GRANTS

Jeremy Finn (CSEP faculty) received a $149,115 grant from the W. T. Grant Foundation (with HEROS, Inc. of Tennessee) entitled “A Data Archive for Project STAR and Beyond.”

Gloria Lee (CSEP faculty) was awarded a $2,700 Graduate School of Education Junior Faculty Grant for the study “Development and Psychometric Validation of the Pain Rehabilitation Expectancies Scale (PRES)” and $10,000 for a Reynolds Foundation, UB Geriatrics Center of Excellence Award for Evidence Based Medicine study “The Relationship Between Peripheral Arterial Disease, Depression, Walking Impairment and Chronic Pain in the Elderly Patients.” Lee is Principal Investigator for the first study and Co-Principal Investigator for the second study.

Jaekyung Lee (CSEP faculty) received a National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP) Secondary Analysis Research Grant for $97,205. The June 2005-November 2006 study is entitled “Evaluating State Equity and Adequacy in School Resources and Math Achievement.”

Suzanne Miller (LAI faculty) was awarded $50,000 from the New York State Education Department, through the Learning Technology Grants for Enhancing Teaching and Learning, for the study “City Voices, City Visions: Improving Middle Grades Literacy Achievement through Digital Video and Communication Technologies.” Miller is the Principal Investigator for the study in collaboration with the Buffalo Public Schools.

Deborah Moore-Russo (LAI faculty) will serve as the Co-Principal Investigator for the $249,992 National Science Foundation grant entitled “Full Development of Visualization Tools for 3D,” which will run from 2005-2008.

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Mark Ashwill (Ph.D., 2001, ELP)

Greg Dimitriadis (ELP faculty)

Ron Gentile (faculty emeritus, CSEP)

S. G. Grant (LAI faculty)
(Note: This is the new edition of the book entitled Constructing a powerful approach to teaching and learning elementary social studies)
Lois Weis (ELP faculty)


EDITED BOOKS

Greg Dimitriadis (ELP faculty)


(Note: Dimitriadis also co-authored the introduction)

Lauri Johnson (ELP faculty)

Mary Finn (Ph.D., 1980, ELP)

Rebecca Lewis (Ph.D., 2003, ELP)


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Judit Szente (Ph.D., 2001, LAI)
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PRESENTATIONS

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Rima Aranha (ELP doctoral student)
Amy Augustino (LAI master’s student)  
Hyunhee Cho (LAI doctoral student)  
Keli Garas (LAI doctoral student)  


Sarah Banach (CSEP master’s student)  
Christine Wang (LAI faculty)  


Mary Ellen Bardsley (LAI doctoral student)  


David Cantaffa (ELP doctoral student)  

Cantaffa, D. (2005, May). *From the outside looking in and from the inside looking out: Identity evolution in the research process*. Paper to be presented at annual conference of the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Julie Carter (ELP doctoral student)  
Hilary Lochte (ELP doctoral student)  


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Catherine Cornbleth (LAI faculty)
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Greg Dimitriadis (ELP faculty)


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Ali Ait Si Mhamed (ELP doctoral student)  
Rita Kasa (ELP doctoral student)  

Elizabeth Holmes (CSEP doctoral student)  

Jim Hoot (LAI faculty)  
Hoot, J. L., & Miller, S. (2005, March). *Sharing your ideas with the world’s teachers through publication: Nuts and bolts of professional journal and magazine publishing for beginners.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Childhood Education International, Washington, DC.

Jim Hoot (LAI faculty)
Judit Szente (LAI doctoral student)
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Kara Olidge (ELP doctoral student)


Gina Pannozzo (CSEP doctoral student)


Brad Porfilio (ELP doctoral student)


Graziela Rondón-Pari (LAI doctoral student)


Manar Sabry (ELP doctoral student)

Kathryn Schmitz (LAI doctoral student)
Schmitz, K. (2005, February). Presenter in the Defining English language development and deafness: Language and literacy programs for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in educational settings national live satellite teleconference, St. Paul College, MN.

Soomin Sohn (LAI doctoral student)

Christine Wang (LAI faculty)

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Ali Ait Si Mhamed (ELP doctoral student) received the first faculty fellowship created by the Canisius College School of Education and Human Services. Ait Si Mhamed began his 10-month appointment as a full-time faculty member in Fall 2004. Margaret McCarthy (Ph.D., 1995, ELP), dean of the School of Education and Human Services, notes that the fellowship program “…will help raise student awareness of the different teaching and learning styles shaped by cultural influences, and assist them in the development of effective teaching strategies.”

Mariam Assefa (Ed.M., 1979, LAI), chief executive officer of World Education Services, will be honored at Metro International’s 2005 Fulbright Awards Dinner, to be held on May 23 at the United Nations. Each year, Metro’s dinner honors those who, in the spirit of Senator J. William Fulbright, have furthered peace and international understanding through their lives and work.

Mary Ellen Bardsley (LAI doctoral student) and Darren O’Hern (ELP doctoral student) co-chaired the 12th Annual Graduate School of Education Student Research Symposium February 24, 2005 at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott. A complete list of student and alumni presenters appears at the end of this section.
Carl Boykin (Ed.M., 1985, CSEP) has joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. Boykin served as an assistant district attorney for Oneida County, and most recently worked as chief of the appeals bureau. He also served as a law clerk for two associate judges of the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany and as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. He earned his doctorate of jurisprudence from Cornell Law School in 1988.

Doug Clements (LAI faculty) reports five accomplishments: (1) he served on the Planning Committee for a two-day National Research Council workshop, and contributed to the authorship of the resulting book: National Research Council. (2005). Mathematical and scientific development in early childhood. Washington, DC: National Academies Press; (2) he was invited to be a member of the Title I Mathematics Collaboration Steering Committee, U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OSEE). He presented, Early mathematics research, at the initial meeting of this Committee in Washington, DC, on December 7, 2004; (3) he presented, Curriculum research, and was an Advisory Board Member for the Title I Mathematics Collaboration Steering Committee, OSEE: Mathematics and Science Partnerships, U.S. Department of Education in Washington, DC, on December 10, 2004; (4) he became a key consultant, beginning in 2005, to the California Department of Education on California Preschool Content Standards in Mathematics in Berkeley, CA. As a consultant, his responsibilities include making presentations and attending advisory board meetings; and (5) along with LAI faculty member Julie Sarama, LAI doctoral students Mary Ellen Bardsley and Robin O’Dell, and LAI master’s student Carmen Brown, conducted a series of presentations with follow-up workshops for the Early Childhood Learning Institute in Washington, DC, in 2004.

James Casion (Ed.M., 1974, CSEP), Jane Fischman (Ph.D., 1996, LAI), and Barbara Nevergold (Ph.D., 1986, CSEP) were among 29 individuals who received awards from the Western New York Region of the National Conference for Community & Justice for their service to others in the Buffalo area. Casion is the chief executive officer of Baker Victory Services with 30 years of service to the agency, helping it to grow to one of the largest behavioral health organizations in the state; Fischman is an educator who is president of the Holocaust Resource Center and chair of the local chapter of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy; and Nevergold helped form Concerned Parents and Citizens for Quality Education and create the Uncrowned Queens Institute, which has reclaimed the history of the region’s African-American women.

Catherine Cook-Cottone’s (CSEP faculty) article, “Childhood PTSD: Diagnosis, Treatment, and School Reintegration,” which was published in the premier journal School Psychology Review, was highlighted in the March 2005 issue of the Communiqué.

Michael Cross (Ed.M., 1993, CSEP) is the senior associate athletic director for intercollegiate programming at Princeton University. Prior to joining Princeton in 1999, he was the assistant director of compliance at the University of Michigan. At Princeton, he has been a leading member of the athletic department’s senior management team that oversees 38 intercollegiate teams and facilities operations within a $200 million physical plant. In addition, he conducts searches for all head coaching positions and supervises the scheduling of all intercollegiate contests, practices, and outside events. Cross has an extensive publishing record and has made presentations at numerous seminars involving collegiate athletics. Currently commissioner of the Collegiate Sprint Football League, he received the Outstanding Senior Associate Athletics Director Award from the All-American Football Foundation.
CSEP students enrolled in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program created an affiliated student organization of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) (a division of the American Counseling Association). The new student organization’s constitution was approved by ARCA and the UB Graduate Student Association in Fall 2004. CSEP master’s students Molly Hayden and Ronald Piaseczny were elected as co-presidents, Joel Lesses was elected vice president, and Teresa Hearn was elected secretary. CSEP faculty member Gloria Lee serves as the advisor.

Greg Dimitriadis (ELP faculty) now edits the book series “Critical Youth Studies” for Routledge. The first book under contract is Urban youth and community change: Building better policy for urban youth through social justice in school and communities (co-edited by Shawn Ginwright, Julio Cammarota, and Pedro Noguera). He also reports that his book Learning to labor in new times was positively reviewed in Educational Researcher and British Journal of Sociology of Education (both as part of titled reviewed essays). Finally, his book On qualitative inquiry was positively reviewed in Teachers College Record.

Stephen Dunnett (Ph.D., 1977, ELP), UB vice provost for international education, was invited by the Japanese Ministry of Education in March 2005 to lead four national seminars around Japan on the internationalization of institutions of higher education.

Elisabeth Etopio (LAI doctoral student) received a 2005 Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award from the UB Graduate School.

Stacey Farber (CSEP doctoral student) was elected the American Educational Research Association Graduate Student Council Division D Representative for 2004-2005.

Tom Frantz (CSEP faculty) was quoted in a Bergen County Register article on the scope of the tsunami disaster and how people deal with the enormity of the deaths. Frantz said the loss is easier to deal with if you don’t have to fight through the anger to get through to the core of sadness and awe.

Michael Friend (Ph.D., 1995, CSEP) is working with Ohel Bais Ezra, Inc. in Brooklyn, NY, providing psychological services to developmentally-disabled/mentally retarded individuals in Orthodox Jewish residential and day program settings. Friend just returned from a trip to Gush Katif, Israel, providing support to the inhabitants of the 22 Jewish towns in the Gaza Strip, many of whom suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

S. G. Grant (LAI faculty) has been invited to participate in a social studies curriculum development project for the Save Our History program on The History Channel.

GSE faculty and staff who were cited by UB students for positively influencing them during their academic careers (as reported in the UB Career Services Year After Graduation Survey of Baccalaureate and Graduate and Professional Schools, Class of 2003) received Certificate of Recognition Awards. Those honored with an award were: Kelly Ahuna (director, Methods of Inquiry Program), Bill Barba (ELP faculty), Elaine Bartkowiak (associate director, Early Childhood Research Center), Chris Bogan (CSEP professional staff), Fenice Boyd (LAI faculty), David Burganowski (director, Regional Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs), Barbara Campbell (program director, English Language Institute), Elaine Casler (CSEP adjunct faculty), Doug Clements (LAI faculty), Jim Collins (LAI faculty), Debra Dechert (associate director, Center for Literacy and Reading), Janice Delucia-Waack (CSEP faculty), Scott DeWitt (LAI faculty), Jim Donnelly (CSEP faculty), Tom Frantz (CSEP faculty), Ron Gentile (faculty emeritus, CSEP), Sue Gerber (CSEP faculty), Deborah Gerrity (CSEP faculty), Jim Hoot (LAI faculty), Lauri Johnson (ELP faculty), Michael Kibby (LAI faculty), Laura Klenk (LAI faculty), Betty Krist (director, Gifted Math Program), Christine Kroll (assistant dean, GSE Dean’s Office), Jenifer Lawrence (assistant
Peggy Healy Stearns (Ph.D., 1987, LAI) received the 2004 Technology & Learning Award for her Stationery Studio software (FableVision), which is used by students from kindergarten to fifth grade to support writing. Stearns is the winner of over three dozen national awards for her software designs. She combines 20 years of classroom teaching experience with her technology expertise to create software for what she calls the “real-world classroom.” Stearns has consulted for public television, Apple Computer, and Scholastic Publishing.

John Hunter (Ed.D, 1968, ELP), president of West Virginia Northern Community College (WVNCC), whose tenure was highlighted by unprecedented enrollment growth and ambitious expansion plans, resigned his position July 31, 2004. Hunter had become the fifth president of the college, which has campuses in Wheeling, Weirton, and New Martinsville, in 2000. Prior to joining WVNCC, Hunter was a professor and dean at Niagara Community College in Sanborn, NY; was president of Lake County College, Grayslake, Ill.; was president of Alfred State College, NY; and was founding president of Cambria County Community College in Pennsylvania. He also served as on-site consultant for the building of a College of Technology in El Salvador. Hunter has authored a book and numerous articles in education journals.

Juanita Hunter (Ed.D., 1983, CSEP) is the recipient of a 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from the UB Alumni Association as part of their annual Celebration of Excellence. A 20-year faculty member (1978-1998) of the UB School of Nursing, Hunter played a significant role in the creation and establishment of the Nursing Center for the Homeless of Buffalo. She is past president of the New York State Nurses Association, was honored by Sigma Theta Tau, the professional nursing society, and elected an American Academy of Nursing fellow in 1990. During her 50-year nursing career, Hunter has maintained exceptional standards of performance as an educator, researcher, and leader in her profession and community.

Bruce Johnstone (ELP faculty) recently received three honors: (1) he was awarded the status of State University of New York (SUNY) Distinguished Service Professor, (2) he received the newly established Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education, and (3) he received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Faculty Service. Johnstone also edited (with Damtew Teferra) a special issue of the Journal of Higher Education in Africa, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2004, entitled “Cost-sharing and Other Forms of Revenue Supplementation in African Higher Education.”

Ken Lam (Ed.M., 2004, ELP) has joined the UB Office of Alumni Relations as the assistant director for affiliate programs. Previously, Lam worked with the United Way of Western New York and has been credited with many progressive changes and successes with and for this organization. In his new position, Lam will work with UB’s school-based alumni programs that are currently being formed and resurrected, and also work directly with UB’s geographic alumni chapters.

Donna Lucki (Ed.M., 1978, LAI) has been named president of the School Division of the Houghton Mifflin Company. In her new role, she will oversee the publishing, marketing, and sales operations of Houghton Mifflin’s pre-K through grade 6 basal textbook division. Lucki has more than 20 years experience in the publishing industry, and most recently served as senior vice president and publisher of the Houghton Mifflin School Division. Prior to joining Houghton Mifflin in 2003, Lucki was senior vice president and publisher for Harcourt School Publishers, the basal elementary school publishing unit of Harcourt.
Ngoc Minh Le (ELP doctoral student) serves on the Board of Advisers of the Equest Group (www.equestgroup.com). Founded in 2003, the company provides a broad range of top-quality educational and career development consulting services in Vietnam and abroad.

Mei-Chih Lu (Ph.D., 2001, ELP) is an assistant professor in the Department of Elementary Education, National Tainan Teachers College, Taiwan.

Warren Marcus (Ph.D., 2002, ELP) discussed the mysteries of the solar system, how the Spitzer telescope operates, and what NASA really does all year, during a lecture sponsored by the Hamburg Natural History Society, January 26, 2005. Marcus also presented a program on Sun-Earth Day at the Buffalo Museum of Science on March 20, 2005.

Dianne Mark (Ph.D., 1993, ELP) is the new associate dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mount Pleasant. During her two-year tenure as interim associate dean at CMU, Mark implemented enrollment management plans, helped develop department budgets and bylaws, and served as the Michigan American Council on Education Institutional Representative for CMU.

Suzanne Miller (LAI faculty) was elected chair of the Conference on English Education (CEE) of the National Council of Teachers of English in November 2004. CEE is the professional organization for faculty who prepare our future teachers of English. The Conference influences the future of English education and promotes research in the field by publishing a journal, *English Education*, through a monograph series devoted to critical issues in the professional development of teacher education, through its role in English education accreditation, and its series of awards to recognize excellence in research, promotion of diversity, and teacher development. By virtue of this position, Miller now serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English, serving on the Teaching and Research Policy sub-committee and the Government Relations sub-committee.

Susan Ott (Ph.D., 2004, ELP) is the director of the Western New York Bachelor of Business Administration Program at Bryant & Stratton College, Getzville.

Kim Pachetti (Ed.M., 2001, ELP) has been named director of sponsored programs at Canisius College. Most recently director of human resources and research administrations at the UB School of Dental Medicine, Pachetti is responsible for securing academic grants at Canisius.

Victoria Palmisano (CSEP doctoral student) was nominated by Roswell Park to serve on a review panel for Congressionally Directed Medical Research on Ovarian Cancer.

LeAdelle Phelps (CSEP faculty) has been awarded a UB Sustained Achievement Award. The award recognizes a scholar’s outstanding performance for a body of work completed over a number of years. The work, individually and collectively, must have garnered public and/or professional accolades beyond the norm for other bodies of work in the identified genre.

Graziela Rondón-Pari (LAI doctoral student) is a full-time instructor in the Department of Modern Languages at Ithaca College, and a member of the Content Advisory Committee for the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE). In addition, Rondón-Pari will travel to San Antonio, TX in June for the second consecutive year as an Advanced Placement Test Reader. During a week-long meeting, she will evaluate the tape-recorded speaking tests of high school students to determine whether they passed the Spanish section of the test. A passing grade allows a student to move directly to the 300 level in college Spanish and receive 6 college credits without having to take the actual classes.
Maria Runfola (LAI faculty) received a 2005 Excellence in Music Education Award from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra/Erie County Council of Music Coordinators. Established in 1994, the award honors those music educators who have made possible the progression of the very first note to the last exquisite tone, as students are nurtured into the musical art. Runfola was nominated for this honor by local teachers and former students.

Jan Sadlak (Ph.D., 1988, ELP) is the director of the Unit for Higher Education Policy, UNESCO-CEPES (European Centre for Higher Education).

Hugh Schintzius (Ed.B. 1966, LAI), Mansfield University recreation director, retired in February 2005 after 32 years of service. Schintzius joined the University in 1972 as a health and physical education instructor. He started the women’s volleyball team in 1975 and during the next 13 years, five of his teams qualified for national tournaments and were Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champions. He is the only coach of a women’s athletic program at Mansfield to ever win a PSAC Championship and he finished his coaching career with a 189-89 record. Schintzius oversaw the planning, design, and construction of the Rod C. Kelchner Fitness Center, which opened in 1997, and was responsible for the operation of the facility since its opening. During his career, Schintzius taught swimming, volleyball, and exercise classes. He also served in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, West Africa from 1966-1969.

Elaine Spaull (Ph.D., 1986, ELP) received the 2005 “W” Award from the Rochester Women’s Network for her continuing service as a role model to other women. Throughout her 30-year career, Spaull has been an official and unofficial mentor to more than two dozen women. Since 1990, Spaull has been the director of the Center for Youth Services in Rochester. Previously she had worked as a high school English teacher in New York City and as an associate vice president of student affairs at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Ruth Steegman (CSEP clinical coordinator) is the recipient of a 2005 National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Government and Professional Relations (GPR) Certificate of Appreciation Award. The GPR Committee annually recognizes individuals who have clearly demonstrated a dedication to children and the profession of school psychology through legislative, public policy, and advocacy activities. Steegman received her award at the NASP Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA, in March 2005.

Selamawit Tadesse (LAI doctoral student) is the recipient of the Association for Childhood Education International’s (ACEI) Elizabeth Braithwaite Student Leadership Award. This competitive honor comes with a stipend and is bestowed upon a student who has demonstrated significant potential for leadership in the profession. This award was presented at the annual ACEI conference in Washington, DC in March 2005.

Lisa Tedesco (Ph.D., 1981, CSEP), who has served as vice president and secretary of the University of Michigan since 1998, stepped down from that position in February 2005 to resume her research and teaching. A health psychologist and professor of dentistry, Tedesco has accepted a year-long position as a visiting fellow at the Center for Community Health Partnerships at the Columbia University Medical Center and visiting professor at the Columbia School of Dentistry and Oral Surgery. Tedesco is a national expert on diversity in the health professions, and her work as a health psychologist has focused on how people think about and act to prevent illness and promote well-being. She will continue this work during her year-long sabbatical. After completing her visiting professorship at Columbia, she plans to return to her position in the Department of Periodontics/Prevention/Geriatics in the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.
Edil Torres Rivera (CSEP faculty) was honored with the 2004 Ohana Award from the Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ). The Ohana Award recognizes individuals in counseling who affirm diversity and advocate for social justice, and who demonstrate the Ohana qualities of caring, humility, intelligence, generosity, integrity, honesty, unconditional love, spiritual power, courtesy, and courage. Torres Rivera was also elected president of CSJ and will begin his term in July 2006. CSJ is a community of counselors, counselor educators, graduate students, and school and community leaders who seek equity and an end to oppression and injustice affecting clients, students, counselors, families, communities, schools, workplaces, governments, and other social and institutional systems.

Sherryl Weems (Ed.D., 1987, LAI), director of UB’s Educational Opportunity Center, is quoted in a Chicago Tribune article on the movement to provide individuals with “work readiness” credentials indicating they understand the importance of the skills it takes to be successful as an employee. (www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-0504100376apr10,1,2838688.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-hed&ctrack=1&cset=true)

Lois Weis (ELP faculty) has been designated as a UB Distinguished Professor, effective September 1, 2005. The designation of UB Distinguished Professor is a recognition of a professor’s outstanding record of scholarship and contributions to the teaching and public service missions of the University.

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