Bartkowiak, E.
The Early Childhood Research Center has organized “Children Helping Children” as a way to foster interaction between children, especially those with special needs, and to promote and instill values of cooperation and service among young children. The ECRC staff makes every attempt to venture beyond the commercialism of calendar celebrations and hopes to convey to children and their families that there is love in doing for others.

Finn, J.
Has organized a symposium entitled “New Research on Small Classes” to be held at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans, LA.

Finn, M.
Has organized the UB/GSE Coalition for Urban Education to promote the success of the Buffalo Public Schools among all stakeholders. Parents, teachers, students, administrators, community activists and university faculty are involved in this project. CUE grew out of an initiative of the Urban Education Community subcommittee of the GSE Strategic Planning Committee’s spring semester efforts. Patrick Finn (LAI) and Lauri Johnson (ELP) co-chaired the committee and provide leadership for the Coalition, with the support of CUE member
Associate Dean Suzanne Miller and Kim Truesdell (TEI). GSE faculty interested in learning more about the Coalition for Urban Education should contact Patrick or Mary Finn at fin@buffalo.edu.

GRANTS

Bartkowiak, E.

Was awarded a Dr. J. Richard Sentman Mini-Grant from the SUNY at Buffalo chapter of Phi Delta Kappa for her project entitled “We Are In Our Prime,” $600.

Collins, J. and Grant, S. G.

Assisted in Writing and Obtaining a New York State Education Department “Targeted Staff Development” Grant for the Iroquois Central School District, $175,000.

Clements, D.

Additional Funding for “Conference on Standards for Preschool and Kindergarten Mathematics Education,” ExxonMobil, $46,200.

Noone, E.

Received funding for “Ready To Learn” Outreach Service, Family Foundation, $5,000.

Noone, E.

Has been granted an ON OUR OWN TERMS Community Award for local audience development and community action around end-of life issues, WNET (New York), $2,000.

PUBLICATIONS

Frantz, T., & Lawrence, J.


Gentile, R.


Meier, S. T.


PRESENTATIONS

Bartkowiak, E.

Bartkowiak, E. & Krishnamurti, H. (2000, April). We Are In Our “Prime.” Poster display to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Childhood Education International, Baltimore, MD.
Bromley, H.

Clements, D. H.

Cornbleth, C.

Emihovich, C.

Finn, J.

Johnson, L.


Seller, M.

Seller, M.
Seller, M. (2000, July). Will be presenting a paper on her recent oral history research project on how German and Austrian refugees, mostly Jewish, created education and cultural activities in British internment camps during World War II, to the Anglo-American Historical Society, London, ENGLAND.

Shuell, T.
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RETIREMENT

Jim Conway (ELP) and Patrick Finn (LAI) have become members of that esteemed body, emeriti faculty, as of December, 1999. We wish them well in retirement!

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SCHOLARS AND THEIR STUDENTS

Karen Drew (TEI) announces that student teacher Joseph Thielman has had an article published in the January/February issue of Spree Magazine entitled Winter Catch: An Ice Fishing Primer. A copy of the article is housed in TEI.

Catherine Emihovich (CEP) has been named Program Chair for Division K at this year’s AERA conference. In addition, she is the second author on a paper she is delivering at AERA entitled Understanding ‘culture’ in multicultural education: Implications for teachers and teacher educators. The first author of the article is Aviva Bower, CEP doctoral student. Aviva is one of GSE’s most honored students; she was the 1998 Peter Drapiewski Scholar in recognition of her exceptional balance of scholarship, teaching and humanitarianism. She was also honored in Spring 1999 with one of UB’s Excellence in Teaching Awards for Graduate Teaching Assistants. She has also co-authored the Instructor’s Manual for Professor Ron Gentile’s Educational Psychology text (1997, Kendall Hunt).

Jeremy Finn (CEP) is making three presentations along with GSE students at a symposium he has organized for this year’s AERA meeting. The symposium, entitled “New Research on Small Classes” counts among its presentations: Short- and Long-term effects of small classes (J. Finn, S. Gerber, C. Achilles, & J. Boyd-Zaharias), The impact of teacher aides in the classroom (S. Gerber, J. Finn, C. Achilles), and The effect of small classes on student engagement (S. Farber & J. Finn). Sue Gerber, Ph.D., defended her dissertation this past fall and Stacey Farber is a doctoral student in CEP. Sue Gerber is one of the most accomplished GSE students ever. For instance, she was honored with the 1999 Mary Lou and David Farr Scholarship in recognition of her excellent research and teaching related technology and learning. She has also been exceptionally productive in publishing, with two books to her credit: The SPSS Guide to the New Statistical Analysis of Data, co-authored by Kristin Voelkl, (Springer-Valley, 1997) and Using SPSS for Windows (Springer-Valley, 1999).

Jim Hoot (LAI) announces that doctoral student Judit Szente has been elected to the executive board of the Association for Childhood Education International, the major professional organization in the early childhood education field. Szente, who also has participated in an ECRC exchange program in Hungary, will hold this position for the next two years and have all expenses paid to the annual meeting and fall executive board meeting.

Jenifer Lawrence (Dean’s Office) announces that graduate assistant Tim Hartigan is nearly over the disappointment of having his slogan: “GSE: Linking Our Students to Scholars and Schools” rejected by the GSE Slogan Selection Committee.
Steve Jacobson (ELP) proudly announces that his daughter, Kim Lee, an LAI graduate, is one of six educators in the country to be honored with an early childhood professional award from Scholastic, Inc., an international children’s publishing and media company. Jacobson, who was nominated by a parent of two-year old child with Down’s Syndrome, was recognized at the 1999 National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in New Orleans, LA and award $2,000 worth of Scholastic educational products.

Maxine Seller (ELP) reports that former student Virginia Kotlarz, professor of Medical Technology at Daemen College, has recently published a series of six articles in Clinical Laboratory Science, for which she received the medical technology professional association’s Distinguished Author Award. She has another article coming out this year and two more in the offing – all stemming from her dissertation on the history of laboratory technology as a professional field.

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Please send your accomplishments exactly as you would like to see them printed to Jenifer Lawrence, Assistant Dean (jlawrenc@acsu.buffalo.edu). Thank you.

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