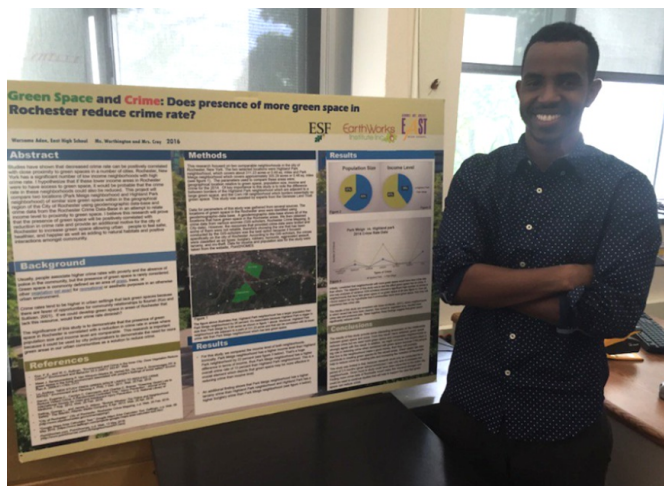




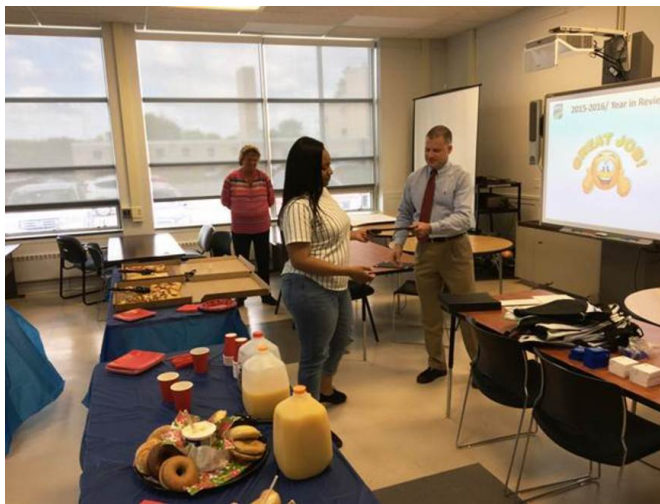
HAPPENINGS



East scholar Warsame Aden presented his research on the correlation between green spaces and crime rates at the Global Environment Research Expo at East in June. East scholars have been collaborating with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Earthworks faculty and staff to complete an independent research project on a topic related to environmental conservation within the Rochester community. The project is coordinated by Warner master's student Tiarra Worthington, a 2015 Science STARS facilitator and a first year teacher at East.



Silvia Sörensen was selected to receive a 2016 Community Partner Award from the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI). The award is given annually to organizations or individuals that have supported ABVI in promoting its mission. Sörensen was recognized for the partnerships she has had with ABVI with research projects and the important role she plays in the field of blindness. She was recognized at the ABVI Annual President and Chair's Luncheon on June 23.



East scholars were recognized on June 6 by RTS for their good behavior on the bus during the 2015-16 school year as part of the Good Behavior Award Program. Throughout the school year, RTS Bus Operators, who provide service to East, presented an award card at the end of each month to a scholar who has demonstrated good behavior on the bus. The 41 scholars recognized have displayed the East LEADER Attributes which are: Listen Empathetically; Exhibit Integrity; Attend Daily; Dedicated Learner; Embrace Change; and Respect All!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Meliora Weekend 2016 Registration Opens July 27**

Meliora Weekend, October 6 – 9, will offer something exciting for everyone. Events include legendary entertainment and speakers, reunions, food trucks and performances at the Meliora Village, the New Science & Engineering Quad Dedication and Celebration Barbecue, our Scholar Showcase, Eastman concerts, and favorites like A Cappella Jam, MEL Talks, and Miller's Court. Check out the full event schedule to plan for your weekend. Registration and ticketing opens on Wednesday, July 27 at noon EDT. [Learn more.](#)

### **New Counseling and Human Development Classes Offered**

There are two new courses being offered through counseling and human development this year: [EDE 429 Informal Learning - Informal Education](#) and [EDE 493 Navigating Illness with Children and Families: A Child Life Approach](#). Please take a moment to read through them and consider whether they would enhance your current academic program.

### **New Administrative Assignments**

Dean Raffaella Borasi has announced the creation of a new Associate Dean of Academic Programs position at the Warner School and the appointment of Karen DeAngelis, associate professor, to this position. DeAngelis will continue to teach and serve as chair of Educational Leadership, while taking on new administrative responsibilities for accreditation and program management.

In addition, Brian Brent, the Earl B. Taylor Professor, is now the Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, a new title that recognizes the excellent work he has done for the Warner School in this capacity over the last 10 years.

## NEWS

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### **Warner Center's Founding Director Judi Fonzi Named Professor Emeritus of Education**

An accomplished mathematics teacher, teacher educator and researcher, Judi Fonzi has been appointed professor emeritus of education in recognition of her contributions to the University of Rochester. Fonzi, founding director of the Center for Professional Development and Education Reform who retired in June, has served the Warner School of Education and local educators with distinction for 40 years. In her new role as professor emeritus, she will continue to support the University, URMC, and Warner. [Read more.](#)

### **Horizons at Warner to Celebrate Summer Learning Day with Event Honoring Walter Cooper '57 (PhD)**

In celebration of National Summer Learning Day on July 14, 2016, Horizons at Warner will host an educational community event that honors longtime scientist, educator, and civil rights leader Walter Cooper '57 (PhD) for his commitment to learning. Summer Learning Day is an annual national advocacy day led by the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to highlight the importance of keeping kids learning, safe, and healthy every summer. [Read more.](#)

### **Choppin Named New Chair of Teaching and Curriculum**

Jeffrey Choppin has been appointed chair of the Warner School's teaching and curriculum program. Choppin has been serving as interim chair since last fall, and his permanent appointment is effective immediately. He succeeds past chair Joanne Larson, Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education, who served as the program chair for 15 years. Larson will continue to be actively involved at Warner as a professor and assume new responsibilities as associate director of research in the new Center for Urban

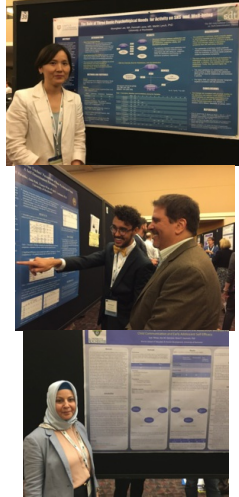
Education Success. [Read more.](#)

### **Local Educators Devote Summer Vacation to Becoming K-12 Master Teachers, Leaders in Math and Science**

Teachers from Rochester City School District, Newark Central School District, and Geneva City School District aren't just focused on summer vacation—they are spending part of their summer learning and growing as teachers and leaders. Seventeen experienced teachers have been selected to participate as master teaching fellows in the UR Robert Noyce Master Teaching Fellows (MTF) Program at the Warner School. [Read more.](#)

## FACULTY/STUDENT NOTES

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### **Faculty and Students Present at Self-Determination Theory Conference**

Many Warner doctoral students and faculty presented papers and posters at the 6th International Self-Determination Theory (SDT) Conference in Victoria, BC, Canada in June. Doctoral students Myunghee Lee and Kenneth Leow, along with Martin Lynch, associate professor, presented "The Role of Three Basic Psychological Needs on Activity on Social Network Sites and Well-being;" and "Personality, Social Connectedness, and Self-Regulation on Student's Depressive Symptoms." Doctoral students Nicholas Palumbo, Anna Park, and Xiaoyu Wan, along with April Luehmann, associate professor, presented "Content Analysis of Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions of Basic Psychological Needs: A Self-Determination Perspective." Doctoral students Sule Yilmaz and Kim Garrison, along with Dena Phillips Swanson, associate professor, presented "The Mediating Role of Parental Stress on Parent-Child Communication and Early Adolescent Self-Efficacy." Pictured l-r are: doctoral students Myunghee Lee and Nicholas Palumbo; Michael Occhino, director of science education outreach for the Center for Professional Development & Education Reform; and doctoral student Sule Yilmaz.

### **Curry Gives Two Keynote Speeches**

Mary Jane Curry, associate professor, gave two keynote speeches in June.

She delivered "Academic Publishing in English: Responses to Growing Pressures on Multilingual Scholars" at the 8th International Colloquium in Research in Foreign Languages at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia. She also delivered "The Liminal Space of Graduate Student Writing: Transitions and Trajectories" at the Consortium on Graduate Student Communication Institute at Yale University.

### **Lammers Publishes Blog Post**

Jayne Lammers, assistant professor, published the essay "Leveraging Participation in Online Fanfiction Spaces to Collaborate in Writing" where she wrote about the collaborative writing opportunities available to fanfiction writers on the International Literacy Association's *Literacy Daily* blog. In this entry, she draws on her two-year ethnographic study of The Sims Writers' Hangout to illustrate how one young woman leveraged her participation in this online affinity space to become a Sims fanfiction writer. [Read the post.](#)

### **Hursh Presents in New Zealand, Partners with Teachers Union**

David Hursh, professor, was a visiting scholar at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand from May 24 to June 3, where he met with numerous faculty and doctoral students regarding their research. His visit included one day in Wellington, the capitol, to visit with officials in the Ministry of Education, where he presented an overview of his new book, *The End of Public Schools*; officials from the Education Research Office, where they discussed the role social of context in students' academic achievement; and the primary school teachers' union, where they discussed the impact of Pearson LLC on education globally. The highlight of his New Zealand visit was his May 27 presentation "The Takeover of Public Education" to the Faculty of Education. A 55-minute video of the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

From Hamilton, New Zealand he traveled to the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, where he met with faculty and doctoral students to discuss research on the corporate takeover of education, PISA, and Pearson. On June 9, he presented to faculty and students on "The End of Public Schools in the United States: The Corporate Reform Agenda to Privatize Education." Read more [here](#).

The major outcome from his visit was an agreement by Education International, a global federation of teachers unions, to fund him to collaborate with Bob Lingard, professor at University of Queensland, to research the current and recent politics of education in New York State.



### Duckles and Team Present in Singapore

Joyce Duckles, assistant professor, along with her research team, travelled to Singapore to present their research on transforming urban communities and collaborative participatory research methods. The team included George Moses and Ryan Van Alstyne, Directors of North East Area Development in the Beechwood neighborhood, and Brandon Stroud '16W (MS). Along with several faculty and students from Warner and many community members from Beechwood, this team has worked together for the past five years on a long-term ethnography. In Singapore, they presented their paper, "Doing Double Dutch": Becoming Attuned to Rhythms of Pathways in and Through Community Spaces," at the 12th International Conference of the Learning Sciences at the National Institute of Education at Nanyang Technological University. In addition, with the support of Kankana Mukhopadhyay '14W (PhD), Duckles and her team of community partners participated in two interactive discussions at the National University of Singapore. In the Department of Communications and New Media and the Center for Culture-Centered Approaches to Research and Evaluation (CARE) under the leadership of Mohan J. Dutta, the team facilitated a conversation on academic partnerships in the contexts of housing and social justice in the U.S. With the faculty from the College of Peter and Alice Tan, a residential college with a mission of active citizenship and community engagement of university students, the team shared their experiences of collaboration between University and community and emerging conceptualizations of engagement. The synergies they uncovered between the research and initiatives of community engagement and social justice in Singapore and Rochester have inspired them to pursue future collaborations across continents and communities of learners.



## EVENTS

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[Horizons at Warner Celebrates Summer Learning Day Honoring Walter Cooper '57 \(PhD\)](#)

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[Exploring Effective Teaching and Learning in Mathematics in the Era of the Common Core State Standards](#)

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[Young Writers Summer Camp](#)

8/2 - 8/4/2016

[Supporting All Learners: A Focus on Reasoning and English Language Development in Elementary Mathematics \(Grades K-5\)](#)

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[Success in Science: Learning Through Inquiry with a Focus on English Language Learners \(Grades K-12\)](#)

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[Orientation for New International Warner School Students](#)

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[Warner School New Student Orientation](#)

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## IN THE NEWS

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[Meuwissen & Luehmann Essay on Persistence, Professional Satisfaction in Teaching on \*Huffington Post\*](#)

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[Carol St. George Contributes Speaking Out Essay on Summer Learning in \*Democrat & Chronicle\*](#)

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[Alumna Jessica Flanders '13W \(MS\) Receives Excellence in Teaching Award by NYS](#)

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