From the Division Chair

If we keep raising the bar for our students, we must also keep raising it for ourselves.

Anonymous

- Mark Previte

Welcome to new adjuncts

Tina Boni will be teaching Psychology 0260: Adolescent Development for the spring semester.

Lisa Mahla will be teaching the Secondary Science Methods and Field Practicum courses for the spring semester. She has a master’s degree, has taught in the school district classroom and at the community college level.

Alumni Notes

- Steven Hall 2015 UPJ SCED Grad was hired to a long term Social Studies substitute position at Homer-Center High School, Homer City, PA
- Travis Schluep 2015 UPJ SCED Grad was hired last fall as an 8th social studies teacher in the Amphitheater School District, Tuscon, Arizona
- Shannon Lee UPJ 2016 ECED Grad was hired to an Americorps Position at Windber Elementary School, Windber, PA
- Jennifer Palmieri UPJ 2016 SCED Grad was hired as a long term substitute High School English teacher at Rockwood High School, Rockwood, PA

Volunteer Opportunities (Service Hours)

Emmanuel Baptist Church needs volunteers to hold babies, sing with toddlers and play with children. Volunteers needed September – May, Tuesdays, from 9:30-11:30. For more information, contact via e-mail: JohnstownMops@yahoo.com or call 814-467-4924
Professional Development

- The Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies and IUP will offer an Orientation and Training Seminar on the Act 70 Guidelines for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Violation Education on April 14, 2016 on the IUP campus. The purpose of the seminar is to gain an understanding of the expectations associated with the implementation of Act 70 in Pennsylvania classrooms. Training and complementary instructional materials that will support quality implementation of appropriate instruction that meets the requirements of the Act will be provided.

- Education Division’s Katie Monsour presented at the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts on Friday, January 22, on #PhotoEssays: Writing in the Age of Instagram. A subsequent article is in-press for the English in Texas journal.

- Molly Verostick, Secondary Education English major, was nominated to study in Birmingham in the fall!

Certification Test Updates

**Upcoming Praxis® Webinars**
Success begins with effective test preparation - that's why ETS is offering Praxis® Test Preparation Webinars to help your teacher candidates prepare. These free webinars provide an overview of the Praxis tests, an overview of the resources available to prepare for the test and offer your students the opportunity to ask questions, which will be answered by ETS Praxis staff members.
Registration opens two weeks in advance of the session date. Upcoming webinar dates include:
* Tuesday, January 26, 2016
* Wednesday, April 20, 2016
* Tuesday, July 26, 2016
For more information, visit [www.ets.org/praxis/webinars](http://www.ets.org/praxis/webinars).

**Interactive Practice Tests Are Available for Praxis Tests**
Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) will be available soon for all Praxis Subject assessments, including World Language tests. IPTs allow candidates to practice with a single full-length practice test - designed to simulate the timed testing experience. For 2016, ETS will begin creating additional versions of IPTs for select titles and will roll out these IPTs throughout the year. IPTs can be purchased from the ETS Store at $19.95 per 90-day subscription.

Please be sure to follow the Education Division on Facebook and Twitter for job opportunities, notices, and general “fun” stuff!

Student Teaching in New Zealand Informational Meeting

Have you considered the Student Teaching in New Zealand opportunity? This option is open to Early Childhood, Middle Level, and Secondary Education majors. Come to our information session to learn more! A former participant will share experiences and tips.

Who: ECED, ML, SCED majors  When: Feb. 11th at 4:30 pm  Where: Room TBA

Contact Dr. Ankrum ([ankrum@pitt.edu](mailto:ankrum@pitt.edu)) if you have any questions.