

# EDUCATION MATTERS

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*from the Dean's Desk by Mary Jane Bradley*

A-State College of Education and Behavioral Science (COEBS) has begun another exciting Fall semester preparing teachers, leaders for P-12 schools, school and community counselors, school psychologists, exercise scientists and sport administrators. I am pleased to share the advancement and recognition of several faculty and programs. We welcome 7 new faculty who are highlighted in the newsletter.

On September 20, the H.O.W.L. Service Center opened its door in the COEBS. The collaborative initiative was spearheaded by Dr. Kristin Johnson and many faculty members including the following, Dr. Meagan Medley, Dr. Lacy Overley, Dr. Asher Pimpleton-Gray, Dr. Blake Sandusky, Dr. John Hall, Dr. Kimberley Davis, and Ms. Stephanie Gotay. We are excited to share that the center will provide quality services to the community while providing training opportunities to A-State students in mental health counseling, school psychology and special education.

We are proud of and celebrate our students who have secured COEBS scholarships. We currently have four college performance scholarships for entering freshman students, one from each department within the college: Haley Hill (Special Education), Kirk Beshears (HPESS), Camryn O'Connor, Psychology & Counseling and Sydney Sweat (Teacher Education). Twenty-seven additional students received scholarships from the college or from one of the departments within the college.

We have high standards and continually strive to improve the programs and opportunities for our students. I encourage you to visit the college web site <http://www.astate.edu/college/education/> to view the programs and events of the college.



# HPESS HAS IT ALL-NEW FACULTY & UNL STUDENTS



Yongjin Hwang joined our Sport Management/Sport Administration faculty this fall. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina in Sport and Entertainment Management and his M.S. from New York University 2014 in Music Technology. During his time in New York he served as a recording engineer for Flux Studios and was a technical assistant at the NYU Loewe theater. Some of his research is a combination of his two graduate degrees as he has written about issues and opportunities for college branding via fight songs and crowd management through stadium music and in-game sound. Dr. Hwang is married to Eunhae Han and has two daughters, Emily who is three and a half years old, and Ellie who is one and a half years old.

Heidi Rigsbee joined our faculty as an instructor for our BS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion programs this fall. She earned two undergraduate degrees, a BS in Exercise Science from Arkansas State University and BS in Dietetics from the University of Northern Colorado and obtained her MS in Exercise Science from Arkansas State University. Prior to coming to ASTATE as an instructor Ms. Rigsbee was the Corporate Fitness Center Manager for Engines, Inc. and a personal trainer at Personal Training Plus. She is married to Robby Rigsbee and they have two boys, Ryder, age eight and Gibson, age five.



Naville Ayerim Parra Alonso, Luis Martin Garcia Mendez and Ada Nohemi Garcia Davila (l-r) were accepted into our Master's in Sport Administration program as a result of the University of Nuevo Leone - Astate 1+1 agreement.

# PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING WELCOME

## NEW FACULTY



School Psychology: As a native of the Memphis area, Dr. Meagan Medley completed her academic studies in special education (B.S.), psychometry (M.S.) and school psychology (Ph.D.) at Mississippi State University. She completed her pre-doc internship at LSU Health Sciences Center in the Louisiana School Psychological Internship Consortium in and around New Orleans. She worked several years in southeast Louisiana as a school psychologist in traditional, charter, and state direct-run schools. While continuing to practice, she served as Assistant Professor in Nicholls State University's school psychology program before coming to A-State. She is passionate about training students to be prepared for the variety of problems a school psychologist is called to help solve in the school setting. In her free time, she enjoys traveling for fun and mission work, and/or disaster response. You may see her kayaking around on the lakes and rivers of Arkansas.

Clinical Mental Health Counseling: Dr. Blake Sandusky joins the faculty of the Department of Psychology and Counseling as an Assistant Professor of Counseling. He is a Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, and a Licensed Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist in Arkansas. Blake earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at Auburn University in 2016. He served as faculty teaching clinical mental health counseling courses and as clinical placement director at Doan University in Lincoln, Nebraska. An Arkansas native, he completed both his Bachelor of Science in Marketing with an emphasis in management and a minor in psychology and his Educational Specialist in Psychology and Counseling – Mental Health Counseling at A-State. His research interests include school based mental health counseling and counselor development.





# NEW ONLINE PROGRAM IN 2019

The Department of Psychology and Counseling is excited to announce the launch of the MSE online School Counseling Program in January 2019. This CACREP-aligned program will prepare students to develop comprehensive school counseling programs in public and private schools nationally and internationally. Students will be challenged to develop as ethically and culturally competent professional school counselors as they learn the importance of social justice and advocacy in their daily work with students. We are looking forward to welcoming school counseling students to A-State and are confident that the school counseling program will be an important asset to the Arkansas State University's work in preparing the future leaders of our schools and communities. The department welcomes two new faculty members who will teach and provide service to this program: Dr. Rebekah Cole and Ms. Julie Smith.

Rebekah Cole is an Assistant Professor of Counseling and Program Director of the A-State Online School Counseling Program. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and National Certified Counselor. She has eight years of experience working as a school counselor educator in the online learning environment. Rebekah graduated from Old Dominion University in 2010 with a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and from the College of William and Mary in 2008 with a M.Ed. in School Counseling. As a military spouse, Rebekah has lived in Europe and Asia and is currently living in San Diego, CA with her husband and two children. Her research interests include informing school counselors of best practices for working with military families and developing best practices for supporting students in online education.



Julie Smith is Anishinaabe and comes from the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Northern Minnesota. She is a National Certified Counselor and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. She has thirteen years of experience working in K-12 school systems, both public and tribal. She spent the first four years as a health teacher and the other years as a school counselor and mental health professional. Julie graduated with her Master's degree in counseling from Minnesota State University- Moorhead in 2006. In 2017, she completed her Masters of Public Health-American Indian Public Health certificate from North Dakota State University and is set to graduate with her PhD in Counselor Education in December, 2018. Julie spent five years implementing cultural and spiritual adaptations to evidence-based trauma therapy models. She is a 2015 NBCC Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) fellow. She has collaborated with NBCC to implement cultural immersion educational institutes on the White Earth Indian Reservation and recently co-lead an institute in Rwanda, Africa. Julie lives near her home Native American reservation in Minnesota with her significant other and their five children. Her research interests include developing cultural humility, cultural competency, and cultural immersion programming.





# Knowlton joins TE

TE welcomes Mrs. Latwayla Lambert Knowlton to the Arkansas State University Faculty as an instructor in the Department of Teacher Education. For nearly 15 years, she has taught middle-school Reading and English Language Arts in the public school sector. She also served as a district 4-12 Literacy Coach for 2 years. Mrs. Knowlton received her B.S. from Arkansas State University (2002), M.S. from Arkansas State University (2003), and an Ed.S from Arkansas State University (2010). Currently, she is completing a Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D) in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership with a Reading concentration from the University of Memphis. Latwayla's primary research interest are in the field of critical literacy, disciplinary literacy, preservice teachers and teacher candidates, and closing the Literacy Gap for culturally diverse students. Specifically she is interested in how teacher and student identity impact reading achievement, especially in relation to culturally diverse students. Mrs. Knowlton resides with her family in Jonesboro. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family.



The College of Education and Behavioral Science was well-represented at Thunder Over the Rock, an Air Show and STEM Fest hosted on the Little Rock Air Force Base October 26-28, 2018. Accompanied by Dr. Amy R. Pearce, Professor of Psychology, undergraduate students assisted with evaluation of the event, the A-State Society for Neuroscience hosted a Brain Booth, and A-State Chancellor, Dr. Kelly Damphousse launched a weather balloon with Howl and Scarlet as passengers. Approximately 15,000 students and educators attended STEM Fest on Friday and more than 100,000 members of the public attended the STEM Fest and Air Show that Saturday and Sunday.







The College of Education and Behavioral Science is home of the new H.O.W.L. Service Center, which opened its doors September 20th spearheaded by Dr. Kristen Johnson with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, as university faculty and staff welcomed community visitors for a first look. The center derives its name from the theme, Helping Our Wolves Learn. The HOWL Service Center is being established to provide quality services to the community while providing training opportunities to A-State students in mental health counseling, school psychology and special education. The board for the H.O.W.L. Center includes Dr. Kimberley Davis, Dr. Meagan Medley, Dr. Lacy Overley and Dr. Asher Pimpleton-Gray, as well as other faculty and supervisors who will be working collaboratively in the center, Dr. Blake Sandusky, Dr. John Hall and Stephanie Gotay. The range of outpatient services to be provided for children, adolescents and adults include individual therapy, family, marital or couples therapy, play therapy, behavioral therapy for children, behavioral parent training, social skills training, academic interventions and consultation.





# TE Faculty & Alumni Receive Awards

Jonesboro Public Schools held their Distinguished Service Awards brunch one of those honored was former educator and administrator Dr. Jackie McBride." JPS honors former educators, sponsors and alumni every year, and proceeds from the brunch go toward teacher grants and scholarships. McBride now helps to educate teachers, who are looking to become school administrators, at Arkansas State. Dr. McBride received the Outstanding Service Award for her years of service to the district in many different positions including: teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.



In May of 2018 Teacher Education Middle Level Majors Celebrated local Teacher Kelli Cochran from Nettleton's STEAM School. A great group of students organized the celebration which was their culminating event for their Creative Commons Impact Team project. They made a documentary about Kelli's leadership in developing Nettleton's first themed school, the STEAM School.





# TE is a busy place to be ...

Recently the TE department sent Sharla Felkins to San Jose for the edTPA™ Conference on the assessment process that requires teacher candidates to demonstrate they have the skills to help all students learn. edTPA is designed to support candidate learning and preparation in our Teacher Education Program where we can measure readiness to teach that informs program completion and licensure decisions. While waiting in Memphis for her flight, She was able to discuss with Rev. Jesse Jackson about educating Teacher Candidates.



Teacher Education majors attended and presented at the Artful Teaching Conference in April of 2018. It was at the Winthrop Rockefeller Center on Petit Jean Mountain. Middle Level majors Jennifer Reves, Lindsey Hart, and Olivia Gueno Peeler presented at the conference on "Social Activism and the Development of Text Sets." Dr. Dixie Keyes is their faculty sponsor.



Fall 2018 Fall Fling Drop-in Event to celebrate Middle Level and Elementary interns. This event has become a tradition for the Teacher Education department. It's a fun send-off for our first semester interns and is hosted by faculty. We have book and goodie bag give-aways, lots of finger foods and snacks, and other stations like thank-you card writing and rainy day jars.



## ... always advancing

At the end of my writing courses, I typically ask my students to pen a note to the author of the text we used in class that they feel influenced their future teaching the most. Several of my students wanted to write Mrs. Roseboro, so I contacted her to request a snail-mail address for their notes. Anna and I began exchanging emails and I was fortunate to meet her face-to-face at a national literacy conference and found her to be as lovely and supportive as her books. Fast-forward two years and I was invited by the author, Anna J. Small Roseboro, to write the forward for her new book, *More About Writing: Designing Student Assignments with Specific Steps* because she felt since I had used one of her previous books in my course and I had former students who were now classroom teachers. We would all be in a position to speak to the efficacy of her work when used with both teacher candidates and in actual literacy and content area classrooms in teaching writing. Anna requested that I contact a few former students and ask them to participate in providing real classroom samples of using her strategies in their teaching. Three young teachers worked with Anna and contributed to this new work. The teacher-contributors are: Mr. Kiondre Dunnam, Mrs. Cassidy Earle, and Ms. Emily Espy. *Book Forward: More About Writing: Designing Student Assignments with Specific Steps*. Anna J. Small Roseboro, author. Lanham, Maryland. Rowman and Littlefield – Education. (Forthcoming in 2019, January 12)



The Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education Convention 2018 met November 1-3 in Indianapolis. This year's conference theme was Designing the Future. The AState Eta Delta Chapter members attended professional development session, networked & collaborated with student educators nationally & internationally and attended chapter service events. L to R: Erin Gately President, Blair Jones & Kailee Wrather Fundraising, Kerri Kramer Communications/Media, Jessica Brown & Kajavis Woods Celebration of Teaching. Also attending & supporting the students were Teacher Ed Faculty & Co-Counselors Ms. Sanda Hawkins, Dr. Nicole Covey & Mr. Rusty Young.

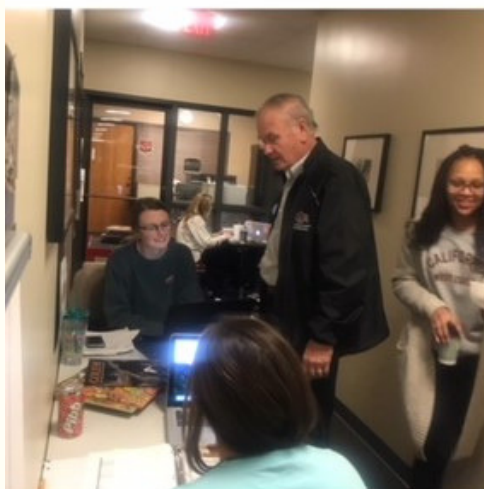


## ... always learning



Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dr. Karen Graham, and Dr. Scott Doig recently attended the 2018 Mid-South Educational Research Association Annual Conference in Pensacola Beach, Florida. Dr. Graham presented a research literature review paper entitled, "Teacher Candidates with Learning Disabilities: A Review of the Literature," as an oral presentation in the Teacher Education session. Dr. Doig presented a research paper, "Physical Literacy and Physical Activity: The Impact of Physical Education on High School Seniors", as an oral presentation in the Educational Reform session. Awards for the distinguished paper, the service award and the historical award were announced at the Thursday, November 8 business meeting.

Welcome to our Second Annual Young Children and Adolescent Literature Read-in as Arkansas State University with preservice educators! Lots of coffee and donuts at Central 'Pack' Coffee Shop, award-winning book discussions and much conversation/laughter. What a wonderful day in Teacher Education!





# Outstanding Alumni Honored at Homecoming Celebration

Dean Bradley & Associate Dean Bryant celebrated the COEBS Outstanding Alumni at this year's Homecoming Celebration along with the recipients families, friends as well as current & former faculty.



Dr. Amany Saleh presents Ms. Tammy Edwards for the ELCSE Outstanding Alumni Award



Ms. Lauren Ryan accepts her HPESS award from Dr. Lance Bryant



Psy & Counseling's Dr. John Hall presents Ms. Kyla Warnick with her award.



TE Chair Dr. Ron Towery presents Dr. Jackie McBride her Outstanding Alumni Award



## Financial Gifts

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We in the College of Education and Behavioral Science would like to sincerely thank each and every alumnus and friend who recently made financial gifts. If you would like to be a part of the exciting things that are happening in the College, you can do so by making a donation. The donations are tax-deductible and provide important support for college-wide initiatives and faculty development. If you would like to help us fulfill our missions, please send your donation to: **ASU Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1990, State University, AR 72467**. In the memo line indicate the account name for donation. Please include your name, address, phone and email address. Do you work for a matching gift company? If so, please enclose a completed Matching Gift form from your company along with your gift.

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