

50th Anniversary

The University of Kansas Department of Special Education

Season Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Edward L. Meyen Distinguished Lecture:

The Supply Side Economics of Education Research

Dr. Russ Whitehurst, Director, Institute of Education Sciences

U.S. Department of Education

Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Memorial Union

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Reception following in Malott Room

Transforming education into an evidence-based field requires a supply of rigorous and relevant research from the research community and the demand for such research from practitioners and policymakers. Both the supply of and demand for rigorous and relevant research have historically been weak. Dr. Whitehurst will discuss steps the Institute of Education Sciences has taken to create a market for research of the type needed by practitioners and policymakers in advance of their knowing they need it.

OCTOBER 16, 2007

University of Kansas Professionals for Disabilities KUPD Student Series:

Getting Started and Staying on Track: Insights and Experiences on

Becoming a New Professor

Yvonne Bui, Mike Faggella-Luby, Jyveon Parks, Korrie Shogren, guest speakers

Location: 150 Joseph R. Pearson Hall

Time: 4:30 p.m.

The new professor symposium brings back four Department of Special Education alumnae to share their experiences as new faculty and shed light on the realities of being faculty at the University level. This symposium is open to all students and new faculty from all disciplines. The lessons learned and wisdom gained by these new faculty members will be appropriate for students considering a career in academia in their future.

NOVEMBER 29, 2007

50th Anniversary Invited Lecture: Accountability and Performance:

When Educational Quality Speaks, Educational Equality Answers

H. George Frederickson, Edwin O. Stone Distinguished Professor of Public Administration,

University of Kansas

Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Memorial Union

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Reception following in Malott Room

Public education has always been about educational achievement on one hand and educational opportunity on the other. In the name of accountability, the public wants, indeed demands, both achievement and opportunity. Educational accountability, in the era of No Child Left Behind, has mostly to do with measuring educational quality; but the results indicate that what is really being measured is the lack of educational equality.

FEBRUARY 11, 2008

50th Anniversary Invited Lecture: Pharmaceutical Biotechnology:

Drugs, Genes and Vaccines

Dr. C. Russell Middaugh, Takenu and Aya Higuchi Distinguished Professor of

Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Kansas

Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Memorial Union

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Reception following in Malott Room

Drawing on developments in pharmaceutical chemistry, including his research in the areas of vaccines and gene therapy delivery systems, Dr. Middaugh will review the current status and future prospects of pharmaceutical biotechnology with regard to drugs, genes, and vaccines.

MARCH 14, 2008

University of Kansas Professionals for Disabilities Student Series:

Research to Practice

Dr. Steve Graham, Professor and Currey Ingram Chair in Special Education, Vanderbilt University

Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Memorial Union

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Student Conference. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to join us as we learn more about Dr. Graham's most recent research and as he provides insight on the role of KU in helping him to develop into the researcher and leader he is today. Following Dr. Graham's keynote presentation, student researchers from across the University and state will be sharing their research.

APRIL 4, 2008

50th Anniversary Reception at Council for Exceptional Children

Location: Sheraton Boston Hotel at Copley Place

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 p.m.

Alumni, long-time friends of the Department, and significant contributors to the field are invited to celebrate the Department's 50th anniversary during a reception at the CEC Annual Convention in Boston. The Department will introduce an annual Leadership Award and announce the inaugural inductees into its Pioneers Hall of Honor.

MAY 10, 2008

50th Anniversary Professional Development Day

Location: University of Kansas Memorial Union

Faculty, graduate students, and alumni will share their work during this conference for practicing professionals. The day will emphasize how the Department enhances teaching effectiveness through its research and will look to the future of the field.



50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITS

Several exhibits have been planned to commemorate the Department's 50th anniversary. These will include a specially commissioned seal and medallion, a faculty compilation of significant work, and an oral history of the Department.

In addition, alumni and current students are encouraged to submit anecdotes and personal stories for a digital reflection journal.

The events and celebrations of the Department's 50th anniversary year will be chronicled in a video production to be available on DVD in Spring 2008.