



The E-Newsletter of the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester

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HAPPENINGS



Guests Martha Mock, associate professor of education and pediatrics and director of the Institute for Innovative Transition, and Susan Hyman, professor of pediatrics and chief of neurodevelopmental and behavioral pediatrics, discuss the challenges families face when kids with autism and other developmental disabilities transition into adulthood and lose certain federally mandated services on WXXI's *Need to Know Rochester* in January. They also discuss services available to families in the Greater Rochester area. The conversation is part of WXXI's Dialogue on Disability, a partnership with the AI Sigl Community of Agencies and the Golisano Foundation. Watch the episode at www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGf2M83B84g.



Carolyn Marthers '12, '13W (MS) is featured in a Meliora Challenge video celebrating scholarships. A Cushman Scholar, Carolyn shares her experiences at Rochester, and gives us a look at the Horizons at Warner summer enrichment program.

The video can be seen at <http://campaign.rochester.edu/scholarships-initiative-video-Marthers>.

The story is available at <http://campaign.rochester.edu/news/2014/01/06/discovering-that-learning-isnt-the-same-as-being-taught>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presidential Symposium: Revitalizing K-12 Education in Rochester

Improving K-12 education is a critical component of revitalizing Rochester and a key concern for many of us in the community. It is also a complex problem with no simple solutions. Join us to discuss the state of Rochester's schools and the challenges we face as a community; to explore educational innovations that are making a difference in our community; and to consider research on alternative approaches to improve urban education. Rochester's children's educations and their prospects for bright futures are a

EVENTS

2/4/2014

Presidential Symposium: Revitalizing K-12 Education in Rochester

2/5/2014

Wednesday Lunch Talk — The Geography of Educational Opportunity: GIS Mapping and Inter-district Choice

2/7/2014

Chi Sigma Iota Black Tie Social

2/12/2014

Wednesday Lunch Talk — Cultural Connections: China

2/14/2014

Writing Workshop - Genres of Academic Writing

2/19/2014

Wednesday Lunch Talk — Experiential Learning in Medicine

2/26/2014

Wednesday Lunch Talk — Radical Equality in Education: Starting Over in U.S. Schooling

3/1/2014

Writing Workshop - Citations, Referencing, and APA Style

3/7/2014

Writing Workshop - Critiques and Literature Reviews

3/7/2014

Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Workshop

3/15/2014

Writing Workshop - Writing Short Proposals for Papers and Conferences

IN THE NEWS

1/23/2014

Martha Mock Discusses Disability Transition on WXXI's *Need To Know Rochester*

1/10/2014

Science STARS Featured on *Democrat & Chronicle Blog*

shared community responsibility, and it will take creative partnerships and collective strength to make the change we all want to see for children and our community.

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Interfaith Chapel (NOTE NEW VENUE)
University of Rochester River Campus

View event details at
www.warner.rochester.edu/newsevents/story/1269/.

Librarian Office Hours at Warner

Every Monday (between February 3 and May 12)
3 to 5 p.m.
LeChase Hall, Meeting Room 207

Looking for that elusive article? Wondering how to get started on your literature review? Thinking about ways to organize your references? Kathy McGowan, the Warner School's librarian, can help. You can find Kathy every Monday, from 3 to 5 p.m., in LeChase Meeting Room 207. As always, e-mail or call Kathy to make an appointment to meet with her at any other time.

For additional information, please contact Kathy McGowan at (585) 275-9302 or kathym@library.rochester.edu.

A Night Out with the Rochester Amerks

February 7, 2014
Blue Cross Arena, 1 War Memorial Square, Rochester, NY

Open skate: 4 p.m.
Reception: 6 p.m.
Puck-drop: 7:05 p.m.

Join Rochester alumni, students, friends, and families as the Yellowjackets swarm the Blue Cross Arena for some exciting hockey action! Lace up your skates and bring your family for a special open skate session prior to the game. An informal pre-game social hour for University of Rochester alumni will follow, and the fun continues as the Amerks take on the rival Hershey Bears. Share your Rochester pride as the University's own Midnight Ramblers sing the national anthem, NROTC presents the colors, and Rocky buzzes about the Blue Cross Arena. Celebrate the Rochester spirit and don't forget to wear your blue and yellow!

Additional details and registration are available at
https://tsvp.rochester.edu/olc/pub/URO/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=165381.

FACULTY/STUDENT NOTES

Hursh Presents in New Zealand

David Hursh, professor, was a keynote speaker at the New Zealand Education Institute international conference, themed *Primary Education: Taking Stock, Moving Forward*, in Wellington, New Zealand in January. The conference was organized by New Zealand educators who are resisting efforts by the Ministry of Education to introduce standardized testing. Approximately 300 primary school teachers and administrators attended the event. View his presentation at www.education2014.org.nz.

Larson and Duckles Appointed to RCSD Advisory Committees

Two Warner faculty members have been appointed to advisory committees formed by the Rochester City School District Board of Education and announced on January 16. Joanne Larson, Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education and chair of the teaching and curriculum program, will be serving on the student achievement advisory committee, and Joyce Duckles, assistant professor, is on the parental involvement advisory committee.

McCue Appointed Assistant Superintendent of School District

Doctoral student Patrick McCue has been appointed assistant superintendent for human resources and strategic initiatives at the Rush-Herietta Central School District. He will oversee the district's human resources and recruitment activities, as well as leadership development and strategic planning initiatives. McCue previously served as the high school principal in West Irondequoit Central School District for more than a decade.

Harris Selected as Committee Member at Spencer Foundation

Donna Harris, assistant professor, has been selected to serve as a member of the small grants review committee for the Spencer Foundation from February 2014 - February 2016. The small grants committee makes recommendations for grant awards of up to \$50,000. She joins a group of experts in the field of education to inform decisions regarding Spencer Foundation funding.

Graham, Nardi Celebrate Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to Shirley Graham, secretary, and Christopher Nardi, systems administrator, who are each celebrating 15 years as University of Rochester staff members.

Nyame Wins City of Rochester Award

Doctoral student Kiah Nyame has been awarded the City of Rochester's 2014 Black Heritage Pioneer Award for his participation in "efforts to increase the involvement and engagement of African Americans in the political, civic, and community life, for the targeted and specific betterment of the African American community." The award will be presented at the Black Heritage Gala on February 22 at the Hyatt Regency Rochester.

Choppin Co-Writes Journal Article

Jeffrey Choppin, associate professor, co-wrote the article "A Typology for Analyzing Digital Curricula in Mathematics Education," which published in the *International Journal of Education in Mathematics, Science, and Technology*, Volume 2, Issue 1, 2014.

In the article, the authors developed and applied a framework to analyze a representative sample of digital curriculum programs in order to help educators better understand characteristics of these materials. They documented two distinct curriculum types – individualized learning programs and digitized versions of traditional textbooks. While these programs offered some of the features identified as transformative, particularly with respect to assessment systems that rapidly and visually report student performance, there were many features that did not take full advantage of the digital medium. Read the article at <http://ijemst.com/index.php?p=issue&id=7>.

Shema Presents at Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference

Doctoral student Amy Shema presented "Troubling 'Family': How Primary-Age Teachers Negotiate Hegemonic Discourses of Family-CCP (Colouring Curriculum and Pedagogy)" at the 14th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference in New Orleans in November. Her paper presents preliminary data from a study exploring how kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers in a school that actively fosters family involvement include queerly-mixed families in their educational practices. Data analysis and interpretive procedures follow a narrative and phenomenological approach aimed at understanding how participants negotiate hegemonic discourses of schools related to the concept of "family." The Curriculum and Pedagogy Group (C&P) is a gathering of diverse individuals who are seeking academic enrichment and professional engagement and are committed to educational reform and social change. C&P members seek to create a space in which to advance the ideals of progressive curriculum and democratic leadership in education through dialogue and action. Additionally, members seek to bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds—including academic workers, graduate students, school and district administrators, PreK-12 teachers, and cultural and educational workers from community groups and organizations—who hope to analyze, interrogate, and develop theories and practices for educational change and social justice.

van Geel, Feldman, Blokhuis, and Imber Co-Write Education Law Textbook

Tyll van Geel, Earl B. Taylor Professor Emeritus; Jonathan Feldman, adjunct professor; J.C. Blokhuis, 09W (PhD); and Michael Imber, 73 (MS), co-wrote the 5th edition of *Education Law* (Routledge, 2013). The book provides a comprehensive survey of the legal problems and issues that confront school administrators and policymakers today.



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