Lewis E. Blackwell Remembered

From an early age, it was clear that Lewis E. Blackwell, Ph.D., 2008, was a genius. He loved to read and was always conducting scholarly research as a hobby! Dating back to his high school years, he had a spirit of excellence.

Lewis accepted a 4-year scholarship to Washington University and received a B.A. in Classical Studies and English. He did graduate studies in English at the University of Connecticut. He completed a Master’s of Divinity from Andrews University in 1974. Throughout the years, Lewis received certifications as: Marriage Enrichment Instructor (1978), Chaplain Resident (1994), and Adult Education/GED Instructor (1994). He received an M.A. in Religion, in 1999, from Washington University and an M.Ed. in Adult Education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL).

Lewis worked tirelessly with adult students. He was an English Professor at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park and an Adult Education/GED Program Instructor. He also served as an Associate Professor of Religion at West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University).

Lewis as a Seventh-Day Adventist pastor. He served at West Indies College Church in Mandeville, Jamaica, and for the Central States Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. He was a Hospital Chaplain at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO, and a Campus Chaplain at West Indies College’s School of Nursing in Kingston, Jamaica.

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While a doctoral student at UMSL, Lewis served as a Graduate Research Assistant. He assisted faculty with their research projects and was an editorial assistant for the *Adult Learning* journal.

Lewis passed away on April 21, 2012, and is survived by his wife, Gloria Blackwell, two children, and five grandchildren.

Adult Education Congratulates New Graduates

The following individuals graduated during the 2012 commencement exercises.

**Master's Graduates – Adult and Higher Education**
Erick Randolph Abernathy  
Lucas Mitchell Davis  
Darien Lee Echols  
Justin Riddler  
Stephanie Woods

**Doctoral Graduate**
*Teresa L. Mareschal, Ph.D.*, **Dissertation topic** - Adult Jewish Women’s Motivations for Participation in Adult Jewish Education

Adult Education GraduatePublishes First Book

*Laura Fisher, M.Ed., 2011*, published *The Prophecy of Natalie Bradford*. The novel, inspired by a true story, is the “incredible tale of how Natalie Bradford finds herself entangled in a series of prophetic coincidences that foretell her future and reveals her lover’s guilt. Prophecy is all around us every day, but are we paying attention to the messages we are receiving? Denial can be deadly. Are you next?” The book is available at Barnesandnoble.com and Amazon.com. For more information, please visit the website
www.theprophecyofnataliebradford.com. She has held a few book signings and is already working on the sequel.

Adult Educator Conducting Global Education

Dr. Judith Cochran has taught two ED ADM courses with faculty from Mari University in Russia and Kongju University in Daejeon South Korea. Each course was developed so that UMSL students and Russian and South Korean students could learn from each other. The readings of the selected texts were summarized by Dr. Cochran and translated into Korean by the South Korean faculty. The articles selected by the Russian students were discussed before the course meetings. Technical support for both classes was provided by Adult Education graduates employed by UMSL, Dr. Paul Wilmarth and Ms. Mary Ann Horvath. Two different technological systems were used in the instructional delivery. The adult education students found this international experience was relevant to their “personal and professional futures.”

Drs. Golikova and Cochran were invited to speak about their class at the International Fulbright Conference in London, England, on October 18, 2012. Attendees at the presentation included the Fulbright representative from Russia, women from Moldova, the United Nations and Bulgaria.

Prior to the Fulbright presentation, Dr. Cochran hosted a video conference for UMSL students and faculty presenting four Fulbrighters in London and two Fulbrighters from UMSL: Dr. Angela Coker, whose Fulbright-Hayes was to Brazil and Ms. Annaly Eimann, who is a Fulbright-supported student at UMSL from Namibia. The four Fulbrighters in London discussed their experiences on teacher exchanges to Hungary, as research scientist interviewing space travelers in Russia and a political scientist researcher in Moldova. Dr. Cochran also discussed her two Fulbrights: one to Egypt and one to Turkey.

College of Education Introduces New Doctor of Education Curriculum

In response to the need for educational practitioners to develop sophisticated knowledge, skills, and dispositions to systematically improve practice in socially just ways, the College of Education Graduate Dean and a group of faculty have re-engineered the design of the Ed.D. degree as part of a national effort spearheaded by the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate. The proposed new Doctor of Education curriculum is intended to help practitioners improve their professional practice. The College of Education plans to admit its first students Fall 2013. The annual deadline for applications will be April 1st. The degree is tentatively set as a 3-year program of 80 credits (Master’s plus Doctoral work). The program centers around learning communities of practice and culminates with a Dissertation in Practice. Learn more at http://coe.umsl.edu/w2/Programs/EdD.html.
News Flash

**Vicky Becherer, Ph.D., 2011,** is an Education Consultant at Cardinal Glennon children’s Hospital in St. Louis.

**Vincent Featherson, M.Ed., 2002,** Dean of allied health and natural sciences at Forest Park, has been named the Lead Dean for St. Louis Community College’s district nursing program. Vincent has been a full-time faculty member in the radiologic technology program since 1989, and has served as the health technology chair, and the radiologic tech program and clinical coordinator. He also served as interim dean for the division for nine months.

**Laura Fisher, M.Ed., 2011,** accepted a position with Colonial Life, Inc. as a District General Manager for North Mississippi. She spends a large portion of her time recruiting and training agents and managing a large district.

**Joy Harris, Ph.D., 2009,** was promoted to Director of Educational Technology at The University of Tampa. She will be responsible for planning, delivering, and assessing professional development in the area of technological practices for effective teaching, learning, and assessment.

**Ron Hovis, doctoral candidate,** is happy to report that he completed his doctoral courses and passed his comprehensive exam.

**Joe Kwek, LMT, M.Ed., 2008,** has been admitted to the doctoral program in the College of Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Nicole Meyers, M.Ed., 2005,** became a full-time faculty member in the Reading Department at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park this spring.

During the Fall 2012 term, **Mary Beth Ohlms, M.Ed., 2004,** was promoted to Associate Professor at Fontbonne University. She served as the Interim Chair of the Department of Human Environmental Sciences at Fontbonne University. Furthermore, she was selected as the Fontbonne representative for Collegium-A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota in June, 2012. It is designed for faculty of all faiths who teach in a Catholic institution. Their website is [http://www.collegium.org/](http://www.collegium.org/). On October 27, 2012, she served as the survivor media spokesperson for the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer annual fundraiser at Forest Park. She and her family appeared on Fox2 News with Margie Elisor ([http://fox2now.com/2012/10/22/strides-against-breast-cancer/](http://fox2now.com/2012/10/22/strides-against-breast-cancer/)).

**Christinia Scott, M.Ed. student,** was formally inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society on December 5, 2012. She has been appointed assistant coach of the Illinois Shooting Stars, a semi-professional women's basketball team.
Honors and Awards

Layla Goushey, doctoral student, is chair of English, Reading, Interdisciplinary Studies and Foreign Languages at St. Louis Community College at Wildwood. She was named the recipient of the 2013 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was announced during the Spring Adjunct Faculty Opening Session on January 14. Recipients of the award must demonstrate engagement with students both in and out of the classroom, innovative teaching, and collaboration with other faculty related to teaching and working.

Traci Hodges, M.Ed., 2012, and doctoral student, was an UMSL 2013 Trailblazer nominee. Nominees are supporters of UMSL in one of three ways: a) were first to occupy positions traditionally held by men, or, b) have worked to forge new pathways for women, or c) have contributed significantly to the University and/or the community.

In May 2012, Kathleen “Kate” Saunders, M.Ed., 2011, was awarded the Parkway Partners Award which, according to the print on the award, "represents the staff from Parkway and Special School Districts that have demonstrated exemplary cooperation and dedication to promoting and advancing the education of their students." In addition, on October 31, she was awarded with the South Tech High School TEAM Award for 2012-2013 for exemplary teaching of students having a wide spectrum of abilities.

Presentations


Diane Hagni, M.Ed., 2012, co-presented with Harvest Collier at the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Midwest 2012 Conference in September at Missouri University of Science and Technology on “Establishing a Faculty Development Focus at a Public Technological Research University”. Their paper subsequently won third place in the Outstanding Paper category.

Teresa Mareschal, Ph.D., 2012, co-presented on the topic “Religious Institutions: A Guiding Light in Adult Education” at the American Association for Adult & Continuing Education’s annual meeting November 4-9, 2012, in Las Vegas, NV.

New Adult Education Publications


Conference News

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
www.aera.net
Theme: Education and Poverty: Theory, Research, Policy and Praxis
Location: San Francisco, California
Date: April 27 - May 1

Adult Education Research Conference
http://www.adulterc.org/
Theme: Changing the Landscape of Lifelong Learning: Charting New Territories and Re-defining Education for Adults
Location: University of Missouri-St. Louis
Date: May 31-June 2, 2013 (Pre-conferences May 30, 2013)

Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education (MAACE)
http://www.maacce.org
Theme: Set Sail with MAACCE - Learning is a Lifelong Voyage!
Location: Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
Date: June 19-21, 2013

The Assessment Institute 2013, Indianapolis
www.planning.iupui.edu/institute
Theme: Outcomes assessment in higher education
Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
Date: October 27-29, 2013

Adult Education Program Hosts International Adult Education Conference

The Adult Education Program at UMSL will host the 54th Research Conference (AERC) will be held May 31-June 2, 2013, with two pre-conferences on May 30, 2013, at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the J. C. Penney Building. AERC is an annual North American conference that provides a forum for adult education researchers to share their experiences and the results of their studies with students, other researchers, and practitioners from around the world.

The conference begins with two pre-conferences—African Diaspora and Asian Diaspora, on Thursday, May 30. There will be two symposia and over 100 presentations, 20 roundtables. There will be a special graduate student reception on Saturday, June 1. Students can attend the conference at a special rate. To learn more about the conference, visit http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/aerc.html
Call for Conference Papers

The two pre-conference announcements below are a great opportunity for doctoral students to present their research and to meet other adult education graduate students.

21st Annual African Diaspora Pre-Conference | African Diasporic Engagement in the 21st Century

The purpose of this pre-conference is to provide a forum in which graduate students can critically dialogue about theoretical and practical issues related to the education of adults in the African Diaspora. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of relevance to the conference theme and conceptual clarity. Proposals for paper presentations and poster sessions pertinent to one of the following pre-conference themes are invited:

1. Historical research on people of African descent who are involved in adult and continuing education.
2. Research on contemporary issues, problems, and concerns relevant to the African Diaspora in the area of adult and continuing education.
3. Conceptual or theoretical research relative to adult and continuing education for learners of the African Diaspora.

For more information, go to http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/aerc.html#African.

The Sixth Asian Diaspora Adult Education Pre-conference, in conjunction with 2013 Annual Adult Education Research Conference, will be held at University of Missouri-St. Louis on May 30, 2013. This year’s theme is: Bridging East with West: Engaging Dialogue in Adult Education Research and Practice in the Global Context. The purpose of this pre-conference is to provide an opportunity in which individuals from both Asian ancestry and internationally can engage in dialogue about Eastern and Western perspectives on issues, concerns, and problems relevant to the adult education research and practice in the global context. This is an annual conference that offers a forum for faculty and graduate students who are interested in researching, contributing to and learning about East and West to present their scholarship and research. For more information, go to http://www.umsl.edu/~pcs/noncredit-offerings/aerc.html#Asian

Job Opportunity

The "Summer Youth Experience" is a program run in cooperation with Forest Park Forever and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St Louis (Herbert Hoover). This one month program works with 7 and 8 year olds in Forest Park and other nature areas in the region to provide outdoor experiences and help to prevent "Nature Deficit Disorder" in a day camp atmosphere.

There are several openings for instructors; typically 8:30-12:30, Monday through Thursday, June 19 through July 11, 2013. Applicants should be interested in outdoor activities, nature, kids, and education. Pay will be $12/hr.

If you are interested in these jobs, contact Jim Wilson at wilsonjh@umsl.edu.