Dear Colleagues,

The semester is almost over: New Year is around the corner. May you all have a wonderful holiday season and another productive new year!

2010-2011 is the year of “Take Action—Work Collaboratively for the Best.” We are here celebrating our achievements in teaching, research, and service.

With a collaborative effort, we have successfully made a revision on our M. Ed. Professional Education Concentration and P-12 TESOL Programs, moved NCATE visit preparation forward smoothly, and had two certificate programs proposed. Five of our colleagues are nominated for outstanding undergraduate or graduate teaching awards. Dr. Stanley’s book, *Performance Literacy through Storytelling* has received two educational awards. Dr. Carter has her book, *Peace Philosophy in Action*, published. Seven faculties have published 12 articles this year. All faculties have been actively involved in research and scholarship activities and made multiple presentations at state, national, and international conferences. Our service has been highly appreciated by UNF and the community. Thank you all for representing this department well.

We are still facing great challenges. NCATE review preparation still needs our continuous collaborative effort to make the best; our students are still expecting us to provide excellence in teaching and facilitation of learning.

Thank you!

John Ouyang
Prof. and Chair

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**Achievements in Teaching**

Dr. Katrina Hall, Dr. Lunetta Williams, and Dr. Katie Monnin were nominated for 2010-2011 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards. Dr. Candice Carter and Dr. Wanda Hedrick were nominated for 2010-2011 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Awards.

**Achievements in Research**

**Publications:**

Dr. Nile Stanley and Dr. Brett Dillingham (2010) have published an article in an international journal focused on teaching English as a second language (ESL).


Dr. Katie Monnin has had her book, *Teaching Graphic Novels*, recognized as a finalist for two education awards.

Dr. Katrina Hall and Dr. Lunetta Williams had two articles published, “An afterschool program for economically disadvantaged youth: Perceptions of parents, staff, and students”, and “First Grade Teachers Reading Aloud Caldecott Award-Winning Books to Diverse First Graders in Urban Classrooms”.

Dr. Nile Stanley had an article “Readers click with digital poetry” published in the *Florida Reading Journal*.

Dr. Nile Stanley and Dr. Laurel Stanley published an article in the *Journal of Reading Psychology*, “Predicting FCAT Reading Scores using the Reading-Level Indicator”.

Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton and Dr. Caroline Guardino’s paper, “Teacher perceptions of a Modified Inclusion Classroom Environment” has been published by *The Electronic Journal of Inclusive Education*.

Dr. Nile Stanley received two awards for his book, *Performance Literacy through Storytelling*, the Association of Educational Publishers Award for Distinguished Achievement in Curriculum and the Independent Publishers Books Award for Distinguished Achievement in Education/Teaching.

Dr. John Ouyang has had one article, “Current issues and trends of the classroom instruction at elementary schools in China”, published in the *American Review of China Studies*. He has had two conference papers published: “Educational Technology for Developing ESOL Language Skills: Inspiration from an Experimental Research”, and “What a Brilliant Giant in Mexico and Chinese Education: Telesecundaria and China Education TV.” They were published in the *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2010*.  

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Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!!

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Achievements in Research-cont.

Publications (cont.):

Dr. Jacque Batey published the article, “Community based learning in the college classroom” in *The Florida Reading Journal*.

Dr. Christine Weber had her article, “Meeting the needs of gifted students through online programs” published in *Distance Learning*.

Presentations:

Dr. Nile Stanley and Dr. Brett Dillingham presented storytelling and poetry as performance literacy at the Annual Convention of National Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Lunetta Williams made a presentation, “Motivating Males to Read” to the Tale Tellers, retired teachers of Jacksonville who voluntarily tutor children.

Dr. Gigi Morales David shared her books, *Peter and the Silent Siren*, *The Little Red Envelope*, and *Just Mollie and Me* at Henry F. Kite Elementary School. She discussed her books with the students, and also shared information on her Cuban heritage.

Dr. Jin-suk Byun presented his paper, *The comparison of classroom English for ELLs in ESL and EFL settings* at the annual conference of the Florida Association of Teacher Educators. St. Petersburg, FL.

(*** More presentations are to be shared at the end of semester meeting)***

Grants:

Dr. Christine Weber received the research grant awards of $212,205 in 2008-2009 and $132,066 in 2009-2010.

Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton (2010) received the Learning & Leadership Grant from The NEA Foundation totaling to $4,500.

Dr. Elizabeth Fullerton and her team won the UNF Engaged Department Grant which will enhance our students’ learning through Community-Based Transformational Learning. The award total is $12,000.

Dr. Nile Stanley received a gift of $12,000 from the Cummer Family Foundation.

Dr. Lunetta Williams received a grant award of $7000 in 2009-2010.

In progress:

Dr. Katie Monnin is writing a new book, *Teaching Early Readers Comics and Graphic Novels*, and has an article accepted for publication in *Journal of Curriculum Theory*. The article is "A Literacy Educator Uses Curriculum Theory to Suggest a More Socially Just Pedagogy for LGBTQ Youth".

Dr. Wanda Hedrick has her paper “An Investigation of Secondary Reading Programs” accepted for publication in *Literacy Research and Instruction*.

Dr. Candice Carter has received another book contract this year. The book is “*Holding the world together: Visionary learning for peace through social education*.”

Dr. Katie Monnin’s article, “Breaking into the Superhero Boy’s Club: Teaching Graphic Novel Literary Heroines in Secondary English Language Arts”, will be published in WILLA.

Achievements in Service:

Congratulations to Dr. Gigi David for being invited to participate in this year’s *Jacksonville Premier Book Festival* as a children’s book author, and has been invited to participate as a children’s author in the inaugural Cummer Museum Children's Book Fair.

Congratulations to Dr. Candice Carter for being designated as a Fulbright Specialist in Education.

Thanks to Dr. Lunetta Williams for having made a great presentation "Motivating Males to Read" to the Tale Tellers, retired teachers of Jacksonville who volunteer tutor children recently.