Dr. Blythe Duell Named One of Top 20 Women Professors in Oklahoma

Dr. Blythe Duell of Southeastern Oklahoma State University has been named one of the Top 20 Women Professors in Oklahoma. The goal of the top professors list is to highlight post-secondary educators who have been awarded recently for excellence in the classroom, on campus, and/or in the community.

Duell is an assistant professor of psychology. She joined the Southeastern faculty in 2008, and was the recipient of the University’s Faculty Senate Professor of the Year award in 2012. She grew up in Laramie, Wyoming, and received her bachelor’s degree in Psychology from the University of Wyoming. Duell earned her Master’s and Ph.D. in Experimental Social Psychology from Washington State University. She teaches courses in statistics, research methods, social psychology, and psychology of gender. Duell enjoys music, reading, and spending time with her husband and 7-month-old daughter.

“I am incredibly honored and humbled to have been selected for this award,” Duell said. “I can’t tell you how much I enjoy teaching and engaging young people in discussions about psychology. I am profoundly lucky to make a living doing something that doesn’t even feel like “work” most days.”

“Dr. Duell is very deserving of this recognition,” said Southeastern president Larry Minks. “During her time at Southeastern, she has certainly distinguished herself in teaching, scholarship, and service. She serves as a great example of the quality faculty that we have on campus.”

Special Olympics Annual Track Meet for 2013

The Special Olympics, an annual SOSU event was held at the Durant Multi-Sports Complex. Ms. Vicki Hudson (HPER Dept. Chair), Dr. Kay Daigle and Ms. Carrie Schuh coordinated and managed the event. SE volunteers included over 100 faculty, staff and students. Area schools in attendance were Rock Creek, Achille, Atoka, Madill, Antlers, Caddo, Durant Schools – Northwest Heights, Washington Irving, Robert E. Lee, Durant Middle School, and Durant High School. These numbers of volunteers and schools demonstrate how very, very special the Special Olympics are.
Donovan Named Counselor of the Year by the Oklahoma Counseling Association

Kimberly Donovan, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program was selected as the Counselor of the Year by the Oklahoma Counseling Association. The announcement was made at the Annual Mid-Winter Conference, which convened on February 21 and 22, 2013. Donovan was selected from the 3,000 licensed professional counselors in the state of Oklahoma. Donovan also was named Counselor of the Year by the Southeast Region of the Oklahoma Counseling Association.

Bachelor of Science In Early Intervention and Child Development

Dr. Robin Plumb, Southeastern's Director of Academic Services at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma, will be the program coordinator for a proposed new academic program. “The proposed Bachelor of Science in Early Intervention and Child Development (EICD) will address state and regionally-identified needs for highly qualified personnel in early intervention programs,” said Plumb. “The program mission is to ensure that personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge to provide effective interventions to infants, toddlers, and young children. These interventions will be derived from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research and experiences in order to be successful in serving these young children.”

Mayers & Desiderio Article Published

“Not LOL: Legal Issues Encountered During One High School’s Response to Sexting,” coauthored by Dr. Stuart Mayers and former Southeastern Oklahoma State University professor Dr. Mike Desiderio, was published in the BYU Education and Law Journal. This article, a followup to a paper presented by Mayers and Desiderio at the Education Law Association meeting in Chicago in November of 2011, examined free speech, search and seizure, and state pornography statutes which are all implicated when teens send nude pictures of themselves using cell phones.
Reid Installed as ADEC President

In April, attendees of the 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Death and Education Counseling (ADEC) celebrated the inauguration of Jon K. Reid as President of ADEC’s Board of Directors. ADEC is a multidisciplinary, international, professional organization dedicated to promoting excellence and recognizing diversity in death education, care of the dying, grief counseling and research in thanatology. Its membership includes a wide array of mental and medical health personnel, educators, clergy, funeral directors and volunteers in the field of dying, death and bereavement.

Prior to his installation as President of the ADEC Board of Directors, Dr. Reid served in several ADEC capacities, as 1st Vice President, as 2nd Vice President, annual conference co-chair (2009), as well as on several ADEC committees and task forces. He has been an active member of ADEC for 19 years. Dr. Reid is a Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, OK, where he previously served as Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and founded the annual Behavioral Sciences Scholarship Workshop. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor (Texas) and a National Certified Counselor.

Dr. Reid commented about his new role in ADEC, “ADEC has been my professional home for almost 20 years, providing opportunities for networking, continuing education and professional growth; I am honored to serve in a leadership role for ADEC to help perpetuate the organization for future professionals in the field.” (www.adec.org)

Daigle Attends Library Association Conference, Co-Authors Grant Application

Dr. Kay Daigle, Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, attended the Oklahoma Library Association Conference in Ardmore on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. The one-day session focused on Affordable Learning Resources. Daigle also submitted a grant to Quality Matters that was co-authored with Aaron Adair, Karl Frinkle, and Alistair Maeer entitled “The Impact of a Quality Matters Peer Review System on Student Retention and Satisfaction with Distance Education”. Daigle was the primary investigator on the grant submission.

Donovan and Weigel Publish and Present

Dr. Kim Donovan, Associate Professor of Counseling and Coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program and Dr. Daniel Weigel, Professor of Counseling and CACREP Liaison for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, have initiated several publication and presentation projects this winter. Donovan and Weigel co-authored a chapter, “Demonstrating the Core Conditions of Counseling” for the book, Group Activities to Enhance Counselor Education. Another project in progress is also co-authored by Donovan and Weigel and its working title is, “Dr. Samuel Gladding: Interview with an Expert in the Field of Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling.” Weigel also presented, “Psychotherapy in Counseling” at the Oklahoma Counseling Association Midwinter Conference on February 21, 2013, and a “Counseling Ethics and Supervision Workshop” at Southeastern Oklahoma State University on April 12, 2013.
Criswell Book Chapter Published

Dr. Reba Criswell, Associate Professor of School Counseling and Coordinator of the School Counseling Program at Southeastern, is primary author of the recent book chapter, “Counseling Programs,” published in the book, The Administration and Supervision of Special Programs in Education (3rd ed.). Co-authors are Dr. Jerry Trusty (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Richard Lampe (Texas A&M University-Commerce), and Dr. Fernando Valle (Texas Tech University).

“This book chapter addresses the role of the school counselor within a comprehensive counseling program,” said Criswell. “As the school counselor is a vitally important member of the school community, administrators and counselors must work together to promote counseling program effectiveness. The book itself provides a wealth of information concerning important components of special programs in the schools today.”

Active Spring for CMHC Students and Chi Sigma Iota

Spring was a very busy semester for students in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program. April 5th marked the date for “Kick Up Your Heels,” the Sexual Assault Walk & 5 K for awareness and funding for the Durant Crisis Control Center. CMHC students have made this an annual event on their calendar. The Durant Relay for Life on April 26th event was well attended by CMHC student volunteers.

On April 30th, Jessica Lawley was named the Outstanding CMHC Graduate Student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at the Department of Behavioral Sciences Award Ceremony. Four students were recognized as members of Who’s Who for 2013 on May 3rd, including Deborah Dailey, Jessica Lawley, Lacey Oldham, and Elyse Schein. The recognition came at the First Induction of the Counseling Honor Society, Chi Sigma Iota. The guest speakers for the event were Dr. Ray Quiett, distinguished leader and member in the Oklahoma Counseling Association, and Oscar Miles, an affiliate member of Chi Sigma Iota.

Clure Receives Helping Hand Award for 2012

Dana Clure, Office Assistant for the Department of Behavioral Sciences, received the Helping Hand Award for 2102 at a special meeting of the department faculty and staff on December 13, 2012. The award was presented to Clure by Dr. Charla Hall, past chair of the department. The inscription was read by Dr. Hall, “The Helping Hand Award presented to Dana Clure from the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for Distinguished Service to Faculty, Staff, and Students.”

Clure was also awarded the SSA Service Award by the Southeastern Staff Association at the annual Faculty Staff Awards Banquet.
Health & Physical Education Majors Tour UNT Laboratories

On February 8, Dr. Mike Reed, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and Dr. Charla Hall, Professor of Psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, traveled with three students to Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas. The students, Kyle Marley and Jonathan Rodriguez, both Health and Physical Education majors, and Dalton Smith, a Recreation major, were exploring potential career paths. The group toured the Exercise Physiology Lab, the Biomechanics Lab, and the Biochemistry Lab as the guests of Dr. Vic Ben-Ezra and Dr. Kyle Biggerstaff, faculty members in the Department of Kinesiology.

A Postcard from the Edge: Report from Charla Hall on Sabbatical

Dr. Charla Hall, Professor of Psychology filed this report midway through her sabbatical: “Who knew sabbatical would be so much fun?! I’ve observed a horse whisperer, learned about the DSM-5, talked to 6th graders about bullying, seen an exercise physiology lab and watched VO2 max tests, learned about cardiac rehab, and held a human brain. While I’ve enjoyed not having to prepare for class and grade papers, I’ve missed my colleagues and students. I’m looking forward to incorporating my new experiences into classes next fall!”

Knapp Presents at Southwestern Social Sciences Association

Dr. James L. Knapp, Professor of Sociology, attended the Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 29, 2013. Knapp served as Chair of the “Sociology of Aging” session. Funding from a Southeastern Oklahoma State University Faculty Research Grant was used to organize and chair the session.

Southeastern Faculty Staff Volunteer with Red Cross at Shawnee and Moore

Within the first week after the Shawnee and Moore tornadoes, Tim Boatmun, Kim Donovan, and Charla Hall volunteered with the American Red Cross to provide mental health services to the impacted areas. They all spent time walking door to door (or from lot to lot) in the hardest hit neighborhoods conducting “wellness checks” and offering resource information. “The experience was both difficult and heartwarming at the same time,” said Hall. “People are amazingly resilient!”
Dr. Robin Plumb has been nationally recognized with her election to the Board of Directors of the Association for Continuing Higher Education. Plumb is one of three new members of the board of directors, joining Paula Hogard of Penn State and Terry Ratcliff of Whitworth (Spokane, Washington) University. Dr. Plumb is in her third year as Director of Academic Services for Southeastern at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (formerly the Ardmore Higher Education Center).

As Southeastern’s primary representative at the University Center for Southern Oklahoma, Plumb is responsible for the day-to-day operations, coordinating academic programming, and teaching courses as needed. She also serves as faculty advisor for Professional Education students, as well as advising and assisting students in other academic disciplines. She also advises students regarding financial aid and scholarship opportunities available through the University. From 2010-2012, Plumb was an assistant professor of Educational Instruction and Leadership and coordinator of field experiences at Southeastern. Prior to that, she was director of academic programs for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Diverse Ranks Three EBS Programs in Top 10 for Native American Graduations

According to a web site report, “Top 100 Producers of Minority Degrees 2013” by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, three programs in the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences rank in the Top 10 rankings of universities that confer degrees to Native American students. The report is an analysis of U.S. Department of Education reports submitted by institutions.

Education programs at Southeastern were ranked number two in number of degrees conferred to Native American students and the 2011-2012 data listed 31 Native American graduates. In the discipline of Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies, the Southeastern program was ranked number eight. The Southeastern Psychology Program was ranked number two for Psychology programs with 15 Native American graduations during the 2011-2012. Southeastern was ranked number six overall for Native American graduates from disciplines combined.

HPER Alumni Visit Durant Campus

Several HPER alumni dropped in this summer to visit the Durant campus. James Bond is the head football coach and a teacher at Savannah, Ok. Michelle Kiehn is teaching biology and coaching girl’s tennis at the Middle School in Yukon, Ok. Jeremy LaRoche teaches elementary physical education and is a football, basketball, and track coach for Denison Independent School District. Skye Foster Phipps has been named a new coach and physical education teacher for Kingston Public Schools. Spencer Phipps is the head coach for boy’s basketball at Caddo High School. Casey Strahan was recently named head coach for girl’s basketball at Durant High School.

Stout to Present at Grayson College

Dr. Jerry C. Stout, Assistant Professor of Education, will be presenting information about Southeastern EIL programs to students from area Texas colleges and universities at the main Grayson College campus on April 16. “This presentation will introduce prospective Southeastern students to the excellent training and programs that are available now or in the future at the Grayson College campuses,” said Stout. “Most student teachers are teaching as the lead teachers in their classrooms. With “high stakes” testing in Oklahoma and Texas, some of the mentor teachers are reluctant to turn their entire day over to the student teachers during the spring semester.”

“Two of the accelerated cohort groups in Educational Administration will graduate in May. There will be over forty students graduating with the Master of Education Degree in Educational Administration.”
Elder Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

At the 2013 Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Banquet, Dr. Kenneth B. Elder received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Elder, Professor of Sociology who is retiring on July 31, 2013, has served the University for 34 years. Dr. Elder has served on over 20 university committees, and has participated in a wide range of professional activities as a board member or founding member and has been previously recognized by the Faculty Senate for Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Service. Elder also served as President of the Faculty Senate.

Hall and Reid Present at ONASHE 2013

Dr. Charla Hall, Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Jon K. Reid, Professor of Counseling presented at the (ONASHE Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education) 2013 Conference, held on the Southeastern Oklahoma State University campus on February 22 & 23, 2013. The theme of the conference was “The Roots of Our Generation Perpetuating Unification.” Dr. Hall and Erin McDaniel lead a workshop presentation entitled, “Stressed?! Me?”. Dr. Reid’s workshop presentation was entitled, “Loss: Ordinary and Extraordinary Adjustments in the Life of the College Student.”

Beta Iota Chapter Awards Scholarships

The Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honorary Society of women educators, recently awarded scholarships to three outstanding senior women studying in the field of education. The award recipients were Dakota Palmer, a Health and Physical Education major from Binger, OK; Jessica Presley, an Elementary Education major from Ardmore, OK; Sherena Horton, a Special Education major from Davis, Ok; and Tanya Lindley, a graduate of Southeastern and President of Beta Iota. Each recipient was introduced to the members and presented a scholarship.
Psi Chi Attend SWPA Conference in Fort Worth

In April, the SE chapter of Psi Chi traveled to Fort Worth for the annual Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA) conference. Students listened to presentations of cutting-edge psychological research, attended poster sessions, and participated in international Psi Chi organizational meetings and discussions regarding careers and graduate school. Presenters included well-known psychologists Art Graesser (University of Memphis), James “Jay” McClelland (Stanford University), and Dr. Christopher Ferguson (Texas A & M International University). Students spent much of the year fund-raising, and their efforts paid off. The students learned a lot, made some wonderful memories, and enjoyed the dynamic and engaging atmosphere at the conference. Psi Chi hopes to attend the conference again next year, when it will be held in San Antonio.

Southeastern Presidential Golf Classic Registration Team

Southeastern’s 2013 Presidential Golf Classic, an annual fund-raising event, was held at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Club on June 14. The Registration Team was comprised of (L to R – front row), Bridgette Hamill, Administrative Associate to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Assessment Coordinator; Dr. Kitty Campbell, Chair of Management & Marketing; Cindy Ellis, Accounting/Information Systems Specialist, University Advancement; (back row) Cherrie Wilmoth, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance & Internal Operations; Dr. Kay Daigle, Associate Professor, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Nancy Jones, 2006 Southeastern graduate; alumnus Matt Morris, 2011/2013; Vicki Hudson, Chair, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Carrie Schuh, Secretary, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Dr. Mary Hitchcock, Professor Emeritus, Department of Educational Instruction & Leadership.

Attendees included Kolton Hall, Rhiannon Feldhaus, Rachel Callicoat, Brianna Thompson, Melissa Rice, Angela Owings, and Dr. Blythe Duell (SE Psi Chi Faculty Advisor)

Front row: Bridgette Hamill, Dr. Kitty Campbell, Cindy Ellis; Back row: Cherrie Wilmoth, Dr. Kay Daigle, Nancy Jones, Matt Morris, Vicki Hudson, Carrie Schuh, and Dr. Mary Hitchcock.