Dear Colleagues,

We hope you had a productive 2011 spring semester and are enjoying the summer. In this issue of Organic Unity, we list awards and accomplishments accorded to students, faculty, and alumni. The ELC community fulfills our departmental commitment to the development of a just and caring democratic society in which schools serve as centers of inquiry and forces for social transformation. The significant undertakings noted in this edition are a testament of this commitment and passion.

In synergy and solidarity,

Christine Nganga, Managing Editor with ELC Doctoral Students
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**EdD Graduates**

Anessa Burgman, Dissertation Co-chairs, Drs. Casey and Reitzug  
Jeff Hamilton, Dissertation Co-chairs, Drs. Kathleen Casey and Rick Reitzug  
Christine Nganga, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Carol Mullen  
Whitney Oakley, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Reitzug

**PhD Graduates**

Jill Channing, Dissertation Co-chairs, Drs. Casey and Shapiro  
Sara Fletcher, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Glenn Hudak  
Michael Hulme, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Shapiro  
Laura Ibarra, Dissertation Co-chairs, Drs. Casey and Shapiro  
Shawn Ricks, Dissertation Chair, Dr. C. P. Gause  
Janelle Rouse, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Leila Villaverde  
Meredith Walther, Dissertation Chair, Dr. Villaverde

**EdS Graduates**

Teresa Van Acker  
Carisa Brady-Andrew  
Terri Drummond  
Jennifer Enter  
Matthew Gamble  
Robin Harris  
Brian Muller  
Elizabeth Price  
Rhonda Schuhler  
Jay Thomas  
Christie Bass  
Allison Buckner  
Leslie Eldreth  
Wesley Evans  
Crystal Gaymon  
Nikita Mackey  
Natalie Pickett  
Albert Royster  
Yvette Stewart  
Reginald Wilkerson
UNCG was accepted as the fourth institutional member of the national-level association, the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA). Established in 1947, NCPEA is committed to serving the interests and needs of professors of educational administration and practicing school leaders. NCPEA members enjoy exceptional opportunities for professional growth and development in a welcoming, supportive, and collegial environment.

ELC AND SOE’S MOVE FROM CURRY TO THE NEW BUILDING ON CAMPUS! We are located on the third floor of the new building. The School of Education's new address is 1300 Spring Garden Street. All phone numbers will still be the same. Office numbers are different. Karen Stacherski, ELC Administrative Associate: (336) 334-3490 phone; (336) 334-4737 fax.

Congratulations to Dr. Jake Henry, ELC Alumni and principal of Doris Henderson Newcomers School, who received the Unsung Hero Award from The Joseph M. Bryan Foundation. He also received a monetary gift for the school.

Dr. Amna Latif, ELC Alumni, received the American Association of Educational Research Association (AERA) Division G—Social Context of Education's 2011 Distinguished Dissertation Award. Her dissertation was titled *A Multi-Method Qualitative Inquiry of Women’s Issues and Girls’ Access to Education and Literacy through the Implementation of a Critical Literacy Curriculum in Rural Pakistan*.

Ty-Ron Douglas, PhD student was awarded the UNCG’s School of Education, 2010-2011 Teaching Assistant Teaching Excellence Award.

Ann Stalnaker, EdD student was selected as a participant for the 2011 David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Leadership and Policy. This event brings together emerging educational leadership and policy scholars and noted researchers for presentations, discussions, and professional growth. The Clark Seminar was held in April 2011 in conjunction with the AERA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Silvia Bettez was keynote speaker for the 15th Annual Southeastern Association of Educational Studies (SEAES) conference in February, 2011 at UNC-Chapel Hill. ELC doctoral students participated in this conference.

Dr. Svi Shapiro spoke on *A Pedagogy for Peace: Personal Reflections on Change and Possibility* at the ELC ‘End of an Era' celebration. Dr. Shapiro will lectured at Tel Hai College in northern Israel in June on Peace and Pedagogy. His article on peace and education was featured in the March/April issue of *Tikkun Magazine*.
HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

- Karen Stacherski, ELC Administrative Associate, was presented the UNCG 2011 Staff Excellence Award from Chancellor Brady at an event. This award is in recognition of Devotion to Duty, Innovation, and Service. Please congratulate her!

- ELC doctoral students are invited to informal monthly gatherings. Contact ELC doctoral student, Gail Bretan (gcbretan@ uncg.edu) if you are interested in connecting with other doctoral students in the department.

FACULTY AND STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (SAMPLE ONLY)

Journal Articles


Books and Book Chapters


UPCOMING CONFERENCES
Free People, Free People’s Mind Conference will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, July 7-10, 2011. For more information please visit the website http://www.freemindsfreepeople.org. Presentations by ELC students include:

Colonna, S., & Stevenson, D. Radical love: Love all, serve all free people.

Kennedy, C. School of the Future: Arts as education.
The Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed (PTO) Conference will be held at the Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, Illinois, and July 20-23, 2011. For more information, visit the PTO website on http://www.ptoweb.org. Presentations by ELC students include: Stachowiak, D. *Above all else, we are human: Looking beyond social constructs to expose our (human) identity.*

Stachowiak, D., & Spencer, C. “World travel: Navigating between the in-between.”

National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) will be held in Portland, Oregon, August 2-5, 2011. The theme is *Blazing New Trails: Preparing Leaders to Improve Access & Equity in Today’s Schools.* For more information, visit the NCPEA website on http://www.emich.edu/ncpeaprofessors/. Presentations by ELC faculty and students include:


Mullen, C. A. The paradox of change in public schooling and education leadership. In F. W. English (chair), R. Papa, & C. A. Mullen (presenters), *Educational leadership for the current century: A bird’s eye view.*

Nganga, C., & Mullen, C. A. *Equity and access: Perspectives from ESL international teachers.*

Young, J. K., Mullen, C. A., & Harris, S. *Blazing new trails: Promoting equity through covenant-based cultural communication.*

The 56th Annual Meeting of the South Atlantic Philosophy of Education Society (SAPES) will be held at Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Education in Richmond, Virginia on September 30 and October 1, 2011. The theme is *Education and Social Engagement.* The submission deadline for proposals is past. For more information, visit the SAPES website on http://www.sapes.org.

The American Educational Studies Association (AESA) conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, November 2-6, 2011. The deadline for proposal submissions was past. The theme is *Education and Human Rights.* For more information, visit the AESA website on http://www.educationalstudies.org.

The University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) 2011 convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 17-20, 2011. The theme is *Forecasting the Future of Leadership Preparation and Practice: Reclaiming Ground through Research, Policy and Politics.* The proposal submission deadline is past. For more information, visit the UCEA website on http://www.ucea.org.