Welcome Back!

The number '92 billion' is the answer to which of the following:

a. the amount of Microsoft Corp's earnings that are kept offshore to avoid paying US income taxes.
b. the number of pounds of global electronic waste (i.e., TVs, computers, cell phones, etc.) in 2014.
c. the diameter of the observable universe in light-years.
d. the number of tons lost per year by an Antarctica ice sheet from 2003 to 2014.

Academic Affairs has approved a set of searches using the VSIP funds for the upcoming year. Fortunately, we will be allowed to search for an early childhood educational neuroscience position. In addition and based on our SVCAA funded proposal for a Health Behavioral Prevention and Intervention program, we will be able to search for an advanced assistant or associate professor whose work is connected to bullying. You may recall that this umbrella program has the potential to bring together the work of individuals in CLD, School Psyc, and Co Psyc. There is also a second position whose area of expertise can contribute to bullying and which may or may not be housed within the Department.

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.

• Elliot joined the Department.

• After 37 years at UNL John retired.

• After 38 years in the Department Dave retired.

• After a brief illness Bob Brown passed away.

• After 30 years Rasma Strautkalns retired.

• Katherine Chin has moved to Boulder, but will continue part-time with Buros for the next year.

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• Eric continued his work with the Latino Research Initiative.

• Tony continued his work with the Center for Science, Mathematics, and Computer Education.

• Neeta continued working on the implementation of career development interventions for students affiliated with the Nebraska College Preparatory Academy.

• Roger continued to work with the Nebraska Writing Research Group.
• Matt was awarded a subcontract on a NIDA Estimating Mediation Effects in Prevention Studies.

• 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.

• Kathy hosted the 20th Occasional Temperament Conference.

• Jim is co-PI on Evidence-Based Interactions between Indoor Environmental Factors and Their Effects on K-12 Student Achievement.

• Wayne continued as a Research Associate for the Kalahari Peoples Fund (KPF) of southern Africa.

• Ken had his work on the role of parents in relation to their talented children featured in UNL Today.

• Scott was given the Scholarship of Teaching Workshop Award by the APA Division 2 Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

• Meghan continued her work as the President, of Voices of Hope (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis and Counseling Agency).

• Ed started his term on the board of the Association for Behavior Analysis International Practice.

**Committee Memberships**

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

**CEHS P&T**
Kathy

**CEHS Undergraduate Committee**
Eric

**CEHS FAC**
Wayne

**CEHS Awards Committee**
Neeta

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

**Faculty Senate**
Scott

**CEHS Executive Committee**
Jim, Eric, Ed, Mike

**CEHS Technology Committee**
Matt
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

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**International**

- Visting scholars included Ming Xu, Mei Tian, Ying Li, Zhang Fan, Dong Jianshu, Zhimao Yang, Yongmei Chen (China); Dr. Remi, medical doctor and an early-career researcher, visited from Japan.
- Dr. Pina Tarricone, *Edith Cowan University*, visited and presented on *Measurement of metacognitive knowledge of self and others as cognitive beings using Rasch latent trait theory.*

**Speakers**

- Ian finished his term as co-director of the American Exchange Center.
- Kurt presented at the University of Luxemborg.
- Ed Hubbard (University of Wisconsin) made a presentation, *Linking Education and Neuroscience: The Foundations of a New Field.*
- Susan Limber (Clemson University) made a presentation, *Challenges in Bullying Prevention Policy and Practice,* as part of The Nebraska Bullying Research Conversation Series.
The Department helped to support several university events. These included:
• The 12th Annual LGBTQA History Month Banquet.
• UNL’s Ninth Annual Women’s History Month.
• MLK Freedom Breakfast

Notables

• Randy Bennett gave the Eighth Annual Buros/ETS Lecture on *Validity and automated essay scoring: How validation can go wrong.*

• Sue will be among the speakers at the Emotion Revolution Summit at Yale University.

• Barbara Plake presented as part of the Buros’s webinar series on the standards for educational and psychological testing.

• Sue received the Senior Scientist in School Psychology Award from APA’s Division of School Psychology.

• Mike was awarded Fellow status in APA’s Division 17: Society of Counseling Psychology.

• Beth received the 2015 Outstanding Contributions to Training Award from the Trainers of School Psychologists.

• Duane (along with Ian) published a study showing that driver’s education significantly reduces crashes and traffic violations among new drivers. These results challenge more than three decades of assumptions about the value of driver’s education.

• Jenna Strawhun, Heather Schwartz, Drew White (Sch Psyc) had their respective posters awarded “ribbons” by APA Division 16.

• For the fourth straight year the School Psychology program had a 100% Match rate for APA-accredited internship programs.

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

• Sherry Wang (Co Psyc alumna) was awarded Rising Star award at the 2015 National Multicultural Conference.

• HyeSun Lee (QQPM) was awarded an ETS Summer Internship.
Editorships & Editorial Boards

- Tony, Editorial Board, *Applied Measurement in Education*
- 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*
- Neeta, Editorial Board, *The Counseling Psychologist*
- Ian, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Health Behavior*
- Kathy, Associate Editor, *Journal of School Psychology; Editorial Board, Early Education and Development, Gifted Child Quarterly*
- Mike, Associate Editor, *The Counseling Psychologist; Editorial Board, Psychotherapy Research*

Graduations

**Educational Specialist**
- Polly Hess
- Sarah Hodges
- Mallory Johnsen
- Jeanne Weidner

**Master’s**
- Sonya Bhatia
- Liuhan Cai
- Carly Champagne
- Lanyan Ding
- Yonghua Feng
- Abe Flanigan
- Allen Garcia
- Sara Gonzalez Rodriguez
- Nichile Hanseling
- Natalie Hoff
- Paul Kwiatowski
- Kristin Murphy
- Jihan Najjar
- Amber Olson
- Markeya Peteranetz
- Robert Ruisinger
- Sara Swenson
- Judith Tuttle
- Andrew White
- Michael Zweifel

**Doctoral**
- Cynthia Baker
- Brandi Berry
- Yichun Cao
- Mindy Chadwell
- Michael Coutts
- Chelsi Davis
- Irina Kalutskaya
- Darin Kelberlau
- Natalie Koziol
- Paige Lembeck
- Tabethah Mack-Ouattara
- Maureen O’Connor
- Ken Parnell
- Anitra Warrior
- Amanda Witte
Kathy brings in her home computer and discovers that the answer is all of the above......