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Chi Sigma Iota Plans Spring Initiation

The University of Toledo's chapter of Chi Sigma Iota is planning its Spring, 2004, initiation for April 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The initiation will be held in the Student Union in room 2592. There will be refreshments, and a guest speaker who will address the theme of "Promoting Excellence in the Profession of Counseling." Persons interested in attending should contact **Jessica Gerig** at ortlo@aol.com by Monday, April 12.

CESP Well Represented at ACA

Several faculty members and students of CESP attended the annual convention of the American Counseling Association held in Kansas City April 1-4. **Drs. Kathleen Salyers, John Laux, and Martin Ritchie** represented the department faculty. Doctoral students **Andrew Burck, Kathy Gilley, Jeff Moe, and Chris Roseman** were in attendance. Dr. Salyers and Chris Roseman represented our Alpha Omega chapter of Chi Sigma Iota at the annual business meeting and they participated in several other Chi Sigma Iota functions. Dr. Ritchie co-presented with **Dr. Susan Huss**, a UT doctoral graduate, on "Ten Ways to Train School Counselor Site Supervisors Through Internship Requirements." **Jean Underfer-Babilis**, UT graduate and Ohio Counseling Association president was actively involved in many sessions and meetings. **Dr. Patricia Rae VanVelsor**, UT graduate and Associate Professor at Southwest Missouri State University, presented on Teaching Group Work: Goals and Strategies.

Community Counseling Program Approved by State Board

The Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology received word on March 16, 2004, that our Community Counseling Masters degree program has been recognized by the State of Ohio's Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board as a Board Approved Program for the PC (Professional Counselor) and PCC (Professional Clinical Counselor) licenses. Board approval was awarded after an extensive review process and for the full five years allowable. The program review was conducted by the Board's Counselor Professional Standards Committee and covered program curriculum, accreditation status, number and quality of faculty, and other factors. The Community Counseling Program was approved as submitted without any recommendations or limitations. **Dr. Paula Dupuy**, CESP Department Chair, responded to the news by saying that "this is another quality indicator for our students and the community. We are very pleased with the Board's decision to approve our program."

Important Continuing Education Opportunity for Chemical Dependency Counselors

What: Director Field will discuss the important changes from ODADAS to OCDPB leadership

including the transition from certification to licensure for chemical dependency professionals.

Who: Bob Field, Executive Director, Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

When: April 7th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Where: The University of Toledo's Student Union 2591

Sponsored by: Chi Sigma Iota, the International Counseling Honor Society, the Student Social Work Organization, the Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology, and the Department of Social Work.

Cost: \$15.00, payable at the door.

Who should attend: Counselors, Social Workers, and all other persons who currently hold certification as a chemical dependency counselor.

CEU's: 2 hours of continuing education for Counselors and Social Workers.

BRCH's: 2 hours pending.

Contact: John M. Laux, PhD, at 419-530-4705.

Piazza Addresses Professional Group

Dr. Nick Piazza, Professor in Counselor Education & School Psychology, gave a one-hour continuing education workshop on adolescent substance use disorders to the members of the Toledo Area Academy of Professional Psychologists (TAAPP) on Friday, Feb 20. Dr. Piazza spoke about problems with using the DSM-IV-TR with adolescents, etiological factors, risk factors, prevention, and treatment issues. Material presented to the TAAPP membership was based on Dr. Piazza's new chapter, "Substance-Related Disorders," appearing in a 2004 book edited by Robert Erk and entitled Counseling Treatment for Children and Adolescents with DSM-IV-TR Disorders.

Doctoral GA Receives Research Donation

Laura McLaughlin is a licensed school counselor, a licensed professional counselor, a doctoral student, and a graduate assistant in the Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology. Laura and **Dr. John Laux** are engaged in a research project with elementary school students wherein they are investigating the impact of various media formats upon student retention of anti-bullying messages and attitudes. Laura recently took possession of several anti-bullying videotapes and CD-ROM programs that were donated to her by Boulden Publishing, Inc. The value of these materials, if she had to purchase them each, would be in excess of \$700.00. The Department is proud of Laura and of her ability to secure external funding for her research, and we are very grateful to Boulden Publishing for their very generous donation.

CESP Gets Go Ahead to Hire New Faculty

Dr. Paula Dupuy reports that the Department has been authorized to recruit a new, full-time, tenure-track faculty member to fill the vacancy created by **Dr. John Lewton's** retirement. The department will begin running ads for the position immediately and will actively recruit until the position is filled. Individuals interested in the position can read the ad on our Jobs page.

CESP a Presence at State Conference

The Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology was a significant presence at this year's All Ohio Counselors Conference in Columbus, November 5-7. Co-sponsored by the Ohio Counseling Association and the Ohio School Counselors Association, **Jean Underfer-Babalis**, president of OCA, called the conference in session. She is a graduate of UT's Community Counseling program and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in private practice. In addition to her duties as OCA president, Jean also presented a pre-conference session on Treating Personality Disorders. During the opening ceremonies **Dr. Mary Iames**, a doctoral graduate and adjunct faculty at UT received the award for Outstanding Research in Counseling.

Several UT graduates, faculty, and students presented at the conference. **Dr. Susan Huss**, Assistant Professor at Bowling Green State University and a doctoral graduate of UT's Counselor Education and Supervision program presented a pre-conference workshop on Ethical Issues to a sell-out audience. **Dr. Nancy Orel**, Assistant Professor at Bowling Green State University and a doctoral graduate from UT presented with **Charlene Brock** on Improving the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Illness Among Older Adults. **Dr. Kathleen Salyers** presented Counselor Development and the Supervisory Relationship along with CESP graduate students **Jessica Orloff**, **Andrew Burck**, **Chris Roseman**, and **Sarah Manion**. **Dr. Mary Iames** presented The School Counselor's Guide to Handling School Emergencies and Crises. **Dr. John Laux** presented on Borderline Personality Disorder: Etiology of the Disorder and Treatment Recommendations, and Dr. Salyers teamed with **Dr. Martin Ritchie** to present Multicultural Counseling: An Appalachian Perspective.

CESP faculty and students held a UT reception on Thursday evening that was attended by over 50 people. The UT faculty included **Dr. Paula Dupuy**, Dr. John Laux, **Dr. Wendy Cochrane**, Dr. Martin Ritchie, Dr. Kathleen Salyers, and **Dr. Jennifer Smirnoff**. UT students included Chris Roseman, Jessica Orloff, Sarah Manion, Andrew Burck, **Gretchen Squires**, **Elizabeth Waterfield**, **Tim Coppock**, **Katheryn Ribovich**, and **Dana Jensen**.

CESP Runs for a Cure



Several members of the CESP "family" took part in this year's Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio *Race for the Cure*®. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is fighting to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. In addition to funding research, the Foundation supports education, screening and treatment projects in communities around the world and delivers the life-saving message of early detection to millions of women and men. The Komen Foundation has raised over \$1,300,000 in Northwest Ohio, and granted close to \$823,000 locally for breast cancer education, screening and outreach programs to the undeserved and uninsured population throughout Northwest Ohio, and have provided over \$251,700 to the Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program. Interested persons can visit the Foundation's Web site at www.komen.org or call 1.800 I'M AWARE®. This year's participants were (from left to right): **Jennifer Smirnoff**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Counseling; **John Laux**, Assistant Professor of Counseling; **Wendy Cochrane**, Assistant Professor of School Psychology; **Lyn Hale**, UT Researcher (and Martin Ritchie's wife); **Martin Ritchie**, Professor of Counseling (better known as Lyn Hale's husband); and **Charlie Dabbs**, Doctoral Student in Counselor Education and Supervision. In addition, John is holding his son, **Knickolas Laux**. Knickolas didn't participate in the race, as he is still working on walking. (Click on the picture to see an enlargement of the photo.) The big news of the event is that **the CESP contingent finished ahead of the ROTC group**. We believe this is a testimonial to the speed, training, and conditioning of the 101st Chairborne!

Piazza Attends Harley-Davidson 10th Anniversary

Celebration



Our own **Nick Piazza** represented CESP at the Harley-Davidson 100th Anniversary Celebration in Milwaukee, WI, over Labor Day Weekend. Dr. Piazza has been an avid motorcyclist for more than 30 years, and has owned five different Harleys over that time. William Harley and the Davidson brothers produced their first commercial motorcycle in 1903 and this year commemorates the 100th anniversary of that event. Dr. Piazza reports that there were over 200,000 motorcycles and 300,000 riders and passengers in Milwaukee for the five day celebration. Harley enthusiasts came from every continent and nearly 100 different countries. Accompanying Dr. Piazza to Milwaukee was his wife, Dr. **Rebecca Yeager**. The high point of the celebration for Dr. Piazza and his wife was being one of only 10,000

bikes selected to participate in the 100th Anniversary Parade. It was estimated that the 7.5 mile parade route was lined with over 500,000 cheering onlookers. It was a great trip, and Dr. Piazza described it as "the most fun I've ever had on or off a motorcycle!" (Click on the picture to see and enlargement of the photo.)

New School Psych Students Admitted



On August 21, 2003, The University of Toledo School Psychology Program welcomed 10 new graduate students and held the first New Student Orientation. This cohort of students is the first to enter since the new program curriculum was approved in May, 2003. Information regarding the program and the updated Program Handbook was presented to the students. The handbook is available on the School Psychology Website at

http://CESP.utoledo.edu/Programs/Schl-Psy/school_psych_intro.htm. The School Psychology Program, which is a three-year graduate program is near full enrollment with 10 first year and 10 second year graduate students. In January, the Department Admissions Committee will begin reviewing applications for the 2004-2005 academic year. With a third cohort of students to be admitted in Spring of 2004, the School Psychology Program will be at full capacity. Program plans for 2004 include submitting an application to the National Association for School Psychology (NASP) for program approval and development of a student organization and a program advisory board. Click on the picture to see a full size view.

Smirnoff Hired as Visiting Faculty



CESP is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Smirnoff**, PhD, will be joining the faculty as a Visiting Professor starting with the Fall, 2003, Semester. Dr. Smirnoff is a 2001 graduate of the University of Toledo and has her doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision. Prior to returning to UT, she was on the faculty of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. Dr. Smirnoff was hired to fill the position made vacant by Dr. **John Lewton's** retirement in May, 2003.

New CESP Department Chair Named

Dr. **Paula Dupuy** has been named to replace Dr. **Nick Piazza** as Chair of the Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology (see story below). Dr. Dupuy has been a member of the faculty since 1989 and holds the rank of Professor. Dr. Dupuy is a licensed psychologist and a

licensed clinical counselor in Ohio. In addition, she is an experienced school counselor. Dr. Dupuy is best known for her research into gender issues and her very popular courses like Multicultural Counseling, Counseling Across the Lifespan, Psychopathology, and others. She has always been very student focused and was

CESP Completes 3-Year Evaluation of Graduate Counseling Programs

The Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology is pleased to announce that it has completed an extensive review of its graduate programs in counseling, including the Masters in Community Counseling, Masters in School Counseling, and the Doctoral Degree Program in Counselor Education and Supervision. The evaluation involved interviewing key informants as well as surveying students, graduates, supervisors, and employers. The evaluation looks at the employment, income, licensure, program strengths and limitations, the curriculum, quality of supervision, and a myriad of other factors. Persons interested in reading the report can go to the "Policies" page on our web site or can click on the link below. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer in order to read the report.

[Click here to read the CESP 3 year report.](#)

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Piazza to Step Down as Department Chair



Nick Piazza announced that he will be stepping down as CESP department chair, a position he has held since June, 2000. Dr. Piazza will officially leave office on July 30, 2003, for three weeks of vacation prior to the start of the 2003-2004 school year. In his resignation letter to Dean Jerome Sullivan, Dr. Piazza stated "I believe I have accomplished my goals for this office, and feel that it is time for someone else to assume the role of Chair." He went on to state that "It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the faculty and staff of the Department of Counselor Education & School Psychology during some very challenging times." Dr. Piazza's years in office were marked by tremendous growth and expansion of the department. Four new tenure-track faculty were hired, enrollments were increased, the school psychology program was revived, the doctoral and school psychology programs underwent extensive revision, and the CACREP accreditation self-study was completed.

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