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Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

2011 News

Doctoral candidate presents at marriage and family therapists conference

Dec. 20, 2011

Bradley Hinman, doctoral candidate in Western Michigan University's Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, presented at the national conference of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists in September 2011. He also presented at a roundtable at the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision in October 2011.

Counselor education and counseling psychology students and faculty present at APA conference

Oct. 28, 2011

Students and faculty from Western Michigan University's Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology recently presented at the 2011 American Psychological Association conference held in Washington, D.C. They included the following.

- Amos, B., Coker, K., & Perry, D. (2011, August). Applying culturally competent group approaches to work with African American and Latino adolescents in juvenile justice settings. Paper presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Duncan, L. E., Morris, J., Jenkins, E., Boykins, B., Littleton, B., & Kelly, S. (2011, August). White counseling students perceived skills and knowledge to work effectively with African American men. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Duncan, L. E., Morris, J., Jenkins, E., Kelly, S., Littleton, B., Boykins, B., & Begay, D. (2011, August). White counselor trainees perceived ability and comfort in working with African American clients. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Larson, A. L., Martin, D., Rutt, B., & Kerr, B. A. (2011, August). Personality, vocational interests, and values of highly imaginative adolescents. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Littleton, B. P. (2011, August). Cognitive Behavior Therapy with African American men. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Nisley, E., & McDonnell, K. A. (2011). Counseling professionals' attitudes toward transgender people and responses to transgender clients. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

- Sheets, R. L., & Dollar, L. N. (2011, August). Creating and maintaining an LGBT counseling group on a university or college campus: The benefits and the challenges. Roundtable presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Tomko, J. K., & Munley, P. H. (2011, August). Predicting counseling psychologists' attitudes and clinical judgments with respect to older adults. Poster presented at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

WMU College of Education and Human Development well-represented at International SELF Research Conference

Sept. 26, 2011

Western Michigan University and the College of Education and Human Development were well-represented at the International SELF Research Conference this summer. This gathering of researchers in education and social psychology was held in Quebec City, Canada. Heather Highhouse, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, and Dr. Allison Kelaher-Young, Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies, presented findings from a study of self-determination, pre-service teacher beliefs, and the decision to enter the teaching profession. Bethany Warnaar and Joshua Bench, Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, working with Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies, reported on psychosocial outcomes that result from participation in community service and social action.



Professor Mary Louise Anderson's text on Counseling Adults in Transition published

Sept. 23, 2011

Dr. Mary Louise Anderson, assistant professor of school counseling at Western Michigan University, has had a new book published. The text, *Counseling Adults in Transition*, was released in August by Springer Publishing. It is the only textbook explicitly designed to address counseling with adults who are coping with individual, relationship and work transitions, and integrates the basic tenets of adult development with therapeutic practice. It is based on Schlossberg's theory of transitions, a new process and content model that offers effective techniques for helping adults to understand and successfully navigate normal life transitions.



Governor appoints commissioners

Sept. 12, 2011

Western Michigan University's George Fierro, director of outreach and special programs for Extended University Programs, and Patrick Munley, chair of counselor education and counseling psychology, have been named to state commissions by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Fierro was selected to serve on the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, which is dedicated to developing a unified policy and plan of action to serve the needs of Michigan's Hispanic and Latino communities. He was appointed to a three-year term that expires Dec. 10, 2013. Munley was selected to serve on the Michigan Board of Counseling, which licenses and oversees the practice of counseling in Michigan. He was appointed to a four-year term that expires June 30, 2015.



Doctoral students present at annual American Psychological Association convention

Aug. 29, 2011

Western Michigan University counseling psychology doctoral students Raymond Sheets Jr. and Lindsey Dollar recently offered a roundtable presentation at the annual American Psychological Association convention in Washington, D.C. This presentation focused on the benefits and challenges involved in the creation, recruitment, and facilitation of LGBT counseling groups on college and university campuses. In attendance were doctoral students, college and university staff psychologists, and faculty, all of whom openly dialogued about their personal experiences in running such groups.



Annual department awards presented

May 23, 2011

Western Michigan University's Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology presented its annual awards during a reception April 14. Recipients included the following students.

Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award

- Tiffany Lee

Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Graduate Research and Creative Scholars Award

- Angela Garrison, doctoral level
- Bethany Warnaar, master's level

Robert and Diane Betz Award for Doctoral Studies in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

- Daniel Romero, doctoral studies in counselor education
- Raymond Sheets, doctoral studies in counseling psychology

Robert O. Brinkerhoff Scholarship for Human Resources Development

- Victoria Sanderson

Kenneth Bullmer Scholarship for Doctoral Students in Counseling Psychology

- Angela Garrison

Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Alumni Scholarship

- Loretta Dye, doctoral student
- Sarah Simons, master's student

Arthur and Margaret Manske Outstanding Master's Student in School Counseling

- Jennifer Riha

Outstanding Master's Student in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology

- Zita Hardenberg

Thelma M. Urbick Outstanding Doctoral Student in Counselor Education Award

- Brad Hinman

Outstanding Doctoral Student in Counseling Psychology

- Abbie Van Der Wege

Outstanding Alumni Award

- Joe Horak

Professor, students have article published in Michigan Family Review

May 11, 2011

Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Professor Gary H. Bischof, counseling psychology doctoral student Mark Barajas, and marriage, couple and family counseling master's students Bethany Warnaar and Harkiran "Nina" Dhaliwal recently had an article published in the Michigan Family Review. "Thematic Analysis of the Experiences of Wives Who Stay with Husbands who Transition Male-to-Female" is a qualitative analysis of the experiences of the wives of 14 male-to-female transsexuals appearing in Virginia Erhardt's 2007 book, Head over Heels: Wives Who Stay with Cross-Dressers and Transsexuals.

Faculty, students present at annual Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy conference

May 2, 2011

Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology faculty and students presented at the Michigan Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual conference in Lansing in mid-April. Bradley Hinman, doctoral student in counselor education, conducted a workshop on "Interventions to Treat and Reduce Internet Pornography's Impact on Adolescents." Presenting posters were master's students April Oglesby and Anna Proulx, on "Considerations for Treating

PTSD in African-American Families," and counseling psychology doctoral student Brian Doane and faculty member Dr. Gary Bischof, on "Handling Secrets in Couple Therapy."

Students present at Counseling Psychology Great Lakes Conference

April 4, 2011

Counselor education and counseling psychology students presented at the Counseling Psychology Great Lakes Conference 2011 Progress in Science and Practice April 1-2 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

We invite you to take a look at some of the recent posters from the Division 17 Great Lakes Regional Conference. Posters and a complete list of the WMU related presentations and presenters are featured in the display cases on the first and second floors of the Sangren Hall atrium, near the elevators.

Presentation formats were posters, roundtables and symposia.

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Students receive Research and Creative Scholars and Teaching Effectiveness awards

March 31, 2011

The College of Education and Human Development had two all-University recipients from the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology for the Graduate College's Research and Creative Scholars and Teaching Effectiveness awards. These are competitive awards that are selected by the Graduate Studies Council.

Bethany Warnaar, marriage, couple and family counseling master's program, earned a master's-level research award. She has done research primarily with with Gary Bischof and Jeff Jones and also some with Gary Miron.

Tiffany Lee, counselor education doctoral program, earned a doctoral teaching award. She recently defended her dissertation and has been teaching in the SPADA program the past few years.

Helmeke and Bischof contribute to couple therapy handbook

March 28, 2011

Part-time Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology faculty member Karen B. Helmeke and Professor Gary H. Bischof recently published a chapter titled "Couple Therapy and the Integration of Spirituality and Religion" in the second edition of the Handbook of Clinical Issues in Couple Therapy. This chapter traces the history of the integration of spirituality and religion in couple therapy and offers suggestions and resources for clinical application. This second edition, edited by Joseph Wetchler, provides more in-depth and updated chapters, extending the initial book that was also published as a special issue of the Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy.



Doctoral student receives International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors scholarship

March 9, 2011

Counselor education doctoral student Tiffany K. Lee has been named one of the two recipients of a 2011 International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors Graduate Student Scholarship, which will be presented at the annual IAAOC Breakfast at the American Counseling Association Convention in New Orleans March 26.

