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## Smith Fellowship Awarded

The 2008 Smith Fellowship was awarded on April 28, 2008 to Noah Kasraie, Cohort XIV. Noah's dissertation is *The Impact and Usage of Open Course Ware on Faculty in Developing Nations of the World*. He is planning to graduate in August, 2008.

The Eugene W. Smith Award is presented annually to doctoral candidates who have

successfully completed and defended their dissertation proposal by March 1. Applicants must submit a written justification for the award, prepare a budget how the award will benefit the research, and develop a description of the methodology that will be used in the completion of the dissertation. For more information, consult the web site listed at the bottom of this page.

## Ed. D. Alums: Talk to Us....

We continue to celebrate the success of YOU, the Ed. D. graduates. Some of you share your accomplishments with us and we are delighted to learn of your achievements.

This is a gentle reminder to every Ed. D. graduate to take a few minutes and forward information about your:

- New Job
- Conference presentation
- Published article
- Honors/Awards
- New address/e-mail

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We look forward to hearing from you often!

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# Ed. D. Graduates - Educational Leadership

Graduate/Cohort #	Dissertation Title	Advisor
Baker, Candee / 12	Emotional Intelligence in Middle School Teacher Education Programs: Perceptions of University Teacher Education Chairpersons and Program Directors	Holifield
Harris, Charles R. / 13	Faculty Perception of Proficiency in Attributes of Teaching Graduate Courses Online for an NCATE Accredited Education Unit Using the Blackboard Course Management System	Foldesy
Machado, Crystal / 12	Transformation of School Leadership Preparation Programs: An Investigation of the Alignment Process and Changes that Have Occurred Due to ISLLC/ELCC Standards Implementation	Cline
Powell, David V. / 14	An Analysis of Changes in Agricultural Literacy Following the Implementation of Lessons from the Food, Land, and People Curriculum in Third and Fifth Grade Academic Core Classes in Northeastern Arkansas	Holifield
Rickman, Wendy / 12	Self-censorship: An Investigation of School Library Media Center Specialists	Beineke



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## Cohort XV Completes Ed. D. Coursework

Cohort XV of the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program presented their group project in a symposium format titled *Curriculum Wars* to the ASU community on Saturday, April 5, 2008, 12:30—4:45 pm in the Mockingbird Room at the Student Union. The cohort members divided into the following three groups: A. *The Swinging Pendulum: The Effects of Culture on Curriculum*, B. *The Great Divide: Policy versus Best Practices*, and C. *The Moving Target: Changing Instructional Technology, Tools and Strategies*.

Each member of the cohort spoke for ten to twenty minutes on their specific topic. At the end of each group’s presentations, cohort members answered questions from the audience.

The cohort members collaborated for two years prior to this required comprehensive exam activity. The individual articles will become part of a published monograph that is available in June 2008. Contact Dr. Amany Saleh (870.972.3062) if you would like a printed version of Cohort XV’s complete research.



**Cohort XV at the Conclusion of the Symposium Presentation**

Back Row (L-R): Shelley Williams, Lajuana Morris, Sarah Russback, Jason Lincoln, and Brenda Randle.

Front Row (L-R): Tammy Fowler, Bridget Duncan, Merlina McCullough, Jana Culp, Angela Edgar, and Jasmine Williams.

# CEE Doctoral Faculty Welcome Cohort XVI

On Wednesday, August 22, 2007, fifteen members of Cohort XVI gathered for their immersion into the five semester path of the doctoral coursework. Dr. Daniel Cline met with the students at 4 pm for an orientation to ELAD 8043 Advanced Organizational Theory & Inquiry.

At the break, the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) provided a light dinner for the new cohort members and the doctoral faculty. Everyone was able to spend some initial quality time together. Dr. Foldesy distributed the *2007-2008 Doctoral Student Handbook* and a "Helpful Resources" booklet to the

members. Everyone was also introduced to Joyce Mann, the CEE secretary. After the welcoming meal, Dr. David Cox began the second course, ELAD 8313 Doctoral Seminar: Educational Leadership Practices I.

The cohort members will meet on Wednesday throughout the remainder of their coursework (except summer 2008).



## Cohort XVI—Initial Meeting - August 2007



# CEE Creates New On-line Journal

Professor Dr. Dan H. Cline and Associate Professor Dr. Amany Saleh are collaborating to create an on-line non-thematic journal titled *Interdisciplinary Studies in Education*.

The journal will be blind peer reviewed and housed within the Center for Excellence in Education at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

Contributors to the journal will be faculty and students. It will be open to empirical- and theory-based papers.

The first call for papers will be Summer 2008. The first publication will be spring 2009; the publication cycle thereafter will be every fall and spring. The Journal will be part of the Center for Excellence in Education web

page.

The Center for Excellence is hoping it will address the regional needs of the Mid-South with the publication of this journal.



Dr. Dan Cline



Dr. Amany Saleh



# Graduate Scholar's Day Conference

The Graduate Student Council of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro sponsored the first annual *Graduate Scholars Day Conference* on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 1:30—6:45 pm in the Student Union.

All graduate students were invited to submit their research and academic work for consideration. Fifty submitted documents were selected for presentation.

The mission of the Graduate Scholar's Day Conference was to promote research among the graduate student body at

Arkansas State University and other institutions in the region.

Opening speakers included Dr. Dan Howard, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Research, and Dr. Andrew Sustich, Dean of the Graduate School. Three scheduled times allowed the following departments to present:

- Environmental Sciences, Ph. D.
- Business and Communication Studies, Masters
- Nursing & Health Professions, Masters

- Educational Leadership, Ed. D.
- Education, Masters
- Molecular Biosciences, Ph. D.
- College Student Personnel Services, Masters
- Educational Leadership, Masters and Specialist

The following doctoral Educational Leadership students (with their cohort indicated) presented: David Powell/XIV, Elaine Novak/XIV, Crystal Machado/IX, Michael Miles/XVII, and Noah Kasraie/XIV.

# Barnes-Rose Joins Arkansas Education Department

Dr. Alice Barnes Rose became the assistant commissioner for the Learning Services Division of the Arkansas Department of Education October 1, 2007. Dr. Rose replaced Diana Julian at the Arkansas Department of Education.

Alice Barnes Rose has been with the Forrest City School District since 1978. While there, she has held the roles of instructor, administrator, and

deputy superintendent. She also teaches adjunct at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Dr. Barnes-Rose was a member of Cohort 7 in the Educational Leadership doctoral program at Arkansas State University. She graduated in 2001.

“I am so pleased to have Dr. Rose joining the administrative team at the Arkansas Department of Education. She will bring a wealth of experience and insight to this important role, and I am confident that she will make valuable contributions as we continue our mission of providing the best education possible to all students in the state.”

— Ken James

Education Commissioner



## Center for Excellence in Education is M-O-V-I-N-G

The Center for Excellence in Education is moving into new quarters. Between August and December 2008, the Ed. D. program and the Masters and Specialist Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education programs will relocate to the top floor of the newly renovated Chickasaw Building. The Chickasaw Building is two buildings east of the current location of 102 S. Caraway.

Dr. George Foldesy, CEE facility Director and Director of the Ed. D. program says: “I know our students will enjoy the new accommodations.”

Dr. Mitch Holifield, Department Chairman of the Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education programs says “as we continue to deal with older students in the Masters, Specialist, and Doctoral programs, this unique space will help them transition to their new

goals.”

Both commented that the move coincides with ASU’s Centennial celebration and the new mascot selection, the Red Wolves.



## Dr. Bill Sumrall, Cohort XII, Presents at Conference



Dr. William Sumrall, Associate Professor of Graduate Business Administration at Belhaven College-

Memphis co-authored a presentation at the 28th annual meeting of the Southern Industrial Relations and Human Resources Conference at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, held October

17-19, 2007. The title of the presentation was *The Relationship Between Reported Level of Faculty Participation in Institutional Decision Making and Organizational Commitment of Faculty in the Mississippi Community College System.*

Co-authors were Dr. David W. Cox (Professor of Educational Leadership and Community College Education, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro), Dr. Adrian Doss (Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Belhaven

College-Memphis), and, Don Jones (Director of Enrollment, Belhaven College-Memphis). Dr. Doss made the presentation at the conference.

This paper was **awarded "Best Paper"** at the conference. It will be published in an upcoming issue of the refereed journal, *Southern Business Review.*

Dr. Sumrall was a member of Cohort XII at Arkansas State University—Jonesboro and graduated in 2006.

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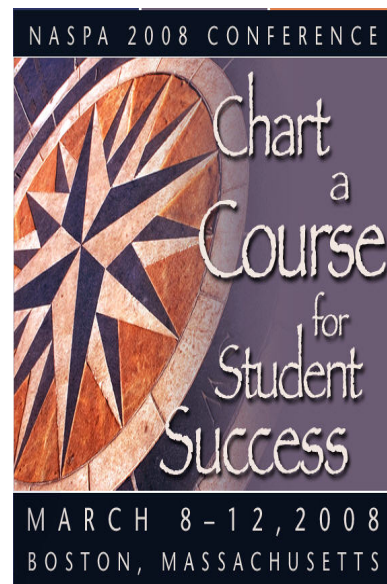
## Dr. Dwayne Scott Presents Dissertation Topic at NASPA

Dr. Dwayne Scott, Cohort IX, presented his dissertation topic, *Factors That Contribute To Hazing Among Collegiate Black Greek Letter Fraternities During Membership Intake Activities* at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Scott's presentation was among the 300 programs drawn from a pool of nearly 850 programs submitted for peer

review. Over 1,300 reviewers selected the participants for this conference.

Dr. Scott is a 2006 graduate of the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program at Arkansas State University—Jonesboro. He is currently employed by the University of Memphis in the Office of Student Judicial and Ethical Programs as Associate Dean of Students.



## Machado is Busy Publishing and Presenting

Crystal Machado (Cohort XII) and Dr. Daniel Cline presented a paper at the annual conference of National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) in August 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. The paper was a general overview of Crystal's dissertation and was titled *Transformation of School Leadership Preparation Programs: A Look at the Alignment Process and the Changes that have Occurred due to ISLLC/ELCC Standards Implementation*.

In November 2007, Machado presented a paper at the 21st

Annual University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Convention in Alexandria, Virginia in which the theme of the conference was *Fostering Compassion and Understanding Across Borders: An International Dialogue About the Future of Educational Leadership*. Her paper was titled *The Notre Dame Institute of Education: A Cross-Cultural Pakistani-Australian Joint Venture in Leadership Preparation.*"

In January 2008, Machado and Dr. Dan Cline again coauthored a paper. It was tentatively accepted for publication in the 2008 NCPEA

Yearbook following a rigorous blind peer review (only 39% acceptance rate). The paper, if published, will be titled *The Process of ISLLC/ELCC Standards Implementation in School Leadership Preparation Programs*.

Machado graduates in May 2008.



## Kasraie Earns 2 "Best Paper" Awards

Cohort XIV member, Noah Kasraie has presented different papers in January, 2008 at two conferences in Orlando, Florida. Each submission won the "Best Paper" award in their respective conferences.



The conference titled College Teaching and Learning Conference is where Kasraie submitted his paper titled

*Educational Leadership/ Administration Doctoral Program Quality and the Impact on School Effectiveness*. This quantitative study investigated the association between quality of education obtained by superintendents holding a doctorate in educational leadership/administration and school effectiveness.

His other paper titled *E-hancing the Online Master of Business Administration Programs: Overcoming the Ten Dysfunctions of Unsuccessful iMBA Programs*. This paper also won the distinction

for Applied Business Research conference. This study presented a unique approach to curriculum design in the context of Problem-Based and Case-Based Learning for online Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs in order to enhance the learning experience of students and retain high enrollments.

Kasraie's academic advisor is Dr. Mitch Holifield. Kasraie plans to graduate in August, 2008.

## Doctoral Student Has Literary Connection to Author John Grisham

April Holifield, Cohort XVI, is also an English instructor at Southaven High School in Southaven, Mississippi. Her students write articles that are placed in the high school's literary publication, *Melange*, that is produced each spring.

In spring 2007, April learned that author John Grisham was a graduate of Southaven High School. She approached him to write the "Foreword" in their annual publication. He agreed.

April says that once the story

made the Memphis TV news, the literary publication is selling better than ever. She attributes the connection of Grisham to the publication. Copies are \$10 and can be ordered online at <http://www.desoto.k12.ms.us/shs>.



John Grisham

John Grisham was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas and educated in Southaven, Mississippi.



Dr. George Foldesy advises April Holifield during a break between classes.



## On-line Survey Source Used by Doctoral Students



*Kiss stamps, paper, and data entry good-bye with this on-line source of data collection*

Doctoral students are discovering an on-line web source to conduct survey studies for their dissertation. Hosted Survey can be located at: <http://www.hostedsurvey.com>. There are no pop-ups on the site nor on your survey when it is issued.

Surveyors are only charged for responses to the survey. 250 free responses are provided simply by signing up. All email addresses are uploaded from your Excel spreadsheet. It can accept as many as 20,000 addresses.

Data are available for 18 months at the site without added fees. If you provide your email with an educational institution, the charge for each response is about half the regular fee. For

example, 1,500 prepaid responses at the educational rate is \$150. Data can be downloaded into an Excel spreadsheet and then moved to SPSS for calculation.

Go to <http://www.hostedsurvey.com/hosted-survey-features.html> for a summary of all their features and see if Hosted Survey might help you with your next survey and data analysis.



# Ed. D. Students Receive Briefcases

The latest marketing effort of the Ed. D. program was revealed as current students received a briefcase advertising the Ed. D. Educational Leadership program.



Dr. Dan Cline and Dr. David Cox were on hand to distribute the new briefcases to Cohort XVI (see picture inserts). Each member of Cohort XV, and the Ed. D. teaching faculty also received a briefcase.

Dr. Foldesy, Director of the Ed.D. program, is pleased with the advertising that this marketing tool will do for the program in the community. For more information about



the Ed. D. program in Educational Leadership, contact Dr. George Foldesy at 870.972.3943 or visit the web site at <http://education.astate.edu/cee/index.html>.



## Center for Excellence in Education Faculty/Staff Celebrate



The faculty and staff of the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) gathered together in Room 201 on Friday, November 30, 2007 to celebrate the holiday season with a buffet. Everyone signed up to bring a dish. Turkey, ham, casseroles, vegetables, bread, and desserts loaded down the

tables.

This annual event also welcomed retirees of the CEE Department at the luncheon. A good time was had by everyone at the luncheon.

Dr. Foldesy, Director for the



Center for Excellence in Education, welcomed everyone with a jolly "Ho Ho Ho" as everyone enjoyed the buffet and the fellowship.



Many members of the ASU campus community were also invited to share in the comradeship and good times.

# Cline is Awarded the “Educators Make a Difference” Award



Dr. Dan Cline &  
Dr. Beverly  
Gilbert

Dr. Daniel H. Cline, Professor, Center for Excellence in Education, was selected the recipient of this year’s “Educators

Make a Difference Award.”

He was recognized at the Kappa Delta Pi Honors Banquet

on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

The 7 pm ceremony was held at the Fowler Center. Dr. Beverly Gilbert read comments from the many letters submitted by his current and former students.

Dr. Gilbert hosted a reception at her home for Dr. Cline immediately following the ceremony.



Dr. Cline accepting the “Educators Make a Difference” Award



# Dr. David W. Cox Presents at Leadership Conference

Dr. David W. Cox, professor in the Center for Excellence in Education, and Coordinator presented a paper, "Case-in-Point Teaching: A New Approach to Leadership Education," at the International Leadership Association Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on November 1, 2007.

The conference, "Leadership: Impact, Culture, and Sustainability," was attended by leadership educators and program

directors from around the world. Cox’s presentation was a case study on his implementation of a leadership pedagogy he learned at a Harvard workshop.

“I especially enjoyed interacting with Sharon Parks, author of *Leadership Can Be Taught*, and Ron Heifetz, author of *Leadership on the Line*,” Dr. Cox indicated.

Dr. Cox has been a professor at Arkansas State University since Fall 1992. He consistently pursues new

techniques to share with his students.

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- A program of academic preparation of educational leaders to serve in local, state, regional, or national organizations that have education as an integral component;
- Research and development inclusive of evaluative and consultant services to secondary, post-secondary, and other educational agencies.

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