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Heading to Herin: School to relocate during Summerour expansion



Lauren Parks, senior liberal arts education major (left), and Tara Thompson, sophomore liberal arts education major, pack books in the Teaching Materials Center in preparation for the School of Education and Psychology's move to Herin Hall while Summerour Hall is renovated.

Due to a need for more space, faculty and staff in the School of Education and Psychology will relocate to Herin Hall for about two years while Summerour Hall is renovated.

The decision to temporarily move the School of Education and Psychology was made by the university's strategic planning committee. Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of financial

administration, cited a need to upgrade Summerour Hall and to create additional space.

"We want to pack into the renovation as much as possible to meet the needs of the School of Education and Psychology," Hamilton says. "Their needs include additional space for work areas, a committee room, a reception area, and a psychology lab."

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Education and Psychology

From the dean's desk

Spring is a wonderful time in the School of Education and Psychology. The faculty and staff diligently and successfully endeavored in the accreditation process. The national and state approval of our teacher education and school counseling programs strengthens our educational offerings, which in turn, will attract more students to our school.

The strong curriculum and subsequent growth in the School of Education and Psychology prompts the need for additional space, which requires renovations to our current building. Learn more about the school's temporary move to Herin Hall in this issue's cover story.

I have enjoyed serving as interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology this year, and I am prepared to hand the baton to John McCoy. Read more about him and the experience he brings to this position on page 3.

We are thrilled when students are successful in their educational pursuits. Our recognition and celebration appears on pages 4 through 6, as we highlight our May 2010 graduates. We salute our students' accomplishments and encourage them to strive for excellence while following God's leading.

Whether via the phone, Facebook or email, keeping up-to-date with others is an enjoyable part of life. Read about our faculty's recent happenings on page 7.

Finally, we are enthusiastic about the variety of academic research conducted on our campus. The third volume of the *Journal of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Research*, published by our school, includes manuscripts from different disciplines.

Thank you for reading *Unraveled*. We hope you enjoy this issue and welcome your feedback.



Jeanette Stepanske, Ed.D.

Teacher education, school counseling programs praised

No areas for improvement. That was the good-news verdict the School of Education and Psychology received during a recent visit from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Tennessee Board of Education.

After several years of preparation, the School of Education and Psychology was thrilled to receive national and state approval for their teacher education and school counseling programs.

"This accreditation shows that our institution supports education, and that we are committed to making decisions that improve student learning,"

says Jeanette Stepanske, interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology. "Our NCATE-accredited programs are outstanding when compared to other schools nationally."

NCATE awarded the school full accreditation. Only one in 40 universities receives this prestigious acknowledgment.

"The accreditation counsel told us our work in the school counseling program surpassed the mark of what was expected," says Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez, coordinator for the school counseling program. "We received special recognition for an exceptional job."

Journal highlights research

With a historical hue, the *Journal of Interdisciplinary Research* (J.I.U.R.) offers a collection of studies in its 2011 volume.

The work of John Shoemaker, Sarah Crowe, Andrea de Melo, Ashley Dunbar, and Sarah Hayhoe is included in the third volume of the journal.

The manuscript topics include the use of personal space, a film critique using cluster criticism, a study of Native Americans' role in the Civil War, the impact of wartime media and toys on children, and a series of thought-provoking essays

from a student's experience in a foreign country.

"We are pleased to have five excellent research articles from a variety of disciplines," says Rob Coombs, professor of psychology and editor-in-chief of the J.I.U.R. "Our intent has been to make this journal multidisciplinary, and this year's volume continues our focus on academic excellence."

The journal was produced by the School of Education and Psychology. To learn more about the J.I.U.R. or to subscribe to the journal, contact the school at 423.236.2765.

John McCoy selected as School of Education and Psychology dean

Citing the position as a great fit, John McCoy, Ed.D., brings his diversified experience to Southern Adventist University to serve as the dean for the School of Education and Psychology.

"I believe God has prepared me for this position at this time in my career," McCoy says. "I have seen all sides of education."

McCoy has served as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator, and he has worked in urban, suburban, and rural school settings. He most recently served as the superintendent of schools in Laurel, Delaware, which involved overseeing the daily operation of five school buildings. McCoy has lived in the Mid-Atlantic region for 20 years. His previous employment included stops in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Now he anticipates moving to the picturesque campus of Southern Adventist University.

"I look forward to blending my training and experiences to provide direction to the School of Education and Psychology as we meet the needs of our students," McCoy says. "I'm excited to support the work of the professors and the mission of the university."

McCoy received his master's degree



John McCoy, Ed.D., will serve as the new dean for the School of Education and Psychology, starting in June. McCoy and his wife, Janette, have two children and two dogs.

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from UNC-Charlotte and his doctorate in educational administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

McCoy met his wife, Janette, at Union Springs Academy in New York, and they married while at Atlantic Union College in 1972. Janette works as a nurse, and the couple enjoys watching sports, fine dining, and attending dynamic churches. The McCoy's have two children: Grace graduated from Columbia Union College and works as a nurse; Scott graduated from Southern and teaches physical education at the

Forest Lake Educational Center in Florida.

In his spare time, McCoy enjoys cycling, basketball, traveling, and jogging with his wife.

McCoy will take the reins of dean in early June, replacing Jeanette Stepanske, Ed.D., who served as interim dean for the 2010-11 school year.

"It's been an exciting and rewarding year, especially supporting the efforts of the faculty to achieve accreditation," Stepanske says. "But I'm looking forward to sliding back into retirement."

Renovation: Heading to Herin

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In addition, graduate students in the mental health and school counseling programs require privacy to see clients. Also, Summerour Hall lacks social spaces, informal gathering locations to attract students and create opportunities for socializing and learning.

"The plan is to renovate the entire building but work within the bones of

the structure," Hamilton says.

Renovations will include expansion on the south side—toward McKee Library—as well as redoing and expanding the entrance of Summerour Hall. Adding floors is costly, plus it's easier to expand a structure by building out, Hamilton says.

Herin Hall was recently vacated when the School of Nursing moved into its new building. The School of Education and Psychology faculty and staff will need to adapt to the smaller confines of Herin Hall during the renovations.

The Teaching Materials Center will be located on the first floor, while

classrooms and the computer lab will be located on the second floor. The faculty will have offices on the third floor.

Since classroom space is at a premium, some education and psychology classes will likely meet in different buildings. Also, a classroom at A.W. Spalding Elementary School will be used for methods classes.

"We want to make Herin Hall feel welcoming and happy," says Jeanette Stepanske, interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology.

The long-term use for Herin Hall is still being considered by the university administration, Hamilton says.

School of Education and Psychology

2011 Graduates

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Name: Christopher Bispham
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Miami, Florida
Future Plans: Stay in Collegedale and work at A.W. Spalding Elementary School



Name: Sarah Crowe
Major: Psychobiology
Hometown: Sebring, Florida
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Southern



Name: Erica Dalley
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed



Name: Jose Del Aguila
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree, likely in counseling



Name: Shirley Dewitt
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Lansing, Michigan
Future Plans: Work as a K-2 teacher in St. Petersburg, Florida



Name: Michelle Edwards
Major: Psychology, I/O
Future Plans: Move to Arkansas, marry my best friend, adopt a puppy, start graduate school in Memphis, live in Alaska, get doctorate



Name: Nadia Garmon
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana
Future Plans: Teach elementary school in North Carolina and pursue a master's degree in literacy



Name: Andrea Gordon
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed



Name: Joel Honore
Major: Psychology
Hometown: West Palm Beach, Florida
Future Plans: Work at a local psychiatric hospital for a year, then attend graduate school



Name: Meagan Johnston
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Lookout Mountain, Georgia
Future Plans: Teach third grade at Harrison Elementary School in the fall



Name: Krisanna Kay
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Bryant, Alabama
Future Plans: Begin a teaching career and continue my own learning!



Name: Riley Kirkpatrick
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Nashville, Tennessee
Future Plans: Get married in May, pursue a master's degree in business administration at Southern



Name: Shemeel Lynch
Major: Psychobiology
Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Future Plans: Work and apply to graduate schools



Name: Nora Moon
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Tupelo, Mississippi
Future Plans: Teach K-2 in Mansfield, Ohio, starting in August



Name: Faith Okari
Major: Psychology
Home: New Jersey
Future Plans: Start graduate school in the fall



Name: Joyce Reyna
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Leominster, Massachusetts
Future Plans: Move to Southern California, get married, and work as a teacher



Name: Wyntre Robinson
Majors: Psychology, Outdoor Leadership
Hometown: Lenoir, North Carolina
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in counseling at Southern



Name: Jenna Schleenbaker
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky
Future Plans: Attend graduate school at Andrews University



Name: Daphne Martin
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Avon Park, Florida
Future Plans: Work as a teacher and pursue a master's degree in occupational therapy



Name: Bethany Norton
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Collegedale, Tennessee
Future Plans: Get a teaching job in the United States



Name: Lauren Parks
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Future Plans: Get married and work as a teacher



Name: Byron Rivera
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Orlando, Florida
Future Plans: Get married, serve as a missionary with my wife in Korea for a year, then pursue a doctorate



Name: Anna Romanov
Major: Psychology, I/O
Hometown: Cross Hill, South Carolina
Future Plans: Get married, enjoy a trip to Europe, and spend the summer taking classes at Andrews University



Name: Melody Schmidt
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed



Name: Natalie Montaldi
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Orlando, Florida
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in social work, then pursue a Psy.D.



Name: Grace Nunez
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Bronx, New York
Future Plans: Work at Camp Kulaqua, work at Cornell University on a medical research team



Name: Lisa Pichette
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: New Market, Virginia
Future Plans: Get married in May and start my career as a teacher



Name: Jesmine Rivera
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida
Future Plans: Attend graduate school and focus on community counseling



Name: Bryce Schalk
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Anderson, Indiana
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in clinical mental health, and then pursue a doctorate in counseling



Name: Charity Stone
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Cashmere, Washington
Future Plans: Move to Washington to work as a girl's dean and teacher at Mission Creek Christian School



Name: Trevor Stout
Major: Outdoor Leadership
Hometown: Dalton, Georgia
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in school counseling at Southern



Name: Shannon Taylor
Major: Outdoor Leadership
Hometown: Calhoun, Georgia
Future Plans: To do adventure therapy with young people



Name: Shaunda Taylor
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Warner Robins, Georgia
Future Plans: Pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology in Tampa, Florida



Name: Kerri Thomason
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Baraga, Michigan
Future Plans: Obtain a job as an elementary teacher and start a family



Name: Reneze Trim
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Longwood, Florida
Future Plans: Teach English and religion for a year in South Korea



Name: Ruth Urdaneta
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Maracaibo, Venezuela
Future Plans: Attend Andrews University and pursue a master's degree in educational administration



Name: Jessica Zollinger
Major: Liberal Arts-Ed
Hometown: Woodbury, Tennessee
Future Plans: Work as an elementary education teacher and pursue a master's in education research



Name: Tania Carpio
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: New York City, New York
Future Plans: Return to New York and then serve as a school counselor in Palau



Name: Aaron Kent
Major: M.S.Ed., Outdoor Teacher Education



Name: Sara Krep
Major: M.S.Ed., Outdoor Teacher Education
Hometown: Cameron Park, California



Name: Aaron Luke
Major: M.S., School Counseling
Hometown: St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
Future Plans: Spend summer in the mission field; prepare for LSATs and attend law school



Name: Christina Soule
Major: M.S.Ed., Outdoor Teacher Education
Hometown: Wenatchee, Washington
Future Plans: Return to Camp MiVoden as the assistant director



Name: Jenny Spicer
Major: M.S.Ed., Literacy Education
Hometown: Jeannette, Pennsylvania
Future Plans: Continue to teach



Name: Meghan Weese
Major: M.S.Ed., Outdoor Teacher Education
Hometown: Milwaukie, Oregon
Future Plans: Work with adults struggling with drug addictions



Name: Heather Westbrook
Major: M.S.E., Outdoor Teacher Education
Hometown: Croswell, Michigan
Future Plans: Help integrate the outdoors into others' interests

School of Education and Psychology Faculty Updates

Krystal Bishop was a presenter at the National Conference on the Value of Play at Clemson University. During spring break, Bishop traveled to California for a personal writing retreat. She has also started drafting a children's book about Mary Walker, the first and only woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Dan Burks has been teaching several classes, including abnormal psychology and introduction to personality theories. In his spare time, he works in his private practice.

Myrna Colon will visit Puerto Rico this summer to present on diversity and education, and she will travel to Madagascar to preach and serve as the team leader for Southern students. Colon also enjoys preaching at the Collegedale Spanish-American Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Cheryl Des Jarlais and her husband, Del, plan to travel west this summer. The couple will visit the La Vida Mission School in New Mexico for a week to help with maintenance. In July, Des Jarlais will direct a Vacation Bible School for a church in Ronan, Montana.

Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez serves as coordinator for the school counseling graduate program, and she was excited that the program received national and state accreditation in February 2011.

Faith Laughlin is excited because her family is uniting in Tennessee. Her daughter will attend Southern in the fall and major in secondary education (English). Laughlin's mother also has moved to Collegedale. Laughlin plans to finish her dissertation in the summer and graduate in December with her doctorate in education.



Rob Coombs has been rebuilding a train set that incorporates trains and scenery owned by three generations of family members. The completed display will include five trains running through mountains, farmland, and a bustling city. Coombs also loves his professional life, especially his interaction with students and his ongoing research and writing.

Marty Miller is excited his daughter, Julie, will graduate with her nursing degree in May and be married in December. He is looking forward to seeing his son, Jonathan, and daughter-in-law, Rebecca, when they return after a year in the Philippines. Miller plans to relax on the beach with his wife this summer.

Colleen Mitchell is teaching a graduate class online this summer. When she's not at work, she stays busy taking care of her two children: Nyla, 4, and Malcolm, 1.

Cathy Olson has taken her social studies methods class on several field trips, including a tour of the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies. The students also visited Whitwell Middle School, which collected millions of paper clips to represent victims of the Holocaust.

Jeanette Stepanske has enjoyed a

professionally exciting year as interim dean of the School of Education and Psychology. After experiencing a thrilling year as dean, Stepanske admits she is looking forward to "sliding back into retirement!"

Doug Tilstra is thrilled about being the new director of the outdoor education program. He previously served for 11 years in the School of Religion. Tilstra enjoys spending time in the outdoors, especially hiking with his family. This summer, he plans to travel to Russia to work with students who are doctoral candidates.

Ruth WilliamsMorris is excited to have her first son-in-law, as her daughter, Kahlilia, is getting married in August. WilliamsMorris is continuing her work on a brain awareness project with three students. In her spare time, she enjoys organic gardening. She has planted cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and peas using non-genetically modified seeds.

Also graduating:

Craig Johnson, with an M.S.Ed. in Education Administration and Supervision
 Derek Wright, with an M.S.Ed. in Outdoor Teacher Education

Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

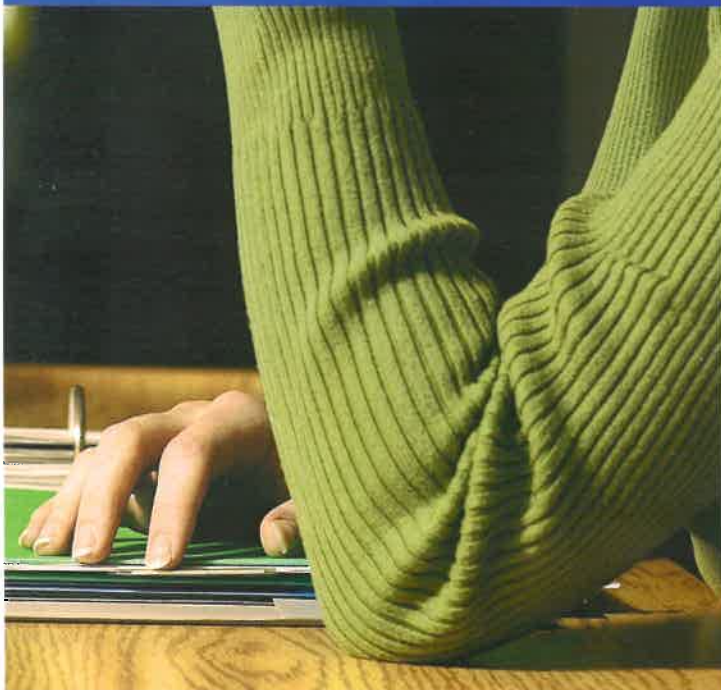


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