Greetings FCS Alumni and Friends!

We have been busy and productive this past academic year in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences! The many accomplishments of our faculty and students contained in this newsletter attest to that. As I approach the end of my third year as Chair, and look back on the 2014-2015 academic year, there are some key developments that I would like to share.

Kohrman Hall Renovations
This year saw the completion of several much-needed renovations and technology updates to improve our learning environments in Kohrman Hall. The projects included: installation of new industrial sewing machines in the apparel lab, a new lighting system in the gallery, new plotter and scanner in the design computer lab, permanent projectors in FCS labs and studios, portable interactive white board and projector, and equipment in the food lab. Faculty and students have greatly enjoyed using the new equipment!

Revamped FCS Awards Ceremony
In April we held our annual FCS awards ceremony in Trimpe Hall. The P.R. and Marketing committee did an excellent job planning the refreshed event. We awarded nearly $38,000 in student scholarships, including two new ones: the John L. & Jane K. Feirer CTE scholarship to an incoming student and the Virginia Neubert Lucatelli scholarships which support high-achieving FCS students and a thesis award. Honoring our many partners on campus and in the community, each area selected a “Friend of FCS” who has provided outstanding support of our programs and students. After a couple year hiatus, we also awarded the FCS Outstanding Teacher Award to Dr. Angel Gullon-Rivera of the Family Science area.

Global Engagement
FCS is reaching out across the globe! I had the wonderful opportunity this spring to accompany our Dean Ming Li and three other chairs in the college on a trip to China to explore possible collaborations with Chinese universities. Part-time interior design instructor Eleonora Philopoulus led a group of students to Greece to discover the roots of western architecture and design. Dietetics faculty member Dr. Caroline Webber spent her spring sabbatical in Costa Rica. Florence, Italy has been added as a site for fashion merchandising and design students to study abroad. Please see inside for these exciting details.

Thanks for all that you do to help keep the FCS Family strong! Please stop by and see us.

Gary H. Bischof, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Mr. Charles Bruce, alumnus of WMU’s career and technical education program was recently hired on as a faculty member for the fall semester.

Throughout his teaching career, Bruce taught business, marketing, and technology courses for middle and high school students in Arizona, Colorado, and Tennessee.

Bruce most recently designed and implemented a new organizational leadership and marketing course for high school students in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Bruce’s professional interests involve project-based learning, educational technology, and work-based instructional methods. Prior to his teaching career, Mr. Bruce held roles in corporate finance focusing on asset management, cash flow forecasting, and global risk management.

Dr. Adam Manley, assistant professor in the career and technical education (CTE) program, was recently chosen as one of thirteen U.S. Career and Technical Education professionals for their expertise to help review and develop the assessment for teachers wishing to become nationally board certified in CTE.

This work is part of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Last year, Dr. Manley served on the committee that revised the National Board’s CTE teacher standards.

Dr. Manley and Dr. Zinser, the tenured faculty members in CTE, are recognized internationally, nationally, and in the state of Michigan for their expertise in CTE, raising the profile of our CTE programs.

Dr. Rick Zinser was recently named as the Associate Editor for the journal Career and Technical Education Research, the primary journal for research in the CTE profession. After two years as associate editor, Dr. Zinser will serve for two more years as the journal’s Editor.

Career and Technical Education Research publishes refereed articles that examine research and research-related topics in vocational/career and technical education, career development, human resource development, career issues in the schools (grades K-12), postsecondary education, adult and lifelong learning, and workforce education.
CTE alumnus makes a difference with a 3-D printer at Forest Hills high school

In 2012, career and technical education alumnus, Adam Zavislak, received the Outstanding Student Business Educator Award for the State of Michigan from the Michigan Business Educators’ Association, and he’s already back in the news.

In early June, Mlive.com released an article about Zavislak and the work he’s done with 3-D printing, specifically to help a 4-year old born without a forearm. With a team of five students from his robotics class at Forest Hills Northern High, Zavislak printed and assembled a prosthetic arm for the girl.

Design resources came from Enabling the Future, an organization that creates, innovates, designs, and redizes plans for prosthetic hand devices and either produces the device or sends the guide to help individuals build their own.

The printing process took a total of 20 hours to complete and the total project about three weeks.

New John and Jane Feirer scholarship endowment

The CTE teacher education program recently received a large endowment, with gifts totaling over $580,000, entitled the John L. and Jane K. Feirer Scholarship. In a WMU career that spanned 43 years, Dr. John Feirer, with a doctorate in Industrial Arts from the University of Oklahoma, served as a faculty member and chair of Industrial Technology and Education until his retirement in 1984. Dr. Feirer wrote 20 widely used technical books on topics such as woodworking, metalworking, cabinetmaking, and building construction. He received numerous awards including Man of the Year in Industrial Education, and was named a WMU Distinguished Faculty Scholar, the highest honor granted faculty members. Jane Feirer attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN, studying music, home economics and English while also playing goalie for the hockey team. She was an accomplished musician and played the piano from age five, and later learned to play the ukulele. The endowment supports full-time Industrial Technology undergraduate students, with a preference for incoming students and those with financial need. Incoming Fall 2015 student Michael Price (pictured left) of Dowagiac, MI is the inaugural recipient of the scholarship.
Two undergraduate dietetic students, Anja Grommons and Kaitlin Dewar, and family and consumer sciences associate professor Dr. Arezoo Rojhani received a first place prize for their poster presentation at the Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (MAND) conference in Ann Arbor, MI on April 23-24, 2015.

Grommons, Dewar, and Dr. Rojhani received a cash prize for their poster. They competed against primarily graduate students.

MAND is an affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and has a membership of more than 2,000 dietetic professionals including Registered Dietitians, Dietetic Technicians Registered, and dietetic students.

Dietetics interns awarded sustainability grant

In fall 2014, the 2014-2015 dietetic interns received a $1,710 sustainability grant to develop a web-based resource for the WMU community entitled the Michigan Mi-Plate 2.0. The Michigan Mi-Plate 2.0 contains seasonal recipes, information regarding where to purchase local and seasonally available products, and more.

The idea came after surveying 98 WMU students and discovering the need for a student tool to increase knowledge of local and seasonal foods. The hope is that this initiative will increase students’ self-efficiency in regards to cooking and will promote sustainability, nutrition, and wellness in the WMU collegiate setting.

On February 12, 2015, the interns met on WMU’s campus to test featured recipes from the website. The meeting was successful and was followed by a food demonstration at the Student Recreation Center on March 12, 2015.

Recipes demonstrated included vegetable fritters and peanut butter energy balls, two recipes pulled directly from the website. The food was distributed and evaluated by more than 50 students, staff, and faculty members from WMU.

Data collected at the food demonstration indicated that >80% of persons surveyed found the featured recipes to be affordable, easy to prepare, and flavorful; additionally, >95% of persons correctly answered that the ingredients could be purchased locally. This project was successful in increasing awareness of local, healthy, and sustainable foods in the targeted community.

The 2014-15 interns based the Michigan Mi-Plate 2.0 proposal on the previously successful Michigan Mi-Plate created by the 2013-14 dietetic interns.
Dr. Caroline Webber spent two months of her Spring 2015 sabbatical at the University of Costa Rica, San Pedro, Costa Rica. She spent February studying Spanish. In March she was the guest of the School of Nutrition where she observed several community nutrition projects underway: a school-based project to reduce the rate of childhood obesity, a farmer-food-safety-and-marketing pilot education program for farmers market vendors, and work to preserve Costa Rican food and traditions. She also studied the role of clinical nutrition in Costa Rican healthcare. While there, Dr. Webber made four presentations to faculty, students, and the public and established ties that will likely lead to future collaboration between FCS and UCR.

Alumna receives statewide dietetic scholarship

Sarah Price, a 2014 graduate of the didactic program in dietetics at Western Michigan University, was recipient of the Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Institute Scholarship for outstanding graduate of dietetic internship program. She is now a dietetic intern for the University of Michigan Health System.

While at WMU, Price majored in dietetics and minored in biological sciences. She was also the Family and Consumer Sciences 2013-14 Presidential Scholar, an award that is credited as being the highest WMU academic honor an undergraduate student can receive.

As a student, Price created educational materials for registered dietitians within Bronson Methodist Hospital as well as participated in health fairs during her local practicum. She also was a partner in an elementary school’s healthy eating initiative.

Faculty Spotlights:

Dr. Sunmin Lee, a dietetics faculty member in the Department of Family and Consumer Science, recently completed her dissertation at Cornell University.

Her dissertation was titled, “Impact of Maternal Iron Status on Neonatal Iron Endowment and Functional Outcomes at Birth” and focuses on the iron status of pregnant teens and their infants.

Dr. Lee, who has been with the department since Fall 2014 has now met the requirements for a Ph.D. in human nutrition. Congratulations Dr. Lee!
Madison Russell (Child and Family Development major) recently participated in a 3-week study abroad trip to Senegal in West Africa, led by Dr. Sarah Summy in Special Education. This study abroad focuses on the impact of globalization on systems such as education, health services, foreign policy, food, and transportation, and how that impact translates to public policies. Students engage in independent research projects.

Madison’s research project used ethnomethodology to compare the role of music in the schools in developing alternatives to the consequences of globalization in Senegal as compared to the U.S. Midwest. The majority of her interviews and observations were completed at a developmental school (Talibo Dabo) in Senegal.

The family science program and the department of family and consumer sciences is pleased to announce the planned development of a new online-with-residencies format for both the family studies and child and family development majors. Curriculum work will be done this fall and pending approvals, is slated to begin in fall 2016.

Two new faculty positions have been approved to help develop and implement the new format for both majors. These faculty members will develop a high-quality, online family science program that will reach out to students nationally and internationally.

As the new format is implemented, students will have two residencies on-campus during their undergraduate program while the remainder of their coursework will be online. The development of the online-with-residencies format will be based on best practices in teaching human services online.

Family science degrees offered in online-with-residencies format to be developed

Alumnus Spotlight: Carolos Casanova

After completing his bachelor’s degree in family studies at WMU, Carlos Casanova worked with disadvantaged youth at the University of Texas at San Antonio while obtaining his master’s degree in Sociology with a concentration of racial/ethnic inequality in the education system.

Casanova is now beginning a Ph.D. program at Iowa State University (ISU), majoring in education with an emphasis in higher education administration where he has been granted a research assistantship with the Research Institute for Studies in Education at ISU.

Maintaining contact with his WMU faculty led Casanova to connect with his former faculty members, Dr. Karen Blaisure and Ms. Bryce Dickey at the 2013 National Council on Family Relations annual conference.

Student studies abroad in Senegal

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THREE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS HIRED

Family science builds on faculty with three professionals

Dr. Jou-Chen Chen earned her bachelor’s degree in guidance and counseling at National ChangHua University of Education in Taiwan, her master’s degree in human development and family studies from Indiana University, and her Ph.D. in human development with a concentration in family studies from Virginia Tech.

Her current academic interests focus on marginalized parenthood and at-risk families with cumulative disadvantages. Dr. Chen is interested in conducting multi-ethnic research, including attention to childhood adultification experiences among immigrant families.

Dr. Crystal Duncan Lane will be joining the faculty from Eastern Illinois University where she has been serving as an assistant professor in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dr. Lane earned a bachelor’s degree in human development and psychology from Virginia Tech, a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy from East Carolina University, and her doctorate in Human Development with a graduate certificate in women’s studies from Virginia Tech.

Dr. Lane has been a Certified Family Life Educator with the National Council on Family Relations since 2001.

Kimberly Doudna earned her master’s degree in 2012 and is currently nearing completion of her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies, both from Iowa State University.

Doudna has extensive experience working with families and young children and has contributed to course development for the National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning.

Doudna is an active member of the National Council on Family Relations and will present part of her dissertation research at their annual conference in November, 2015.

2015 FCS Department’s Presidential Scholar

Ms. Alexa Morrison was named the 2015 Family and Consumer Sciences Department’s Presidential Scholar. The Presidential Scholar is the highest honor WMU can bestow on an undergraduate student.

Morrison is a double major in child and family development and gender and women’s studies, and is also dual minoring in anthropology and speech and hearing processes with a concentration in American Sign Language.

Morrison is the secretary of the Graphic Arts Society, where she implements volunteer events in the Kalamazoo community. She is also member of the Lee Honors College and a 2011 Medallion Scholar at WMU. She also has helped create and evolve an after school tutoring program, called Tutor Time, for children from Kalamazoo Public Schools. Morrison also volunteers at Metro Health Hospital in the Child Life department and plans to become a Child Life Specialist and work with ill children and their families.
Student wins $5,000 national scholarship

Emily Olson, textile and apparel studies major, was awarded the Regent’s University London Wil Conard Scholarship for Fashion Marketing during the 2014-15 academic year.

This nationally competitive $5,000 scholarship is given each year by the International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA) and is awarded to an undergraduate student with outstanding promise in fashion marketing. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences sponsored Olson’s trip to Charlotte, North Carolina to accept her scholarship award on November 12, 2014 at the annual 2014 ITAA Conference.

This scholarship enabled Olson to spend the spring of 2015 studying at Regent’s University, in London, United Kingdom. Regent’s University is one of six private institutions in the United Kingdom, and has about 3,500 full-time students.

“From studying at Regent’s University, I hope to learn new skills that I would not have the chance to learn at my home institution, skills that I can apply to a career in the fashion industry. I want to experience living in another country amongst other cultures and from this, gain the self-confidence that I would need to pursue my dreams of opening my own store and eventually filling that store with my own designs,” Olson states.

Student receives scholarship from Monroe-Brown Foundation

Eden Souser, a textile and apparel studies major, recently received a scholarship from the Monroe-Brown Foundation. The scholarship provides Kalamazoo area college students with funding for their studies as well as an internship with a life science or advanced manufacturing firm in Kalamazoo County. Souser completed her internship during the summer of 2014 at Edwards Garment, a Kalamazoo-based uniform and image clothing manufacturer. During her time there she was able to enhance her marketing, merchandising and product development skills. An apron Souser designed will be featured in an upcoming Edwards Garment product collection. After finishing her studies at WMU Eden plans to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and pursue a career in apparel design and product development.

Alumna is awarded the inaugural CEHD Keystone Early Career Award

Liza Nay Rose, an alumna of the fashion design program, was the 2014-15 recipient of the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) inaugural Keystone Early Career Award.

Nay Rose graduated summa cum laude in 2009 and then went on to continue her studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology and completing an internship at Temperley London.

Nay Rose currently works for Cache, in New York City. She currently develops and directs key product lines for the company, including managing and motivating a team of assistants and interns. She manages the company’s private label accounts for several major retailers, oversees public relations and corporate outreach, all while coordinating communication for the organization.
Fashion design student presents new clothing line ‘Fiori’ as honors thesis

Fashion design and Lee Honors College student, Malu Figueiredo Palma, recently presented an original clothing collection as her honors thesis project to faculty and students in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Her clothing line, titled “Fiori,” was developed for a young, fashion conscious, sophisticated customer, and was inspired by weddings.

The pieces developed for her collection reflected several contemporary trends in apparel, including ruffles, transparency and layering. She chose bold floral fabrics and intricate lace sourced from her native Brazil for the five dresses in the collection. After sketching each garment, she created patterns and first samples, then constructed each garment, completing much of the work by hand.

Figueiredo Palma will be heading to Florence University of the Arts this fall to study advanced design techniques, and will graduate with a BS in fashion design in fall 2015. After graduation, she hopes to return to her native Brazil and open her own design business.

Fashion merchandising and design program offers new study abroad experience in Florence, Italy

Florence University of the Arts (FUA) in Florence, Italy is the latest study abroad destination for majors in the fashion merchandising and design program. FUA’s school of fashion and accessories studies and technology offers a unique perspective on fashion, blending centuries of fashion, local culture, 21st century technology, and sustainability into its curriculum.

“I expected to learn a lot about Italy during my study abroad semester, but I did not expect to learn so much about myself,” one student comments.

The fashion program at WMU has encouraged majors to include a study abroad experience in their studies for decades. Students may earn up to 18 credits toward their major at one of WMU’s study abroad partner universities. A study abroad experience enables students to develop unique skills, and expand cultural understanding.
This summer, the food service administration program has developed a plot at the WMU Student Community Garden off of Stadium Drive in Kalamazoo. Program coordinator, Dr. Frank Cordero, and students have been tending to the plot and reaping the harvest of their work.

The pesticide-free, organic plot includes red leaf and butter lettuce plants, jalepeno/poblano peppers, tomatillas, roma tomatoes, and eggplant.

A key focus of the program is Sustainable Food Systems and this project provides students with a hands-on, in-the-dirt experiences of sustainable growing on a small scale.

Natalia Narvaiz, (pictured with Dr. Frank Cordero) is a junior in the food service administration program. Narvaiz is very active in the department as she participated in the FCS Open House, and helped plan a dinner held for CEHD chairs before a WMU basketball game.
FSA hires new program coordinator

The food service administration program has hired a new faculty member Dr. Francisco Cordero. Cordero will also serve as the program coordinator.

He earned his doctoral degree in hospitality administration in 2011 from Texas Tech University. His dissertation is titled “Job Turnover in the Lodging Industry: A Dual-method Case Study”.

After working in the hospitality industry for over 20 years, Dr. Cordero began teaching hospitality administration in 2003 while completing his M.B.A. at New Mexico State University. He also holds a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. He served as the first faculty advisor for the Texas Tech Health Cooking Club.

Dr. Cordero has served on numerous local sustainability advisory boards, and conducted presentations and cooking demonstrations promoting the use of local ingredients. His research interests include sustainable food systems and consumer purchasing of locally produced foods. Recently Dr. Cordero has developed and maintained a plot in the WMU Student Garden. As part of the President’s University-Wide Sustainability Council, he is a sub-committee member of STARS (Sustainability, Tracking, and Assessment Ratings System). He is also a WMU representative on the Downtown Kalamazoo Retail and Restaurant Association.

WMU women’s volleyball team connects with FSA

Earlier this summer, WMU women’s volleyball coach, Colleen Munson, connected with FSA program coordinator, Dr. Frank Cordero, to help establish stronger ties between the program and the team.

Cordero ran with the opportunity and graciously offered to facilitate a life skills educational session for the student athletes. During the session, Cordero took the team to the Kalamazoo Farmer’s Market and the Food Service Administration’s student garden to explore.

After purchasing goods from the market and picking from the garden, Cordero took the volleyball team back to the Family and Consumer Sciences Food Lab, where he spoke to them about sustainability, nutrition, and how valuable it is to take care of their bodies. He also assisted them in preparing a breakfast.
In May, 2015, the interior design program launched its first study abroad course in Greece. Faculty director of the course, Eleonora Philopoulos, focused on Greek influence on western roots of interior design and theater.

Students in the course were able to learn and experience Greek culture, architecture, design, theater, language, and science as they explored various islands. Modern architecture was also observed, with an eye toward how ancient and classic Greek designs co-exist with modern design and architecture. Students also visited the new Athens Museum and reflected on how the design of the architecture relates to the Parthenon. The museum incorporates certain perspectives of the Parthenon in its interior displays.

While in Greece, the students were able to visit Ancient Olympia, Byzantine sites in Mystras, a historic architecturally preserved watermill, Athens, Peleponisso, mainland Greece, and the islands of Santorini and Hydra.

Two interior design students, Cristal Bugarin and Taylor St. Louis, have been awarded Monroe-Brown Internship scholarships. The Monroe-Brown Internship Program provides high quality internships with hourly wages and valuable networking opportunities.

Bugarin and St. Louis will participate in a ten week, or 400 hours, internship for a participating company during the summer of 2015.

Upon successful completion of the internship, as decided by the employing company, both the company and the Monroe-Brown Foundation will pay the intern a $500 bonus — a total of $1,000. Additionally, the Monroe-Brown Foundation will provide one payment of $2,500 at the end of the first successfully-completed semester following the internship period.

The Monroe-Brown internship scholarship is open to students from WMU, along with Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Davenport University, Michigan State University, and University of Michigan. Funding may be up to $3,000 to participating students.
Instructor to have piece displayed in upcoming Grand Rapids ArtPrize

ArtPrize, an international art competition held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will host an art piece from Interior Design Instructor, Beth Jarl. Her artwork is titled “Seed Banks.” These banks exist in many forms all over the world, although Jarl’s is the only that are pig shaped. They store a variety of plant species to guarantee genetic crop diversity and they preserve seeds for research, and protect seeds from human-made and natural disaster, disease, and climate change.

Out of 7,000 species of plants available for agricultural use on Earth, only 30 crops make up the world’s diet. Mosts of these crops are varieties of corn, wheat, and rice. Jarl’s piece was created to bring social awareness to the importance of protecting our food diversity through the use of seed banks.

WMU’s Gwen Frostic School of Art participates in ArtPrize by conducting a juried submission competition in late Spring. Students and faculty submit pieces for consideration for inclusion into WMU’s gallery space on WMU’s Grand Rapids campus. ArtPrize will be held on September 23 through October 11. Visit the WMU building’s fifth floor on Ionia St. in downtown Grand Rapids to view Jarl’s submission.

ALUMNA LISA FICARRA GIVES BACK TO DEPARTMENT

Lisa Ficarra, an alumna of the interior design program, is an award-winning interior designer with over 20 years of experience and is the founder and president of Ficarra Design Associates based in Naples, FL. Ficarra’s design team provides service to clients in the Naples and Southwest Florida luxury home market.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University, Ficarra attended Parsons School of Design in New York City, NY and Boston Architectural College in Boston, MA. Following her graduate studies, Ficarra studied architectural history in Rome, Italy and often incorporates European inspirations into her designs. Upon her return to the U.S., Ficarra worked in New York with a well-known architect and later as a senior designer for a Boston-based firm. It was not until 1994 that Ficarra traveled to Naples, FL to work with the “legendary” Holland Salley. She continued to work with Salley for ten years before stepping out on her own and founding Ficarra Design Associates.

In the Spring of 2015, CEHD Dean Dr. Ming Li, and Major Gift Officer Amy Routhier, visited Ficarra in Florida. While there, they were able to witness Ficarra’s success first hand. It was during this visit that Ficarra graciously offered to host an aspiring interior designer from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at WMU for a summer internship. The internship will be under the guidance of Ficarra herself and will be held at Ficarra Design Associates. Ficarra will also donate memo samples and copies of design publications to the department.
Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Students, faculty, and friends are honored at awards event

The Family and Consumer Sciences Awards and Recognition Ceremony was held on April 21, 2015 at the Multicultural Center in the Trimpe Building.

At the event, twenty-four student scholarship recipients received a total of approximately $38,000. These scholarships were awarded by either the department or the college.

Dr. Angel Gullon-Rivera, assistant professor of family science, received the 2014-15 Family and Consumer Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award.

Also at the event, each area of the department selected a “Friend of FCS” who has provided extraordinary support the FCS students and programs. The 2015 recipients can be found below.

**Career and Technical Education**
Cindy De Ryke
*Director of Teacher Certification*

**Dietetics**
Carol Reid
*CEHD Academic Advisor*

Shannon Myers
*CEHD Academic Advisor*

**Family Science** (Pictured top right)
Mallory Bourdo
*Coordinator of Data and Curriculum Support*

Ann Stockwell
*Academic Auditor*

**Food Service Administration**
Dawn Gaymer
*Associate Provost of Extended University Programs*

**Interior Design**
Eckert Wordell (Pictured above)
*Architecture-Engineering-Interior Design Firm*

Jeffery S. Eckert
Richard W. Wordell
David G. Jarl

**Fashion Merchandising and Design**
Joe and Patti Borrello

Pictured: Former Interior Design faculty and scholarship namesakes Norm Slack (right with Slack scholarship recipient Zione Grosshuesch) and Rebecca Wells Marvin (far right with Gary Bischof).
Eulalia Toms Research Endowment Grants Awarded
Three research grants were awarded to four FCS faculty members

Dr. Caroline Webber
Dr. Andrea Smith
Dr. Arezoo Rojhani
Dr. Sunmin Lee

The Family and Consumer Sciences Executive Committee approved three Eulalia Toms Research Endowment Grant awards to College of Education and Human Development faculty members for their work on various projects. The first grant is awarded to dietetics professor Dr. Caroline Webber, which will allow her to continue her scholarship on her “Good Food” project. The second grant is awarded to early childhood professor Andrea Smith of the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences and Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies. Smith’s grant is for a project she is conducting to examine two delivery formats for a psycho-education program. She will develop and publish a manual for grandparents who are raising grandchildren. The third grant is awarded to dietetics professors Dr. Arezoo Rojhani and Dr. Sunmin Lee, who used it for their research on “Impact of Nutrition Knowledge, Beliefs and Food Purchasing Practices on Maternal Anemia among Pregnant Women Participating in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.”
Faculty Publications, Presentations, and Creative Works 2013-14


**Bryce Dickey** and **Robin Millar** presented a poster titled: *Systematic Approach for Teaching the Family Life Educator’s Code of Ethics* at the 2014 National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Dr. Barbara Frazier** and **Katy Fulton**, graduate assistant and student in the MA in Family and Consumer Sciences: Textile and Apparel Studies concentration presented a poster titled: *Profiling Apparel and Textile Programs at 4-year Public Universities in the US: A Preliminary Report* at the 2014 annual conference of the International Textile and Apparel Association in Charlotte, NC.

**Dr. Angel Gullon-Rivera** presented a workshop in April, 2015 at the MiAYEC Conference (Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Early Childhood) in Grand Rapids, titled: *Teaching Children Social Understanding via Storytelling: The Social Story Approach*.

**Dr. Sunmin Lee** published the following articles:


**Dr. Zee-Sun Yun** co-authored two articles:


**FACULTY GRANTS**

**Dr. Gary Bischof, Mary Beth Janssen** and **Beth Jarl** are part of a team awarded a Diversity and Inclusion assessment grant from WMU’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The grant will explore recruitment and retention of students of color in the Interior Design program.

**Dr. Angel Gullón-Rivera** received a $2000 research grant from the College of Education and Human Development’s Merze Tate Grant and Innovation Center, one of the 3 inaugural funded.

**Dr. Zee-Sun Yun** was awarded the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA) grant for 2014-15 from WMU’s Office of the Vice President for Research. The purpose of this grant is to encourage and support faculty in significant research, rigorous scientific inquiry, original artistic activity, and inventive technology.

**Dr. Adam Manley** and **Dr. Richard Zinser** secured a federal flow-through grant for $10,513. This grant will allow Drs. Manley and Zinser to travel to Michigan military bases and discuss the career and technical education program’s Post-Baccalaureate Master’s Program.
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- Maija Peterson Scholarship (Dietetic Graduate Interns)
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- Carl A Woloszyk Scholarship (CTE Graduate Students)
- Betsy Slain Wood Scholarship (FCS)
- Geasler-Swindlehurst Fund (International Faculty family-related travel)
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