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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

**Feasting on Buckeyes. Time capsule buried. SOE Banquet set. Busy times ahead.** Dean Catherine Emihovich shares her thoughts on recent and upcoming events on campus. ([more](#))

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## TOP STORIES

### **Top bereavement expert to lead workshop Feb. 15 on ‘Death, Loss and the Quest for Meaning’**

Robert Neimeyer, a nationally known researcher and author on death, grief, loss and suicide intervention, will lead an all-day workshop on “Death, Loss and the Quest for Meaning” on Feb. 15 at the College of Education. His appearance kicks off the first of several yearly lectures on death education planned by the college. ([more](#))

### **UF program prepares career changers to teach in crisis schools**

Quitting a private-sector job to teach in a high-poverty school may sound like a fulfilling thing to do, but when people actually make the leap from the cubicle to the urban classroom, they often find themselves overwhelmed. UF’s new Lastinger Apprenticeship gives career-changers a chance to learn the skills they need to thrive in a Title I school. ([more](#))

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### **Top Florida educators honored at UF commencement**

Five of the state’s most effective teachers and education leaders received the University of Florida Distinguished Educator Award at UF’s fall commencement Dec. 16 in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center. ([more](#))

### **School psychology program gets nod from APA, NASP**

Congratulations to the folks in COE’s School Psychology program, which has just been reaccredited for the maximum seven-year period by the American Psychological Association and the National Association for School Psychology. ([more](#))

### **COE plants centennial time capsule**

Don’t wait until 2056. If you want to find out what went into the College of Education’s centennial time capsule, you can read all about the Dec. 7 time capsule ceremony. ([more](#))

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## RESEARCH/GRANTS

### **Laptops for all? COE researcher studies effects of ‘ubiquitous computing’**

What would K-12 schools be like if every single student had his or her own laptop computer? If a PDA and Internet connection were considered the birthright of every child? Associate Professor Kara Dawson is part of a team studying the effects of “ubiquitous computing” in Florida school districts. ([more](#))

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## PUBLICATIONS

- Garrett, M. T. (2007). Hear the eagle's cry: Native American spiritual traditions. In O. J. Morgan (Ed.), *Counseling and spirituality: Views from the profession* (pp. 139-164). Boston: Lahaska.
- Garrett, M. T. (2006). When eagle speaks: Counseling Native Americans. In C. C. Lee (Ed.), *Multicultural issues in counseling: New approaches to diversity* (3rd ed., pp. 25-53). Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.
- Garrett, M.T. ( with Molina, B & Monteiro-Leitner, J.) (2006). Communities of courage: Caring for immigrant children and families through creative multicultural counseling interventions. *Protecting Children*, 21, 62-83.
- Garrett, M. T. (with Portman, T. A. A.) (2006). Native American healing traditions. *International Journal for Disability, Development, and Education*, 53, 453-469.

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## FACULTY/STAFF APPOINTMENTS/HONORS

### **EduBlog Award for COE distance education expert**

What do Elvis Costello videos, tear-jerking Apple Computer ads, and deep debates about “social software” have in common? They can all be found on Christopher Sessums’ [weblog](#), a favorite online haunt for education technology experts from around the world. Sessums, COE’s director of distance education, won “Best Individual Blog” in the 2006 EduBlog Awards. ([more](#))

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## STUDENT AWARDS/HONORS

### **UF student secures \$1 million history teaching grant for Clay County**

Dianna Miller, a doctoral student in the School of Teaching and Learning, wrote a grant proposal that secured nearly \$1 million for the Clay County school district, where Miller used to teach. The U.S. Department of Education awarded the grant to the Andrew Jackson Liberty Fellowship, a professional development program for 50 K-12 history teachers. ([more](#))

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### **COE alum is Teacher of Year in Williston school**

Christiana Robbins has just begun her teaching career, but the COE alumna has already won the admiration of her colleagues. Robbins, a 2005 graduate of ProTeach, has been

named Teacher of the Year at Williston's Joyce Bullock Elementary School, where she teaches first grade. The award winner is selected by a vote of the faculty. "She is one of the best classroom managers you could ever observe – this is a very rare thing in early career teachers," said Michael DeLucas, who served as assistant principal at Joyce Bullock last year.

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## IN THE NEWS

A recent sampling of "media hits" from the College of Education:

***Gainesville Guardian* – Professor Elizabeth "Buffy" Bondy, STL (11/23/06)**

Bondy was mentioned in a story on a banquet held to announce the creation of the Alachua County Children's Alliance.

***Associated Press* – Dean Catherine Emihovich (12/14/06)**

Dean Emihovich was quoted in a story on the education legacy of Gov. Jeb Bush. She challenged assertions that Florida can have better K-12 schools without spending more money. The story is available [here](#).

***Daytona Beach News-Journal* – Professor and Chair Linda Serra Hagedorn, EAP (11/30/06)**

Hagedorn was quoted in a story on the rising numbers of "adult learners" – non-traditional college students older than 24 – in the higher education system. Hagedorn said lawmakers should help the system adjust to these students by funding more job placement programs and remediation strategies for people who have been out of school for several years.

***Palm Beach Post*– Professor and Chair Linda Serra Hagedorn, EAP (1/1/07)**

Hagedorn was quoted in a story on the \$9 million in Bright Futures scholarship money that went to private, for-profit universities last year. The story is available [here](#).

***Bonita News* – Professor Paul George (12/17/06)**

George was quoted in a story on middle-school dropouts who were overlooked when the Florida Department of Education calculated Lee County's dropout rate.

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## CALENDAR

### JAN. 19

Lastinger Center Board Meeting

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Terrace Room

Contact: Laverne Smith, [lds@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:lds@coe.ufl.edu)

**JAN. 22**

Faculty Policy Council Meeting  
2 p.m., 158 Norman Hall  
Contact: Buffy Bondy, [bondy@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:bondy@coe.ufl.edu)

**JAN. 25**

Brown Bag: Topic and Speaker TBA  
Noon-1 p.m., 158 Norman Hall  
Contact: Ana Puig, 352-392-2315, ext. 235 or [anapuig@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:anapuig@coe.ufl.edu)

**FEB. 3**

Retirement Celebration  
Honoring Distinguished Professor Paul George  
Time and Location: TBD  
Contact: Sharen W. Halsall, 352-392-919, ext. 200 or [swhalsall@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:swhalsall@coe.ufl.edu)

**FEB. 3**

SAGE Symposium  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Norman Hall Terrace Room  
Contact: Kay Curcio, [kcurcio@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:kcurcio@coe.ufl.edu)

**FEB. 12**

Faculty Policy Council Meeting  
2 p.m., 158 Norman Hall  
Contact: Buffy Bondy, [bondy@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:bondy@coe.ufl.edu)

**FEB. 15**

Seminar: Death, Loss and the Quest for Meaning  
CEU's offered, Seating limited, Lunch will be served.  
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Norman Hall Terrace Room  
Reception to follow  
RSVP required by February 9: [anapuig@coe.ufl.edu](mailto:anapuig@coe.ufl.edu)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tour South Africa and Botswana this summer with COE professor**

Faculty and students are invited to take part in a 21-day tour and clinical outreach experience in South Africa and Botswana this June. The trip, led by COE Professor Cirecie West-Olatunji, will take UF scholars to historical sites, schools and agencies, and includes attendance at a conference held by the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development. ([more](#))

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