

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notes From the Chair:

We have lots to celebrate in the Department of Human Development this year. Two faculty members have won prestigious awards. Dr. Mary Katherine Deen, an Extension Specialist who works out of Wenatchee, won the college's Extension Faculty Excellence Award. This award, given to only one member of WSU Extension a year, recognizes the state, regional, and national contributions of extension faculty through their programs, leadership, and scholarship. As you can read inside, Mary Katherine's contributions in the youth development, community development, and diversity areas have been outstanding. Also recognized this year was Dr. Sherrill Richarz, a former member of our faculty, who received the college's Women's History Recognition Award for Community Leadership and Public Service. Sherrill has been a tireless advocate for early childhood education—both as a faculty member and after her retirement. Congratulations to you both!

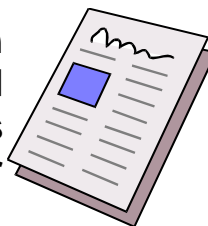


We also are celebrating Dr. Laura Hill's promotion to associate professor this year. Laura joined the department in the Fall of 2001 and has contributed much through her teaching, research, and extension activities. She has done an excellent job of making our undergraduate and graduate research methods courses both rigorous and student friendly, and has set an example through her work on the Strengthening Families program on how to integrate research and extension activities.

Finally, congratulations are in order for all of our student award winners (you can read more about them inside), for our scholarship recipients, and, as always, for our B.A. and M.A. graduates. Best wishes to everyone as they start their careers and/or pursue their further educational goals. Our graduates always make us proud!

Have a great summer,
Thomas G. Power, Chair

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FACULTY/STAFF HONORS

EXTENSION FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. Mary Katherine Deen is an eighteen year faculty member, as an Extension Specialist for youth and family programs. Her work in program impact evaluation, professional development leadership, and children, youth and families at risk has been recognized for excellence at the state, regional, and national levels. Youth and family programming impact evaluation has led to the development of the 4-H Life Skills Assessment Tool, which is



a web-based data collection instrument. Not only is it the standard for evaluating Washington's youth and family programs, but it has been purchased by eight additional states. Dr. Deen is the creator and director of the national 4-H Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Certificate Program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Participants have increased their confidence, knowledge, performance, and job satisfaction. Dr. Deen's innovative programming has been supported by \$1.3 million in federal funding to build organizational capacity in delivering educational programs to low-income and culturally diverse constituents.

Congratulations HD Scholarship Recipients



Sheryl Castor
Alicia Douglass
Marissa Hughes
Valerie Barabe
Jill Bickelhaupt
Amber Strait
Ellen Lelas
Danielle Broberg
Judy Miller
Melissa Graham
Karen Gray
Fiona Horton
Kelsie Kinion
Lauren Molnar
Diane Wenrich
Stephanie Fields
Amy Gordon
Celeste Hillock
Jennifer Parks
Amy Dyer
Erica Martin
Eva (Yihung) Lau



HD CLUB

Presidents: Belinda Winders
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The Human Development and Family and Consumer Sciences Student Club encourages professional development for students through career exploration and community service involvement. It provides the opportunity to build lasting relationships, in addition to developing leadership skills. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month to discuss activities and upcoming events at 6:00 pm in 507 Johnson Tower.



Jacquie Frost & Christina Thiemann October food drive

Collaboration with University of Arizona

Dr. Kathleen Rodgers continues to collaborate with faculty in the Department of Human Development and the University of Arizona on two projects. Two proposals to fund the Adolescent Mother Mentor Project are currently under review, one with the National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD) and the other with the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Population Affairs (DHHS-OPA). This research will examine adolescent mothers' religiosity and relationships with parents, partners and mentors in relation to maternal stress, depression, hope and longer term outcomes of positive parenting for their children.



Kathleen B. Rodgers

2007 Outstanding Students in Human Development

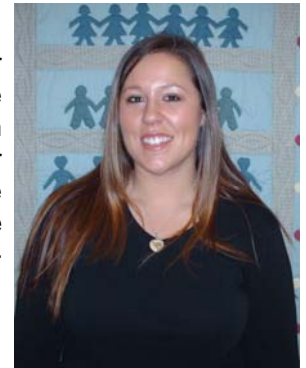
Amy Gordon—Senior

Amy Gordon arrived at WSU as a Regents Scholar and has continued her academic excellence (3.87 GPA), community involvement, and leadership roles. She has volunteered with children in settings such as the Palouse Discovery Center, Bible school, a child care center, and elementary school. With CAHNRS, Amy has enthusiastically served as: Chancellor of Alpha Zeta, CAHNRS Ambassador, and student representative to the CAHNRS Advisory Committee. Her leadership has extended campus wide in roles such as student representative for the College of Education to the President's Student Learning Academy, member of the WSU Homecoming Committee, Vice President for Development and Risk Manager for Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, and working with the Student Alumni Connection. Amy is completing Pre-School through Third grade teacher certification. Her dream is to teach kindergarten in eastern Washington and bring her energy and leadership to improve rural education.



Valerie Barabe—Junior

Valerie Barabe is obtaining a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher certification through our department. She has maintained a 3.88 GPA while also contributing important leadership to the university and the community. Over the past three years her experiences have moved her from first considering becoming a therapist, to the realization that her ultimate strengths are to mentor and teach students, especially those who are struggling. She has mentored students at the WSU Service Learning Center, WSU Career Services, with Cougar Athletics, through Residence Life, and for the City of Kent as a Camp Counselor. In thinking back on her own school experiences, Val hopes to “emulate her teachers, who have inspired her to be a focused, purposeful, empathetic person.”



Danielle Broberg—Freshman

Danielle Broberg has maintained a strong cumulative GPA of 3.82 since coming to WSU. Her career goal is to become an Occupational Therapist, with a hope of working both internationally and in the United States. Occupational Therapy combines well her passions for science, human development, and serving needy youth. While at WSU Danielle has also demonstrated her rather broad interests through her active participation as a flute player in the WSU Symphonic Band, member of Campus Crusade for Christ and the Human Development club, and volunteer with the WSU Child Care Center. During the summer she served as a camp counselor with Worldview Academy. Danielle sees her education and experiences at WSU as pivotal in laying the groundwork in helping her achieve her goals. As she says, “I desire to use my specific talents and abilities to alleviate the suffering of those around me, or at least to encourage them through the hard times of life.”



Kari Conlon—DDP

Kari Conlon, who lives in Lake Stevens, Washington, has taken all of her WSU courses via the Distance Degree Program, maintaining a strong 3.82 GPA. DDP is providing Kari with opportunities for a career change from store management to social services. Kari's long term professional goals, after completing a Master's degree, include becoming a social worker serving seniors in a hospice program. Her volunteer work with Providence Hospice and the Lake Stevens Senior Center confirmed that direction. This semester she is completing an internship with Elderhealth Northwest, a day health center that specializes in programming for seniors with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. To quote Kari, her work with seniors has been her “heart work,” and while it is very difficult at times “it is also turning out to be the most rewarding work I have ever done.” Elderhealth was so impressed with Kari's talents that they hired her as a Case Manager, and more recently added Intake Coordinator to her title.



NEWS OF RETIRED FACULTY

Dr. Sherrill Richarz (Ed.D., 1977) was honored at the CAHNRS Women's History Recognition Award for Community Leadership and Public Service. After a successful career that spanned the globe and over 20 years of successful teaching, service and research at WSU, she "retired" to an active life of creative service to child care and early education programs in the state. Many of Sherrill's supporters were in attendance. HD faculty members Brenda Boyd, Adair Lawrence, Connie Parish, Jeanie Pittman (former undergrad of Sherrill's) and Mary Wandschneider came. Former graduate students Mary Garguile and Judi Clark traveled from western Washington to attend. In addition, colleagues from the University of Idaho, Janice Fletcher and Nancy Wannamaker (also a former student of Dr. Richarz's) were in attendance.



Have a great summer!

FACULTY NEWS

After six productive years at WSU, **Laura G. Hill** was promoted this year to the rank of Associate Professor and Extension Specialist E-3.



Laura Griner Hill

Mary Wandschneider was featured in the WSU Today on February 16, 2007 in an article titled *Internship requirement reaps rewards*. To read the article go to: <http://www.wsutoday.wsu.edu/completestory.asp?StoryID=3708>.

Progress continues on the Parent-Adolescent Media Education Project with HD Faculty **Tom Power, Kathleen B. Rodgers, Laura Hill and Jenifer McQuire** in collaboration with Erica Austin of the School of Communication. The research examines the messages that adolescents and parents perceive in visual media with a target toward developing a parenting education program to promote healthy development of adolescents through critical engagement of media (TV, music videos, and magazines).

Learning to be an Advocate: Taking Professionalism Seriously

During the President's Weekend in February instructor **Mary Wandschneider** brought a group of her students to an annual children's advocacy day in the state capitol, Olympia, WA, Give a Heart for Kid's Day. The students were enrolled in Mary's HD 449 Current Issues & Trends in Early Childhood and had been examining current bills which affect young children and were being considered by the Washington State Legislature. All the students had prepared 1 page briefing papers on their bills



Left to right Katie Cooney, Stephanie Gamelin, Alissa Schultz, Mary Wandschneider, Fiona Horton, Mary Kowal, Rep. Shirley Hankins, Katie Weimer, Not pictured Jeanie Pittman. At the Capitol Building.

and participated in mock presentations to their legislator while on the Pullman campus. On February 19, Mary and her students were in Olympia participating in a caucus on the bills and a children's march (about 700 participated). In the afternoon the students advocated for their points of view on their bills by talking with 8 legislators or their aides in their offices or in the hallways of the Capitol Building. It was an incredible day of learning how to advocate on is-

issues important to us. Olympia participants included: **Fiona Horton, Stephanie Gamelin, Mary Kowal, Alissa Schultz, Katie Weimer, Katie Cooney (MA student), Jeanie Pittman (HD Instructor) and Mary Wandschneider.**



Left to right Katie Weimer, Fiona Horton, Stephanie Gamelin, Mary Wandschneider, Mary Kowal, Katie Cooney, Alissa Schultz, Jeanie Pittman. After caucuses.



Left to right Fiona Horton, Katie Weimer, Alissa Schultz, Mary Kowal, Mary Wandschneider, Katie Cooney, Stephanie Gamelin, Not pictured, Jeanie Pittman. Children's march.

Distance Degree Program Update May 2007

Child Development Laboratory

The BA in Human Development via distance education continues to attract new students. At the end of April we have 91 certified majors and several more soon to certify.

HD 342, Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs will be offered through DDP starting Fall 2007. This course represents movement toward offering a certificate in Early Childhood Development and Care by distance. The next critical work is to develop a student teaching experience in community based child care settings around the state.

The Distance Degree Senior of the Year, Kari Conlon is featured in this issue. The Distance Degree Scholarship winner is Ellen Lelas. Your contribution to the HD Distance Degree Scholarship Fund will assist with the continuation of these awards. Thank you!

Joye Dillman

Distance Degree Program Advisor.



The Child Development Laboratory finished a successful year, serving 40 children and 20 student teachers in 2006-2007. In addition to providing a quality preschool experience and training numerous students, the CDL also served as a venue for research projects. Drs. Nicole Werner and Jared Lisonbee, with the assistance of numerous undergraduate students collected observational data on children's social interactions, while also collecting information from parents, teachers and children's saliva for the measurement of stress hormones.

Katherine Condran and Samantha Almond are potential candidates of the Pearson Fellowship program which provides financial and mentoring support to students that elect to teach low income children. At press time it was not known if Katherine or Samantha had been selected, but it was definitely an honor to be selected for interview.

The CDL is sad to be losing Connie Parish as Supervising Teacher. Connie has served as supervising teacher for the past 6 years and will be missed. She is leaving the position to spend more time with family members. A search for her replacement is underway.

Brenda Boyd, Director CDL

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GRANTS

Matt Bumpus received a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development entitled, "Sources of parents' knowledge of school-aged children's daily experiences."

Jared Lisonbee received a grant from WSU's Faculty Seed Grant Program entitled, "Preschool children's social behaviors and physiological response in a playgroup situation."

Representing the graduate students:

Teresa Romans received travel and registration grants from GPSA to attend the Society for Research in Child Development Conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Olvera, N. Suminski, R., & **Power, T. G.** (in press). Intergenerational perceptions of body size, body ideal, and attractiveness in Latinos: Role of BMI, gender, and acculturation. *Obesity Research*.

Hughes, S. O., Patrick, H., **Power, T. G.**, Fisher, J. O., Anderson, C. B., & Nicklas, T. A. (2007). The impact of child care providers' feeding on children's food consumption. *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, 28, 100-107.

Olvera, N., Sharma, S. Suminski, R., Rodriguez, A., & **Power, T. G.** (in press). (in press). BMI trends in Mexican American children in relation to maternal BMI. *Ethnicity & Disease*.

Rose, H.A., **Rodgers, K.B.**, & Small, S.A. (2006). Sexual Identity Confusion and Problem Behaviors in Adolescents: A Risk and Resilience Approach. *Marriage and Family Review*, 40, 131-150.



M.A. DEGREES AWARDED:

December 2006

Tiffany A. Wigen, Thesis title: *The Development of Empowerment and Leadership Among Youth Involved in Asset Mapping*. Tiffany defended her thesis on November 27, 2006. Dr. Kathleen B. Rodgers was chair of her committee.

May 2007

Leslie Booren, Thesis title: *An Exploration of the Relationship Between Students' and Teachers' Perceptions of School Safety and the Importance of Safety Strategies*. Leslie defended her thesis on March 23, 2007. Dr. Deborah J. Handy was chair of her committee.

Angel Cantu, Thesis title: *Program Fidelity and Provider Characteristics in the Strengthening Families Program: Indicators of Positive Outcomes*. Angel defended her thesis on April 24, 2007. Dr. Laura Griner Hill was chair of her committee.

Bumpus, M. F., Crouter, A. C., & McHale, S.M. (2006). Linkages between negative work-to-family spillover and mothers' and fathers' knowledge of their young adolescents' daily lives. *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 26, 36-59.

Diversi, M. (2006). Street kids in Nikes: In search of humanization through the culture of consumption. *Cultural Studies and Critical Methodologies*, 6, 370-390.

Hill, L.G., & Maucione, K. (2007). A focused approach to assessing program fidelity. *Prevention Science*, 8, 25-34.

Orrell-Valente, J. K., & **Hill, L. G.** (2006). "Just three more bites": An observational analysis of parents' socialization of children's eating at mealtime. *Appetite*, 48, 37-45.

Betz, D. L., & **Hill, L. G.** (2006). Evaluation for real people. *Journal of Extension*. Online at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2006april/rb9.shtml>.

Hill, L. G., & **Werner, N. E.** (2006). Affiliative orientation, school attachment, and aggression. *Psychology in the Schools*, 43, 231-246.

Lanigan, J., & **Peterson, K.** (2006). Building leadership capacity of familyhome child care providers. *Journal of Family and Consumer Science*, 98, 70-74.

McGuire, J. K. & Gamble, W. C. (2006). Community Service For Youth: The Value of Psychological Engagement Over Number of Hours Spent. *Journal of Adolescence*, 29, 289-298.

Russell, S. T., & **McGuire, J. K.** (2006). Critical mental health issues for sexual minority adolescents. In F.A. Villaruel & T.Luster (Eds.), *The crises in youth mental health: Critical issues and effective programs*. Vol. 2. Disorders in adolescence (pp. 213-238). Westport, CT: Greenwood.

Janelle Hood, Thesis title: *Children's Goals and Competence: The Relation Between Children's Goals, Competence, and Adjustment*. Janelle defended her thesis on April 19, 2007. Dr. Laura Griner Hill was chair of her committee.

Suz-Chieh Sung, Thesis title: *Parenting Practices: Parenting Practices Across Children's Temperament and Cultures*. Linda (Suz-Chieh) defended her thesis on April 24, 2007. Dr. Jared Lisonbee was chair of her committee.

Tracy Tachiera, Thesis title: *Attitude Toward Persons With Disabilities: Examining the Similarity Between Mothers and Children*. Tracy defended her thesis on April 20, 2007. Dr. Matthew Bumpus was chair of her committee.



Congratulations Graduates!!!

August 2006

Anna Acosta
Wagahta Andeberhan
Jerilyn Archuleta
Shannon Banks
Lanelle Beaulieu
Amy Caffiere
Nicole Carlson
Jason Churchwell
Jamie Coleman
Devon Cooley
Rebecca Crowe
Jenna Dean
Anastasia Donets
Elizabeth Frausto
Ivy Gahn
Rebecca Hart
Marcinna Heine
Jessica Johnson
Christine Jones
Domineaux Ledesma
Taylor McGinley
Millicent Miranda
Deanna Riem
Pamela Sellers
Sarah Smith
Deitra Sonnabend
Jeannie Teague
Hailey Young

December 2006

Jennifer Barrow
Heidi Baughman
Rachel Cavender
Gina Corning
Aaron Dahlgren
Margaret Febus
Shelley Flippen
Delia Garcia
Michelle Green
Francesca Guzman
Wendy Karboski
Anna Kirschenmann
Christine LaSalle
Keri Mallard-Rourke
Kari Matheny
Maren McGrane
Christine Osburn
Stephanie Patterson
Brandi Phillips
Brianna Pope
Wendy Pringle
Meghan Reil
Julie Scott
Jennifer Stennes
Tanya Svoboda
Christina Thiemann
Sandra Villarreal
Nicole Vreeland
Staci Witt

May 2007

Taryn Buehler
Johna Buldis
Katherine Condran
Kari Conlon
Kathi Dean
Raime Furin
Kara Gallagher
Valerie Glisson
Angela Haberman
Cindy Hester
Sara Elizabeth Howell
Lisa Jenkins
Audrey Jolley
Mary Kowal
Kim Lyman
Tisha Martin
Nancy McMillan
Marnie Meacham
Gloria Nakroshis
Beth Peterson
Julie Pickler
Christy Putney
Kristen Rekow
Jami Reynolds
Victoria Ringoen
Kelly Rosin
Miranda Rumsey
Alissa Schultz
Melissa Smith
Jennifer Stahlheber
Crislee Stephens
Melissa Tieg
Kyla Urhausen
Heather Vader
Kalena Vega
Katie Weimer
Chelsea Williamson
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