Welcome Back!

Pop quiz. Below are several unique Nebraska landmarks. Can you name the city in which each landmark is located?

a. World's Largest Ball of Stamps
b. Giant Ice Cream Cone
c. Caterpillar of Tires
d. 15-Foot-Tall Fork with Pasta
e. Big, Clanging Head of Bricks

This year has all the makings of an exciting year. We have a new Chancellor, Ronnie Green, and a search is underway for a new Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (to be called the Executive Vice Chancellor). While the search is underway Marjorie continues as the Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Ron Yoder continues as the Interim Vice President and Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (the position had while he was serving as the Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs this past academic year). Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies Lance Perez is now the Interim Dean Engineering. Judy Walker is serving as his replacement as the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Laurie Bellows is the Acting Dean for Graduate Studies. While Marjorie is in her new role, Beth has been tapped to be the College's Acting Dean. With Jon Pedersen's appointment as dean at USC, Tori Mofese (CYAF) is serving as the Acting Associate Dean for Research. Additionally, while Beth is the Acting Dean, Tim Carr (NHS) is serving in Beth's previous role as the Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Do you need a scorecard?

As most of you know, our Clinic and Consortium Administrative Associate, Allison N., has taken a position with the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board as a Business and Licensing Specialist. We are in the process of searching for a person for this position. Until we hire a new person Allison J. is the interim Clinic and Consortium Administrative Associate; she will continue to handle graduate admissions and personnel matters as the Personnel, Student, and Finance Specialist. With Eric's sabbatical this fall, Kathy will be the acting CLD program director. Moreover, Jill Flagel, Director of Faculty/Staff Disability Services, is now being housed in CII.

This past year was a busy year with the normal goings-on and the hiring of four new faculty members. As you know, we have two initiatives in bullying prevention and educational neuroscience. Of our new colleagues, Carrie and Hideo will give us a good start in educational neuroscience, while Hideo will cross over along with Meredith to support bullying prevention. Alex will broaden CLD's reach into early childhood with a focus on the learning sciences/STEM. We still have to manage the loss of John and Merilee, but hopefully we will be approved to fill these lines in the near future.

The following is a non-exhaustive collection of some of the things that occurred this past year.
Transitions

This past year was a time of change with new faces coming on board, some moving on, and some changing roles.

- Carrie joined the department.
- Meredith joined the department.
- Hideo joined the department.
- Min Sung (Douglas) joined the department.
- After six years Allison Ne-spors left the Clinic and consortium.
- Alex joined the department.
- Carina joined the department.
- Neeta was promoted to associate professor with tenure.

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- Eric, Kathy, Dennis, and Ralph collaborated on hosting the Educational Neuroscience Conference 2015.
- Christy serves on the Advisory Board for the NSF What Works! to improve evaluation of STEM projects that are intended to increase participation of underrepresented groups.
- Roger continued to work with the Nebraska Writing Research Group.
- Tony offered a Professional Development Course at the annual meeting of the National Council on Measurement in Education.
- Jim (along with Sue) are part of a team that received funding to shape Nebraska early childhood practices and policies and lead a national network committed to improving children’s outcomes.
- Sue and her team received a $3.5M to better support Latino students.
Committee Memberships

**Department Award Committee**  
Tony, Neeta, Kathy, Sue Sw.

**Graduate Committee**  
Meghan, Matt, Scott, Kathy

**Department Executive Committee**  
Jim, Kathy (fall), Eric (spring), Kathy

**CEHS Undergraduate Committee**  
Ralph (Fall), Eric (Spring)

**CEHS Awards Committee**  
Neeta

**CEHS Technology Committee**  
Matt

**CEHS FAC**  
Wayne

**Faculty Senate**  
Scott

**CEHS P&T**  
Kathy

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Our vision statement
The department seeks to enhance human functioning and support diversity in educational, individual, and social contexts through the application of psychological science.

Our **Spires of Excellence** (a.k.a., obelisks or campaniles of excellence). These spires are the ones in which we have or would like to have a national reputation.

**CLD:**  
Innovation in Education (this includes the facets of international focus, involvement in collaborative projects and research, inventing and testing new educational technologies)

**QQPM:**  
Latent variable analysis  
Mixed methods  
Applied measurement

**Co Psyc:**  
Multiculturally competent training and research  
Counseling psychology in couple and family counseling  
Prevention interventions within the field of counseling psychology

**School Psyc:**  
Improving & strengthening children, families, & schools  
Prevention & intervention for academic, social, & behavioral competence
International

• Ian gave a keynote at the Third International Conference on Global Health organized by the International Center for Research and Development of Sri Lanka and the Umea Center for Global Health Research, Umea University, Sweden.

• Kathleen Hughes (University of New Brunswick) gave talk on You can do it! Helping anxious students to excel and perform in differing classroom settings: Discussions of personal perserverance, teacher support, and socio-emotional learning.

• Ken visited Professor Albert Ziegler at the University of Erlangen-Nuremburg (Germany)

• Visting scholars included Shiyong Zhang (China); Matthew McCrudden visited from New Zealand.

Speakers

As part of an ongoing attempt to imbue our collective thinking with new and stimulating ideas we hosted a number of speakers. Among those brought in were:

• Matthew McCrudden (Victoria University of Wellington) presented on Using mixed methods to gain deeper insights into educational research topics.

• Rebecca Zwick gave the Ninth Annual Buros/ETS Lecture on Crafting a college class: An exploration of methods based on test scores, grades, noncognitive factors, affirmative action, and more.

• Tom Tretter (University of Louisville) gave a talk on Thinking science across spatial scales: From nanoscale to astronomical.

The Department helped to support several university events. These included:
• The 13th Annual LGBTQA History Month Banquet.
• Women's and Gender Studies program's “No Limits” conference.
• The MLK Freedom Breakfast
• UNL's Annual Women's History Month.
• Matt gave an invited workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association.

• Kathy was awarded the Susan J. Rosowski Associate Professorship.

• Mike was elected to be Vice President for Education and Training in the Society of Counseling Psychology.

• Beth became Acting Dean of CEHS.

• Scott received the University’s College Distinguished Teaching Award.

• Ted Bartholomew received the Barbara Kirk Award from the Society of Counseling Psychology.

• The School Psychology program had a 100% Match rate for APA-accredited internship programs.

• Amanda Moen received the Buffet Early Childhood Institute Graduate Scholar dissertation grant.

• Wayne received the CEHS 2016 Outstanding Teaching Award.

• Sue took part in “Hack Harassment” planning session in Santa Clara, CA a technology-driven effort to combat hate speech and threats on the web.

• Kurt received the 2016 Alumni Fellow by the Penn State Alumni Association.

• Ed received the University’s College Distinguished Teaching Award.

• Elliot received the Distinguished Student Contribution Award from APA Division 44 for Scholarship/Research.

• Meghan received the Woman of the Year Award from APA’s Section for the Advancement of Women, Society of Counseling Psychology.

• The Counseling Psychology had a 100% Match rate for APA-accredited internship programs.

• Sara Gonzalez was awarded the 2016 AASP Memorial Scholarship.
Editorships & Editorial Boards


• Roger, Editorial Board, *Contemporary Educational Psychology, Educational Psychology Review, Journal of Educational Psychology, Scientific Studies in Reading*

• Eric, Editorial Board, *Journal of Educational Psychology*


• Meghan, Editorial Board, *Journal of Counseling Psychology, Psychology of Women Quarterly, The Counseling Psychologist*

• Ralph, Editorial Board, *Applied Measurement in Education, Educational and Psychological Measurement*

• Matt, Editorial Board, *Evaluation & the Health Professions, Journal of School Psychology*

• Kurt, Editor, *Applied Measurement in Education; Editorial Board, Educational Research Quarterly, Psychological Assessment, ITEMS; Consulting Editor: International Journal of Testing; Practical Assessment, Research, and Evaluation; College Board Review*

• Neeta, Editorial Board, *The Counseling Psychologist*


• Ian, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Health Behavior*


• Mike, Associate Editor, *The Counseling Psychologist; Editorial Board, Psychotherapy Research*

• Sue Sh., Senior Science and Editorial Consultant, *Journal of School Psychology; Advisory Board: Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation; Advisory Board: Handbook on Family, School, and Community Relationships; Scientific Advisory Panel: School Psychology Review*

Graduations

**Educational Specialist**
Catelyn Kenney
Amber Olson
Yue Qiu Yu

**Masters**
Nicholas Asay
Kirstie Bash
Ayliisa Bischmann
Shuangshuang Cai
Ayli Carrero Pinedo
Carrie Cheloha
Zhou Chen
Alexandra Dahl
Shantel Gassman
Allison Heifner
Mary Holmes
Lauren Johnson
Sutha K Kanagasingam
Elizabeth Kane
Abigail Lindsay
Kenji Madison
Maria Theresa McKinney
Chelsea Miller
Shir Palmon
Jamie Porter
Rachel Preston
Christina Richardson
Weldon Smith
Sonia Suarez Enciso
Sydney Tafuri
Amy Vanderpool
Abeygael Wachira

**Doctoral**
Theodore Bartholomew
Patricia Cerda-Lizarraga
Scott Fluke
Amanda Garrett
Brittany Gundel
Claire Hauser
Shannon Hauser
Meredith Hope
HyeSun Lee
Nicole Lozano
Kim Marxhausen
Carina McCormick
Debra Miller
Camie Nitzel
Melissa Patterson Hazley
Whitney Schneider- Cline
Shiyuan Wang
Jonathan Sikorski
Jenna Strawhun
Chaorong Wu
Acronyms & Minutiae

Campuses and Buildings
CC: City Campus       MBL: Mabel Lee Hall (CC)       EC: East Campus       TEAC: Teachers College Hall (CC)

Programs:
CLD: Cognition, Learning, & Development
QQPM: Quantitative, Qualitative, and Psychometric Methods
DEMAC (a.k.a., EMAC): Diversity and Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee
NICPP (a.k.a., Consortium): Nebraska Internship Consortium in Professional Psychology
CoPsyc: Counseling Psychology
SchPsyc: School Psychology

Center Acronyms
CII: Center for Instructional Innovation, co-directors Roger Bruning & Christy Horn (EDPS)
EDL: Early Development and Learning Lab, co-directors Kathy Rudasill & Tori Molfese (EDPS/ CYAF)
NEAR Center: Nebraska Evaluation and Research Center, faculty supervisor: Matt Fritz (EDPS)
NPCADA: Nebraska Prevention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, director: Ian Newman (EDPS)
CYFS: Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools (easily confused with CYAF)

Departments
CYAF: Child, Youth and Family Studies (Location: CC - MBL, EC - Ruth Staples Child Development)
EdAd: Educational Administration (Location: CC - TEAC)
EdPsyc or EDPS: Educational Psychology (Location: CC - TEAC)
NHS: Nutrition and Health Sciences (Location: EC - Leverton)
SECD: Special Education and Communication Disorders (EC: Barkley Center)
TLTE: Teaching, Learning and Teacher (CC: Henzlik Hall)
TMFD: Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design (Location: EC - Home Economics)

College
CEHS: College of Education and Human Sciences
- Seven departments that fall under Academic Affairs (EdAd, EdPsyc, SECD, TLTE) and IANR (CYAF, NHS, TMFD)
ALT C - Alumni Learning Technologies Center - computers and software, etc. (Location: MBL)
IDC - <Instructional> Design Center; renamed to Pixel Lab - posters, etc. (Location: Henzlik Hall in the “HUB”)
FAC: Dean's Faculty Advisory Council

NU: Nebraska university system (4 + 1 Campuses: University of Nebraska - Kearney, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska - Omaha; plus Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture)
UNL: University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL consists of Academic Affairs and IANR)

IANR: Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (consists of ARD, CEHS, CASNR, Extension, NCTA)
ARD: Agricultural Research Division
CASNR: College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
NCTA: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Hank Bounds is the President of the University.
Susan Fritz is the Provost of Academic Affairs.
Ronnie Green is the Chancellor of UNL
Marjorie Kostelnik is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
Ron Yoder is the Harlan Vice Chancellor of IANR and Vice President for NU Agricultural Resources

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Answers: a. Boys Town, NE; b. Chappell, NE; c. Big Springs, NE; d. Omaha, NE; e. Lincoln, NE