

### Dr. Jennifer Foster has Research Published



Dr. Jennifer Foster's article about her research on child victims of sexual abuse is featured in the February 2015 edition of Counseling Today.

[Read the entire article »](#)

<http://ct.counseling.org/2015/01/addressing-fear-in-child-victims-of-sexual-abuse/>

## HESA students take first place at GVSU Leadership Summit



Feb. 25, 2015

Andrew Hazelton and Stephanie Beld

Higher Education and Student Affairs students Andrew Hazelton and Stephanie Beld placed first at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Omicron Delta Kappa Case Study Competition at Grand Valley State University's Leadership Summit. Each year, up to eight teams of two students review a scenario related to student leadership. They are then given fifteen minutes to present their strategies to a team of judges. Hazelton and Beld presented on a case study surrounding concerns in a work place, specifically gender equity.



## HPHE faculty member wins national award

Feb. 11, 2015

Dr. Michael G. Miller, a professor in the Department of Human Performance and Health Education, has received the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award from the National Athletic Trainers' Association. This award recognizes NATA members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to leadership, volunteer service, advocacy and distinguished

professional activities as an athletic trainer and for those who have been involved in service and leadership activities at the national and district level for a minimum of 20 years.

## Creative Cookie

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Lesley (Williams) Ware (BS'01, Elementary Education; MPA '03) attended Western Michigan University for a degree in elementary education because she wanted to work with and teach kids, but she didn't end up in a 'typical' classroom.

After receiving her Master's in Public Administration from WMU, Ware worked in the non-profit sector for nearly a decade at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Forbes Funds, and more recently at the Girl Scout National Office in Manhattan.

"I started a fashion blog in 2008 called the Creative Cookie, which later became a small business venture," Ware explained. "It's a boutique-sewing studio, in Red Hook Brooklyn, where I teach classes to young fashionistas. I share the studio with my husband who is a photographer. It's a great collaboration. "

But her creative venture didn't stop there. Recently, Ware's first book "Sew Fab" was published by Laurence King in London in early February. The book is a sewing and style guide for tweens.

"After leaving my full-time job, I responded to an ad on Craigslist and ended up teaching an 11 year old how to sew. She was my first client," Ware said. "It was the perfect blend of my elementary education background and love for fashion. "

After searching local book stores for reference materials to teach a tween how to sew with no luck,

Ware decided she would write something of her own, and 'Sew Fab' was born.

Ware credits her time at WMU as a major factor in her successful endeavors and has some strong advice for current students. "Set goals and dreams for yourself and then work very (very) hard to accomplish them. Hang on to all the contacts you make and keep in touch. Establish a good name for yourself and people will support what you do. "

As a student at WMU, Ware enjoyed having two cousins on campus and being close to her hometown of Muskegon. "I also loved campus and all the student services offered," she commented. After a year in the elementary education program, Ware received a full scholarship. Among her most notable memories of her time at WMU are being involved with Delta Sigma Theta and serving as a Resident Assistant in Bigelow Hall.

"My dream is to release a book a year," Ware said.

To learn more about Sew Fab or to keep up with Lesley, visit her blogs at [www.thecreativecookie.com](http://www.thecreativecookie.com) and [www.lesleyware.com](http://www.lesleyware.com).

## **Professor Named Editor of Primary Journal for Career and Technical Education Research**

Feb. 4, 2015



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 Editor.

## Special education program well represented at conference

March 25, 2015



Nathalie Hanson, a special education student, recently received the 2015 Dr. Charles Van Riper Outstanding College Student Award at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. Hanson was presented the award at the 75th Annual Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC) Conference Reception on March 5, 2015.

At this year's conference, Western Michigan University's special education program was very well represented. Approximately 15 undergraduate students participated, while a host of alumni and graduate students also presented, participated and acted in leadership roles.

Special education faculty members Dr. Matthew Hoge, Dr. Sarah Summy, Dr. Luchara Wallace, Dr. Elizabeth Whitten, and the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies Chair, Dr. Dan Morgan, all presented research and led sessions as well.

## Dr. Piazza to present at international reading convention

Dr. Susan Piazza, Associate Professor of literacy studies, was invited to present her school based research in a featured Past President's Session with Reading Hall of Fame member Dr. Kathryn Au at the International Reading Association's Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO in July 2015.

Dr. Piazza's presentation will feature school improvement research and service in Michigan with an emphasis on how building effective assessment systems inform instruction and student outcomes. As well, Dr. Piazza will be presenting a research poster with Mr. Stiles X. Simmons, Superintendent of Baldwin Community Schools at Michigan Reading Association's Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI on March 27, 2015. They will share data from the collaborative study of Baldwin's district wide piloting of performance tasks aligned with their customized disciplinary literacy curriculum.



## Assistant professor has article published in top peer-reviewed practitioner journal



Feb. 16, 2015

Dr. Selena Protacio, assistant professor of literacy studies, has a new publication out in *The Reading Teacher*, a top peer-reviewed practitioner journal in the literacy field. The article is entitled, “Restructuring sharing time for English learners and their parents,” and co-written with Dr. Patricia Edwards, distinguished professor of language and literacy at Michigan State University. Protacio and Edwards’ article provides key ideas for teachers on how they could modify sharing time to make it a more meaningful classroom practice.

## Faculty Member Honored by Association



March 25, 2015

Dr. Wanda Hadley

The American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Standing Committee has recognized Dr. Wanda Hadley, a faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology. In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Hadley is one of 25 faculty scholars being honored.

Hadley was recognized at the 2015 convention in Tampa, Florida, on March 6, 2015. Scholar’s photos, institution name and research were shown on poster boards located in the registration areas. Each faculty scholar received a certificate and a Standing Committee for Disability pin to commemorate the honor.

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