

# From the Office of Research & Graduate Studies...

University of Louisville College of Education & Human Development – Summer 2016

## Save the Dates!

### Dissertation Writing Camp

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Room 116 & 117 in the  
Porter Building  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Doctoral Student  
Opening Session**  
Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>  
in the Chao Auditorium  
in Ekstrom Library  
9a.m. – 12:00p.m.

**Congratulations to  
the May 2016  
Doctoral Graduates!**  
Chulhwan Choi  
Lauren Evanovich  
Matthew Huml  
Heather Mitchell  
LeKeldric Thomas  
Amy Vujaklija  
Winn Wheeler

**Spring Research  
Conference**  
April 1, 2017  
9a.m. – 4 p.m. at the  
University of Cincinnati



Did you know the College of Education houses five specialized centers?

- Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Teacher Development (CRiMSTeD)
- Early Childhood Research Center (ECRC)
- Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC)
- Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education
- Center for Economic Education (CEE)

### Center Spotlight:

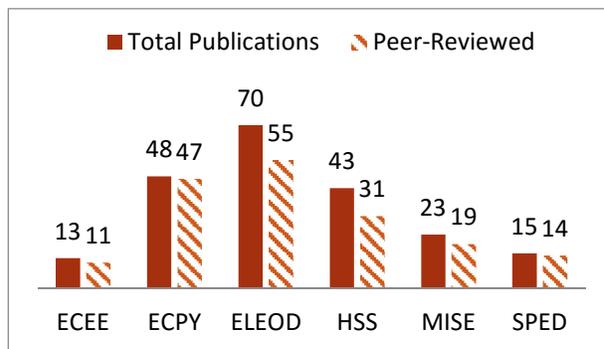
#### Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education

- The center began in 1987 as the Center for Collaborative Assessment of the Teaching Profession, and in 1999 was renamed the Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education in memory of Dean Ray Nystrand.
- The center works to develop, implement, and study collaborative efforts to improve teaching.
- Transformation through collaboration: The Nystrand Center of Education is dedicated to continual support of educational excellence for all students made possible through innovative thinking, transformational educator preparation, professional development, & supportive learning environments.
- Director: Dr. Tasha Laman
- For more information visit <http://louisville.edu/education/centers/nystrand/>

### 2015

#### Publication Round-Up

EVPR has completed its annual collection of publications to inform the Scorecard, U.S. News, and other reports. Check out the total number of publications. CEHD contributed **211** publications of which **176** were refereed publications! Congratulations to our faculty who were published!



**Welcome** to our new Graduate Assistant Molly Tarter! Molly received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois University, and is now pursuing her M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Molly can be contacted at [mstart01@louisville.edu](mailto:mstart01@louisville.edu).

### Qualitative Research Speaker Series

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Shumaker Room 139  
Belknap Campus

The College of Education & Human Development Department of Educational Leadership and Organizational Development along with the CEHD Office of Research has started a new qualitative researchers group that will begin meeting twice a year. Everyone is welcome!

In our first session we will explore qualitative research methodology in general with a special focus on ethnography as a mode of inquiry.

Dr. Lisa Björkman in the Department of Urban and Public Affairs will present issues related to qualitative inquiry, how participants and researchers are revaluing their roles in the production of knowledge, and how knowledge is generated and legitimized across such disciplines as political science, urban planning, and education. Drawing on her prior ethnographic research in Asia and Europe, Dr. Björkman will discuss diverse communities, and by reflecting on her design work, she will offer unique ways for interpreting qualitative data.

Please join us for pizza and conversation!

For more information contact Christine Payne at [christine.payne@louisville.edu](mailto:christine.payne@louisville.edu)

Find the newly revamped  
**CEHD Doctoral Programs Handbook**  
at the following link:  
<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/CEHD-Doctoral-Handbook16.pdf/>

### **Congratulations to the May 2016 Doctoral Graduates**

What a wonderful accomplishment! We wish them continued success in the years to come. See below the list of graduates & their dissertation topics.

#### **ELEOD**

Heather Mitchell:

Predicting NCLEX-RN Performance: An exploration of student demographics, pre-program factors, and nursing program factors

Chulhwan Choi:

An investigation of virtual golf in the republic of Korea from a marketing perspective

Matthew Huml:

Examining the motivations and benefits of student-athletes performing community service

#### **C&I**

Amy Vujaklija:

Understanding through Narrative Inquiry: Storying a National Writing Project Initiative

Lauren Evanovich:

Examining the Effectiveness of Implementing Orton-Gillingham Reading Intervention on Student Engagement for Elementary Students with Challenging Behaviors

Winn Wheeler:

The Impact of Adaptive Schools within a School District in the Ohio Valley Region

#### **Counseling Psychology**

LeKeldric Thomas:

Psychotherapy Dropout: The Influence of Ethnic Identity and Stigma on Early Termination

### **Check out the new Nvivo & HLM lab in the Education Resource & Technology Center**

**Room 201 C** in the ERTC now houses computers equipped with Nvivo and HLM software

#### What is Nvivo?

- A qualitative data analysis computer software package produced by QSR International.
- It is designed to help organize, analyze and find insights in unstructured or qualitative data including: interviews, open-ended survey responses, articles, social media, and web content
- It is intended to help researchers organize and analyze non-numerical or unstructured data.

#### What is HLM?

- This program allows for the study of relationships at any level in a single analysis, while not ignoring the variability associated with each level of hierarchy
- It estimates model coefficients at each level, but also predicts the random effects associated with each sampling unit at every level
- Allows for continuous, count, ordinal, and nominal outcome variables

If you are interested in joining the Nvivo users group contact Christine Payne at [christine.payne@louisville.edu](mailto:christine.payne@louisville.edu)

### **Doctoral Student Opening Session**

The Doctoral Student Opening Session will be on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.** in the Chao Auditorium in Ekstrom Library. Breakfast will be provided. Look for more details to come via email. New Ph.D. students should be sure to contact their department regarding program-specific orientations. Come out and join the Office of Research in welcoming our new doctoral students!

Please also see the School of Interdisciplinary & Graduate Studies website (found here: <http://louisville.edu/graduate/>) for information regarding their opening session.

### **2016 Summer Dissertation Camp**

Attend the summer doctoral dissertation writing camp hosted by the Office of Research! FREE!  
Plan to attend on three consecutive Saturdays: **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.** in rooms 116 & 117 in the Porter Building.  
For more information or to register contact Christine Payne at [christine.payne@louisville.edu](mailto:christine.payne@louisville.edu)

### **Center Spotlight:**

#### **Center for Research in Mathematics & Science Teacher Development**

- An official University center since 2002
- Director: Dr. Thomas Tretter

Primary goals of the center include:

- Conduct research on the development of mathematics and science teachers from the beginning of their preparation program to the end of their career
- Build exemplary models of teacher recruitment, teacher education programs, and professional development experiences based on this research
- Build doctoral programs in mathematics and science education that are nationally competitive

For more information visit: <http://louisville.edu/education/centers/crmstd>