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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

In her New Year's message to the College, Dean Catherine Emihovich offers updates on activities associated with several Strategic Task Forces and reports on how to keep abreast of events related to the College's Centennial Celebration. ([more](#))

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## TOP STORIES

***The New York Times* columnist David Brooks to speak at Centennial kickoff**  
*The New York Times* op-ed columnist and best-selling author David Brooks, a regular analyst and commentator on National Public Radio and PBS television's

“NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,” will help the University of Florida College of Education launch its yearlong Centennial Celebration, serving as featured speaker for a lecture and panel discussion at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, at UF’s Emerson Alumni Hall. ([more](#))

### **Robert Jiménez first speaker in Fien Lecture Series**

As part of its centennial year celebrations and in conjunction with its search for the Fien Professorship in Education, the College of Education at the University of Florida is sponsoring a three-part lecture series to help keep UF connected to outstanding scholars in the field. The Fien Lecture Series will get under way with a talk by Robert Jiménez at 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, in the College of Education Terrace Room. For additional events related to Jiménez, refer to the calendar section of this newsletter. ([more](#))

### **Black History Month event features speaker Michael Dyson**

Best-selling author, scholar and cultural critic Michael Dyson is the featured speaker at a Feb. 9 keynote event marking Black History Month. The free talk, co-sponsored in part by the University of Florida Black Student Union and the College of Education, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the J. Wayne Reitz Union. ([more](#))

### **University recognizes distinguished educators at fall commencement**

Five teachers, principals and administrators from public school districts throughout the state are honored by the University of Florida as distinguished educators during the University’s fall 2005 commencement ceremonies. ([more](#))

### **UF creates \$1.5 million endowed professorship in early childhood education**

The University of Florida has established the David Lawrence Jr. Endowed Professorship in Early Childhood Studies, an endowed faculty position in the College of Education named for the former Miami Herald publisher and UF alum. ([more](#))

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## **FACULTY-STAFF HONORS & APPOINTMENTS**

### **Education professor awarded UF Research Foundation Professorship**

Zihui Fang, associate professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, has been recognized by the University for his research efforts with a UF Research Foundation Professorship for 2005-2007. ([more](#))

### **College professors receive international distinguished educator honors**

Associate Professor Linda Cronin-Jones and Assistant Professor Richard Ferdig, both in the College of Education School of Teaching and Learning, have been recognized as international distinguished educators for their work in advancing the globalization of the University of Florida campus and curriculum through teaching, research and service. ([more](#))

### **Professor joins panel to update national standards for school leaders**

James Doud, professor in Educational Administration and Policy, will represent the National Association of Elementary School Principals on a national panel of experts

who will work with a task force charged with revising licensure and certification standards for school leaders across the United States. ([more](#))

### **Professor to serve second term on literacy journal editorial board**

Barbara G. Pace, associate professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, has been asked to serve a second term on the editorial board of the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, which is published by the International Reading Association.

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## **STUDENT HONORS**

### **Counselor education graduate student becomes Holmes Scholar**

Sophie Maxis, a graduate student in Counselor Education, has been named a Holmes Scholar, a designation that recognizes advanced-degree minority students in education for their character, academic standing and career goals in education.

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## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Following is a sampling of recent faculty and graduate student publications and presentations in the College:**

► Dean, Nancy and Harper, Candace, *Succeeding in Reading: Complete Cross-Age Tutoring Program*, Maupin House Publishing, 2005. Dean, a literacy specialist at P.K. Yonge and assistant professor in the College of Education, is also author of the textbooks *Discovering Voice: Voice Lessons for Middle and High School* and *Voice Lessons: Classroom Activities to Teach Diction, Detail, Imagery, Syntax, and Tone*. Harper is an assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning. This is her first book.

► Ferdig, Richard E., Pearson, P. David, Blomeyer, Robert L. Jr., and Moran, Juan, "The Effects of Technology on Reading Performance in the Middle-School Grades: A Meta-Analysis With Recommendations for Policy," *North Central Regional Educational Laboratory*, November 2005. (To download a PDF version of this article, go to [www.ncrel.org/tech/reading/](http://www.ncrel.org/tech/reading/) on the Internet.) Ferdig is an assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning.

► Linda Behar-Horenstein, professor, Educational Administration and Policy, is co-author of the following articles:

- "Looking into Classrooms: Student Achievement, Student Absenteeism, Teacher Efficacy and Teacher Instruction of Highly Mobile Students in Specialized and Traditional School Settings," *Curriculum and Teaching* (2005), 20, 15-39. (Co-written with Anusavice, S.H.)

- “Improving patient care through patient-family education programs,” *Hospital Topics* (2005), 83, 21-27. (Co-written with Guin, P., Gamble, K. Hurlock, G., Leclear, E., Philopose, M., Shellnut, D., Ward, M., and Weldon, J.)
- “Looking into classrooms: Teachers’ use of models of teaching,” *Educational Practice and Theory* (2005), 27(1), 49-66. (Co-written with Seabert, D.M.)
- “A case study examining instructional practices at a U.S. dental school,” *Journal of Dental Education* (2005), 69(6), 639-648. (Co-written with Mitchell, G.S. and Dolan, T.A.)

► Zhihui Fang, associate professor, School of Teaching and Learning, recently returned from China, where he delivered invited lectures to students and faculty of English at Xiamen University and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. His talk to students was titled “Understanding Reading: What Does It Take to Comprehend a Text?” and his presentation to faculty was titled “Assessing Students’ Academic Language Competence Through Functional Grammar Analysis.”

► Herrera, Susan W. and Herrera, Jorge M., “Why Long-Term Repatriates From Asia to the U.S. Face Greater Challenges Than Long-Term Repatriates From Europe to the U.S.,” *Journal of Pro-Change International*, September 2005, Volume1, Issue 2. (To download a PDF version of this article, go to [www.pro-change.org](http://www.pro-change.org) and click on the journal link in the navigation bar.) Susan Herrera is a doctoral student in Educational Administration and Policy.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Got news? Send us an e-mail at our new address

The News and Publications Office is now accepting news and calendar items of Collegewide interest for publication consideration via e-mail at [news@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:news@coe.ufl.edu). Submissions should include as many pertinent details as possible to help news staff provide readers with the most timely and newsworthy information about College activities. Details should include contact information and answer questions of Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?

### College of Education Centennial Web site now online

The College is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with several exciting events and activities. To stay abreast of the latest information in news and events related to this important milestone in College history, you may want to add the Centennial Web site at <http://www.coe.ufl.edu/centennial/> to your favorites list on your Web browser.

### Conference addresses early literacy education

The Reading Recovery Council of North America, Inc. is sponsoring a conference on national classroom literacy and children’s literature for Reading Recovery teachers, school administrators, university professors, early literacy educators, classroom teachers and others interested in early literacy education. The conference will be held Feb. 4-7 in Columbus, Ohio. For specific information on conference sessions and registration, visit the Reading Recovery Council Web site at [www.rrcna.org/sections/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/sections/conferences) or call (614) 310-7340.

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## coE-CALENDAR

### JAN. 20

**Alumni Lunch and Lecture featuring Tom Oakland** speaking on “The Development of Children’s Temperament in the U.S.”  
11:30 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

### JAN. 22

**Guy Lombardo’s Royal Canadians performance**  
2 p.m., P.K. Yonge Performing Arts Center  
*Contact: 392-1554, ext. 260 for ticket information*

### JAN. 24

**Centennial Celebration kickoff featuring *The New York Times* columnist David Brooks**  
6:30 p.m., Emerson Hall  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

### JAN. 26

**Fien Lecture Series featuring Robert Jiménez\*** speaking on “Literacies Within and Without Mexico”  
3 p.m., Terrace Room  
\*Jiménez also will meet with doctoral students 9:30 a.m. and faculty at 11 a.m. in Norman Hall 158.  
*Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250*

**The Florida Today Series: From UF Alumni to Community College President**  
Featuring President Carlyle Ramsey of Danville Community College  
7 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Patty Lefevers, 2-2391, ext. 261*

### JAN. 27

**Lastinger Center board meeting**  
11 a.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Laverne Smith, 2-0726, ext. 301*

### JAN. 31

**Doctoral Committee and Dissertation Orientation**  
3 p.m., Terrace Room  
*Contact: Thomasenia Adams, 2-072, ext. 267*

### FEB. 6

**Brown Bag Lunch Series featuring David Figlio**  
Noon, Terrace Room  
*Contact: Susie Lonon, 2-0726, ext. 234*

### FEB. 8

**Staff Council meeting**

9 a.m., Terrace Room  
Contact: Sabrina McLaughlin, 2-0726, ext. 262

**Faculty Development Conversations series**

UF faculty panel discussion titled “Helping Doctoral Students Finish with Flair”  
3:30 p.m., J. Wayne Reitz Union Room 282  
Contact: Debra Walker King, 2-6004

**FEB. 9**

**Black History Month talk by author Michael Eric Dyson**

8 p.m., J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom  
Contact: Ashley Gantt, (302) 978-3371

**FEB. 17**

**Alumni Lunch and Lecture featuring Terry Scott** speaking on “Preventing Student Failures in School Through Positive Behavior Support”

11:30 a.m., Terrace Room  
Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250

**Fien Lecture Series featuring Gloria Ladson-Billings**

3 p.m., Terrace Room  
Contact: Jodi Mount, 2-0728, ext. 250

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Frances Pauline Hilliard**

Frances Pauline Hilliard, professor emeritus in elementary education and curriculum and former chair of the department of elementary education at the UF College of Education, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, of natural causes. She was 96.

According to her obituary Dec. 21 in the Gainesville Sun, Hilliard served as chair from 1960 through 1968. She also chaired the board of editors for the journal *Childhood Education* and authored two professional books and numerous articles. She retired from UF as professor emeritus in 1979. Her previous teaching posts

were at Clinton (Ky.) High School, Memphis State University, the University of Kentucky and Columbia University.

In an e-mail, Education Professor Linda Lamme wrote of Hilliard: "She was a remarkable woman at a time when we had incredibly talented faculty from Teachers College, Columbia, who were great innovators for their day and women were in strong leadership positions. In the '60s and '70s, (the College) grew so much that some of that elegant quality dissipated. Pauline had a beautiful house on NE Ninth Avenue, where she elegantly entertained prospective faculty members at receptions. She was quite a lady."

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