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OF
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Faculty, Staff, Students, & Alumni

OCTOBER 2005

Mary H. Gresham, Dean
GRANTS

Doug Clements (LAI faculty), Julie Sarama (LAI faculty), and Jaekyung Lee (CSEP faculty) received a $6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), IES (Institute of Educational Sciences; as part of the Interagency Educational Research Initiative, or IERI program, a combination of the National Science Foundation, DOE, and the National Institutes of Health). The grant award is for 60 months, beginning June 1, 2005, and is entitled “Scaling-Up TRIAD: Teaching Early Mathematics for Understanding with Trajectories and Technologies.” Clements and Sarama are the Principal Investigators (PI) and Lee is the Co-PI.

LeAdelle Phelps (CSEP faculty) was awarded $10,841 from Baker Victory Services for a training grant entitled “Clinical Externship at Baker Victory Services.” The grant time period is the 2005-2006 academic year.

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Rosemary Callard-Szulgit (Ed.D., 1979, ELP)

Chizuko Konishi (LAI doctoral student)

Scott Meier (CSEP faculty)

EDITED BOOKS

Yoshiko Nozaki (ELP faculty)

Maria Runfola (LAI faculty)
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Doug Clements (LAI faculty)

Julie Sarama (LAI faculty)


Catherine Cornbleth (LAI faculty)


S. G. Grant (LAI faculty)


Stephen Jacobson (ELP faculty)


Michael Kibby (LAI faculty)

Debra Dechert (Ed.M., 1995, LAI)


Jaekyung Lee (CSEP faculty)


Yoshiko Nozaki (ELP faculty)


LeAdelle Phelps (CSEP faculty)


Christine Wang (LAI faculty)


EDITED JOURNALS

Jaekyung Lee (CSEP faculty)


Sharon Raimondi (LAI faculty)


ARTICLES

Angela Catanese (M.A., 2004, CSEP)

Laura Abrams (CSEP doctoral student)


Doug Clements (LAI faculty)

Julie Sarama (LAI faculty)

Jim Donnelly (CSEP faculty)


Jim Donnelly (CSEP faculty)
Kerry Donnelly (CSEP faculty)
Kerry Grohman (Ph.D., 2001, CSEP)


Jeremy Finn (CSEP faculty)
Sue Gerber (Ph.D., 2000, CSEP)


Corrie Giles (ELP faculty)
Lauri Johnson (ELP faculty)
Sharon Brooks (Ph.D., 2005, ELP)
Stephen Jacobson (ELP faculty)


Rebecca Gellman (Ph.D., 2004, CSEP)
Janice DeLucia-Waack (CSEP faculty)


Sue Gerber (Ph.D., 2000, CSEP)
Logan Scott (Ph.D., 2003, LAI)
Doug Clements (LAI faculty)
Julie Sarama (LAI faculty)


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Sharon Raimondi (LAI faculty)


Marcia Roe Clark (ELP faculty)


Kent Warkentin (ELP doctoral student)


Rose Ylimaki (ELP faculty)


Diane Zigo (LAI faculty)


BOOK REVIEW

Yoshiko Nozaki (ELP faculty)

COMMISSIONED REPORT

Stephen Jacobson (ELP faculty)
Sharon Brooks (Ph.D., 2005, ELP)
Corrie Giles (ELP faculty)
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Yoshiko Nozaki (ELP faculty)


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Julie Sarama (LAI faculty)

Kerry Donnelly (CSEP faculty)
Jim Donnelly (CSEP faculty)
Aubrey Duquin (CSEP doctoral student)


Gheorghita Faitar (ELP doctoral student)


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Chizuko Konishi (LAI doctoral student)


Guofang Li (LAI faculty)
Chizuko Konishi (LAI doctoral student)


Yoshiko Nozaki (ELP faculty)


Dorothy Rissel (LAI faculty)

Marcia Roe Clark (ELP faculty)


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Mark Ashwill (Ph.D., 1991, ELP), director of the UB World Language Institute and Fulbright program advisor, was a keynote speaker at the SUNY at Plattsburgh/U.S. Department of Education conference “Increasing Foreign Language Capability in the U.S.: Integrating Foreign Languages into the Curriculum” at Montreal, Quebec in April 2005. Ashwill’s address, “Developing Intercultural Competence for the Masses,” was based on a feature article he wrote for the Spring 2004 issue of *International Educator*, the official magazine of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Ashwill also wrote an op-ed that appeared in the September 10, 2005 *Buffalo News*, examining Hurricane Katrina and the awareness it brought about the number of people who live in poverty. Finally, Ashwill has been appointed director of the Institute of International Education’s (IIE) Vietnam office. Ashwill, who is based in Hanoi, is responsible for the overall management and supervision of IIE’s Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City offices, including direct support to the Vietnam Fulbright program, oversight of in-office educational advising services, coordinating existing fellowship and training projects, provision of strategic direction to the office, and program development.

Mary Ellen Bardsley (LAI doctoral student) has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Niagara University.
Fenice Boyd (LAI faculty) won a national election as treasurer for the National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy (NCRLl). Boyd is also serving as a literacy consultant for an international project in Macedonia that involves 203 schools across that country. The project, titled Secondary Education Act (SEA), is designed to enhance vocational education teachers’ pedagogy by introducing them to new strategies through instructional modules. Boyd has been working with 2 teachers who are training 35 colleagues from 5 schools across Macedonia. SEA is a 5-year professional development project.

Fenice Boyd (LAI faculty) and Mary Rozendal’s (LAI faculty) book Multicultural and Multilingual Literacy and Language (co-edited with Cynthia Brock) has been named a finalist for the National Reading Conference’s 2005 Edward Fry Book Award (see award description under “Dimitriadis”).

Doug Clements (LAI faculty) was asked to be one of eight members of the NCTM’s (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Curriculum Focal Points Writing Group.

Jim Collins (LAI faculty) received the Distinguished Faculty Award and Wendy Paterson (Ph.D., 1997, LAI) received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the LAI Annual Recognition Awards Banquet in April 2005. The banquet was sponsored by the LAI Graduate Student Association and the Department of Learning and Instruction, with LAI students and faculty selecting the respective award winners. Paterson is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Elementary Education and Reading at Buffalo State College.

Bernadette Curry (Ph.D., 1994, ELP) is currently chair of the Department of Nursing at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY. Curry leads a department of 40 full-time faculty who serve approximately 1300 graduate and undergraduate students.

Edwin Davenport (Certification, 2002, ELP) has accepted a position as principal of Rhinebeck High School in Rhinebeck, NY. Previously, Davenport was principal for two years at North Shore High School in Sea Cliff, NY.

Greg Dimitriadis’s (ELP faculty) On Qualitative Inquiry has been named a finalist for the National Reading Conference’s (NRC) 2005 Edward Fry Book Award. The Fry Award is given annually to a current NRC member whose monograph or edited volume most effectively advances knowledge about literacy, while displaying a spirit of responsible intellectual risk-taking. In addition, Dimitriadis was quoted extensively in the following articles: “Outsider’s Art: Slam Poetry Has Gotten Students Who Are Often Bored with How the Subject is Taught in School Excited About the Craft” (from the May 18, 2005 Education Week); “Breaking Point: B-Boys, B-Girls Express Themselves Through High Energy Dance Routines” (from the July 17, 2005 Lansing State Journal); and “Green Day’s Punk Opera Stands Tall With Public, Critics” (from the April 24, 2005 Schenectady News Gazette).

Jim Donnelly (CSEP faculty) is a faculty member in the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Pastoral Care Volunteer Program, where he teaches “Child as Patient/Child as Caregiver.” The volunteer program is directed by Beth Lenegan (Ph.D., 1999, CSEP). Also, Donnelly and CSEP doctoral students Carrie Fitzgerald, Julie Nettina, Aron Steward, and Maggie Stoutenberg volunteered at Adirondack Camp Comfort, a weekend camp for children who have lost a family member or have a family member with a life threatening illness. Adirondack Camp Comfort was initiated three years ago and is directed by Gerry Florio (Ph.D., 1997, CSEP).
Aubrey Duquin (CSEP doctoral student) is the 2005 winner of the Morton Brooks Award. This award is given by the Psychological Association of Western New York to a doctoral student for outstanding achievements during graduate school. Duquin also began her psychology internship at Tulane University in July 2005.

Mary Ellen Elia (Ed.M., 1974, LAI) has been appointed superintendent of the Hillsborough County School District in Tampa, FL. Elia has been with the district since 1986 and her most recent position has been chief facilities officer.

Gerhard Falk (Ed.D., 1970, ELP), professor in the Buffalo State College Department of Sociology, has authored or co-authored 13 books and 40 journal articles. His most recent book is Football and American Identity (Haworth Press).

Elizabeth Frantz (Ed.M., 1969, CSEP) has assumed the role of chairwoman at the Herald-Dispatch in Huntington, WV. Frantz previously was the president and publisher at the newspaper. She began her career in the newspaper business in 1979 at the Niagara Gazette in Niagara Falls, NY. After holding advertising management positions, Frantz served as president and publisher of the Public Opinion in Chambersburg, PA; the Star-Gazette in Elmira, NY; and the Great Falls Tribune in Montana, before joining the Herald-Dispatch in 2003.

Graduate School of Education (GSE) scholarships provide annual support for students enrolled in designated GSE programs. These scholarships have been established through the generosity of alumni, professor emeriti, faculty, and friends. The following are the GSE scholarship recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year:

Ursie Bankhead (CSEP doctoral student) received the James C. Hansen Scholarship which supports a student pursuing a doctoral degree in counseling psychology.

Rebecca Batt, Sarah Deeg, and Diane Schroeder (all LAI master’s students) each received an Adelle H. Land Scholarship which supports students pursuing a teaching career.

Debra Dechert (LAI doctoral student) received the William Eller Scholarship which supports a student pursuing a degree in reading education.

Kelly Keegan (LAI doctoral student) received the Mary Lou and S. David Farr Scholarship which supports a student researching digital technology and learning.

Yu-fen Lee (LAI doctoral student) received the Ralph Theurer Scholarship which supports a student pursuing a degree in science education.

Hui-hua Lin (CSEP master’s student) received the Marceline Jaques Scholarship which supports a student pursuing research in rehabilitation.

Aki Niimura (LAI master’s student) received the Judith T. Melamed Scholarship which supports an international student pursuing a degree in the TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Languages) program.

S. G. Grant (LAI faculty) has been invited to serve as a series consultant on the new K-5 social studies series being developed by Harcourt School Publishing.

Nelson Grimm (Ph.D., 2005, CSEP) was the featured speaker at the annual banquet of the Volunteer Association of the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. Nelson discussed volunteering and life satisfaction, based on data he collected, in part with this group.
Yugui Guo (Ph.D., 1998, ELP) has authored *Asia’s Educational Edge: Current Achievements in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, and India* (Lexington Books) and in June 2005, was one of the keynote speakers at the U.S. Department of State’s Conference on Global Trends in Science & Technology Education: Policy Implications for U.S. National Security and Competitiveness, in Washington, DC.

Benjamin Halsey (Ed.M., 1997, LAI) has been appointed superintendent of the North Collins School District. Since November 2002, Halsey has been principal of North Collins High School.

Liz Holmes (CSEP doctoral student) reports that her article “Play Behavior of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders” has been accepted for publication in the September 2005 issue of the *Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. Holmes has also secured an APA (American Psychological Association) accredited internship at Michigan State University for the 2005-2006 year.

Dennis Horrigan (M.S., 1970, CSEP) has been appointed president and CEO of the Catholic Independent Practice Association (IPA). The Catholic IPA is an organization of 700 physicians representing its members and the Catholic Health System in managed care contracting and contract management. Previously, Horrigan was vice president for managed care at Independent Health.

Gwen Ito (Ed.M., 1989, LAI) has been promoted to copywriter/proofreader at Crowley Webb and Associates, a Buffalo marketing communications agency. Previously a proofreader/editor, Ito joined the agency in 2002.

Rich Jacob (CSEP doctoral student) is the new general manager and head coach of the Buffalo Rapids of the American Basketball Association. During the past 25 years, Jacob has coached at a variety of academic institutions throughout Western New York, including UB, Buffalo State College, and Niagara University. Jacob currently serves as an assistant professor and coordinator of the sports management degree program at Medaille College.

Rung Kaewdang (Ph.D., 1977, ELP) has been appointed deputy education minister for the National Education Commission in Bangkok, Thailand.

Michael Kibby (LAI faculty) was appointed as a member of the Reading Standing Committee, National Assessment of Educational Progress-Reading, and also serves as a member of their Reading Vocabulary Committee.

Hoe Kyeung Kim (Ph.D., 2003, LAI) is an assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education at Cleveland State University, Ohio.

Michael Kustreba (Ed.M., 1992, CSEP) has been promoted to senior program officer at the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, an Amherst philanthropic provider to organizations in Erie and Niagara counties serving children and families affected by psychological disorders, developmental disabilities, or drug abuse. Kustreba has been with the foundation for three years.

Teresa Lawrence (Ed.M., 1993, LAI) is the new director of curriculum and staff development for the Clarence Central School District.
Donald Levin (Ph.D., 1996, LAI) received the 2005 President’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship at Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, where he is an associate professor of English and director of the master’s program. He previously received the 2003 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. This summer Levin’s poem, “Sestina: The Cleaners,” was awarded the grand prize for poetry in the Metro Times 2005 Fiction and Poetry Contest.

Richard Lucas (Ph.D., 1999, ELP) is the new vice chancellor for institutional advancement at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina. Lucas has nearly 20 years of experience with university alumni and corporate donors. From 1986 to 2000, he worked in alumni relations and development at UB before moving to Howard University, where he was an associate vice president in Howard’s Division of University Advancement.

Cynthia Lynn-Garbe (LAI doctoral student) and Jim Hoot (LAI faculty) wrote an article that was selected as a finalist for the 2005 Distinguished Achievement Award, in the Learned Article category, from the Association of Educational Publishers. The article, “Weighing In on the Issue of Childhood Obesity,” was published in the Winter 2004/2005 issue of Childhood Education, the official journal of the Association for Childhood Education International.

Theresa Mignone (CSEP doctoral student) wrote a grant (with Dr. Sandra Jensen at Roswell Park Cancer Institute) that was funded for a new Bone Marrow Transplant Caregiver Orientation and Resource Family Program at Roswell Park. Mignone notes that the program is designed to better prepare transplant patients and their families for the arduous process that lies ahead (as transplant patients are often hospitalized for 6-8 weeks) with sometimes daily clinic appointments for a year or more. The program provides training for two hours and a detailed transplant manual, which includes information on caring for the caregiver, emotional and psychological effects, nutrition, medications, spirituality, resource management, and communication.

William Monkarsh (Ed.M., 1965, LAI) was enshrined in the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame. Monkarsh was an all-high school catcher at Riverside who went on to play at UB and professionally in the Dodgers and Tigers organizations. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he played in the MUNY, Cheektowaga Classic, Electric, and Twilight leagues.

Davina Moss (Ph.D., 2005, CSEP), former Arthur A. Schomburg Fellow and 2005 recipient of the Delbert Mullens Thinking Outside the Box Award, is a vocational counselor at VESID (Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities) in Buffalo. The findings from her dissertation, “Unresolved Grief and Loss Issues Related to Substance Abuse,” were featured in the August 18, 2005 Washington Times article “Heroin Addicts Have a ‘Love’ for Needles.”

Monica Parikh’s (ELP doctoral student) article, “Orient Me,” will be published in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators’ (NASPA) book entitled Renewing Purpose: Inspirational and Humorous Stories for Student Affairs Professionals, to be published in Spring 2006. The article follows an incoming student at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) who attends orientation and then years later, after earning a higher education administration degree, works in RIT’s orientation office. Parikh also presented a paper at Columbia University in June 2005 at the Educating Asian American Youth Conference, sponsored by Harvard and Teachers College. She discussed the barriers that prevent Asian American college students from integrating, and how administrators, faculty, and staff can break down those barriers.

Richard Podemski (Ph.D., 1973, ELP) has accepted a position as associate vice president for research and dean of graduate studies at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Since 2000, Podemski was the dean of graduate studies and research at Buffalo State College.
Barbara Ricotta (ELP adjunct faculty), UB associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, received the Newman Award from the UB Newman Centers for her tremendous efforts on behalf of UB students over her many years of distinguished and unselfish service.

Dorothy Rissel (LAI faculty) recently returned from a research and speaking tour of Taiwan and Korea. During her stay, she addressed the topic “Making Decisions About Grammar Teaching: What Second Language Acquisition Theory Tells Us” at National Taiwan Normal University, National Tainan University, National Ping Tung Teachers College, and six other universities in Taiwan. In Seoul, South Korea, Rissel spoke at Sookmyung Women’s University and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Mikyung Ryu (Ph.D., 2000, ELP) was the lead analyst for the last two national report cards on higher education from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, an independent research group based in San Jose, CA. Ryu shapes the findings about the higher education services provided by each state, and by the nation as a whole, after reviewing and analyzing 35 measures from approximately 50 different data sources.

Jan Sadlak (Ph.D., 1988, ELP) is the director of UNESCO-CEPES (European Centre for Higher Education) in Bucharest, Romania. Prior to this appointment, he was chief of the section for higher education policy and reform in UNESCO, Paris. (It was erroneously reported in the May 2005 Bulletin that Sadlak was the director of the Unit for Higher Education Policy, UNESCO-CEPES.)

Gouranga Saha (Ph.D., 2001, LAI) has been working as a faculty member since 2000 at Lincoln University of Missouri in Jefferson City and was recently promoted to the rank of associate professor of science and technology education. Saha received an Eisenhower Grant in 2002-2003 and a Teacher Quality Grant for 2004-2006 to examine how classroom teachers in urban high-need districts use technology-supported inquiry to enhance student achievement and attitudes toward science. He is also the assessment specialist on a team that received a more than half a million dollar “Suicidal Prevention” grant from the U.S. Army Research Lab for 2005-2006.

Syntia Santos Figueroa (CSEP master’s student) recently completed a comparative analysis of 16 crisis plans from Erie County High Schools. Figueroa’s research project, “Crisis Intervention Programs from Western New York High Schools,” found that only 26% of the contacted schools have a crisis intervention plan and those schools with a plan, have areas that need improvement.

R. N. Sharma (Ph.D., 1983, ELP), director of the Drain-Jordan Library at West Virginia State University, is the recipient of the 2005 Academic/Librarian of the Year Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries. Sharma has been at West Virginia State for nine years and is the author of 10 books and over 250 articles, editorials, and book reviews.

Penka Skachkova (Ph.D., 2000, ELP) is the new director of Eastern Illinois University’s women’s studies minor program and the Women’s Resource Center. Previously, Skachkova taught at UB, Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY, and Minnesota State University in Mankato, and was the director of Comparative Women’s Studies in Europe, organized by Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH. Skachkova also recently lectured abroad for the University of California, Los Angeles Center for the Study of Women.
Tourouzou Herve Some (ELP doctoral student) was a full-time advanced placement French literature teacher at Buffalo Seminary during the 2004-2005 academic year, and has recently been accredited as a French-English translator/interpreter by the International Institute of Buffalo. In March 2005, he was a guest speaker of the Syracuse Board of Education. The objective of his presentation was to sensitize American teachers to African cultural issues in anticipation of a high influx of African students. In April 2005, Some presented a paper at the International Symposium on Urban and Intracultural Education at D’Youville College, Buffalo, about the education of the African child in urban settings. He is also the 2005-2006 laureate of the Diversity Fellowship Program developed by the School of Teacher Education at Canisius College, where he is teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in the Foundations of Education.

Anne Marie Tryjankowski (Ed.D., 2005, LAI) has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the School of Education at St. Bonaventure University.

Danielle Tudini (LAI master’s student) is this year’s recipient of the Natalie Robisch Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the New York State English Council. This $1000 scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in academic and professional work.

Francisco Vasquez (Ph.D., 2003, ELP) was honored with the professional achievement award at the Third Annual Hispanic Heritage dinner, sponsored by Hispanics United, the Latino Business Owners Association, and the Hispanic Women’s League. The event is considered the unofficial kickoff of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 through October 15, 2005. Vasquez’s achievements have been in the field of developmental disabilities and children and their families.

Elizabeth Wahlig (CSEP doctoral student) has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship in mind-body medicine at the University of Rochester, where she is currently completing her internship.

Christine Wang (LAI faculty) was invited to serve on the following editorial review boards: Early Childhood Research and Practice (2004-present), Childhood Education (2004-present), and Early Education and Development (2005-present). She was also the guest editor for two special issues: “Technology in Early Childhood Education” for Early Education and Development (scheduled publication date: April 2006) and “Re-examining Diversity Issues in Early Childhood Education” for Childhood Education (scheduled publication date: June 2007). In addition, Wang was invited to serve on the Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, AERA (American Educational Research Association) - Early Education/Child Development SIG (Special Interest Group).

Thomas Williams (Ed.M., 1978, LAI) was honored with the Emerald Award by the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for outstanding sales achievement.

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Please send your accomplishments by e-mail exactly as you would like to see them printed (where applicable, please follow the APA Style Manual - Fifth Edition, if possible) to GSE Assistant Dean Jenifer Lawrence at jlawrenc@buffalo.edu. Please remember that (1) submissions may be edited for consistency and style considerations, and (2) accomplishments will only be included one time in the Bulletin. For example, an article that is listed as (in press) will not be recognized in a later Bulletin when the article is actually published. Thank you.

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