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CECI Connections NEWSLETTER

June 2023

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Colleagues,

As we enjoy the sunshine of summer, I hope you are finding fulfillment in your chosen summer pursuits, whether you are teaching, leading study abroad programs, focusing on scholarship, simply refining your skills or taking a well needed break. So far this summer some of my time has been spent engaging in activities that reinforce a sense of satisfaction in the work that we do - making connections with students who are engaged in learning about our programs or pursuing culminating training before entering their chosen career.



During this past week, I had the opportunity to meet with Battle Creek Central High School (BCHS) rising seniors who participated in our ExCEL Camp. The camp was led by Professor Kevin Holohan and the team of faculty and staff who work with the partnership and was host to 31 BCHS students. The opportunity to connect with these bright high school students as they explored the opportunities afforded by attending college and shared their goals for the future was a poignant reminder of the impact we can make as educators. I was also pleased to connect with some of our GV students who served as camp counselors, including our education majors who will be student teaching in Battle Creek next year, recently graduated education majors who were student teachers at BCHS last year, and students in our MSW program.

Earlier in the summer, I met our newest class of police academy recruits who are close to the mid-point of their training at this time. I look forward to seeing the students at their graduation ceremony in August and to learn of their accomplishments during the summer. The academy has a well-established tradition of excellence with 5-year average licensing exam passing rate of 99%, employment rates of 96% and 97% completion rates. The academy is led by our new Director Geoff Collard who is off to an excellent start with his first summer academy and supported by Lisa Campione (who is not a fan of the spotlight 😊), assistant director Joel Bowman, and our cadre of well-qualified instructors.

I hope you are finding ways to reconnect with your purpose during the summer.

~Sherril

Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

Jamon Alexander was selected as one of [Crain's Grand Rapids Business Notable West Michigan Leaders in DEI](#) for 2023. Jamon is president and CEO of West Michigan Center for Arts + Technology and is a graduate of the public administration program.

Sergeant Leah Heaton was promoted to Captain Heaton with the Grand Valley State Police Department. Captain Heaton is an alumna of our criminal justice program and the GVSU Police Academy.

Dean Gage, an Early College instructor at Montcalm Community College who teaches economics, government and political science was interviewed by the [Daily News](#) for their Faculty Focus section. Dean earned his bachelor's degree in public administration.

Publications/Presentations

Sean Lancaster, professor of Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology and assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, gave a keynote presentation, "Developing the Art of Teaching Science: Science Teaching Practices," at the Michigan Science Teachers Association Conference.

Laila McCloud, assistant professor of Educational Leadership and Counseling, was interviewed for a story about [insights on teaching](#) published by the Chronicle of Higher Education. McCloud was also a co-author of an article, "[Artificial Goods: Credentialism and Student Affairs Professional Development](#)," published in the Journal of College Student Development.

Paul Stansbie, associate dean, was interviewed by MoneyGeek for a story about [finding the right travel credit card](#).

Greg Warsen, assistant professor of Educational Leadership and Counseling, wrote an article, "[What happened to boring board meetings: Civil discourse is sorely lacking from our public forums. Can we revive it?](#)," published in the Spring 2023 edition of the Leaderboard Magazine (pp. 16-19).

Share Your Opinions With Us

From the Tech Committee

We hope the spring-summer semester is going well for each of you! It is exciting to be outdoors and enjoying the Michigan outdoors! The CECI Tech Committee is preparing for the 23-24 academic year and would like your input. Please take a few moments to answer a 6-question survey about faculty technology learning needs for the upcoming academic year. Thank you for your feedback!

Tech Survey

From the CACC

Please take a few minutes to share your opinions with the College Advisory and Communication Committee (CACC). For planning purposes, we are seeking an understanding of your interest in several college-wide activities/events, new awards, and methods of communication. Thank you so much for sharing your input!

CACC Survey

Community Engagement

GSI Student Project Showcase

Groundswell Stewardship Initiative (GSI) is a program in the Center for Educational Partnerships at GVSU that supports local K12 schools in conducting student-led environmental stewardship projects in the Greater Grand Rapids area. This year, the GSI hosted its annual Student Project Showcase at the Richard M. DeVos Center on the GVSU campus, where the scholars set up project exhibits throughout Hagar-Lubbers Exhibition Hall and outside in the DeVos courtyard. Over 100 students and their families attended, and interspersed among K12 project exhibits were interactive activities hosted by local partners, as well as several GVSU and CECI department displays. This exposition provided opportunities to engage with partners and GVSU departments to show these young stewards the opportunities GVSU has to offer. Dean Sherril Soman spoke to the assembled crowd during the remarks portion of the evening, highlighting Groundswell's outreach in engaging over 3,100 student scholars this year. Provost Fatma Mili also addressed the attendees, sharing her thoughts on the importance of outdoor education,

immersive learning, and project-based inquiry. Students left happy with new marigolds and vegetable seeds to take home to plant, along with great memories from an engaging event. [View the full photo gallery.](#)



GVSU SCCJLS Students Present at Japan-US Joint Seminar

By Brooke Shannon

On May 24, 2023, Professor John Walsh, Associate Professor Naoki Kanaboshi, and 15 Grand Valley students from the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies discussed cultural and social elements of Japan in a Japan-US Joint Seminar held at Ryukoku University (Kyoto, Japan). GVSU students Courtney Moelker and Mayra Sedano-Rodriguez presented on Japan's low crime rates and explored Japanese police officers' aim for law enforcement to be community-centric. Professor Walsh shared that, "[...] from his experience and beliefs as a former police officer, [he] believes that low crime rates lead to healthy communities [...] quality medical care, [quality] prisons, and [quality] policing [...]." Associate Professor Kanaboshi interpreted for both schools, reinforcing global acknowledgement of varying cultures and communities.

Read more about the seminar in this [translated news article](#) from Ryukoku University.



Grow Your Own Grants

It is a pleasure to share that 10 districts that CECEI collaborated with on the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Future Proud Michigan Educators Grow Your Own Staff grants (GYOGs) have been awarded funds to increase the number of school employees seeking initial or additional teaching endorsements or an advanced credential. The number of school districts that chose to partner with CECEI's teacher education programs is evidence of the highly collaborative relationships that are valued and fostered between our faculty and PK-12 partners on an ongoing basis. The MDE's awarding of a significant amount of grant funding for districts partnering with GVSU is evidence of the high quality of the teacher education programs. Staff from the partner school districts will begin enrolling in programs beginning this upcoming fall. Thanks to everyone who supports teacher education!



Governance

CECI Governance Committees

All agendas and minutes are now posted on our [website](#).

CACC Inaugural Year-in-Review

- Supported the development of the new CECI Newsletter: CECI Connections.
- Held the first CECI Service Event with 54 volunteers representing every unit.
- Approved the Technology Committee as a standing committee.
- Supported two all-college socials with faculty and staff (November and March).
- Ran a Kid's Food Basket bag coloring campaign and contributed 4,700 bags.
- Developed college awards and instituted CECI Awards – 44 nominations & 9 awards granted.
- Organized the CECI Winter Meeting – 17 individuals or groups signed up to share their work!

We are happy to welcome Rui Niu Cooper (LEFT) and Jamie Langlois (SSW) back for a 3-year term and excited for Melanie Rabine-Johnson to join us in the fall. Melanie is filling the Undergraduate Advising Center seat formerly held by Laura Kastler. We appreciate all Laura has done as a representative of the committee and to help with the transition. We will miss you, Laura!

Faculty Substitutes Needed during Sabbaticals

If you are interested in substituting on a university-level committee, please contact Karyn Rabourn or Elizabeth Stolle. If you are interested in substituting a college-level committee, please contact your unit head.

Fall 2023

Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin (SCCJLS) – College Personnel Committee

Leanne Kang (LEFT) – College Curriculum Committee and Pew FTLC Advisory Committee

Winter 2024

Karyn Rabourn (ELC) – Executive Committee of the Senate and CECI Faculty Governance

Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT) – College Advisory and Communication Committee

Elizabeth Stolle (LEFT) – Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and CECI Faculty Governance

Committee Vacancies

UNIVERSITY

Campus Life Committee

COE – 3-year term

General Education Committee

COE – 3-year term

University Curriculum Committee

COE – 2-year term

Writing Skills Committee

COE – 3-year term

COLLEGE

Staff Executive Committee

CEP – 3-year term

SCLD – 3-year term

SSW – 1-year term

T&L – 3-year term

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Personnel Actions

As we plan for another academic year of personnel actions, we wanted to alert those undergoing a review of the process we are using for the 2023/24 academic year. For one final year, we will continue to operate under two separate systems for the presentation of candidate materials. For former College of Education colleagues, we will be retaining Blackboard Classic for this purpose. For former CCPS candidates, we will maintain the Digital Measures sites used in the past.

In terms of uploading your evidence/materials to these respective platforms, we are encouraging candidates to engage early in the personnel process to work closely with their Academic Department Coordinators to get assistance (if needed) with uploading historical performance

evidence documents such as FWP's, FWR's and Annual Reviews in support of their personnel actions. Units, not the Dean's Office, will be responsible for this task into the future.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please reach out to the CECI Dean's Office.

Resources

[Student Support Flowchart](#)

[Organizational Chart](#)

[CECI Connections Guide](#)

[CECI Newsletter Repository](#)

[Experts Directory](#)

[Acronyms and Initialisms](#)

The logo for the WGUV Morning Show features a stylized sun with rays on the left, and the text "WGUV MORNING SHOW" in a serif font to its right.

CECI Community Connections

The purpose of these podcasts is to showcase the talent within the college. It also allows us to spotlight faculty, staff, students and alumni who are engaging our community partners from a teaching, scholarship or service perspective.

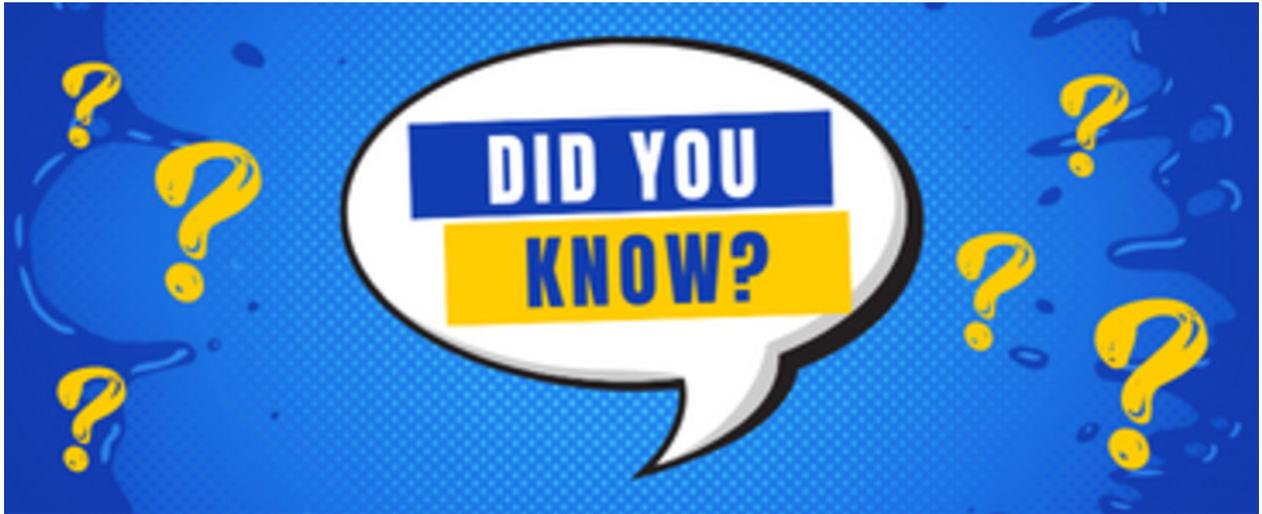
This month featured Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, associate professor of Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology. Chasity discussed the Educators of Color Network organization and its commitment in providing support, guidance, awareness, and connections for the GVSU pre-service community with an emphasis on those who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC). [Her interview took place Monday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.](#)

The [CECI Community Connections](#)'s 'live and in-person' radio interviews are typically scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. on 88.5 FM Grand Rapids or 95.3 FM Muskegon

If you would like to be our guest for a future segment, please contact [Rita Cooper](#).



The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.

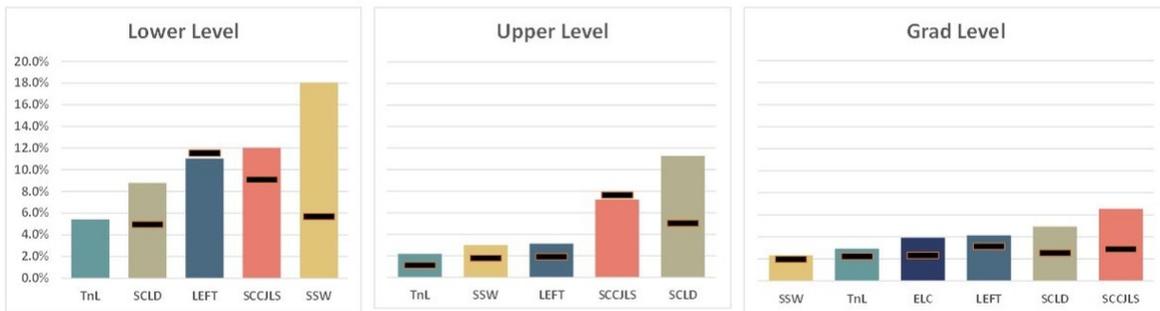


A look at changes on grading patterns pre- and post-COVID.

Percent of grades that were D, F, W, or NC in 2022-23



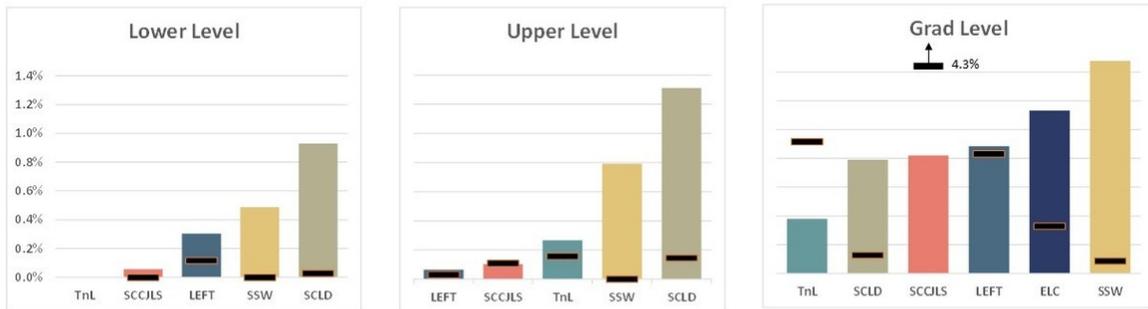
— PreCOVID (2017-2019)



Percent of grades initially assigned as “Incomplete” in 2022-23



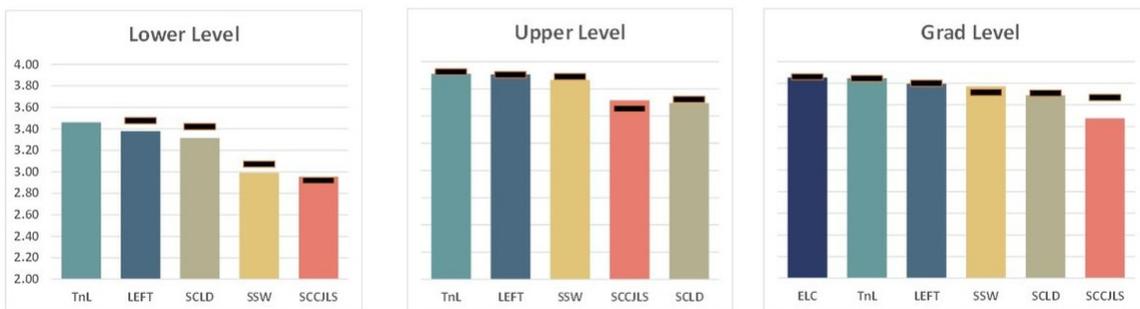
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Aggregate GPA based on grades assigned in all sections 2022-23



— PreCOVID (2017-2019)





June 26 - Classes begin - 2nd 6 weeks (starts 8th week)

June 26 - Grades due by noon (1st 6 weeks)

July 4 - Independence Day

August 14 - Grades due by noon (2nd 6 and 12 weeks)

August 21 - CECI Fall Kick-Off Meeting at 9:00 a.m., Eberhard Center, Pew Campus

August 22 - Faculty & Staff Picnic at 5:30 p.m., Seidman Building, Pew Campus

August 24 - Convocation at 7:00 p.m., Fieldhouse Arena, Allendale Campus

August 28 - Classes begin

September 3-4 - Labor Day Recess

November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 9 - Commencement, VanAndel Arena, Downtown Grand Rapids

October 23-24 - Fall Break

FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS

August 28 - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads

October 27 - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean

October 31 - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC

November 17 - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean

December 15 - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost

January 31 - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

SABBATICALS

September 1 - [Sabbatical Leave Proposals](#) due no later than 11:59 p.m.

September 23 - [Revised sabbatical leave proposals](#) are due

September 30 - [Unit sabbatical](#) recommendations due

November 15 - [University Sabbatical Review Committee](#) recommendations are due

December 15 - [College Dean sabbatical](#) recommendations are due

January 31 - [Provost sabbatical](#) decisions are due

FACULTY WORKLOAD PLANS (FWP)

October 1 - Faculty Workload Plans due

WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS

October - [Candidates for winter personnel actions](#) can apply in writing to the Dean

If you have any questions or suggestions, or want to share your newsworthy information with us, please use the link below.

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