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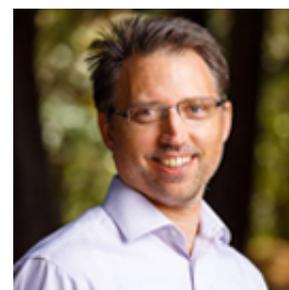
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Welcome to the fall 2015 edition of the Kalmanovitz School of Education newsletter!

I continue to be amazed by the fine work and superb accomplishments of the KSOE community. The highlight of the summer for me was certainly the California Teachers Summit, which brought together 15,000 teachers statewide to learn from each other and celebrate the art of teaching. We hosted 400 of those teachers on our campus and featured several extremely impressive alumni.



Our work in the KSOE is grounded in academic excellence, engaged learning, and practical knowledge. Nothing makes me happier than learning about how the work of our students and alumni are changing the world for the better. I would like to congratulate Kimberly Burks, Michelle Hider, Vanessa Tousey, Melanie Hayes, and Rebecca Keith for doing great work that makes the school proud.

Finally, I am delighted that the Leadership Studies programs have moved from the School of Liberal Arts to join our community at the KSOE. These programs bring a wealth of knowledge about the field of leadership, experience with innovative teaching and technology, and a commitment to community engagement and social justice.

Please enjoy the newsletter. And please keep in touch: KSOEDean@stmarys-ca.edu.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sindt, Dean

NEWS



Ready for Anything

Teachers for Tomorrow alumni are in it for the long term. Since 1999, [125 students have completed the five-year program](#), which requires extensive classroom experience. Above, third-grade teacher Theresa Mejia '05, M.A. '06 works with her class at Meadow Homes Elementary School in Concord. [Join us on Nov. 5](#) as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Teachers for Tomorrow program.



Saint Mary's College Hosts California Teachers Summit

On July 31, [Saint Mary's hosted 400 teachers at Better Together: California Teachers Summit](#), a free one-day statewide education summit linking 15,000 preK-12 teachers at 33 locations to discuss the California Standards and current issues in education. Speakers included KSOE doctoral candidate Adam Clark and alumni Kevin Harrigan and Kathleen Moore, who delivered TED Talk-style presentations.

Student Ideas Matter

Three counseling students, including Vanessa Touset and Kimberly Burks pictured at left, [designed a program](#)—to be implemented in Contra Costa County this year—to help older adults struggling with depression and alcohol abuse.



An Unforgettable Journey

Eight students in KSOE's Doctorate in Educational Leadership program [spent two weeks at the University of Peace](#) in Costa Rica this summer under the leadership of professors Sawako Suzuki and Rebecca Proehl.

Leadership Studies Joins KSOE

On July 1, the Master of Arts in Leadership and Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Organizational Studies programs [joined three KSOE leadership programs](#), forming a department that houses all graduate and professional studies.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

Conference Showcases KSOE Graduate Work

Over 350 people came to hear KSOE graduate students [present their action research projects](#) in education, counseling, and leadership at the annual KSOE Action Research Conference on May 2. The next conference is scheduled for May 14, 2016 and is open to everyone.

SPOTLIGHTS: ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENTS

Melanie Hayes ECR '06, Ed.D. '14

Hayes, who founded Big Minds Unschool for students who are gifted and learning disabled, [won \\$30,000 from Comcast's Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs](#) for using technology in an innovative way.

Rebecca Keith EE '06, M.A. '08, Ed.D. '14

Rebecca Keith's dissertation, "Learning as Development: Reflections of Former Montessori Students," which examines the long-term effects of Montessori education on college-age students, [won first place from the American Montessori Society](#).

SPOTLIGHTS: FACULTY AND STAFF



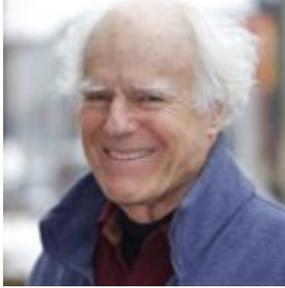
Clifford Lee

Clifford Lee, an [assistant professor in the Single Subject Teacher Education \(SSTE\) program](#), teaches courses on topics including schooling inequality, sociocultural theory, multiliteracies, and restorative justice.

Melissa Delaney



Melissa Delaney, who has more than 18 years experience in graduate admissions, is [KSOE's first Director of Admissions, Recruitment and Outreach](#).



Dean Elias

Dean Elias won the 2015 award for "excellence and outstanding contributions that promote peace building and conflict transformation" from the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California.

PUBLICATIONS

Drew Krafcik and Gloria Sosa

Drew Krafcik and Gloria Sosa recently published work in the *Integral Review Journal* and *The Journal of Humanistic Counseling*—Krafcik on wisdom exemplars and Sosa on professional counseling. For these and other faculty publications, see the [Faculty Scholarly Activities page](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Distinguished Speaker Series

Oct. 24-May 14, 2016

For over 20 years, the [Distinguished Speaker Series](#) (DSS) has attracted more than 1,000 educators per year from five local counties and over 30 regional school districts.

Teachers for Tomorrow 15th Reunion

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us in Hagerty Lounge to celebrate [15 years of Teachers for Tomorrow](#), its successful graduates, and program founders Professors Carole Swain and Jerry Brunetti.

TELL US!

Share your accomplishments and published work with Jeannie Harberson at jhh3@stmarys-ca.edu—we want to hear about it!



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