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## NEWS FROM THE DEAN



**DR. HENDERSON**

### **GIFTS ...**

The College of Education of Education has recently received a \$500,000 gift from William K. Luckow's estate to establish the **Gertrude Karnes Luckow and Mona Ferguson Luckow Distinguished Visiting Lecturer fund**, on behalf of his mother and aunt, respectfully.

The funds will support guest lecturers and/or scholars. Thank you, Mr. Luckow!

### **AWARDS & HONORS ...**

The Bachelors of General Studies Program has recently been ranked number seven of the "Best 20 General Studies Programs in 2021" list from [Best Values Schools](#). Clearly this is due to the work and dedication of the BGS staff. Thank you for your commitment to our students!

**Dr. David Bartz** (EDL) recently received the Jerome Neuner Award from the *American Association of University Administrators* for his article "Higher Education Administrators Attaining Excellence" (3, pp. 16-24) in the *Journal for Higher Education Management*. Congratulations!

Two COE faculty received 2021 Summer Research/Creative Activity Awards. **Dr. Jay Bickford** (TLF) was honored for his work, "Examining Curricular Resources' Historical Representation of Charles Darwin and Evolution, Racists' Most Reliable Theory." **Dr. Alexis Jones** (TLF), was honored for her *Theoretical Literature Review*. Congratulations to you both!

**Alicia Henning**, current EIU master's candidate in the Department of Special Education, was recently presented the ACRES Teacher Award at the group's national convention. This award is given to teachers employed by a rural school district who are working with students with disabilities and pursuing the goal of increasing one's skills in special education or "retooling" from a regular education to a special education career. After graduating from EIU's undergraduate special education teacher preparation program, Alicia took her first teaching position in a local rural middle school. Now, as a second-year teacher working towards her Master's Degree in Special Education, Alicia wrote her award proposal to help fund her thesis work which will focus on the implementation of MTSS in rural schools.

The financial support will help her conduct research and to access additional professional development related to MTSS practices -- **Dr. Katie Havercroft**.



*"You rarely have time for everything you want in this life, so you need to make choices. And hopefully your choices can come from a deep sense of who you are."*

*... Mr. Rogers*

**Ashlynn Pinney's** (CHE) graduate research paper, "Play Therapy for Medically Ill Children," was accepted for presentation at the *Southern Illinois Counseling Association*, Illinois Association for Play Therapy 2021 virtual meeting. She was also awarded a Williams Travel Grant by the Awards Committee of the Council on Graduate Studies to support her work. Congratulations Ashlynn!

**Max Smith** (CHE), **Sophie Cielicki** (CHE), and **Cheyenne Warman-Neal** (TLF) have been named Hamand Graduate Scholars, the EIU Graduate School's highest level of achievement. Their scholarship and service have been noted as making an impact on the discipline and the community. We are proud of them and the work they do!

**Lacey Wright's** (TLF, **Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus** mentor) research/creative activity project, "The Effectiveness of Repeated Reading Practice on Fifth Grade DIBELS 8th Edition Progress Monitoring Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) Scores," has been selected to receive a 2021 King-Mertz Award of Excellence in the College of Education. Way to go Lacey!

**Toluwalase Solomon** (TLF, **Dr. Jay Bickford**, mentor) won honorable mention in the 2021 Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity competition for his paper, "Trade Books' Contextualization of Consequential Women's Historical Significance." Congratulations!

The Bachelors of General Studies program awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to 5,000 for their high achieving adult students. The recipients are: **Kara Eveland, Crystal Hahnstadt, Anita Hayden, Kristen Hunt, Joseph Lamendola, Claudia Rodriguez, Wendy Thompson, and Michelle Smith**. Congratulations to you all!

**Dean Henderson** was appointed by an agent of the Governor of Illinois to represent Colleges of Education on the Illinois Math and Science Academy's Board of Trustees. She will serve until 2025.

The Department of Teaching, Learning, and Foundations is offering mini-grants for unit A & B faculty to fund projects that may be small in scale and short term that will enhance classroom instruction for both undergraduate and graduate student learning experiences. No travel requests may be approved utilizing this funding. Please attach the title page as a separate document from the project description (*to allow for a "blind review"*) and send to **Dr. Patricia Fewell** via email ([pjfewell@eiu.edu](mailto:pjfewell@eiu.edu)). All applications will be reviewed by the TLF Mini Grant Committee and recipients will be notified by April 27, 2021. Good luck to everyone who applies! -- Dr. Patricia Fewell.





We are proud of the work of **Tracy Colling's** students in ELE 3225 for [creating activities](#) for the remote learners. Ms. Collings says "It was a great learning experience for them."

## CONFERENCES ...

In early March, **Dr. Jay Bickford** (TLF) organized and hosted **[I'll Teach: Explore the Power and Possibilities of Teaching](#)**, a virtual conference promoting teaching as a profession. One hundred fifty-seven people who ranged from high school students to paraprofessionals registered to hear guest speaker and EIU alum **Dwayne Reed**. Mr. Reed has been featured on *Good Morning America*, *World News Tonight*, *BBC News*, *The Jimmy Kimmel Live Show*, and in *The Washington Post* and *Time Magazine*.

The breakout sessions were led by local teachers:

- **Michael Arrigoni**, a special education teacher at Cary Grove High School;
- **Sara Consdorf**, a teacher at Geneva High School;
- **Alicia Henning**, a special education teacher at ALAH District 305;
- **Charity Huwe**, a Dupu CUSD 196 middle level teacher;
- **Asia Patterson**, a 2nd grade teacher in Bloomington;
- **Ashley Richardson**, a senior majoring in special education;
- **Reneesha Sanders**, a middle level teacher in St. Louis classrooms;
- **Tessa Stadnik**, a senior earning a secondary license in foreign languages;
- **Shannon Watkins**, a future elementary teacher.

Representing the School of Extended Learning, **Ms. Peggy Brown** provided much appreciated support for the conference with everything from assisting with the creation of marketing materials to technical support. Thank you to everyone who made this conference a huge success! We'll do it again in November!



**Dr. Mona Davenport** (CHE) hosted the [13th Annual EIUnity Diversity Conference](#), "The Rebirth of a Nation: The Pursuit of Civility, Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity" in early March. We are proud of the strong showing of COE faculty presenters. The following faculty and students presented papers at the conference:

- **Dr. Carole Collins Ayanlaja** (EDL), [Ident-i-me: Divers-u-see: Respecting race and culture through personal affirmation within group affiliation](#);
- **Dr. Jay Bickford** (TLF), [Confronting the Misrepresentations about African Americans' History within Curricula](#);
- **Ms. Cloe Bourdages** and **Dr. Heather Webb** (CHE), [The Impact of On-Campus Resources on Trans\\* Student Success](#);

- **Dr. Carrie Dale** (TLF) and **Kat Stephens** (TLF), [Poverty in the Elementary Classroom](#);
- **Dr. Amy Davis** (TLF), [Celebrating Creativity in Elementary Classrooms](#);
- **Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend** (SPE) and **Dr. Anne O. Papalia** (Shippensburg University), [Sit. Stay. Support! Exploring Canine-Assisted Activities with Individuals with Disabilities](#);
- **Dr. Anne O. Papalia** (Shippensburg University) and **Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend** (SPE), [No Dogs Allowed: Service Dog Advocacy Skills](#);
- **Dr. Catherine Polydore** (CHE), [Instructor Unconditional Positive Regard as Inclusive Practice in a Pandemic World](#);
- **Dr. Jennifer Stringfellow** (SPE), **April Jackson** (EIU OSDS), and **Dr. Jennifer Buchter** (SPE), [Transition from High School to College/University for Individuals with Disabilities](#);
- **Dr. Heidi Larson**, **Aileen Tierney**, **Max Smith**, and **Audrey Kim** (CHE), [Freshman Connection Mentorship Program](#);
- **Dr. Cori More**, **Dr. Jennifer Buchter**, and **Dr. Jennifer Stringfellow** (SPE), [Increasing Access to Inclusion for Students with Disabilities](#);
- **Dr. Cori More**, **Dr. Jennifer Buchter**, and **Dr. Jennifer Stringfellow** (SPE), [Community Collaboration for Increasing Inclusion](#);



## BUZZARD BOUTIQUE ...

Located in Buzzard Hall Room 1160, The Buzzard Boutique, will be a free professional clothing closet available to College of Education students who may have limited access to professional attire. The Department of Special of Education is asking for gently worn or new professional clothing, shoes, and accessories for men and women. Donations can be made Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Special Education Department, Room 1212, Buzzard. We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for our students and appreciate everyone's contributions.



## NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY ...

The Academy of Lifelong Learning is currently moving toward in-person events with social distancing or outdoors in the later part of spring semester. Just ahead:

**Nature Journaling** (4/16/21; 9:00-11:00 am). The sights, sounds, and solitude of nature have many benefits - from relieving stress to increasing happiness. Each participant will receive a journal and practice one entry on the grounds of the Douglas-Hart Nature Center using mixed media for their work. Participants will also learn how for years, educators and nature enthusiasts, like Henry David Thoreau, have used nature journaling to make vivid observations of species, and experiment in different art techniques. Fee: \$12 Members; \$14 Non-members -- <https://tinyurl.com/Academy-Spring-2021>.

Planning for FA21 is currently well underway. If you have an idea for a presentation for engaged adult learners, please contact **Marita Metzke** at [mjmetzke@eiu.edu](mailto:mjmetzke@eiu.edu).

## CENTER FOR STUDENT INNOVATION ...

The new Booth Library Center for Student Innovation is now open! The CSI offers two services this semester: A Technology Checkout Station and Design Lab. [A Technology Checkout Station](#) opened in February 2021. Students with a valid Panther Card may check out technology such as laptop computers, WiFi hotspots and webcams for a limited period of

time. A satellite CSI location in the lower level of Thomas Hall also offers technology checkout. In the [Design Lab](#), one can experiment using technology such as 3D printers, a podcasting studio and videography equipment. I encourage you to make an appointment with one of our staff members to learn more about the CSI! -- Dean Newell.

## SPRING 2021 GRADUATION ...

EIU will host an in-person [Spring Graduation](#) on **Saturday, May 8** at the O'Brien Stadium. The College of Education's ceremony is set for **Noon**. **Valerie Kuhns** (SPE), mentored by **Dr. Amy Rosenstein**, will be the student commencement speaker. **Dr. Christina Edmonds-Behrend** (SPE) will be the Commencement Marshal, while **Dr. Amy Davis** (TLF) has been selected as the Faculty Marshal. **Dr. Jay Bickford** will serve as the Graduate College Marshal.

*In case of inclement weather, we will have our ceremony at the same time in Buzzard Hall's Auditorium, Room 1501.*

