

GSE Spotlight

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Boards Serve Whitworth's Graduate Programs Well

From the Director's Desk

by Sharon Mowry and Vernice Hunnicutt

A number of outstanding educators from the greater Spokane area help to ensure that Whitworth's principal- and counselor-certification programs are of the highest quality. Washington state is unique in requiring these advisory groups for each education-certification program. The boards are composed of practicing professionals who bring a great deal of expertise to support the programs. More than half the board members must be educators serving in the role for which they have responsibility.

The PEABs meet at least four times each year and review program design, the knowledge and skills candidates must have, resources, accountability, and the function of the board. Current membership on the administration PEAB includes the following: John Hook, principal, Mt. Spokane High School, Mead S.D.; Polly Crowley, assistant supt., West Valley S.D.; Mike Cosgrove, principal, Madison Elementary, Spokane S.D.; Pam Veltri, superintendent, Medical Lake S.D.; Vicki Wintersteen, teacher, Mead Middle School, Mead S.D.; Kris



Back Row, left to right: Stacy Hammond, Vernice Hunnicutt, Dr. Diane Dempsey-Marr, Dr. Dennis Sterner, Suzanne Scott, Robert Renner. Front Row, left to right: Tipton Carr, Julie Riegel, Kyle Storm, Dr. Ron Prosser. Board members absent at time of photo: Mark Anderson, Ginny Lathem, Dave Stenerson, Sharon Mowry.

Marshall, SLP, Riverside Elementary, Riverside S.D. (alumni representative); Laura Ketchum-Duchow, principal intern, Bryant Elementary, Spokane S.D. (student representative).

Current PEAB members from the Counseling Advisory Group include the following: Mark Anderson, associate supt., Spokane S.D.; Suzanne Scott, counselor, Spokane Valley H.S., West Valley S.D.; Tippy Carr, teacher, Shadle Park H. S., Spokane S.D.; Stacy Hammond, counselor, University Elementary, Central Valley S.D.; Kyle Storm, counselor, Glover Middle School, Spokane

S.D.; Ginny Lathem, counselor, Chase Middle School, Spokane S.D.; Dave Stenerson, principal, Northwood Middle School, Mead S.D.; Julie Riegel, student representative

In addition to meeting and providing guidance to the programs, PEAB members interview candidates prior to their practicums and internship field experiences. Over the past few years, many outstanding educators have given their time and expertise to enhance the quality of Whitworth's programs. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their unselfish contributions.

Comprehensive Exams Available Bimonthly

Comprehensive exams are administered six times annually on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The scheduled dates for 2004 are: January 10, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11 and November 13.

Three written comprehensive exams are required from graduate students in the following programs:

1. Elementary Education
2. General Administration
3. Gifted and Talented
4. Secondary Education

Exams must be selected from the "Available Comprehensive Exam" list. This list is available in the Graduate Studies office. There are no exams for short courses, for independent studies, or for courses which have been accepted as transfer credits from other colleges or universities.

Prerequisites for taking the comprehensive exams are:

- Student must have full admission into a program.
- Student must have completed 18 semester credits of the program.
- Grade for a chosen course must have been posted on the student's transcript for at least one month.
- Only 1 exam or retake may be taken per test date.
- All comprehensive exams must be completed a month before a student's degree is posted.

Students must fill out a "Comprehensive Exam Application" form and submit it to the Graduate Studies office with a \$50 payment, which covers all three exams. Please check with your advisor before doing so. Retake exams cover only the portion not passed initially. There is a \$10 retake fee. Be sure to register by Friday of the week prior to the scheduled exam.

Don't Forget to Complete Your Intent Forms

Students, don't forget to fill out and submit your "Intent Form" to your advisor when anticipating your final exit requirement: practicum, internship, research project, thesis or graduation. Deadlines for submitting the form are:

- January 15th for Summer Term registration
- February 15th for Fall Term registration
- September 15th for Spring Term registration

This should be done well in advance to allow enough time for the procedures of getting approval from the Department of GSE and from the desired practicum or internship site, or for obtaining supervisors for research projects or theses.

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Marr Presents Research on Loss

On November 5, Diane Dempsey Marr, Ph.D., presented her research, *Theirs and Ours: The Reciprocal Impact of Catastrophic Loss on Mental Health Professionals and their Clients*, at the Whitworth Faculty Scholarship Forum. In the past two years, Marr has introduced this topic at state and national conventions of the Washington and American Counseling Associations in an effort to create interest and identify subjects from

among the professional membership. In particular, she is interested in gaining information about the grief-recovery process of active practitioners who have sustained a significant loss. The unique challenges embedded in the helping professions, including client loss, and the type of support offered by the profession as well as employing institutions, represent two variables of central importance to the project.

Apply for Jan Term Aid

Jan Term-enrolled students who receive financial aid:

If you are attending a Jan Term class, please keep in mind the fact that spring semester loan funds are not credited to your student account until the official start of Spring Term, which is the first week in February. Also, you must be registered for your spring classes before your aid will transfer to your account. No funds are credited to student accounts during Jan Term. Feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office if you are concerned that your Jan Term class costs have not been taken into consideration in your financial-aid budget. You must attend the first day of class before spring funds can be released to you. At the beginning of the term, credit-balance checks are available after you attend your first class. Checks for credit balances created after the first week of the semester are available in the Student Accounts Office after 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Direct Loan/Stafford exit counseling:

If you will earn your degree at the end of the fall semester and have borrowed through the Stafford Loan Program while completing your studies at Whitworth, you must complete exit loan counseling. This will include information on how to consolidate your Stafford Loan portfolio.

Graduate Studies in Education Office

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This information will be sent to you in November. If you need and do not receive exit-counseling information, please give us a call at 777-3215.

Reapply for financial aid for the 2004-2005 academic year:

The 2004-2005 academic year begins with Summer Term. If you are applying for aid for summer, you will need to complete and submit either a FAFSA or a renewal FAFSA to the federal processor as soon after January 2 as possible. You must also complete the Whitworth College Summer-Aid Application and send or bring it to the Financial Aid Office. (The form is available on our website.) For students who require summer aid, the application deadline is March 1. Students applying for aid for the standard 2004-2005 academic year should apply by May 1.

Filing your FAFSA/renewal application for 2004-2005:

Graduate students will be mailed a PIN only; no paper renewal form will be mailed. The PIN will allow the student to access his/her renewal form via the web and to file electronically.

- The PIN acts as an electronic signature. No paper signature page is required.
- The website address is www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- File online anytime after January 2, 2004 for 2004-2005.
- If you do not wish to file on the web, come by our office and get the 2004-2005 FAFSA, available in December.

The Financial Aid Office staff will be happy to answer any questions regarding filing for federal aid. Office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Looking Ahead...

Jan Term:

January 5-29, 2004

Spring Term begins:

February 2, 2004

Graduation:

May 15, 2004

Sign up for Grad Classes Online!

by Darla Freeborn

Online registration through WhitNet is now available to graduate students. If you have not had a chance to access this useful resource, we recommend you take a few minutes to check it out. WhitNet can be accessed to register for classes, check your grades, print unofficial transcripts, evaluate your program progress, check your schedule, and check your personal-profile information on file.

To use WhitNet:

1. Go online to Whitworth's home page at www.whitworth.edu.
2. Click on Whitlinks; scroll down and select WhitNet.
3. Select "WhitNet for Students."
4. Select the menu item you wish to access. Please note that you will be asked for your username and password. If you do not know your user ID, select "What's my user ID?" and type in your last name and ID or SSN. To find out or change your password, select "What's my password?" or "Change password."
5. To register online, first contact your advisor; he or she will clear you to register. Once you are cleared, access WhitNet, enter your name and password, and select "Register for classes."
6. If you know the exact information about the class, select "Express Registration".
7. Enter your name and password. Enter the name of the class or class data (course number, section, etc.), or search for the class you wish to take. After you enter the registration information, click "Submit," and verification of your registration will come up or you will be told to supply missing information.
8. Once you are registered, contact your account representative in Student Accounts to arrange for payment.

Take a little time to browse through the other menu items to see what's there. Our web team works hard to make WhitNet logical and user-friendly. If you have any questions about your registration, transcripts, or personal data, or if you just need a friendly helping hand with registration, call or e-mail the Registrar's Office anytime and they will be happy to help.

New Faculty Members at Whitworth

by Deborah Ogden

Lisa Laurier arrived in Spokane from Flagstaff, Ariz., this past July with her husband and their two-year-old daughter. Laurier was born in New York and moved with her parents to Arizona when she was 10 years old. Her parents, as well as her husband's parents, still live in that area. The transition to Spokane has been challenging, but the Lauriers are settling in as a family. They haven't had an opportunity to see much of Spokane and the outlying areas, but they look forward to doing so in the future.

Laurier attended the university of Redlands, in California, where she met her husband and received her teaching certificate. Her teaching experience includes ESL at the elementary level,



Laurier

middle-school language arts, French, and high-school intervention for at-risk students.

She holds two masters' degrees, one in English and one in counseling. Her doctorate is in curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis in literacy. While working toward her doctorate, she counseled at the middle- and elementary-school levels.

When asked about her impressions of Whitworth and the students here, Laurier spoke of how pleased she is with the level of responsibility shown by students for their learning and she mentioned that this student investment in learning creates a good atmosphere. Laurier also commented on the supportive faculty and staff as well as the beautiful campus.

In her spare time, Laurier enjoys being with her daughter and also likes to read children's and adolescent literature. She bakes and does cross-stitch, and her family loves to camp.

Changnam Lee is a new face in the offices in Dixon Hall. He is the most recent addition to the Special Education Department, where his role is one of professor to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Lee arrived in Spokane just days before classes began this fall. He comes to us from Plattsburgh, N.Y., on the banks of beautiful Lake Champlain. He and his wife and his 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter made the road trip to Spokane in six days.



Lee

Lee obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Korea. He completed his doctorate in special education at the University of Oregon. Before coming to Whitworth, he was on staff at the University in Plattsburgh, one of the State Universities of New York. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, hiking, thinking and writing poetry. When asked about his first impressions of Whitworth, he noted that the transition to the area had been a bit difficult. However, he stated that he loves Whitworth and that the campus is the most beautiful he has ever seen.

If you have an opportunity to speak with Lee you will be pleased to experience his pleasant smile, his welcoming attitude and his interest in you as a student.

Congratulations

- To Kim Allen, '98 M.A.T. gifted and talented, '03 M.Ed. school administration, who recently accepted a position as the gifted and talented secondary coordinator of the middle school and high school in the Teton School District #1, Jackson Hole, WY.
- To Jesse K. S. Dhillon, current M.Ed. school counseling, who was married to Sucia M. Borneman, August 16, 2003.

- To Matthew Fechter, current M.Ed. school counseling, on his marriage to Tiffany Dittmar, '03, June 20, 2003.
- To Carolyn Henry, current M.Ed. secondary, on her marriage August 9, 2003, to Neal Cary.
- To John Klapp, '98 M.A.T. gifted and talented, who began a new position in September as the Post Falls School District's gifted-education facilitator.
- To Brenda Meenach, '03 M.Ed. school administration, who has accepted a position as vice

principal at Glover Middle School in Spokane's District #81.

- Michelle Schimmels, '03 M.A.T. special education is teaching preschool children with autism in the Central Valley School District as part of a team with Susan Moon, Ed.D., not in the East Valley School District as we mistakenly reported in the August, 2003 issue. We apologize for this error.

Please submit any information on honors, awards, jobs, and promotions to Mary Appleby (777-3228 or mappleby@whitworth.edu).