

Monthly Update Report

College of Education

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Recent Grant Submissions/Awards

Submissions:

Dr. Olusola Adesope – worked with faculty in the Voiland College of Engineering to submit 14 NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) proposals. NSF's most prestigious awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organization. The average proposal exceeded \$500,000 with F & A of 52%. Dr. Adesope also worked with engineering faculty to submit 2 NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) proposals. The 2 proposals total \$646,300 with F & A of 52%. Faculty from all WSU locations participated in these submissions.

Dr. Brian French – National Science Foundation – An Empirical Examination of Two Methods for Adjusting Data for Cultural Response Styles. This is a 2 year project with a budget of \$183,973 with F & A of 52%.

Dr. Jane Kelley (Schmitter-Edgecombe) – US Department of Education – Exploration of Malleable Cognitive Factors Associated with Early Elementary School Student's Reading of Narrative and Expository Texts - working in collaboration with the College of Arts & Sciences-Psychology. This 4 year project has a budget of \$1,399,228 with F & A of 53%.

Dr. AG Rud (Carbonneau/Vaughan) – US Department of Education – Institute of Education Sciences – Exploring the malleable factors of community based learning: Is quality service learning the best approach? This is a 4 year project with a budget of \$1,229,527 with F & A of 53%.

Dr. Sarah Ullrich-French – US Department of Agriculture via Baylor University – Targeting fathers for child obesity prevention: The Healthy Dads Healthy Kids USA Intervention. This is a 5 year project with a budget of \$2,011,866 with F & A of 26% and 53%.

Awards:

Dr. Robert Catena (Connolly/Hildenbrand/Schultz) – American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Introducing Kinesiology STEM Activities in Clarkston School District. This is a 1 year project with a budget of \$2,000 without F & A.

Dr. Tamara Nelson (Morrison/Kruse) - National Science Foundation – Collaborative Research: The Next Generation of STEM Teacher Preparation in Washington State. A 4 year project with a budget of \$296,234 with F & A of 51%.

Dr. Amy Roth-McDuffie – National Science Foundation – Collaborative Proposal: Mathematical Modeling With Cultural and Community Contexts. This is a 3 year project with a budget of \$135,130 with F & A of 51%.

Development Update

- The COE fund raising goal for FY17 is \$1,750,000.00
- Total year-to-date commitments = \$2,142,869 (Goal +)
- Alumni participation rate to date is 2.3% compared to 1.7% this time last year

- The COE's new Assessment/Discovery Officer has been hired and starts 9/12/16. Dr. Chris Lebens started 8/1/16 as a .50 FTE Assistant Development Director focusing on fund raising for the Sport Management and Kinesiology Programs.

In the News

- On August 25, an MOU was signed creating a partnership between WSU College of Education and Pusan National University (PNU) in South Korea. The partnership will explore STEM education faculty exchanges and other STEM-related projects. Dr. Hong Soo Kim, Associate Dean of the College of Education at PNU, visited WSU to discuss and formalize the partnership.
<https://news.wsu.edu/2016/08/29/college-education-signs-agreement-korean-university/>
- Simon Licen, Assistant Professor of Sport Management, wrote an op-ed style editorial for the Huffington Post about a main deficiency of the Olympics and how to fix it.
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/simon-liaeen/post_12906_b_11615508.html?1471882399
- As the entire world was watching the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Dr. Licen was also invited by media outlets in three *languages* to comment on them. In most cases, he discussed the Olympics in the media, which obviously relates to his research agenda (incorporating some findings from his own scholarship). Here is the round-up, organized by languages:
- **English:** Interview in WalletHub: <https://wallethub.com/blog/olympics-fun-facts/22356/#simon-li-en>
- **Italian:** Radio Capodistria: <http://www.rtv slo.si/radiocapodistria/articolo/5279>
- **Slovenian:** Radio Slovenia: <http://4d.rtv slo.si/arhiv/aktualna-tema/174419610>; Radio Slovenia: <http://val202.rtv slo.si/2016/08/zmagujejo-nasi-izgubljaajo-pa/>; RTVSLO.si: <http://www.rtv slo.si/sport/oi-2016/olimpijske-igre-mediji-in-nacionalizem/399479>; RTVSLO.si: <https://www.rtv slo.si/sport/novice/domoljubje-in-gledanje-olimpijskih-prenosov-sta-povezana/401225>
- Dr. Sarah Newcomer, Assistant Professor, Literacy Education, was selected as one of eight recipients, nationally, for this year's Concha Delgado Gaitan's Presidential Fellowship within the Council on Anthropology and Education. The award carries with it the opportunity to be mentored by a senior scholar in the field, to network and collaborate with other new and senior CAE researchers, and a \$300 stipend to attend this year's conference. <https://news.wsu.edu/2016/09/07/literacy-education-professor-wins-early-career-award/>
- Governor Inslee has informed Dr. Janet Frost of his plan to nominate her to serve on the Washington STEM Education Innovation Alliance (<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/STEM-Alliance>). In his description of Janet to the Alliance, Gene Sharratt, of the Washington Student Achievement Council emphasized her representation of WSU Spokane and Pullman and connections with the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, the College of Pharmacy, and the WSU HS-STEM Education Research Center. Dr. Frost said she sees this as the first step toward the goal of influencing policy in state STEM education.