

### School of Education

Today is January 9, 2015

#### **Dates**

Jan 12, 2-3 pm. Literacy candidate presentation. Please attend if you are not one of the J-term travellers Jan 19 MLK day holiday - Drake completely closed Jan 26 1st day of classes for spring semester Jan 27 2 pm faculty meeting Feb 4 J-term grades due by 10:00

## New faculty member hired

Dean McMahill is pleased to announce that Dr. G Douglas Stilwell has accepted the position of Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership and will begin his full-time assignment on August 1, 2015. Thanks to Dr. Robyn Cooper for directing the search and to those who participated in the process.

#### New Ch. 79 Regulations - for all licensure

#### **J-term travellers**

SOE groups are flung far and wide in Belize (with Sally Beisser and Shelley Fairbairn), Cyprus (with Matt Hayden and Ben Gardner) and Brazil (Bengu Tekinalp and Cris Wildermuth). Finland travelers (with Elaine Smith-Bright and Trent Grundmeyer) and a group going to the Bahamas (with Tom Westbrook and Melissa Sturm-Smith) are due to leave soon. A group of three science education students are also currently with Jerrid Kruse at a conference in Portland, Oregon. Be safe out there, everyone! And send pictures.

## Online course evaluations

Voting results

A new, more secure, online grading system edged out reverting to paper course evaluations by greater than a 2 to 1 margin in faculty voting (thanks for the extensive and thoughtful feedback, which will be shared with the Assessment Committee), so (with the approval of the Dean), we will be using online grading in the spring, 2015 in the SOE. Each student will be emailed a unique link for every SOE course in which he or she is enrolled. That takes care of many of the security concerns that were voiced. Professors can still allow time during class for course evaluation administration, during which time students can retrieve their links and fill out the course evaluation on the device of their choice, (provided by the SOE or they can use their own devices). The Assessment Committee will be charged with determining a plan to follow after Spring, 2015.

#### programs

New Ch. 79 rules are soon to be in place (effective Jan 15). It's not yet determined whether these will be what we need to meet for our 2016 Dept. of Education accreditation visit, but to the extent that we can, of course we want to be as up to date as possible. The actual rules are now available, but the "guidance to the field," which is what affects us most strongly, is not yet available.

The new Chapter 79 rules to review and discuss at department meetings as well as for your winter reading pelasure are available here: https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/ar

https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/aco/arc/1780C.pdf

# Faculty Committee Assignments

From the December faculty work session, there is now a 1st draft of new committee assignments to review at the Jan 27 faculty meeting.

## January School Leader update

https://www.educateiowa.gov/resources/s/school-leader-update

#### \$ available

Faculty and staff are invited to submit proposals for the Olson Inbound Scholar Service-Learning Program. This program is supported by the Ronald and Jane Olson Endowment for Global Service-Learning. Funds are available to support international student engagement in short-term service-learning projects within the Des Moines area. Preference is given

#### Media - 4

1. Later start dates interfere with academic goals By Gregory L. Dockum 12:48 a.m. CST January 4, 2015

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/columnists/2015/01/04/later-start-dates-interfereacademic-goals/21247583/

2. States Slow To Shut Down Weak Teacher Education Programs

By Stephen Sawchuk

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/12/31/teachereducation-school-

closures\_n\_6401316.html?ncid=fcbklnkushpmg0000 0013

3. Higher ed funding to be hot topic

By Jeff Charis-

Carlson <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2014/12/23/school-start-dates-legislature/20787417/">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2014/12/23/school-start-dates-legislature/20787417/</a>

4. Analysis: Open enrollment can hurt lowa's smallest and largest schools

Student moves lead to shift of money, add to budget pressures

http://thegazette.com/subject/news/education/openenrollment-can-hurt-iowa-school-districts-both-bigand-small-20141231

Andrew Phillips, The Gazette December 31, 2014

to Spring/Summer 2015 projects involving students from one of Drake's international partner institutions. For a list of partners,

see: <a href="http://www.drake.edu/internationa">http://www.drake.edu/internationa</a> lcenter/exchanges/partners/

Please submit a brief narrative and budget outlining:

Amount requested, Dates of travel, Student group from partner institution, Anticipated outcomes, Type of service-learning project(s), Anticipated involvement of Drake students, Intended reflection component(s), Support needed to facilitate project(s) [facilities, personnel] Please submit your proposal to Maria Rohach, Global Learning Programs Coordinator at maria.rohach@drake.edu by January 16, 2015.

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