

School of Education

Today is Friday, August 1, 2014

Upcoming dates(for your calendar)

Monday, August 4. 3:30-4:30. Ice cream social for SOE Dean's office, department, Extension, Head Start staff and student workers.

Thursday, August 7. 9:30-10:00 am. State Board of Education meeting. [Agenda](#)

Friday, August 15. 2nd annual Learning Symposium in West Des Moines.

Wednesday, August 20. 12:30-2:30, Pomerantz Stage, Olmstead. SOE opening event.

Thursday, August 21. 12:30-1:15, Rm 214. Luncheon for new undergraduates and their advisors.

Friday, August 22, 2 pm. Knapp Center. Convocation. Faculty to wear regalia.

Monday, August 25. First day of classes for fall semester.

Friday, August 29, 10 am. All summer grades due. Late grades go to the Office of Student Records (kevin.moenkhaus@drake.edu with a cc to aggie.jones@drake.edu) but this won't be you, because your grades are going to be submitted well in advance, right?

Monday, September 1. Labor Day holiday. Drake closed.

Updates (at least scan this section)

1. We are raising the price of the Miller's Analogy test to \$80 as of Jan, 2015, as we are actually losing money on our current fee of \$60.
2. A few faculty have asked about turnitin.com, which Drake does not subscribe to. As an alternative, we use Safe Assign through Blackboard. More info [here](#).
3. Faculty: please check your class to make sure the book(s) you want are correctly listed.
4. The Praxis II test for music education is changing from #5114 to #5113. Details available.
5. Iowa Department of Education Director Buck has "authorized edTPA for program completion and identified the passing score requirement". Specific details will be available soon on the Practitioner Preparation page of the

Welcome to the new SOE Newsletter

Feedback yields results! Thanks to all who have contributed to this new, slicker SOE newsletter. This format does not include attachments. Hopefully the subheadings make it clear what is covered so that you can read just what you want. The newsletter will be sent out Friday afternoons. Send information for inclusion before then. More feedback in the form of questions, comments, concerns, ideas etc. to:

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Spotlight

Great, short profile of Provost Dr. Dee Jones in the Des Moines magazine: <http://www.pageturnpro.com/Business-Publications/58989-dsm-JulAug-2014/index.html#/72>

Grants announcements

Jayne Smith from Sponsored Program Administration formally announced the following six School of Education grant awards, totaling \$7,463,537.

1. Principal Investigator: Janet McMahill

Other Contributing Drake Faculty or Staff: Judy Russell

Project Title: Full Year Head Start—Part Day—Full Day and Handicapped

Summary: Head Start serves 838 children in Polk, Jasper, Boone,

Warren, Marion Counties and Ames

Iowa DE website, <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/educator-quality/practitioner-preparation>.

6. The Board of Education Examiners (BOEE) have submitted a Notice of Intended Action to the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). The specific proposal that might be of special interest is identified on the ARRC agenda as "Substitute authorization - elementary classroom - Notice ARC 1552c.

Of particular interest is the following, "An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate without a bachelor's degree

and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed."

Please discuss this proposed intent of action with your teacher education program colleagues and LEA partners, especially special educators. Written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment must be made before 4 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014. The full "intent" and details for providing comment are included in the first link provided below. The second link is the full agenda.

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/1552c.pdf>

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/AA/402062.pdf>

Humorous Interlude



Media - 4 articles and one correction

1. Students can learn a lot in the workforce

By Kim Reynolds

"Every high school student should have an opportunity like the one Sarah Cameron is about to have. Sarah thinks she might be interested in a career in actuarial science, but wants to find out before starting college. That's why the 16-year-old signed up for Waukee's new Center for Advanced Professional Studies (Waukee CAPS)...."

Read the full article [here](#).

Community School District. Early Head Start serves an additional 88 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women in Polk County, totaling 926 children served annually by the Drake Head Start program.

Funding Agency: DHHS

Amount Awarded: \$6,751,396

2. Principal Investigator: Janet McMahill

Project Title: Year-long Student Teacher Pilot Monitoring

Summary: Drake University will conduct and provide monitoring reports to the Iowa Department of Education on the progress of two programs piloting year-long student teaching.

Funding Agency: Iowa Department of Education

Amount Awarded: \$49,000

3. Principal Investigator: Judy Russell

Project Title: Share Visions Parent Support

Summary: These funds provide services to 20 Early Head Start families related to all areas of child development: cognitive, motor, hearing, vision, speech/language, health and mental health.

Funding Agency: State of Iowa, Department of Education, Child Development Coordinating Council

Amount Awarded: \$43,436

4. Principal Investigator: Janet McMahill

Project Title: Regional STEM Scale-Up Programs Support

Summary: These state funds are provided to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education as part of providing a world-class education, encouraging innovation and enhancing economic development in Iowa. Drake is one of the six established Regional STEM Network Hub institutions in the state.

Funding Agency: Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership (IMSEP)

Amount Awarded: \$523,995

5. Principal Investigator: Janet McMahill

2. Branstad, Reynolds highlight success of STEM education in Iowa three years after the initiative's launch

"Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds today were joined at their weekly press conference by Dr. Jeff Weld, executive director of the Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Advisory Council and Shelly Vanyo, a science teacher at Boone High School, to highlight Iowa's STEM initiative, three years after it was established by [Executive Order 74](#)

Read the full report [here](#).

3. Correction: Governor's news release incorrectly claims his executive order created Iowa STEM program

Posted: 28 Jul 2014 10:16 AM PDT

Correction:

"The Governor's news release today incorrectly claims that Iowa's STEM program was created in 2011 by his executive order.

In fact, the Legislature created the STEM program during the 2008 session* in House File 2679. The legislation included \$4 million for the University of Northern Iowa for a STEM Initiative to improve mathematics and science performance of Iowa students, to prepare more high quality mathematics and science teachers for Iowa's schools, and to promote statewide collaboration and cooperation in math and science education.

* In 2008, Democrats controlled the Iowa Senate, the Iowa House and the Governor's Office."

4. Des Moines schools revamp grading

By Mary Stegmeirmetroiowa@dmreg.com 11:09 p.m. CDT July 28, 2014

"New grading practices adopted by Des Moines middle schools this year will require students to meet specific academic standards and will exclude factors like homework completion and class participation.

Similar moves were controversial in other Iowa districts...."

Read the full article [here](#).

5. Teaching Teaching

By Joe Nocera

"I'm starting to wonder if we've entered some kind of golden age of books about education. First came Paul Tough's book, "[How Children Succeed](#)," about the importance of developing noncognitive skills in students. It was published in September 2012. Then came "[The Smartest Kids in the World](#)," by Amanda Ripley, which tackled the question of what other countries were getting right in the classroom that

Project Title: Regional STEM Network Management

Summary: These state funds provide funding to support Drake's STEM Hub Manager's position. The STEM Hub manager is responsible for implementing scale-up programming throughout the region and establishing working relationships with STEM-related business and industry in the region, workforce boards, economic development groups, school-to-career programmers, trade/professional organizations, early childhood educational organizations, and other STEM interest groups.

Funding Agency: Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership (IMSEP)

Amount Awarded: \$70,710

6. Principal Investigator: Anne Murr

Project Title: Adult Literacy

Summary: Since 1976 the Adult Literacy Center at Drake University has served the community by teaching adults to read, write, and comprehend. It is the only program in Central Iowa dedicated solely to improving the literacy of adults. Utilizing trained volunteers, the Adult Literacy Center provides a cost-effective way for low-skilled, low-literate workers to gain skills that lead to more productive lives.

Each adult student receives individualized, one-to-one tutoring, based on his or her assessed needs, in a confidential setting that promotes learner success. Each volunteer tutor meets with a student for 1 1/2 or 2 hours a week. Most tutoring occurs in a limited space at the Drake University School of Education. When more convenient, some tutor-student pairs to meet at area libraries or community centers. Tutoring services are free. Students pay only an annual \$50 enrollment fee, which can be waived based on financial need.

Funding Agency: United Way of Central Iowa

Amount Awarded: \$25,000

America was getting wrong. Her book came out just about a year ago...."
Read the full article [here](#).

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