

# T&L CONNECTIONS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from the Teaching and Learning Department. This newsletter is written to inform you about the activities within the T&L Department. It will come out three times a year. It has been a busy fall semester with some new faculty and staff joining us. Jolene Marsh is the new Administrative Assistant and is featured on page two. Pamela Beck joins the elementary faculty as an assistant professor and will be teaching courses in reading and other areas. She is also featured on page two. Jared Keengwe is not new, since he was on a one year appointment last year and now is on a tenure track position in elementary education. He will be teaching in the areas of technology and multicultural education.

There have been a number of activities relating to teaching and research this fall. Online teaching is becoming more and more the norm in our graduate courses. Special

Education and Instructional Design & Technology (IDT) have their programs online. An online master degree program is being proposed to start next year in English Language Learners (ELL), and Early Childhood Education faculty are developing online courses for their M.S. degree and anticipate the program going online in 2009.

The faculty have been very productive this past year with publications, grants and presentations. We also successfully received re-accreditation from NCATE and approval by the Educational Standards and Practices Board. That was a huge accomplishment and faculty, staff should be congratulated for their hard work. Barbara Combs, Associate Dean of Teacher Education led the accreditation process.

Glenn Olsen  
 Chair of the Teaching and Learning Department

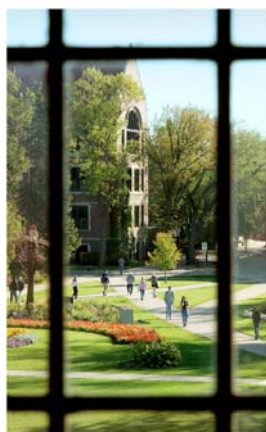
## FACULTY FEATURE: MICHAEL GALLO

This is Michael's third year as a faculty member in the T&L Department. Before coming here he worked at MSU Moorhead for 24 years: 17 as a preschool teacher and seven as a fixed term instructor. Michael was born in the old textile-milling town of Lawrence, MA nestled on the banks of the Merrimac River. Although he's lived in the Midwest well over 30 years, there still survives within Michael a longing to swim the frigid water of the Atlantic Ocean, traverse the White Mountains of Vermont, and wander along the granite shorelines of Maine. Michael enjoys flying with his daughter

Amanda, listening to his son Bron play bass, discussing books with his daughter Nika, reading fantasy and science fiction and science based non-fiction, writing a life-journal to his granddaughter, biking, tennis, backpacking, hiking through wooded vales, and trekking up mountainous terrain. As a puppeteer and storyteller Michael performs a one-man, literacy based show he calls Imagination Theater that combines pantomime, creative dramatics, puppetry, and storytelling. Michael and his wife Joyce own a small cottage industry, Second Street Puppets, through which they design, manufacture and market puppets while promoting the



ancient art of puppetry. Along with their two cats Tristen and Tasha, Michael and Joyce divide their time between their cozy duplex in historic Downtown Grand Forks and their cottage in Moorhead, MN. Michael's biggest news over the summer is the birth of his and Joyce's first granddaughter Jordyn.





*Retrieve your voice mail online.....*



## WELCOME JOLENE MARSH



Jolene Marsh started as Teaching and Learning's new Administrative Assistant on October 29th. She previously worked in the Nursing Department here at the University of North Dakota. She has

an Associate of Science degree in Computer Information Systems.

Jolene was born and raised in Bismarck, North Dakota.

She currently resides in Grand Forks with her husband, Jason, and two children. She has a 14 year old son named Austin and a 5 year old daughter named Amanda. In addition to her wonderful husband

and children, she also has a cat named Chester and a dog named Stanley.

## TECHNOLOGY TIP

You can now retrieve your voice mail messages through the Internet. Accessing the voice mail system through the Internet allows you to have more mobility. You are able to listen to your voice mail messages from any computer, whether at work, at home or in another city. To access your voicemail box through the internet, use the following address:

<http://vm1.und.edu/webmsg/scripts/start.asp>

Complete instructions on how to access your voice mail via the internet is available in the Teaching and Learning Department, room five.

## PAMELA BECK JOINS ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FACULTY

Pamela Beck was born and raised in Mayville, ND. She attended Mayville State University where she earned her B.S. in Elementary Education. She was a classroom teacher until she earned her M.Ed in Reading Education from the University of North Dakota. She then served as a reading specialist for six years until most recently serving as a mentor to first-year teachers in the Resident Teacher Program. She earned her Ed.D in Educational Leadership from the University of

North Dakota in August 2008, and is currently an Assistant Professor with a focus on literacy learning.

Pamela has three grown children; Lindsay, Nathan, and Whitney, and three grandchildren; Skyla, Hank, and Grace. These six people are her *favorite* people and she loves to spend time with them.

Pamela considers herself a make-believe artist and experiments with watercolor and photography. But when she wants to relax, you can find her at the lake by the campfire or navigating her pontoon



through the waters. She recently started keeping a quote notebook, a couple of her favorites are:

"To be enlightened is to lighten up"- Mike Meyers

"You are the leader that you have been looking for"- Maria Shriver

## BARRY STRIEGEL WINS AWARD

Barry Striegel is a former Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Teaching and Learning Department. Currently he is the Director of Youth Entrepreneurship Education at UND's Center for Innovation. Barry won a \$3000 Elevator Grant from the Coleman Foundation of Chicago at the 26th Annual Entrepreneurship Education Forum held in Austin, Texas, November 7-11, 2008. Prior to the forum, each winner submitted a three-page proposal for an entrepreneur-

rial project that would develop skills for self-employment among students.

Those finalists selected to compete were given three minutes to present their proposals and then questioned by a panel of entrepreneurs and educators.

Striegel plans to use the grant funds to offer micro loans to University and Community College undergraduates majoring in Entrepreneurship, Education or Economics who will contract to provide

food services to his six Mini-Society Summer Camps now established in Grand Forks, Dickinson, Belcourt, Parshall, New Town and Ft. Yates. These start-up catering businesses will repay the loans, plus 5% fee, in order to sustain and grow the original Coleman investment.



## GTA NEWS

Angela Bell presented at the Dakota TESL conference in Bismarck on October 10th. The title of the presentation was "Put Yourself in My Shoes: Empathy and Professional Development for Administrators and Teachers of ELLs".

Richard Patterson co-presented with Dr. Glenn Olsen at the NAEYC conference in Dallas, TX on November 7th. The title of the presentation was "Breaking the Stereotypes About Men in Early Childhood Education: Be Part of the Solution."

Rachael Waller presented on November 6th at the Lake Agassiz Reading Council, our local chapter of the International Reading Association. The presentation was titled Discovering Dynamic Artists through Classroom Read Alouds.

*"Breaking the Stereotypes about Men in Early Childhood Education: Be part of the Solution."*

## FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

This past September, Myrna Olson gave a presentation entitled "Traits of Successful Doctoral Students" to the McNair Scholars at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Gail Ingwolson presented at the Northern Rocky Mountain conference on October 9th at Lake Tahoe. The presentation was "Extending the Class-

room: Experiential Learning." Gail also presented with Jim Thompson, former resident Teacher, at the National Middle School conference on October 30th, in Denver. The presentation was "The Experience of Two First Year Teachers: The influence of Mentoring."

Jared Keengwe presented at conferences in Orlando, Washington, DC

and also the University of Manitoba, Canada. The topics included technology use, mentor-coaching and rethinking teaching.

Richard Van Eck was the keynote speaker for the Tennessee Regents Online Degree Summer Institute and also the keynote speaker for the Microsoft Innovative Teacher Conference in Winnipeg this past June.

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## FALL 2008 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Nov. 20** Last Day to file preliminary approval of thesis or dissertation in the Graduate School
- Nov. 27-28** Thanksgiving recess
- Dec. 4** Last day to submit final copy of thesis or dissertation to the Graduate School
- Dec. 11** Last day to file final report on degree examinations and independent study completion in the Graduate School
- Dec. 12** Reading and Review Day
- Dec. 15-19** Semester Examination period
- Dec. 19** Winter Commencement and Official Graduation Day
- Dec. 23** Grades due at noon

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## SPRING 2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Jan. 12** Beginning of Instruction, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 12** Last day for advancement to candidacy for all graduate Students planning to graduate in May
- Jan. 19** Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 27** Last day to add a full-term course
- Jan. 27** Last day to add audit or change to/from audit
- Feb. 3** Last day on which candidates may apply for a degree
- Feb. 20** Last day for students to submit incomplete work to instructor
- Feb. 27** Last day for instructor to submit removals of incomplete to the Office of the Registrar
- Feb. 16** Holiday, Presidents' Day
- Mar. 16-20** Spring recess
- Apr. 3** Last day to drop
- Apr. 3** Last day to change to/from S/U
- Apr. 10-13** Holiday, Easter
- Apr. 16** Last day to file preliminary approval of thesis or dissertation form in the Graduate School
- Apr. 30** Last day to submit final copy of thesis or dissertation to the Graduate School
- May 7** Last day to file final report on degree examinations and independent Study completion in the Graduate School.
- May 8** Reading and Review Day
- May 11-15** Semester Examination Period
- May 16** Spring Commencement and Official Graduation Day
- May 19** Grades due at noon

