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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.

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Higher Education and Student Affairs Students Take First Place at Summit

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Dr. Michael Miller Wins National Award

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.



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Creative Cookie

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Dr. Rick Zinser Named Editor of Career and Technical Education Research Journal

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.



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Special Education Program Well Represented at Conference

Nathalie Hanson (pictured) recently received the 2015 Dr. Charles Van Riper Outstanding College Student Award at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. Approximately 15 other undergraduate students participated, while a host of alumni and graduate students also presented, participated and acted in leadership roles.



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Other News

- [Dr. Piazza to Present at International Reading Convention](#)
- [Dr. Selena Protacio Has Article Published in Top Peer-reviewed Practitioner Journal](#)
- [Dr. Wanda Hadley Honored by Association](#)

HESA students take first place at GVSU Leadership Summit

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Higher Education and Student Affairs students Andrew Hazelton and Stephanie Beld placed first at the 8th 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.



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 and www.lesleyware.com.