

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Jan 14:** Practical Research and Analytic Strategies for Smaller, Successful, or Non-Urban School Districts
- Jan 17:** Socratic Rounds
- Feb 3:** COE Open House
- Feb 10:** Diane Ravitch: Reign of Error Lecture
- Feb 28:** Innovations in Special Education
- Mar 7:** Socratic Rounds
- Mar 11:** AASA's Critical Friends Project
- Mar 18:** Peer Effects in Preschool Classrooms
- Mar 21:** ShareFair Nation
- Apr 14:** COE Open House
- Apr 18:** Socratic Rounds
- May 6:** National Educational Panel
- May 8:** Special Education Law Conference
- May 16:** Socratic Rounds
- June 21-26:** Special Education Law Symposium
- Oct 3:** Teaching, Learning, and Technology Summit



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# NEWS

WINTER 2015 • Newsletter for COE Alumni and Friends

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

OPEN HOUSE

INNOVATIONS IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION:  
BRIDGING RESEARCH  
TO PRACTICE

FACULTY NEWS

SHAREFAIR NATION  
@ LEHIGH!

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Distinguished Lecture Series: Leaders  
Of Practice Presents, School Reform:  
Finding Common Ground.*

## REIGN OF ERROR:

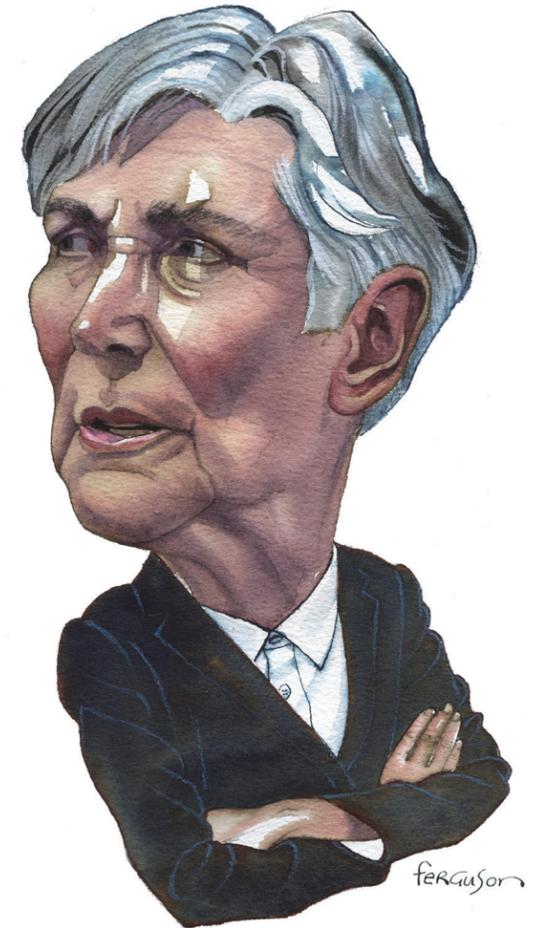
*The Hoax of the Privatization  
Movement and the Danger to  
America's Public Schools*

Featuring:

**Diane Ravitch, Ph.D.**

*Research Professor Of Education At New York  
University And Historian Of Education*

February 10th, 7 P.M.  
Zoellner Arts Center, Baker Hall  
Tickets: \$15 each  
Available at: <http://zoellner.cas2.lehigh.edu>  
or call: 610-758-2787



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

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Offers A Job Board!  
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## COE OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS



Feb. 3, 2015, 4 p.m.—6p.m  
Iacocca Hall, Siegel Gallery

The rigorous, evidence-based curriculum at Lehigh University's College of Education makes our programs distinct among colleges of education in the nation and around the world. We find

solutions that we know—from the evidence—work, and then we work with schools, communities, and support providers to put these solutions into practice around the world.

We embed this knowledge into the COE curriculum so that our students, the next generation of educational leaders, can carry this knowledge forward. Our evidence-based approach to research and education also teaches our students

how to question and validate educational practices throughout their careers.

- *Comparative and International Education*
- *Counseling psychology*
- *Educational leadership*
- *Instructional technology*
- *School psychology*
- *Special education*
- *Teacher education*

## INNOVATIONS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

**BRIDGING RESEARCH TO PRACTICE • FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

The College of Education is offering a professional learning opportunity for special educators, parents of children with learning and emotional disabilities, early interventionists, and others instructing and supporting children and youth with exceptionalities.

Please join us Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Iacocca Hall to hear about the latest innovative evidence-based strategies to support early intervention and special educational needs of children with exceptionalities. Cost is just \$25! ACT 48 available!

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[coe.lehigh.edu/specialeducation](http://coe.lehigh.edu/specialeducation)

**Can we talk? Using Peer-Mediation to Improve the Conversational Skills of High School Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

*Dr. Linda Bambara*

This session will focus on effective strategies for teaching general education peers how to improve the conversation skills of high school students with ASD during naturally occurring opportunities for social interaction.

**Tier 2 and Tier 3 Math Interventions for Elementary Level Students**

*Dr. Minyi Shih Dennis*

The presentation will focus on elements of effective Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention programs. Several research proven effective interventions will be demonstrated.

**Supporting Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders through the Durable Implementation of School-Wide Positive Behavior Support**

*Dr. Julie Fogt*

School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) garners a significant body of research demonstrating its effectiveness on improving learning environments while decreasing disruptive behavior. This session will describe evidence-based practices that teachers can apply at each tier of support to enhance the outcomes of students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders.

**Where Do I Begin? Selecting Effective Academic Interventions for K-12 English Language Learners**

*Amanda Helman*

This session will provide educators with knowledge about English Language Learners (ELLs) and will equip them with evidence-based academic interventions to use in the classroom. Educators will also discuss the importance of vocabulary related improved outcomes for ELs in reading, math, and content areas and will practice using academic interventions.

**Mentoring to Keep Kids Connected to School**

*Dr. Lee Kern*

Mentoring is a research-based intervention to increase student engagement in school and reduce dropout. This presentation will describe the specific steps for implementing a structured school-mentoring program.

**Addressing Challenging Behavior and Student Engagement: 5 Helpful Strategies for PreK-4 Classrooms**

*Dr. Brenna Wood*

Challenging behaviors in early childhood classrooms impact students and their teachers. This session will focus on efficient and effective strategies for increasing student engagement and decreasing challenging behaviors.

## FACULTY NEWS



**Dr. Arnold Spokane**, professor of Counseling Psychology was nominated as the Chairman-elect of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology (CoS). The Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology (CoS) is a non-profit joint venture, sponsored by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP), to represent and support the development and functioning of recognized specialties in Professional Psychology.



**Dr. Alex Bodzin**, professor of Teaching, Learning, and Technology won the 2014 Outstanding Science Teacher Educator of the Year Award from the Association for Science Teacher Education. The Association for Science Teacher Education is a non-profit professional organization composed of over 800 members from countries around the globe. The mission of the ASTE is to promote excellence in science teacher education world wide through scholarship and innovation.



**Dr. Floyd Beachum**, associate professor of educational leadership, has a new book that addresses the changing role of school principals with regards to increasing diversity in American schools. *School Leadership in a Diverse Society: Helping Schools Prepare All Students for Success* encourages principals to balance student relationships, student engagement and community connections with the growing emphasis on test scores and grades.

**Dr. Sothy Eng**, Comparative and International Education; **Dr. Christine Novak**, School Psychology; and **Dr. Alexander Wiseman**, Comparative and International Education provided overseas research and service opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students that provided supports in the areas of education, social justice, health.



**Dr. Jill Sperandio**, associate professor of Educational Leadership, and Brandon Knettel, a Ph.D. candidate in Counseling Psychology, led a group of students to Tanzania. The group spent 10 days sealing the walls of a dirt-floor schoolhouse and giving presentations on sustainability, emotional and behavioral issues, special education, and HIV and AIDS.

The Master's in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC) voted to approve accreditation of M.Ed. in Counseling & Human Services. MPCAC accredits academic programs in psychology and counseling, which promote training in the scientific practice of professional psychology and counseling at the master's level.



With more than 1,350 publications and presentations behind him, **Dr. Perry Zirkel**, professor of education and law, is one of the most cited authors in education law. He has published and presented his work on empirical and practical analyses of legal developments for school leaders all over the United States. His speaking engagements have taken him to every state except Hawaii. For his contributions to the field, Zirkel recently won the Edwin M. Bridges Award by the University Council for Educational Administration.

## SHARE FAIR NATION @ LEHIGH!



**MARCH 21, 2015**  
[sharefairnation.com](http://sharefairnation.com)

Share Fair Nation is a free two-part event that brings together educators, students, communities and leaders in education innovation to experience innovative methods to transform education and thrust schools into the 21st Century.

**Classroom Intensives:** The day is full of thought-provoking and highly interactive symposia and professional development workshops exploring the year's given Share Fair theme. Every year, we evolve the theme in order to reflect the most current and applicable content. Participants select up to three sessions to attend based on interest and relevance.

**STEMosphere:** This one-day, free interactive expo takes partic-

ipants beyond the classroom into a tailor-made world where they are encouraged to explore, invent and experiment! STEMosphere highlights the best innovation and creativity to be found in our community and provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in STEM-oriented interactive exhibits that are hands-on, minds-on adventures for all attendees, from educators, administrators and community members to young children, adolescents and parents.