-Final date for oral defense of graduate level dissertation/thesis.
- March 12-Deadline to apply for June doctoral comprehensive exams.
 - Option I - 2 Day Written
 - Option II - Take Home Exam
 - Option III - Portfolio and Take Home Exam
- March 16-Deadline to apply for April 17th Praxis I and II tests.
- March 21-27-Spring Recess
- April 14-Two copies of edited and corrected dissertation or thesis must be submitted to 308 White Hall.
- April 14-Deadline for all incompletes to be cleared from the previous semester for all graduate level students graduating in May 2005.
- April 17-Praxis I and II tests.
- May 7-Deadline to apply for August doctoral comprehensive exams.
- May 8-Classes end.
- May 9-15-Final Exams.
- May 11-Deadline to apply for June 12th Praxis I and II tests.
- May 15-Graduate School of Education's commencement ceremony.
- June 11-Praxis I and II tests.

[Education SuperStart](#)
 Saturday, January 29, 2005,
 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 KIVA, Kent Student Center

[Summer Job and Internship Fair](#)
 Thursday, March 10, 2005,
 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Ballroom, Kent Student Center

[Teacher Interview Day I](#)
 Wednesday, March 16, 2005
 Ballroom, Kent Student Center
[Pre-registration required - online](#)

[Teacher Interview Day II](#)
 Thursday, April 14, 2005
 Ballroom, Kent Student Center
[Pre-registration required - online](#)

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Please note the following guidelines regarding two different types of Admission.

Guest Admission Facts:

- Guest admission is appropriate if a student has never attended Kent State as a graduate student.
- Maximum hours a student can take as a guest is **6** hours, which includes any attempted hours.
- Attempted hours include workshops as well as courses with IP, IN and W grades.

Non-Degree Admission is appropriate if a student is pursuing licensure and requires:

- Two **official transcripts** from the

institution where the most recent degree was taken must be submitted.

- The Graduate School of Education will secure transcripts of course work taken at Kent State University.
- A \$30.00 application fee is required.
- Is valid for six years.

Important note: If a non-degree student wants to apply to a degree program, a limit of 12 hours taken as a non-degree admit can be used in the degree program, if approved. This includes coursework taken at another university.

Please contact the Graduate Office of Student Services at 330-672-2576 with any questions.

College of Education Events



Peace and Social Justice Series:

Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. KIVA, Kent Student Center *Peace Studies in the Time of Terror*, Dr. Ian Harris.

Thursday, March 31, 5:30 p.m. Governance Chambers, Student Center *Teaching for Social Justice, Diversity and Citizenship in a Global World* Dr. James Banks.

Graduate student interactive sessions will take place the day of the lecture 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

May 4-7, 2005 - Fourth Biennial International Conference on Intercultural Research hosted by the Center for International and Intercultural Education entitled *Conflict, Negotiation, and Mediation across Cultures*. Several speakers from various universities will be featured.



Brown Bag Series - Room 200 White Hall 12:00—1:00:

January 27 (Thursday): *Reaching out Internationally.*

February 9 (Wednesday): *Notes from the Fields: Adventures in International Collaboration.*

March 8 (Tuesday) : Vilma Seeberg and visiting Chinese Scholar **Hong Mei Zhang** *Schooling in the Other China.*

March 9 (Wednesday): *The Mystery of Writing: How Professors do It!*

April 7 (Thursday): *Sharing of Presentations for American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.*

April 14 (Thursday) *Turkish Women's Leadership Project: Women's Issues in Southeastern Turkey.*

April 26 (Tuesday/Tentative) *Celebrating International Collaborations and Graduations: the College of the Bahamas and CGSE.*

DON'T BE IN THE DARK.

Join the listserv. To subscribe, go



to listserv@listserv.kent.edu. Do not type a subject. Your message should read: **Subscribe OAS-grad (your name).**

Use your kent.edu email account daily.

Special Education Teachers are in High Demand

The newspapers and nightly news would have us believe that school districts are laying off teachers so regularly that training to be a teacher might not be a good career move. University training should lead to employment and a career opportunity with a future. While the news may be correct in many school districts, those same school districts are hiring Special Education (SPED) teachers. Nationally, there is a teacher shortage in the field of SPED and this shortage is predicted to last well into the next decade. If you want to be a teacher and are looking for both job availability and security, as well as a career path, SPED would be a good choice. All of our students have been able to acquire employment. Please e-mail Lyle Barton at lbarton@kent.edu for more information.