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A word from the dean

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When people think SUMMER and EDUCATION, most think of the three months of “time off” that both teachers and students have. However, in the College of Education and Social Sciences, this time off is not to be lazy or to take a vacation from our profession (oh, we do take vacations and we do enjoy them). But many in our college have been busy this

summer—from presenting at conferences to attending professional development meetings; from mission trips to working in their professional organizations; and from writing to serving in leadership capacities all over the state and nation, these faculty of the College of Education and Social Sciences are hard at work getting the name and reputation of SBU out there for the world to see.

Behavioral Sciences

In June, Dr. Shelley Kilpatrick, Chair, joined Advanced Placement teachers and college faculty members from around the world to serve as an Advanced Placement exam reader in Kansas City, Mo.

In July, Dr. Kelly Martin, Professor of Criminal Justice, spent two weeks in China as part of a group teaching language and culture to middle and high school students at an English camp. The camp has about 10 classes with 30 students in each class. Two team members teach each class for six hours a day. After classes, the team plays games with the students or works on a secondary project at a site like the local orphanage.



Literacy advocates

Dr. Julie Bryant and Jennifer Fox, Department of Education faculty, were approached by the former editors of *The Missouri Reader*, the journal for the Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association, to take over editorial responsibilities. Jennifer initiated the transition from its archaic version to a more modern, completely mobile accessible platform. Doing so increased the readership and participation of teacher submissions exponentially. Read the journal [here](#).

During the spring of 2014, Bryant and Fox traveled to New Orleans for the

Education

Many changes in the requirements for teacher certification are being implemented by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The SBU Education Department is busily working to make the adjustments to their programs that are necessary to stay in step with these new requirements. Ken Spurgeon, Director of Clinical Experiences and Certification Officer for the Department of Education, recently attended an event conducted by the Missouri Educator Evaluation System (MEES) in Springfield to receive updated training on Student Teacher evaluation. In addition, on Aug. 5, he and Dr. Julie Bryant presented training on new assessment requirements and the co-teaching model to the faculty of Ozark Public Schools. In addition to the internal reworking of degree programs, Dr. Dwight Haun, Education Chair, and other members of the education faculty have participated in a myriad of informational meetings and webinars designed to help them keep pace with the ever-changing world of Education in the state of Missouri.

Graduation Education

Michelle Gardner defended her dissertation "Educator's Perceptions of the Design Components of New Education Facilities" on May 29. Lenae Lazzelle defended her dissertation "Student Perceptions of Engagement in Part-time and Full-time Gifted Programs" on July 28.

Dr. Truelove was selected to be a member of the Peer Corps as a reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. The training will be in Chicago in October.

Kinesiology

Exercise Science students worked this summer at several different hospitals in cardiac rehab units, a physical therapy clinic in Orlando, strength and conditioning at the University of North Texas, and personal training at several gyms/facilities throughout southwest Missouri.

History and Political Science

SBU alumni and supporters have raised nearly \$2 million of the estimated \$2.7 million needed to renovate the Gene Taylor National Free Enterprise Center, which houses offices and classrooms for the Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Computer Science, as well as the department of History and Political Science. Preparations are being made for moving History (HIS) and Political Science (POL) classes to other buildings for spring, mostly using Gott Educational Center (GEC). The professors of HIS and POL will be moving their offices to GEC as well. Exciting changes are coming to Taylor!

annual International Reading Association (IRA) conference with the goal of making personal connections with their favorite poets, authors, and literacy researchers to gain contributors for the journal. One such poet/author was Brod Bagert, who enthusiastically contacted the ladies the day after meeting them to ask them to join forces with him in submitting a proposal to present the following year at the conference. More information about Bagert is on his [website](#).

To better reflect the organization's mission, IRA changed its name to the International Literacy Association, and the annual conference drew a crowd of thousands to St. Louis, Mo., seeking professional development in the field of literacy. Because the conference was so close to home and did not require a flight, the budget allowed for several individuals from SBU to attend this summer including faculty members Bryant and Fox, Tamara Samek, and newly hired Colleen Shuler. Additionally, several students were able to participate, including Bethany Crain, Lauren Molbach, Kenzie Schriver, Maggie Thomas, Damon Sewell, and Caleb Whaley. Bryant, Fox, and Bagert presented "Poetry's Legit for Teaching Content Lit," demonstrating research-based practices for using performance poetry to help students learn content concepts. View the presentation [here](#).





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Poet/Author Brod Bagert
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