

Current News about CESP

Counselor Ed Mourns Loss of Higgins

The faculty and staff of the Counselor Education program were saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Robert E. Higgins, 88, on July 20, 2010. Dr. Higgins was a founding faculty member of the Counselor Education program and served on its faculty from 1963 to his retirement in 1983. He served several years as Chair of the Department of Counselor & Human Services Education, however, he was a devoted teacher and trainer, receiving the "Outstanding Teacher" award for the 1984-1985 school year. You can read more about Dr. Higgins life and service at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=robert-earl-higgins&pid=144248194>.

OASGW Announces Election Results

The Ohio Association for Specialists in Group Work announced their election results for 2010-2011. OASGW President is **Carrie VanMeter** (UT CESP doctoral student), Secretary is **Allison Sandrock** (UT CESP masters student), and **Chad Yates** will be the Treasurer (graduate of UT's masters program). Congratulations to Carrie, Allison, and Chad!

CSI Leadership Essay Contest Winners Announced

Chi Sigma Iota's first leadership essay contest was a huge success! The reviewers had a hard time just picking the winning essays in both student and professional categories. All of the winning essays are available on line at <http://csi-net.org/leadership>. Thanks to all who entered, and special kudos to the following CSI members for their outstanding essays:

Professional Counselors:

Kenneth Oliver, Chi Omega, Quincy University
Meghan Reitz, Beta Phi, Bradley University

Students:

Julee Fyer, Chi Chi, Columbus State University
Rob Rickman, Eta Delta Chi, Vanderbilt University
Ryan Reese, Beta, University of Florida
Allison Sandrock, Alpha Omega, University of Toledo

Dr. Piazza Part of UT Team to Visit China

Dr. Nick



Piazza

was part of a faculty team from the University of Toledo to visit Beijing, China, in June. The team, which included Drs. Nick Piazza from HSHS, **Kris Brickman** from the Emergency Department at UTMC, **Connie Shriner** from COM, and **Jeanine Diller** from A&S, visited Peking University to exchange ideas with Chinese faculty and physicians on medical education. The visit, which was in the planning stages for more than a year, included meetings with faculty from Peking University's Department of Medical Humanities and physicians from one of Peking University's eight hospitals. Topics for discussion were medical ethics, standards of care, physician-patient relationships, and cultural differences in training and practice. In addition to meeting with representatives from Peking University, the team had a chance to visit Tian Anmen Square, the Summer Palace, and the Great Wall. Dr. Piazza described the visit as a "great experience" and reported that the team hopes to develop opportunities for future faculty and student exchange programs.

CESP to Merge with Legal Specialties; Community Counseling Program Name Changed to Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Martin Ritchie, Chair of the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology, announced today that CESP will be merging with the Department of Legal Specialties on July 1, 2010, to create a new Department of School Psychology, Legal Specialties, and Counselor Education. The merger of the two departments is part of a larger re-organization of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services. Dr. Ritchie, who will also chair the new department, noted that the merger will help consolidate programs so that departments can make more efficient use of resources. The creation of the new department will have no effect on programs, and students will find that their courses and plans of study are unaffected. Also, the three discipline areas--School Psychology, Legal Specialties, and Counselor Education--will maintain their own separate identities within the new department.

In addition to the departmental merger, Dr. Ritchie announced that the Community Counseling masters degree program will change its name to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling masters degree program starting July 1, 2010. Dr. Ritchie explained that the name change was necessary to reflect the programmatic changes in the updated accreditation standards published by the Council on the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP). The new standards do away with the old Community Counseling designation and replace it with the Clinical Mental Health Counseling title. Dr. Ritchie stated that the name change will bring UT's programs into compliance with the new standards and will make it easier for future students to identify UT as an accredited Clinical Mental Health Counseling training center. Current students don't need to worry. The name change will not have any effect on current students' plans of study.

Drs. Harper & Dupuy to Leave CESP



Dr. **Holly Harper**, Assistant Professor and School Counseling Program Coordinator, announced her resignation from the faculty of the Counselor Education and School Psychology Department. Dr. Harper left Heidelberg University to join the faculty in CESP in 2008. In spite of her short time with the department, Dr. Ritchie, Department Chair, described her as an "important member of and contributor to the program and the department." Dr. Harper cited personal reasons for her resignation. The faculty and staff of CESP want to express their appreciation and gratitude for her service over the years and wish her great success in the future.

Dr. **Paula Dupuy** is taking advantage of an Early Retirement Incentive Plan. She will be retiring at the end of Summer Session I. Dr. Dupuy joined the department in 1989 and is probably best known for her work in feminist theory, multiculturalism, and qualitative research. Dr. Dupuy has served the department as the Coordinator of the Doctoral Program and was Department Chair for three years. Students, co-workers, and alumni are encouraged to drop by to wish Dr. Dupuy well during her well-earned and much deserved retirement.



CESP at the Spring OACES Conference



The UT Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology was well-represented at the 2010 Ohio Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (OACES) Spring Conference. Dr. **Holly Harper** was part of a presentation on how new faculty can balance expectations for teaching, scholarship, and service. Dr. **Nick Piazza**

presented guidelines for counselors who are working with clients on psychiatric medications. Dr. **Martin Ritchie** co-presented on best practices in practicum and internship delivery. Dr. **John Laux** will assume the responsibilities of OACES President on July 1st and CESP doctoral student, **Stephanie Calmes**, was re-elected OACES Secretary. Dr. Harper was recognized and received a plaque for her service as Past President of OACES, while Dr. Piazza received the award for Outstanding Counselor Educator and Stephanie Calmes received the award for Outstanding Doctoral Student.



Paula Dupuy Named UT Outstanding Teacher of 2010

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Health Science Provost, has announced that Dr. **Paula Dupuy**, Professor of Counselor Education in the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology, will be the



recipient of the 2010 University of Toledo Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. She will be honored at an awards ceremony to take place at the Hilton Hotel on the UTMC campus on Tuesday, April 13. We in Department want to congratulate Dr. Dupuy on receiving this much deserved honor and recognition.



Martin Ritchie Elected to Chair CACREP

The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs elected Dr. **Martin Ritchie** as Chair of the Board of Directors. The Board votes on all accreditation decisions, policies, and standards. He will assume the position at the July meeting in Alexandria, Va.

Counselor Education Faculty, Students, & Alumni at American Counseling Association National Conference in Pittsburgh, March 18-22, 2010

Christopher Roseman, 2006 doctoral graduate, received the prestigious Robert Rencken Emerging Professional Leader Award. Dr. Roseman, an Assistant Professor at the University of South Dakota, currently is president of the South Dakota Counseling Association and president-elect of the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.



Presentations by faculty and students:

Is “Clear” the Same as “Serious”? Is “Imminent” the Same as “Foreseeable”? The Legal Impact of Language in the ACA Code of Ethics by Carrie VanMeter, Kerrie Fineran, and Nick Piazza

Ethical Issues and Supervision Considerations in the Day and Age of MySpace and Facebook by Tanner Babb

Beverly Schmoll, Dean of the College of Health Science and Human Service, sponsored a Counselor Education dinner for University of Toledo faculty, students, and alumni at the conference. The dinner was organized by Jennifer Schaefer, Development Officer for the college. In attendance were current doctoral students: Tanner Babb, Stephanie Calmes, Graham Lee, Carrie VanMeter; alumni: Tim Coppock (Gannon U), Jeff Moe (U of Houston), Megan Mahon (Heidelberg U), Amber Lange (Spring Arbor U), Tara Hill (Old Dominion U), Kerrie Fineran (U of North Texas), Dilani Perera-Diltz (Cleveland State U), Caroline Brackette (Mercer U), Kathryn Ribovitch (St. Francis H.S.), Chris Roseman (U of South Dakota), Jennifer

Smirnoff-Polling (U of Toledo); faculty members: John Laux, Nick Piazza, Martin Ritchie; and special guests: Dr. Rebecca Yeager (Nick's wife), Dr. Paul Burnett (Queensland U of Technology, Australia).

CESP Students Score Perfect Exam Results

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board notified the Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology that it once again has a 100% first-time pass rate for community counseling graduates taking the initial exam for the Professional Counselor (PC) license. This means that CESP community counseling graduates have maintained a perfect first-time pass rate since the OCSWMFT Board adopted the NCE exam for initial licensure purposes. The NCE exam was developed by the National Board of Certified Counselors and is tied to the curriculum requirements set forth by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). NBCC reports that the national pass rate for the NCE is about 78%, while the overall pass rate for Ohio is 89.0% for all examinees and 91.4% for first time examinees. Dr. Martin Ritchie stated that "Once again, the University of Toledo has demonstrated that it can provide professional training in counseling that combines excellence with affordability." Dr. Ritchie went on to note that the community counseling test results are consistent with graduates of the school counseling and school psychology programs who also have 100% first-time exam pass rates through their respective licensing authorities.

CESP Doctoral Student Team Takes 3rd in Ethics Competition

The American Counseling Association (ACA) and the ACA Ethics Committee announced that the UT CESP Doctoral team took third place in the annual ACA Graduate Student Ethics Competition. The CESP team of [Carrie VanMeter, Stephanie Calmes, Layla Kurt, and Tanner Babb](#) was congratulated for their "exemplary work in critically analyzing the case scenario" and for creating "an exceptional ethical decision making plan to respond to the ethical situation." This is the fourth year in a row that a team from UT's Counselor Education doctoral program has earned one of the top three awards in this national competition and the faculty sponsor was once again Dr. Nick Piazza. Each member of the team will receive a letter of recognition from ACA President, Lynn Linde, and an ACA Ethics Competition Winner's Certificate to be presented in March at the ACA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, during the ACA National Awards Ceremony. Student names and institutions will be published in the March

edition of the ACA publication, Counseling Today, and winning essays will be published on the ACA website.

UT to Work with Project HOPE to Aid Haiti

There is a potential opportunity for medical personnel at the University of Toledo to work with "Project HOPE" in providing a medical response team to the victims of the Haiti earthquake disaster. This team would possibly provide medical care from a remote site outside of the disaster zone. As you all well know, the degree of devastation and tragedy that has happened in Haiti has created a situation that is extremely fluid and currently very dangerous. The US military presence and security forces in Haiti are marginal at this time but are developing rapidly. Upon the direction from the leaders of "Project HOPE" who currently are on board the USS Comfort, a 300 bed mobile Naval hospital, UT may be asked to assist in this disaster response over the course of the next several weeks. The USS Comfort is expected to arrive in Haiti on January 22nd where they will assess the necessary medical resources. Although any potential deployment to Haiti would likely be, at a minimum, a few weeks away. It is necessary that UT develop a medical response team that may be available to respond to a request from "Project HOPE" to go to Haiti. We do not have any specific details at this point other than it would be most valuable if UT had a medical team that can provide a full range of services to manage not only the injured patients but basic medical needs of the Haitian population. This would include virtually all physicians of various specialties but most importantly surgical subspecialties, i.e. Orthopedics, Trauma Surgery, medical specialties including Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Anesthesiology, Pediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynecology. Nursing support will also likely be needed and UT will need some translation services in managing these patients since the primary language on Haiti is Creole, a French dialect.

Kris Brickman, MD, (leader of the UT effort) is asking anyone who has an interest and who potentially could be available for a minimum 1-2 week time frame over the course of the next 6 weeks to please forward to him their contact information and complete a brief volunteer application through the "Project HOPE" organization. Through this website, www.projecthope.org, you could get more information about their response and their mission and Dr. Brickman would like to "challenge all of you to seriously evaluate your own ability to contribute to this humanitarian relief effort. This response team is not restricted to the University of Toledo and I would encourage you to pass this along to any other medical personnel that you feel could be a valuable component to this mission. Please be aware that there is a significant possibility that our services may not be requested or required based on the conditions and situations that develop over the course of the next few weeks. On the other hand, it is necessary that we be fully prepared to respond since we will likely receive only a short notice to respond if the request for our assistance is made." Dr. Brickman will provide additional information when and if he receives it. Keep in mind that registering with the "Project HOPE" volunteer website

does not commit you to any specific activities or to respond to this incident if and when that time may occur but simply lists you as a potential candidate for this mission. There is a blank screen at the end of the application where you can provide any additional information that is not included in the registration form and Dr. Brickman asks that you to simply add that you are a part of the University of Toledo Medical Center response team.

Call for Abstracts: 17th Annual Symposium on Research

The Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at The University of Toledo, in cooperation with the Bowling Green State University Department of Psychology, invite poster proposals for the Seventeenth Annual Symposium on Research in Psychiatry, Psychology and Behavioral Science to take place on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in the Mulford Library Cafe. The poster session will be from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, followed by a keynote address by Stephan F. Taylor, M.D., of the University of Michigan, on the topic of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Neuromodulation, from noon to 1:00 P.M.

The theme of this year's symposium is "Applications of Neuroscience to the Treatment of Emotional Disorders" and we are especially interested in proposals for posters related to this topic. However, the principal goal of the symposium is to showcase the basic and applied behavioral research being conducted by faculty members and students in the region. We therefore encourage submission of proposals from persons at all area institutions of higher learning and mental health service facilities on *any* topic related to psychiatry, psychology, and the behavioral sciences.

Abstracts should include: title; names and institutional affiliations of the authors; description of methods, results, and discussion of major findings. Submissions of posters that have been presented recently or are planned for presentation at a regional or national meeting are acceptable.

There is a \$300 prize for the Best Student Submission. Graduate students, undergraduate students, medical students and medical residents of any specialty will be eligible for this award, as long as they are the primary author of the poster. The posters will be rated by a committee composed of one member from each institution, on the basis of the quality of research.

Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words via an e-mail attachment in MS Word or RTF format to A. John McSweeney, Ph.D., by February 12, 2010. Students wishing to be considered for the \$300 prize should send a summary of their research of no more than 1000 words in addition to their 300 word abstract. Please address submissions to: John.McSweeney@utoledo.edu. Submissions will be acknowledged upon receipt.

CSI Sponsors Student Conference

The Alpha Omega chapter of Chi Sigma Iota is again sponsoring the Northwest Ohio Student Counselor Conference. The conference will be held in the UT Student Union on Friday, April 2. Conference proposals are due February 20. Only counseling students are permitted to submit proposals and present at the conference. This is a great opportunity for masters and doctoral students to gain experience with presentations. [Click here to download a copy of the presentation proposal form.](#)

CSI to Collect Donations for Animal Shelter and Humane Society

CESP's Alpha Omega chapter of Chi Sigma Iota will be collecting and donating items to the Toledo Animal Shelter and the Toledo Humane Society. Donations can be dropped off in the department office (there will be a box in front of Sue's desk). CSI will publish and distribute a list of items that both organizations need. CSI officers (and anyone else who is interested) plan to distribute donations and then spend a day volunteering sometime in mid to late February. Click here for a [brochure](#) on this activity.

Doctoral Dissertation Funding Opportunity

The National Science Foundation's Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), and Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) award grants to doctoral students to improve the quality of dissertation research. These grants provide funds for items not normally available through the student's university. Additionally, these grants allow doctoral students to undertake significant data-gathering projects and to conduct field research in settings away from their campus that would not otherwise be possible. Proposals are judged on the basis of their scientific merit, including the theoretical importance of the research question and the appropriateness of the proposed data and methodology to be used in addressing the question. Get more information at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13453&WT.mc_id=USNSF_39.

CESP Masters Grad Named OCA "Counselor of the Year"



Aaron Cromly, a masters graduate from the University of Toledo's Department of Counselor Education and Supervision, was named the "Counselor of the Year" by the Ohio Counseling Association at last week's All Ohio Counselors Conference. Mr. Cromly is a full-time counselor at a Toledo hospital where he provides a wide range

of clinical services to the hospital's patients. Mr. Cromly frequently interacts with and educates medical residents on counselor's scope of practice and general mental health issues. Mr. Cromly also works one weekend a month in an adjacent county where he provides group counseling services to sexual offenders and to substance abusers. Mr. Cromly is supervising a University of Toledo masters level counseling intern. In addition to these services, Mr. Cromly's work history includes counseling services with children and families, and the administration and interpretation of psychological assessments. As a student, Mr. Cromly was an active member of Chi Sigma Iota. As a professional, he continues to serve the community through national presentations where he focused on the effectiveness of integrated mental health services in primary care setting. His commitment to the profession extends to contributing to the scientific literature. Mr. Cromly co-authored a paper published in a 2008 edition of the *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*. Mr. Cromly is actively engaged in our local community. He is current the co-chair of the Legal Aid of Northwest Ohio's mental health subgroup where he works to obtain education accommodations for children with mental/emotional/behavioral disabilities. Specifically, he meets with parents/teachers to develop 504 Plans and IEPs, helps parents navigate the school system to request special education services, and educates local Legal Advocates on how mental/emotional/behavioral disorders impact the lives of the children and families. CESP faculty, staff, and students wish to extend their congratulations to Aaron for his outstanding work in the field of counseling and for winning this prestigious award.

Other award winners at last week's AOCC included Carrie VanMeter who received the department's Doctoral Student of the Year Award and Melanie Long who was named Masters Student of the Year by the department. Be sure to congratulate both of these fine students as you encounter them in your classes.

Important Summer Schedule Change

COUN 5120 Individual and Group Assessment will not be offered this Summer. It is being offered this Spring and it will be offered again next Spring. If you want to take it this Spring email your name and Rocket number to nick.piazza@utoledo.edu and he can issue you a permit to take the class. Please check your plan of study as this course will NOT be offered this summer as originally planned.

COGS to Put on Thesis & Dissertation Workshop

The College of Graduate Studies will be conducting a pair of workshops on the new requirements for preparing a thesis or dissertation. The workshops will be on October 21 at 6:30 p.m. and October 29 at noon. These workshops are designed to provide information to students on the new requirements for formatting

dissertations and theses. Not conforming to these requirements can cause a student's dissertation or thesis to be rejected by COGS and lead to delays in graduation. Graduate students can learn more about these workshops by logging onto the COGS web site at <http://www.utoledo.edu/graduate/> and clicking on [Upcoming Programs](#).

The College of Graduate Studies will be working with the Office of Career Services, University Libraries, and the Graduate Student Association, to offer a variety of programs to increase the opportunities available for graduate students at UT during the 2009-2010 school year. A current listing of programs is available on the [Upcoming Programs](#) page of the COGS Web-site.

COGS is asking students (and interested faculty or staff) to pre-register for the programs they would like to attend so that staff can plan accordingly for each program. A link to register for each program is included on the web-site. There are additional programs that are still in development. Once these programs are finalized, they will be posted on the web-site.

Sick Students Encouraged to Contact Faculty, Stay Away from Class

Have a fever of 100 degrees or more and flu-like symptoms: a cough, sore throat, body aches, runny nose, diarrhea and vomiting?

If yes, do not go to class.

“The only way we can prevent the spread of the H1N1 flu is if people isolate themselves when they get sick,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. “If students get sick, they should stay home or in their residence hall rooms away from others until it’s been 24 to 48 hours since they’ve had a fever.”

AOCC Seeking Masters Volunteers

The All Ohio Counselors Conference, Thursday, Nov. 5, & Friday, Nov. 6 is offering free registration to master’s students who volunteer for three hours to help with logistics. This is a great deal because student registration for the conference is \$50. Typically student volunteers hand out and collect evaluation forms at presentations and/or help staff the OCA information booth. To qualify the student must be a member of either OCA (\$25 for student membership) or OSCA (\$15 for student membership). To apply students need to do two things:

1. Fill out an [application](#) and

2. Notify Dr. Ritchie that you are applying so he can send a list of volunteers

Fall 2009 Chi Sigma Iota Newsletter Available

The Fall, 2009, CSI newsletter is now available and being distributed. The current issue includes news and information on the welcome back cruise, the new president and other officers, CSI faculty advisors, and department and chapter news. If you did not receive a copy of the newsletter or you are not yet a CSI member and would like a copy of the newsletter, just [click on this link](#) to download an Adobe Acrobat version of the file. Anyone interested in joining CSI (and you all should be!) is encouraged to contact **Stephanie Calmes**, Chapter President; **Carrie VanMeter**, Vice President; **Jon Borland**, Treasurer; or **Allison Sandrock**, Secretary. You can also get information on CSI from our faculty advisors, Drs. John Laux or Hollie Harper.

New Email System for Students

Information Technology Department will begin the migration of students' email system from the current system to a new system starting August 10 through August 15, 2009. This new email system for students as announced by [UT News](#) and [The Independent Collegian](#) was chosen because of its great features and seamless integration with our current systems. This new email system, Microsoft Outlook Live@edu, comes with a rich set of productivity and collaboration tools and offers functionality that our current email system does not have. Also the new email system for students will provide over 20 times more mailbox capacity than currently given to students (students will get 10GB inbox and 20 MB attachments) and other collaborative services such as Instant Messaging, mobile alerts, mobile device synchronization, shared calendar and contacts, address book, optional and available 25GB online storage and other great features. All of these great features are accessible on Windows, Mac, and mobile devices. The new email system works with Windows Internet Explorer (IE), Firefox, Safari, Opera, and more on PC, Mac, and other platforms. Student will have access to this new email system through the university portal <http://myut.utoledo.edu> or directly through <https://rockets.utoledo.edu>. Because of the seamless integration to our systems, the password to the new email account will be the same as your UTAD user id password. The migration of current email system "Inbox" to the new email system "Inbox" will begin on August 10, 2009 in phases and will conclude by August 15, 2009. The student's current mailbox (Inbox, Calendar, Contacts, etc.) on our current system will be available for access until September 30, 2009 and will be unavailable after September 30 due to system reconfiguration. During the migration period students may experience intermittent connectivity issues with email as the new mailbox is setup and the contents of their old mailbox inbox are migrated.

As UT migrates students' email system they will also be adding a new email domain name - firstname.lastname@rockets.utoledo.edu to current email domain (firstname.lastname@utoledo.edu) for students. All returning

and admitted students by September 30, 2009 will have both email addresses and will be able to use both; however, student use of firstname.lastname@utoledo.edu will only be valid for a few years.

For answers to some of the questions you may have, please feel free to read the [FAQs](https://rockets.utoledo.edu/) at <https://rockets.utoledo.edu/> or contact ITHelpDesk@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2400 if you do not find the answer to your questions or problems.

Students: Please remember to reset your password through <https://myutaccount.utoledo.edu/> before using your new email account. The password reset process takes less than 30 seconds.

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