February 2016

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Upcoming Events

On Saturday April 16, 2016 the department of Human Performance and Health Education is hosting a luncheon reception to honor the outstanding achievements of our alumni inducted into the HPHE Alumni Honor Academy. This annual program provides public recognition of the outstanding professional accomplishments, contributions, recognition and service of our distinguished graduates.

You are invited to join us on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:45 to 2:00 at the Fetzer Center on WMU's campus. Cost for the luncheon is $20.00 per person. HPHE faculty individual achievements, current HPHE students receiving scholarships, awards, and those students holding leadership positions in their professional fields of study will also be recognized. Register to attend or sponsor a student at MyWMU.com/hphehonoracademy.

Other News

- Two CECP Professors Deliver Culturally Responsive Education Training to KPS
- Fashion Merchandising and Design Professor has Article Published in National Journal
- TLES Faculty Present Papers Around the Nation
- Three SPLS Faculty Members Co-authored New National Journal Publication
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Dec. 18, 2015

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Read a full list of this year’s NCFR Honors Student Recognition recipients.

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Transiting through Hong Kong to return to the US, Dean Li also visited Hong Kong Baptist University and held talks with administrators and faculty members in the Faculty of Social Sciences about collaborative opportunities. Both the Department of Education and the Department of Physical Education are housed in the Faculty Social Sciences.
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Dr. Koshmanova surveyed Ukrainian teacher candidates who were the Revolution of Dignity participants to develop an integrated program aimed at the development of students’ dispositions of trust and acceptance of those who have different political views and ethnic roots. The study used conflict management as a theory and practice, and peer mediation, facilitation, simulation and academic service learning as pedagogies in order to empower the teacher candidates with dispositions of handling their own conflict experiences. The exit surveys of the participants showed a positive impact of the integrated program on resolving ethnopolitical conflict, on
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The first counseling group was completed in the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services in CECP in December 2015 and the next group is scheduled for February 2016. Preliminary findings indicated that the counseling group model assisted parents in communicating more meaningfully with their children. Parents also reported positive behavioral changes in their children.