Spring 2015 News Letter

It has been a busy and productive semester with some changes on the horizon for the AET Specialization. While we have one faculty member retiring we are conducting a search for a new individual to join our faculty. As well, we have wonderful news to share from a number of our current students and alumni. Please keep reading.

You may have noticed that I am no longer sending out Job announcements to this list. We have a LinkedIn group that we encourage you to join. A number of our graduates have posted their professional portfolios to their site and are receiving contacts for jobs. The group is: Adult Education & Training - Colorado State University. I will post job announcements to this group, and we can use this area to continue our learning. I look forward to seeing you there.

AET Faculty Awards and Distinctions

Dr. Jeffrey Foley is retiring this spring. He has a long history with AET. After earning his M. Ed. with us, graduating in Summer 2004, Dr. Foley went on to earn his Ph.D. in Community College Leadership. Upon graduation, in Spring 2009, he joined us as an Assistant Professor in the AET program. He has been an integral part of the program bringing in his knowledge and skills in experiential learning and emergency services.

Dr. Leann Kaiser received the Outstanding Advisor award for the College of Health and Human Sciences. The award will be presented on April 14 at the All College Meeting in the Cherokee Park Ballroom in the Lory Student Center at Colorado State University. Congratulations Leann!

Dr. Tobin Lopes will be presenting a pre-conference workshop at the Colorado HealthOne EMS Educator Symposium in Lakewood, CO in May 2015.

Congratulations to our Spring 2015 Graduates!!!!

Yunju Choi
Ana Cortijo
Travis Drake
Mary Dudevoir
Steve Gaisford
Casey Gallamore
Cameron Germann
Karen Gulya
Aaron Jones
Cathleen Kellar
Maricel Lawrence
David Mitchell
Shelly Moody
Ashlie Ortega
Bob Page
Rachna Payne
Sophie Radlowski
Timothy Railsback
Joanna Salata
Terry Schlicting
Trevor Smith
Erin Spencer
Troy Thibeault
Natasha Thompson
Sheri Towne
Marilee Vosper
Kimberly Whitten
The faculty in AET welcome Dr. Cynthia Stevens as an instructor and colleague. Dr. Stevens earned her Masters and her Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University with an emphasis in nontraditional education, adult education, and research. Her dissertation was entitled: *Defining and Assessing College-level Learning: Perceptions From Faculty Assessors of Prior Learning Assessment Portfolios*. She is currently working on an article for publication based on her dissertation study that is centered on re-theorizing prior learning assessment by looking at it through critical theory.

**2015 COABE Conference**

This year, The Colorado Adult Education Professional Association (CAEPA), Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA), and the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) are hosting a joint conference April 21-24 in Denver, CO. The Mountain Plains Member Meeting and Welcome is scheduled from 5:30-8:00 PM on April 21st. The reception is in the Hyatt Regency rooms Capitol 2 and 3. Please note, this is a ticketed event. Contact Michelle Chiles at info@coabe.org or 888-442-6223.

For more information about the conference, please visit the COABE website: [http://www.coabe.org/conference2015.html](http://www.coabe.org/conference2015.html)

Sheri Towne (M.Ed. 2015) is presenting a full day workshop at the 2015 COABE preconference in Denver on April 21st. Her session is titled “Integrating Formative Assessment Learning Activities into Practice: A 21st Century Marker for Being Literate in Adult Education Methods”. Participants will learn how to integrate classroom assessment techniques (CATs) into their practice and they will leave with a CAT and a plan to administer, document, and share the results as action research.

Sheri will also present this workshop for the faculty of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, on February 28, 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Rene Alvarez (M.Ed. 2014) will be co-presenting with Sheri at the COABE pre-conference workshop.

Dr. Karen Kaminski, is presenting a session on Friday, April 24th entitled *The Practitioner’s Guide on How to Write for Publication*.

**Student and Alumni Accomplishments**

Yunju Choi (M.Ed. anticipated Spring 2015) received the Forever Green award at CSU’s Graduate Student Showcase on February 25th for her work titled “Workshop for New International Residents at CSU’s School Housing”. The Graduate Student Showcase is a one-day event where students can present their work and enter an award contest for cash prizes. Congratulations!

Shawna Elsberry (current AET student) was selected to present at the regional National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) 2015 conference and she chose to highlight Instructional Design. The title of her presentation is “The Power of Structure: Using Instructional Design to Ensure Credibility and Stability”. This presentation demonstrates the use of instructional design as the faculty-lead orientation that was recently developed for all four Central Oregon Community College campuses. She also received the “Regional Showcase Ed Session Award”.

Frank Gonzales (M.Ed. 2009) became board certified in ergonomics in November 2014. The projects he completed as a student in the AET program helped him obtain this certification. He strongly believes that the AET faculty and courses helped him achieve his goal.
Joanna Green (M.Ed. 2014) is excited to announce that she has just been accepted into a PhD program in Intercultural Education at the Cook School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University and she will begin in the Fall 2015. Biola University is located in Southern California in the city of La Mirada. Congratulations Joanna!

Amanda Kizer (M.Ed. 2014) was accepted into the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education for the Doctor of Education (EdD) program in Organizational Change and Leadership. She is excited to begin her doctoral work in May 2015. Congratulations Amanda!

Kelly Lombardi (current AET student) will be presenting two topics at the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) annual National conference in Nashville, TN in August, 2015. Her presentation titles are: 1) Lost With No Map? A Guide to Navigating the World of Program Planning; and 2) Classroom Assessment Techniques: Determining if Your Students are on track for Point Z. The link to the conference is: http://naemse.org/symposium/future/

Shara Staine (current AET student) will begin a new position as the Human Resources Training Coordinator for the City of Carlsbad, CA in early March. She was able to use work samples from her AET coursework in her interview to describe how she would apply her learnings to the new position. The director of HR mentioned that she was impressed by what she has heard of the AET program and CSU as a whole. It is great to hear that there are CSU supporters in Carlsbad, CA!

Ann Kolasa Zastrow (M.Ed. 2013) joined the Executive Education group, Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in May 2014 as a program director. Ann works with industry and non-profit clients to create custom programs for senior executives on topics ranging from leadership to marketing and finance. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to apply adult learning principles in the context of executive education, and is grateful for the excellent preparation gained in the AET program.

Summer 2015 EDAE 692 Experiential Learning at Pingree Park

Current students looking for an elective, or alumni wanting to return to continue your studies? Join us for the week long experiential learning class, August 10-14 at the CSU Pingree Park campus.

For current students taking the course for credit, you will pay tuition plus an additional $265 for room and board and $22 for the challenge course. Alumni and students are welcome to join us for non-credit with a costs of $550 for the week to include room and board. You will need to bring the $22 for the challenge course as well. If you are interested, please contact Karen Kaminski at karen.kaminski@colostate.edu

We will start the week with a no-host dinner on Sunday the 9th and a tour of campus on the morning of the 10th with a stop by the CSU Bookstore.

AET Website

Please visit the new AET website for information about your AET journey, curriculum, experiential learning, student success stories, and more! There is a “contact us” section at the bottom of each page that you can use to send us updates about your career or other accomplishments you have made. We look forward to hearing from you soon! www.aetcsu.wix.com/aet-wiki

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